

The Walker

Newsletter of the Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club

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President's Message

Greetings!!

As I look at the snow outside, I keep wondering if spring really is only a few weeks away! Wow what a winter this has been. Hopefully as March really gets underway the weather will cooperate for all the great activities scheduled over next few months! There is something for every level of hiker being offered. Great job, Jim and Ted!!

During March there are several trail maintenance opportunities scheduled one at James River National Wildlife Refuge and then the start of our maintenance season up on the AT the 3rd Saturday of the month. Our new trail maintenance chair, Mark Heede has some great ideas to encourage more volunteers to join in on these monthly work trips. I believe we might still have an opening for a section maintainer so if you would like to give that a try or learn more about this position, please contact Mark (odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com).

I have a feeling the border monitors are still waiting to get out to check the boundaries due to the weather. This can be an interesting and challenging opportunity to get out in the woods. Contact Karl Huber (odatc.landmgmt@gmail.com) for more information on the monitoring program.

On March 3, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy will be celebrating 90 years as an organization. On this date in 1925, Benton Mackaye and the Regional Planning Association had enough support to convene the first "Appalachian Trail conference...for the purpose of organizing a body of workers (representative of outdoor living and of the regions adjacent to the Appalachian range) to complete the building of the Appalachian Trail." (excerpt from ATC website). For more information on the history of the Appalachian Trail and the early trail blazers that made the AT a reality, check out the following link:
<http://www.appalachiantrail.org/about-the-trail/history>

This year will be the 40th ATC Biennial Conference being held July 17-24 in Winchester, VA at Shenandoah University. There is a link on our website for more conference information. They are still seeking volunteers to assist with various aspects of the conference. If you are interested, there is a link for volunteer opportunities and a sign up form. Registration will begin in April so keep checking for more information and other updates.

At this time, I have nothing new to report on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. I did note on the Dominion link that there will be an open house on March 5 from 5:00 – 7:30pm at the Nelson County High School. For

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more information, go to our website, click on the Pipeline tab and first item listed will take you to the Dominion site. There are several ATC related meetings during March that certain board members will be attending so I anticipate more information will be available in the next Walker.

As always, your feedback and participation in club events and functions is always welcome. Just send me an email with your ideas and comments. (odatc.president@gmail.com)

Happy Trails! Theresa

ODATC Hike Rating Codes

Hiking boots are strongly recommended for all hikes. Hikers must be properly equipped, aware of their limitations & hike within their ability. In the interest of safety, activity coordinators may refuse to allow participation by club members or their guests.

Terrain

- 1 = Very Strenuous
- 2 = Strenuous
- 3 = Moderate
- 4 = Easy

Distance

- A = More than 13 miles
- B = 9 to 13 miles
- C = 5 to 9 miles
- D = Under 5 miles

CARPPOOLING Please honor the following suggested donation to your driver when carpooling to and from hikes: \$10 per rider for travel to and around the Charlottesville area (60-70 miles approx.) \$15+ per rider for travel beyond Charlottesville (over 75 miles).

Trips, Treks, and Talks - Ted McGarry & Jim Hunt, Contributors

March 2 (Monday) Bridges Across the James RVA (B/3) David Prestia (389-9099 or david@prestia.us). This is a 9.33 mile hike crossing four of the James River bridges in Richmond. We will hike the Flood Wall, Pipe Line, Buttermilk, and North Bank Trails. Meet at the Southside floodwall parking lot at Semmes and 7th at the south end of the Manchester Bridge. Bring plenty of water and a snack. I recommend a good breakfast before you hike. Optional lunch at Legends after the hike. We will meet at 8:50 AM.

March 4 (Wednesday) Byrd Park and Boulevard RVA (C/3) Bill Tennant (282-0590 or Willyten10@aol.com). This hike was canceled in February due to anticipated bad weather. Let's try again! The 6 mile hike goes around Byrd Park and on paths around the Pump House on the Kanawha Canal, and along the Boulevard in the Museum District to the Stonewall Jackson Monument and return. Meet at Maymont at the Spotswood Road entrance parking lot (off Boulevard/Nickel Bridge Road). Optional lunch in the Fan. Meet a 9:50 AM.

