

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

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y2hqMjdudGM1Y201cWwyamZzMWVvZDhwc2tAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlMnNvbQ>

TATC General Meeting

When: May 11th, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location - Aldersgate United Methodist, 5767 Sellger Dr, Norfolk, VA 23502, USA and via Zoom

First Landing State Park Maintenance

When: May 12th, 2022

Time: 9:00 am to noon

Location: First Landing State Park, Virginia Beach

Description: We will be walking the Live Oak and Cypress Swamp trails to trim any intruding plant growth back from the trailway. Jack Saladino will be leading this workday as he has volunteered to be one of our work crew leaders at FLSP. On our March walk thru, it was noted that at the eastern end of the Cypress Swamp trail, there was a significant amount of new plant growth that should be cut back using the Park's battery powered hedge trimmers. Bring personal hand cutters and loppers if you want to use your own tools.

Wear work clothes with close toe shoes and sturdy gloves. It may be warm so make sure you have some water.

To help plan the work, respond to Jack Saladino at: jsala009@odu.edu and cc: localtrails@tidewateratc.com if you can help out.

Disaster+Travel+Wilderness First Aid Course

When: May 21-22, 2022

Time: 8:00 am-7:00 pm both days.

Description: This unique 2-day*, 20-hour course offering makes MEDIC SOLO stand out from nearly all other wilderness medical schools. Participants gain actual care-giving competence and confidence to save life and limb anytime, anywhere professional help is not immediately available.

See description at: <https://www.solowfa.com/disaster-travel-wilderness-first-aid.html>

Elizabeth River Project - Paradise Creek Maintenance

When: May 25th, 2022

Time: 9:00 am to noon

Location: Paradise Creek Nature Park, 1141 Victory Boulevard, Portsmouth, VA

Description: The Elizabeth River Project has asked for our help in opening up a view shed from their perimeter trail along Paradise Creek. Ultimately, they would like a 300-yard-long view shed opened up by removing small caliper (1.5" to 2") invasive Bradford Pear and Sweet Gum trees along their trail embankment. This is likely not possible to be accomplished in one morning, so it may take multiple work days to meet their ultimate request. They will define the limits of the work. We have 4 volunteers with power pole saws that will do a majority of the tree cutting, but we will need 3-4 volunteers per sawyer to do some lopping and laying the small trees down on the embankment. I am looking for 16 volunteers at this time to help the sawyers, but no volunteers will be turned away.

If you have a powered pole saw and are comfortable in cutting down these small trees, please let me know so we can get more volunteers to assist.

The work day is scheduled for Wednesday May 25th from 9:00 to 12:00. at Paradise Creek Nature Park, 1141 Victory Boulevard, Portsmouth, VA. Wear durable clothing and closed toe shoes. Bring Loppers, hand saws, eye protection, leather gloves and plenty of water. This work may be physically challenging, similar to work on the AT.

Please contact Dave Plum at: localtrails@tidewateratc.com for more details and to sign up

National Trails Day

When: June 4th, 2022

Description: Tanya Wisoker from First Landing State Park has invited TATC to participate in some way in our park event for that day. We are looking for someone to that would be willing to staff an information table with some education materials, lead a guided hike, present a demonstration of some trail skill, or something else that you might be interested in.

If interested, please contact Dave Plum or Andy Grayson hikemaster@tidewateratc.com

TATC General Meeting

When: June 8th, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location - Aldersgate United Methodist, 5767 Sellger Dr, Norfolk, VA 23502, USA and via Zoom

Lopperfest 2022 - Part 1

Maintenance: June 11th, 2022

Camping: June 10th – 12th, 2022

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

Description: Cut back encroaching plant growth from trails using swing blades, loppers and shears. Free park entrance; free camping. Friday & Sunday are travel days. Ten to twelve people needed.

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

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

Lopperfest 2022 - Part 2

Maintenance: July 9th, 2022

Camping: July 8th – 10th, 2022

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

Description: Cut back encroaching plant growth from trails using swing blades, loppers and shears. Free park entrance; free camping. Friday & Sunday are travel days. Ten to twelve people needed.

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Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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A.T. Vista - August 5, and 8, 2022

When: August 5th thru 8th

Location: Statue University of New York - New Paltz

The Vista is in lieu of the ATC Biennial and is being sponsored by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. They have put together an exciting program of hikes, workshops and excursions. which can be viewed by going to our website - atvista2022.org

SUNY New Paltz is a beautiful venue, in reasonable proximity to wonderful hiking on the AT in northern NJ and New York, as well as to hikes in Minnewaska State Park, the Shawangunk Mountains, the Long Path, Mohonk Preserve, the Catskills, Harriman State Park and other parks east of the Hudson. Proposed hikes are listed on the website.

TATC General Meeting

When: August 10th, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location - Aldersgate United Methodist, 5767 Sellger Dr, Norfolk, VA 23502, USA and via Zoom

Lopperfest 2022 - Part 3

Maintenance: August 27th, 2022

Camping: August 26th – 28th, 2022

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

Description: Cut back encroaching plant growth from trails using swing blades, loppers and shears. Free park entrance; free camping. Friday & Sunday are travel days. Ten to twelve people needed.

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Other Future Activities –

- TATC General Meeting – September 14th, 2022
- Fall Walk Thru – September 17th, 2022
- Fall Maintenance – September 24th, 2022
- TATC 50th Anniversary Event – October 2nd, 2022
- TATC General Meeting – October, 12th, 2022