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TATC General Meeting (Norfolk)

When: September 14th, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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

Fall Walk Thru

Walk Thru: September 17th, 2022

Camping: September 16th to 18th, 2022

Location – Sherando Lake Recreation Area, 96 Sherando Lake Road, Lyndhurst, VA 22952

Description: Camping out September 16-18, 2022, at the CCC Kitchen area in the Sherando Lake Recreation Area. Approximately 12 people needed to walk our section of A.T. & Mau-Har Trail to document maintenance needs.

Brittany Collins - TATC Trail Supervisor - trailssupervisor@tidewateratc.com

John Sima - TATC Asst Trail Supervisor - assistantts@tidewateratc.com

Fall Cabin Maintenance & Orientation Trip (Blue Ridge Parkway)

Date: September 16th to 18th, 2022

Location – Sherando Lake Recreation Area, 96 Sherando Lake Road, Lyndhurst, VA 22952

Description: The TATC has a stone cabin that comfortably accommodates twelve people inside and has tent sites for others. The requirements to rent the cabin are: 1. Have attended a maintenance and orientation trip, and 2. Be a current club member. Join Gregory Hodges to do some maintenance and get qualified to rent the cabin.

Maintenance activities include: replacing screens in windows, cleaning chimney, inventorying non-perishable food cupboard, organizing dishes and silverware, season cast iron pans, wash windows, weed whack with a sling blade, and small maintenance items. Please bring safety glasses and work gloves or use the ones provided at the cabin.

Maintenance activities are usually complete in time to leave an opportunity to do a local hike, cook a few meals, and to rest & relax. Greg may head to the cabin on Thursday and participants are welcome to join.

Contact Gregory Hodges at cabin@tidewateratc.com or call/text at (757) 439-1552. Greg can provide more specific directions for getting to the cabin for those that have not been there before.

Shingle Creek Paddle – Tuesday Group

When: September 20th, 2022

Where: 129 Creekside Dr. Moyock, NC 27958

Description: Paddling through cypress tree forests, Shingle Creek, flows into the Northwest River, which is one of more picturesque rivers in the area. It is not unusual to see deer or a bald eagle, as we paddle. This is a wilderness paddle like some of the small rivers in Florida.

Launch Site: Shingle Landing Boat Ramp. 129 Creekside Dr, Moyock, NC 27958.

Launch time 9:30 AM This allows time will those west of Hampton Roads to get on this side of the river

Distance: We'll paddle about 4 miles to the Northwest River Park where we can take a break for lunch, use the restroom, then head back. So we'll paddle from NC to VA and back for a round trip paddle for about 9-miles.

Directions: From I-64 take Exit 291 B for the Chesapeake Expressway going toward Nags Head If you don't want to take the toll road part, exit on 8B, Hilcrest Parkway (second exit) then turn right on Rt 168 Follow this to the Va/NC border and about 1 mile from the border, turn left on Moyock Landing Road which ends at the boat ramp.

Email for questions: rpt@cox.net

Please click on this link to sign

up: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GvEi7s_mi4aa9BUA_MZpg2F0HhgFAMRIEbTb4AU3ju8/edit?usp=sharing

More information on the TATC Tuesday group can be found at - [TATC Tuesday Group \(google.com\)](#)

Fall Maintenance Weekend & Family Campout

See updated info on food below!

Maintenance: September 24th, 2022

Camping: September 23rd to 25th, 2022

Location – Sherando Lake Recreation Area, 96 Sherando Lake Road, Lyndhurst, VA 22952

Description: This is a weekend for us to do what the club was set up to do! We'll maintain our assigned section of the Appalachian Trail, the Mau-Har Trail, the White Rocks Trails,

plus more! Come out to our base camp at Sherando Lake Recreation Area on Friday as early as noon; set up your tent at the Williams Branch Picnic Area, keeping in mind that the gate is usually locked at 10PM and opens on Saturday morning at 6AM. Crew signup sheets will be available Friday; Saturday organizational meeting at 7:45AM. Optional hikes offered on Sunday. To sign up or for more information, contact:

Brittany Collins - TATC Trail Supervisor - trailssupervisor@tidewateratc.com

John Sima - TATC Asst Trail Supervisor - assistantts@tidewateratc.com

TATC traditionally offers a free meal to volunteers at our Fall Maintenance Events. We're doing so again this year offering tail gate basics. You should bring additional food if you wish. (Fill out the survey below to see what food will be available.)