March 6 and 7 (Friday and Saturday) Banff Film Festival .N/R Banff Film Festival will be March 6 & 7th and folks should keep an eye out for ticket sales through Chesterfield Parks and Rec. I don't see a date for when they go on sale but some people are always too late and it's sold out

March 8 (Sunday) Robertson Mtn - Corbin Hollow. (C/3) Ted Nelson (804-530-0660 & theodore.nelson@yahoo.com) This is an 8 mile hike with ~2400 feet of elevation. This is an opportunity to see Old Rag from a different angle. When you've hiked Old Rag, you've looked at Robertson Mtn these many years. The return loop will be down Corbin hollow which has some of the largest trees in SNP. Call or e-mail Ted for details.

March 9 (Monday) Willis River Trail - Cumberland County (B/3) Barbara Stewart (bleafstewart@gmail.com or 804- 271- 4631 Cell # day of hike 804-502-8193). Bring lunch and water for this 12 mile in and out hike with a 9 mile option. The Willis River Trail is moderate with a few strenuous inclines and stream crossings. No restrooms are available on the hike path. We will leave from Westchester Commons (Route 288/US60, Midlothian Turnpike). Meet in front of Joann Fabrics. Meet at 8:30 am.

March 11 (Wednesday) - Pocahontas State Park - South Section Chesterfield (C/4) Jeff Samuels (796-7949 or jefflsamuels@yahoo.com). Hike 5.5 miles in the park's southern section on a mix of wide multi-use trails and unpaved forest roads. Visit the small Gill-Dance Cemetery and Group Camp 7 Lake. Enter the park at the Bright Hope Horse Complex which is directly across the street from the main park entrance on Beach Road (Rt. 655) 4 miles west of Rt. 10 (Ironbridge Rd.). Those without a park pass must buy (bring \$4 cash or check) and display a daily parking pass which can be obtained at the metal collection box 0.3 miles from the complex entrance. Meet at the parking area near the restroom at the far end of the horse complex at 9:50 AM.

March 14 (Saturday) South River Falls (B/3) Bill Tennant (282-0590 or Willyten10@aol.com) Come join this 10 mile hike for a nice walk in the early spring. We'll enjoy one of the finest waterfalls and pools in Shenandoah National Park, visit an old mission and cemetery and have lunch at one of the PATC's cabins. In the afternoon we'll hike back on one of the fine forest sections of the Appalachian Trail. This hike has about 1800 feet of elevation and is included as one of the hikes in the book "Circuit Hikes in Shenandoah National Park". Contact Bill for time and meeting place.

March 17 (Tuesday) ODATC General Membership Meeting Prepare for an exciting ride up the New River with River Raft Guide and ODATC member, Dave Prestia. Learn what river rafting is like from a rafting guides' point of view. This presentation is rated PG13! The meeting begins at 7 PM, but members are encouraged to arrive at 6:30 for socializing. Snacks to share are always welcome and we'd like you to bring a canned good to donate to the church's food bank. Meeting is at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2315 N. Parham Road.

March 21 (Saturday) Beaverdam Park -- Gloucester, VA. (B/4) (Joanne jberdall@hotmail.com; Ellie (804) 370-2603) Join Ellie and Joanne at Beaverdam Park for a 9.5-mile hike along the shoreline of Gloucester's 635 acre reservoir. Contact Ellie or Joanne for time and meeting place. (Car shuttle required at the Park). Bring water, snack, and lunch.

March 21 (Saturday) Paul Wolf Shelter (ODATC's shelter). (C/2) Aseeyah Rhinesmith (804-382-6186 or solitude1957@hotmail.com). Please join us on our annual Spring hike to the shelter. We will hike 5 miles in from Rockfish Gap, have a lovely picnic lunch and hike 5 miles back out. Bring something to share with the group. For further details contact hike coordinator. Limited to 12 participants.

March 21 (Saturday) Work trip Monthly work trip on the ODATC section of the AT (weather permitting with BRP being open). This is a all day event. Bring water, lunch and work gloves. Dress for weather. Contact Mark (804-364-1658), Fran (804-270-6908) or send an email to odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com to register and for additional information. Please respond by Mar. 12th.

March 23 (Monday) Emerald Pond – DAY HIKE – Northern Shenandoah Valley (C/3) Howard Davis (434-964-1242 or howardsuedavis@juno.com). 8 mile Day Hike in the Massanutten Mountain Range. The hike begins in New Market Gap on US 211, has an elevation change of 1700 feet, and includes scenic views of the northern Shenandoah Valley and the wonderful Emerald Pond.

