

TATC Activity List for February 14th General Membership 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 – [Calendar Events](#)

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

General Meeting (Norfolk)

When: Wednesday, February 14th

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Smartmouth Brewery Norfolk - 1309 Raleigh Ave, Norfolk, VA 23507

First Landing State Park Maintenance (Virginia Beach)

What: Phase I Trail Maintenance

When: Friday, February 16th

Time: **Two Shifts: shift one** - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm **shift two** – 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm.

Location: First Landing State Park, the meeting location is at the 64th Street/Cape Henry Trail entrance at 220 64th Street.

Description: First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work - **event being organized by Tanya Wisoker**. Move and place Rip Rap at the Marsh Bridge, Cape Henry 64th Street Extension Trail. Meet at the Narrows Parking Lot, 64th street, 1.5 miles west of guard shack, or park at the boat ramp. The worksite is about 3/4 mile east of the Narrows Parking Lot. Tools are provided. This is an event for those who can lift at least 20 pounds safely and can bend and move!

The sign-up link is here: [Volunteer Sign Up](#). If you have one, please wear a hat, shirt, or jacket with the TATC logo when participating in FLSP workdays to identify you as a club member.

Contact: Paul Heymann localtrails@tidewateratc.com

FCSP Beach Clean-up – this is not a club sponsored event but is being added to the calendar as it might be of member interest.

False Cape State Park Beach Clean-up (Virginia Beach)

When: Saturday, February 17th

Time: 8:45 am -1:00 pm

Where: We meet at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge in their parking lot next to the Bay.

Description: Our first Beach Clean-up for 2024, here at False Cape State Park is this Saturday on February 17, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. **try and be there by 8:45 A.M. so we can be on our way by 9:00 A.M.** Bring water, snacks, gloves, and good hiking shoes, we will try and do all 6 miles of beach plus around the gate there at the Stateline. VP Friends of False Cape - Bruce Julian

To Sign up: **You must call the Visitors Center at (757)426-7128 and get your name and phone number on the list.**

Merchants Millpond Hike (Gatesville, NC)

When: Saturday, February 17th

Time: Arrive by 9:15 am Hike at 9:30 am

Where: Merchants Millpond State Park, 176 Mill Pond Rd, Gatesville, NC 27938, USA (map)

Description: Approximately 7-mile hike on the Lassiter Trail with water views of cypress swamps including many cypress trees and some long leaf pines along the way, flat to rolling terrain in Eastern North Carolina near Sunbury. This is a dog friendly hike. We will hike ~7-miles, mostly flat Lassiter Trail from the Visitors Center. More information about the Park is available at the website: [Merchants Millpond](#)

Directions: Please use the (map) function above for turn-by-turn directions to the park. From U.S. 158 go ~ one mile South on Millpond Rd. Visitors Center parking lot will be on your left.

Meet: At the Visitors Center Parking lot. Please arrive by 9:15 for registration; the hike begins at 9:30. Restrooms are available at the Visitors Center.

Bring: Lunch, water, snacks, comfortable hiking shoes, appropriate clothing for the weather. We will eat lunch at picnic tables if we can but bring a plastic bag to sit on just in case. Email updates will be sent if needed.

For questions/additional information and to sign-up, email Bill at: bbunch@att.net

Newport News Park Hike – Tuesday Group (Newport News)

When: Tuesday, February 20th

Time: Meet at 9:30 am (*details below*)

Location: Corner of Fort Eustis Blvd & Richneck Rd, Virginia 23692, USA

Description: Join Bruce and the Tuesday Group for a **SIX MILE HIKE AND LUNCH** - It's hard to find a new hiking trail for the Tuesday Group but I think I have found one. We will Hike on February 20, in a new section of the Newport News City Park, off Ft. Eustis Blvd. To get there take I 64 West to Ft. Eustis Blvd. take the off ramp to the right down to Jefferson Avenue, at the light turn left then back to the right onto Ft. Eustis Blvd, and drive about 2 miles and look for Richneck Road, (there is no stop light here) as you come down Ft. Eustis Blvd. get in the left turn lane, the parking lot is on your left. It is not a large parking lot so we should try and carpool for this trip. If no one is there I think we can park 10 vehicles without too much trouble. I will try and get there early and park in the back and help everyone find a space. **(There is one small mud hole 4 ft. x 4ft.), so don't drive in it, you have been warned.** This Hike will be 6 miles and we will eat at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Hwy. 17 halfway through the hike, 3 miles in, eat lunch, turn around, and hike back 3 miles. Meet at 9:30 A.M. and start hiking at 10:00 A.M. We will hike down Hwy. 17 on a very wide shoulder 559 feet to the Restaurant. The trail is asphalt, dirt and just a little gravel, with only one wet spot, which is no trouble hiking around. We may see hawks, deer, golfers, coyote, and squirrels. We will be hiking through a neighborhood for some of the route and through the woods on a trail. The hiker that finds the big electrical box along the trail, in the woods, will win a prize. If you bring lunch there are no picnic tables, you will need to sit on the ground.