We encourage you to bring reusable dishes, bowls, and utensils. However, some will be available should you forget.

Please note, we are offering only water in bottles as a beverage. NO/NO other beverages will be provided. Please bring your own. Cups or glasses are NOT/NOT being provided. Please bring your own.

Please complete the dinner preference survey at the following link to find out what's on offer. Your responses will help us order the correct quantities of food and avoid the waste of food and money. If one or more people are accompanying you, please fill out a form for each one of them as well. This is easy. After you complete the first form, you will be asked if you wish to submit another.

Triathlon at False Cape State Park – Tuesday Group

When: September 27th, 2022

Where, Little Island Park, 3820 S. Sandpiper Rd, Virginia Beach Va

It's that time of year for our Triathlon again, and this one will be the 15th year we have done this event. For our new members that have never been on this event, here is what we will be doing for about 20 miles in about 6 hours of time. We all meet with our Bikes at Little Island City Park (LICP) there in Sandbridge where the fishing pier is located at 9:00 A.M. and try to be on the road by 9:30 a.m. I will have it worked out with Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge for us to ride through, FREE of charge, the five miles of paved and gravel roads for the first leg of our triathlon.

Reaching False Cape State Park, we have about one mile to ride out to the Bay there at Barbour Hill Boat Docks. Here I have talked with the park Manager so we can use their Kayaks to do our second leg of the triathlon. After everyone has picked out their kayak and got a PFD and a paddle, we all get into the water and paddle two miles down to False Cape Landing Boat Dock.

Here we will hike about one mile out to the ocean, on the third Leg of the triathlon and see an empty beach for 4 miles north and south with no building and maybe one or two trucks that may come by while we are there. After looking at the beach and maybe

wading in the ocean or swimming as some have done in the past, we will hike back to the picnic tables and have our lunch.

After we have had our lunch, we will hike back one mile to the kayaks, paddle the 2 miles, and retrieve our bikes and bike six miles back to LICP for our trip home.

WHERE TO MEET: LITTLE ISLAND CITY PARK 3820 S. SANDPIPPER RD. VIRGINIA BEACH
TIME TO MEET: 9:00 A.M. TILL ABOUT 3:30 P.M.

WHEN TO MEET: SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

WHAT TO BRING: BIKE, SHOES YOU CAN USE FOR BIKING, PADDLING & HIKING, LUNCH, WATER, SNACKS, SUNSCREEN AND MONEY FOR ICE CREAM AT THE VISITOR CENTER AND ANY GIFTS YOU MAY WANT TO BUY AT THE GIFT SHOP.

To signup please click on this link:

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Noland Trail Hike

Where: Mariner's Museum, Newport News, Va.

When: Saturday, 1 October 2022

Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Distance/difficulty: 5 miles mostly flat.

Description: Plan to meet at the Mariner's Museum (marinersmuseum.org) at 9 p.m. for a hike on the Noland Trail. We'll park in the newer parking lot across the road from the trail head. This is a well maintained and enjoyable scenic hike. 5 miles around the lake with nice views and most of it is tree covered. Bring water and snacks.

To sign up (or if you have any questions) contact Terry Manns at FaithfulServant1990@outlook.com

TATC 50th Anniversary Celebration Event

When: October 2nd, 4:30 pm to 8:30

Where: The Harbor Club, 333 Waterside Dr. Norfolk, 2nd Floor.

Waterside District, overlooking Elizabeth River harbor Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club members and guests are cordially invited to attend this very special anniversary at a spectacular venue overlooking Norfolk's captivating Elizabeth River harbor. Join us at Waterside's 2nd floor Harbor Club, 333 Waterside Dr., Norfolk, VA, Suite 200, on October 2, 2022, from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm, for an entertaining evening of good food, music, and celebration of TATC's 50 years of "Getting Stuff Done."

