

TATC Activity List for September 13th General Meeting

- This listing is current as of the date of the meeting, see the Google calendar and/or the TATC web site for up-to-date information as new items get added, and occasionally published schedules get modified.

See also the TATC Google Calendar for information

- It is viewable at the bottom of the TATC Home Page or can be added to your Google calendar on your computer or phone using the following link –

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y2hqMjdudGM1Y201cWwyamZzMWVvZDhwc2tAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

Tuesday Group - More information on the TATC Tuesday group can be found at - [TATC Tuesday Group\(google.com\)](#). Many of their events are planned only a week or two prior to the event date, and thus do not get listed in this General Meeting snapshot of events. Also, they do not get copied onto the main TATC Google calendar until details have matured, but some advance info is available on the Tuesday Group website prior to being included on the main TATC calendar. They have an event almost every Tuesday morning.

TATC General Meeting (Norfolk)

What: Meeting

When: September 13th, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Episcopal Church of the Advent, 9629 Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503

St. Mary's Wilderness Backpacking (canceled)

Canceled – The St Mary's Wilderness The Other Way backpacking trip that was scheduled for Sept. 15th thru 17th has been canceled due to near total lack of water available along the trail

Tuesday Group – Paddle from Great Bridge Lock Park. (Chesapeake)

What – Paddle

When - Tue, September 19th, 2023

Time - 9:00am with the paddle starting promptly at 9:30am.

Where – Great Bridge Lock

Take exit 291B off I-64E onto Battlefield Blvd South VA-168, go straight on VA 168 until the last right just before the Great Bridge bridge. Take that right (Locks Rd) and drive straight back to the Park, about 1/2 mile, inside the fence. There is a restroom on the left just before the fence as you enter the Park.

Description: Paddle part of the Elizabeth River near the Great Bridge Lock Park. Meet at the Great Bridge Lock Park at 9am for a 9:30 departure. There is a kayak launch and a boat launch. No fee! This is a new paddle for the Tuesday group. We will paddle from the Great Bridge Lock Park West on the Elizabeth River, exploring other connecting waterways off the main channel, including Bells Mill Creek. We will see some shore birds as we paddle: Great Egrets, Great Blue Herons, Yellow Crown Night Herons, Green Herons, Seagulls, Kingfisher, Canadian geese, and probably more! We will also see some interesting houses & boats as we paddle along the river. The plan is to paddle as far as the Veterans Bridge (route 17) and turn around and paddle back.

The Steel bridge at I-64 would be is another 4 miles, which is probably more then we want to paddle, unless we paddle very fast. Estimated distance, depending on how much exploring we do, is around 6-7miles. Bring your lunches and we will eat at the picnic tables when we get back to the Park. Bring kayak/canoe and associated gear, water, snacks, lunch, clothing for the season, sun screen. The trip leader has determined that the following safety equipment is required to be worn on this paddle: Personal Flotation Device.

Contact Bob to sign up: mbm9@cox.net

To see who has already signed up click here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jUjhb9a8K6reDw-bOVZKgtGFmrlkqtzjwUTsba1tTYA/edit?usp=sharing>

More information on the TATC Tuesday group can be found at - TATC Tuesday Group (<https://sites.google.com/site/tatctuesdaygroup/>).

First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day (Virginia Beach)

What: Local Trail Maintenance
Location: First Landing State Park
Date: September 21st
Duration: 9 am – noon

First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day, Live Oak and Cypress Swamp trail maintenance.

September 21st from 9:00 to 12:00.

The meeting location is the parking lot by the picnic area.

At least 3 volunteers are needed.

Contact: Kaci Midgette at kacithemidge@gmail.com (mailto:kacithemidge@gmail.com) or localtrails@tidewateratc.com (mailto:localtrails@tidewateratc.com) to sign up.

TATC Douglas Putman Memorial Cabin Maintenance & Orientation Trip (Virginia Beach)

What: Cabin Trip
Location: TATC Cabin near Sherando
Date: September 22nd thru 24th

Friday, September 22, thru Sunday, September 24, 2023. This is the 3 of 4 annual trips to do maintenance work and to provide orientation to members so that they can be qualified to rent the cabin. Primary task will be to replace the firewood box. Additional tasks will include repairing window screens, inventory non-perishable foods and cleaning supplies, wash and season cast-iron pans, and other housekeeping tasks. Depending on participation size and skillsets, the falling of dead trees to be used for firewood is possible. The final maintenance trip is scheduled for Veterans Day weekend, November 10th thru 12th, 2023. This is the annual firewood cutting and stacking trip.

If you have questions or want to participate, please contact trip leader, Gregory Hodges, at cabin@tidewateratc.com or at (757) 439-1552. Call or text is fine.

Backpacking Fall Walk Thru (Appalation Trail)

What: Fall Maintenance Walk Thru

Location: TATC Trail Section between Reid's Gap and Tye River

Date: September 29th thru October 1st

This is our opportunity to document issues on our section of the AT (and maybe some in St. Mary's Wilderness) that we will be addressing in the upcoming Fall Maintenance weekend.

The TATC section of the AT runs from Reid's Gap to the Tye River and includes the Marhar connector trail.

The fall walk-through will be done as a backpacking weekend with a maximum of 10 participants. It will run from September 29th to Oct 1st, 2023.

To participate you must contact John Sima at the email noted below.

Contacts:

John Sima - TATC Trail Supervisor - trailsupervisor@tidewateratc.com

Brittany Collins - TATC Asst Trail Supervisor - assistantts@tidewateratc.com

Fort Monroe Walk/Hike (Hampton)

What: Local Hike

Location: Fort Monroe

Date: October 7th

Time: 9:30 am to noonish (for the walk/hike)

Location: We'll meet in the parking lot Northeast of Oozlefinch Brewing (<https://oozlefinchbeers.com/welcome>) (81 Patch Rd, Hampton, VA 23651), near the corner of Patch and Pullman roads at 9 am, with a planned start at 9:15.

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Description: This will be an approximately 4 mile mostly flat walk through the fort and then along the bulkhead from the Chamberlin up to the Paradise Beach Club and then back to our starting point. We'll be making brief stops at many of the historical locations that are part of the Fort Monroe tour as well as a planned stop about 1/4 of the way along our walk at Firehouse Coffee (<https://firehousecoffee1881.com/>) for caffeine/soda/ice cream, etc. for those that might want a refreshment. The weather in mid-October can be unpredictable, so dress accordingly and consider sunscreen. This is a family and dog friendly event.

Please email Andy Grayson at hikemaster@tidewateratc.com (<mailto:athikemaster@tidewateratc.com>) if you are planning to attend.

For those that are interested, we can check out the offerings at Oozlefinch (and associated food trucks, after the walk.

General Meeting (Norfolk)

When: October 11th, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location – Episcopal Church of the Advent, 9629 Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503

Other Future Activities (see linked calendar for details) –

- Tree Planting with Chesapeake Parks & Rec – October 4th, 2023
- Fall Maintenance – October 20th – 22nd, 2023
- First Landing State Park Fall Festival – October 21st, 2023
- CBES 30th Between the Waters Bike Ride – October 28th, 2023
- General Membership Meeting – November 8th, 2023
- Cabin Maintenance & Orientation Trip, November 10th thru 12th.
- General Membership Meeting – December 6th, 2023