GPS Coordinates: 37.179000 76.517407

To sign up email Bruce: julianbm@verizon.net

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First Landing State Park Maintenance (Virginia Beach)

What: Phase II Trail Maintenance

When: Thursday, February 22nd

Time: **Two Shifts: shift one** - 9:00 am -12:00 pm **shift two** – 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm.

Location: First Landing State Park, the meeting location is at the 64th Street/Cape Henry Trail entrance at 220 64th Street.

Description: First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work - **event being organized by Tanya Wisoker**. Transport and place Crusher Run at the Marsh Bridge, Cape Henry 64th Street Extension Trail. Meet at the Narrows Parking Lot, 64th street, 1.5 miles west of guard shack, or park at the boat ramp. The worksite is about 3/4 mile east of the Narrows Parking Lot. Tools are provided. This is an event for those who can lift at least 20 pounds safely and can bend and move!

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Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club (TATC) Pub Night

What: TATC Pub Night (aka Happy Hiker Hour) at The Veil Brewing

Date/Time: Thursday, February 22nd, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: 2314 Colonial Ave, Norfolk, VA 23517

Website: Norfolk — The Veil Brewing Co. (<https://www.theveilbrewing.com/nfk>)

Join TATC Members on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm; TATC will hold a pub night get-together at The Veil Brewing located in Norfolk. No sign-up is necessary; just show up. Parking is plentiful.

Contact: Lelia Vann at leliavann@gmail.com

Virginia Aquarium Visit – Tuesday Group (Virginia Beach)

When: Tuesday, February 27th

Location: 831 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451, USA

Description: Come join JP and the Tuesday Group for a tour of the Virginia Beach Aquarium. **The tour will start promptly at 9:30 AM** at the South Building Parking

lot (the smaller lot) at 831 General Booth Blvd.in Virginia Beach. We will start at the newly renovated South Building, then walk through Adventure Park and the Nature Walk to get to the larger North Building where the tour will continue. The tour will end up with a return walk through the Nature Park and Adventure Park to get back to our cars. The total hike, including the time in the buildings, will be about 3 miles. Since we will tour as a group, we have obtained a group rate of \$18 per person. However, to get that rate we must have the money up front as a lump sum, so please send J.P. Richard the money as soon as you sign up at 2228 Mill Crossing Drive, VA Beach 23454. The fee is not refundable if you don't show up and due as soon as you sign up. The bad news is that we will limit the group to 20. The good news is we will do this hike rain or shine and eliminate the outside walking if it is raining. **PARKING IS FREE SINCE IT IS OFF-SEASON**

To sign up contact JP: jpr1722@aol.com or 703-568-6417

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Neighborhood Hike – Tuesday Group (Virginia Beach)

When: Tuesday, March 12th

Location: 1026 Caton Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Description: I'll lead a 6-mile neighborhood walk from my house through Alanton along the shore of Linkhorn Bay followed by a cookout at my backyard pit fire. \$10 gets you grilled sausage on roll with sautéed peppers, onions, sauerkraut, potato salad, chips, drinks, cookies and ice cream. Vegan choice available. Dog friendly.

Time: Meet 9:15 am walk 9:30 am

To sign up email Elaine: ebirk072@gmail.com 757-642-4557 I will need to know who plans to stay for lunch. Meat or vegan choice.

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General Meeting (Norfolk)

When: Wednesday, March 13th

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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

Other Future Activities (see linked calendar for details)

- First Landing State Park Workday - March 21st
- Sherando Workday - March 22nd-24th
- Spring Backpacking Walk-thru – April 12th-14th
- Cabin Maintenance/Orientation Weekend – April 19th-21st
- Spring Maintenance – April 26th-28th