Epic Blackwater Paddle – Tuesday Group

When: October 4th, 2022, Meet 7:45 AM, Shuttle 8:15 AM, Paddle 9:15 AM

Where: 530 S. Main St. Franklin, VA

This is a pleasant seven-hour paddle down the quiet Blackwater River through peaceful old forests in the Interior. We will paddle at a leisurely pace and canoes are welcome. Last time we did this 13.8-mile trip we paddled about 2.5 mph. Unlike the upper Blackwater, this stretch from Franklin is open and clear of obstacles. I expect very little current this time of year but rain could give us some. See the massive paper mill operation, a sunken barge, an eagle's nest, bear claw marks on the bank, an egret or great blue, lots of wilderness, and the joining of three rivers! The trip should take about 7 hours on the water. This includes lunch and stops along the way.

- Plan to arrive early so you don't miss the shuttle!! Blackwater Landing is at 530 S Main St, Franklin, VA 23851
- Eat breakfast or have coffee in Franklin at historic Fred's Restaurant on Main Street three blocks from the put in.
- Register at 7:45 AM, Porta Potties are at the Blackwater Landing Ramp
- Unload all boats at Blackwater Landing on the Blackwater River and organize the shuttle caravan.
- At 8:15 AM shuttle vehicles to Dockside Ramp on the Nottoway River with the help of local volunteers. Dockside is 13.8 river miles from Franklin. The shuttle is 12 miles by car and takes about 19 minutes each way.
- Bobby Turner, who drives the big van, has asked that we wear masks!
- If the weather is cold, we will leave a vehicle at Franklin Landing for a team to use while watching our boats during the 45 minute round trip shuttle.
- Launch boats at 9:15 AM to begin the epic paddle.
- Gung Ho paddlers are welcome to paddle ahead and end their trip sooner.
- Plan to eat supper in Franklin at Serve Restaurant on Main Street
- What to bring besides PFD, sunscreen, lunch, and water, snacks appropriate gear for the weather? I strongly recommend bringing dry clothes since this is an Epic Paddle of 13.5 miles

We will stop for lunch on the river bank 7.9 mile from the takeout. There is another place to get out and stretch at 4.4 miles from the takeout. The Blackwater River ends where it meets the Nottoway River in North Carolina to form the Chowan River. From the Three Rivers we will paddle a mile up the Nottoway River in Virginia to the Dockside Ramp to our

waiting vehicles.

Questions/Information Contact: Bill Billings 757-535-7490 or Bruce Julian 757-604-3099

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Open Weekend at the Cabin

When: Friday October 7th to 10th, 2022

Location – TATC Cabin, White Rock Fall Trailhead

There will be an Open Weekend at the Cabin over Columbus Day (Friday October 7th to Monday October 10th). Local hikes are planned with groups according to who shows up and the desired distance & elevation & pace. And camaraderie with others. This should be right about peak foliage time so it will be beautiful. It's not required to stay all days. And bunks will be by first reservations.

Contact Tom Meree @ etmeree@cox.net if interested.

First Landing State Park Maintenance

Location: First Landing State Park Maintenance

Date: October 7, 2022, 9:00 - 12:00 (approximately)

Location: Meet at the Picnic Area, Conservation Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Work to be done: We will perform trail maintenance on the Live Oak and Cypress Swamp Trails

Bring: Water, work gloves, loppers, hedge trimmer, trash bag

Contact: Paul Heymann at yopch56@gmail.com to sign up. The limit is six people, so sign up early!

TATC General Meeting (Norfolk)

When: October 12th, 2022

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) –

- Fort Monroe Hike – October 12th, 2022
- TATC Pub Night – The Garage Brewery - October 18th, 2022
- Crosscut A/B Sawyer Course - October 19th to 21st, 2022
- CBES 29th Between the Waters Bike Tour (sold out) - October 22nd, 2022
- Back Bay National Wildlife Reserve Hike – October 22nd, 2022
- “Giant Bamboo” Hike - November 5th, 2022
- Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club Tree Planting Event – November 5th, 2022
- TATC General Meeting – November 9th, 2022
- Back Bay - National Recreation Trail Ribbon Cutting – November 17th, 2022
- Windsor Castle Hike - December 3rd, 2022
- TATC General Meeting – December 14th, 2022