March 23-25 (Monday – Wednesday) CABIN DAY HIKING TRIP- Shenandoah River State Park – Northern Shenandoah Valley Howard Davis (434-964-1242 or howardsuedavis@juno.com). Two night-three day Cabin Trip with limit of 8 people. Monday's Day Hike will be Emerald Pond. (See listing above). Tuesday and Wednesday will be other local hikes in the George Washington National Forest. Cost of around \$40 or less per person with payment due two weeks in advance.

March 25 (Wednesday) Downtown Canal Walk and Church Hill Flowers RVA (C/4) Jim Hunt (730-2364 or hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com). Meet at the free parking lot on Tredegar Street between the 2nd St. connector and the Lee Bridge near The American Civil War Center (Tredegar) and we will start the Canal Walk. Continue east to the Great Ship Lock, climb Libby Hill Park on Church Hill and return by St. John's Church. Approximately 6 miles total. The many species of Spring flowers on Church Hill are beautiful this time of year. Meet at 9:50 AM.

March 28 (Saturday) Mount Marshall/Bluff Trail/AT Loop Hike. (A/2) Jenni Pendergrass (804-221-3226 or japendergrass@hanovercounty.gov) Starting at Jenkins Gap in the northern section of SNP, we'll hike south on the Mount Marshall and Bluff Trails for approximately 8 miles to the Gravel Spring Hut for lunch. We will return to Jenkins Gap (6 miles) by way of the AT. Elevation changes are gradual for the most part. The strenuous rating is really more for the length of the hike than the difficulty. Most of it is very pleasant hiking. Meet at the Rockville/Manakin Park and Ride off of I-64. Call or e-mail for time

March 30 (Monday) Ragged Mountain Natural Area Charlottesville (C/3) Howard Davis (howardsuedavis@juno.com or 434-964-1242). Howard will lead this hike to the newly reopened Ragged Mountain Natural Area. The new dam is completed and the Lake is beginning to fill with the planned Trail System about half completed. After hiking at Ragged Mountain we will visit the nearby Virginia Division of Forestry and hike a portion of the Rivanna River Trail. Limited to 12. For details contact Howard.

April 1 (Wednesday) - New Hike - Fighting Creek Park and Powhatan Court House - Powhatan (D/4) Jim Hunt (hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com or 730-2364). This 4 mile loop hike starts in nice woods in Fighting Creek Park and returns through Powhatan Court House. Directions: US 60 west and follow signs into the village of Powhatan Court House, travel 0.6 miles past the C.H., turn left on Mann Road at the Fighting Creek Park sign. Drive 0.5 miles past the Library to the parking lot on the left at the trail head. Bring water. Meet at 9:50 am.

April 4 (Saturday) Torry Ridge – South of Waynesboro. (B/2) Torry Ridge hike is 9.1 miles and 1700 feet elevation change and about a 6 hrs. hike. Start at White Rock Gap off the Blue Ridge Parkway. Climb past the 30 ft waterfall on White Rock Creek to Torrey Ridge. Enjoy several vistas including Sherando Lake overlook. Descend (Steep! hiking poles necessary) to and through Sherando Lake campground, back to White Rock Gap. If you want to participate in this hike, call or e-mail Alec Alexander jrob505@verizon.net (804 741 1241). For more info see: <http://www.hikingupward.com/GWNF/TorryRidge/>.

April 6 (Monday) James River Loop - North & South Banks – RVA (C/3) Jim Hunt (hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com or 730-2364). This is the first of two half day Monday hikes in a month lasting 7 to 8 miles. This 7 mile hike starts at Tredegar on the north bank of the River, goes through Maymont, crosses the Boulevard Bridge, proceeds through James River Park on the lower trail and re-crosses the River over Belle Isle and the pedestrian bridge, ending at the cars. Meet in the free parking lot on Tredegar St. between the 2nd St. connector and the Lee Bridge near The American Civil War Center (Tredegar). Bring water and snack. Meet at 9:00 AM.

April 8 (Wednesday) Downtown Liberty Trail RVA (C-3) Bill Tennant (282-0590 or Willyten10@aol.com). This is some of the Liberty Trail as outlined by Bill Martin at the Valentine Richmond History Center. We'll walk about 6 miles around the Richmond downtown and hit the historical highlights of downtown Richmond. This is primarily a walk, so we won't be going in any of the locations, but it will include a few stories as we walk. If you can't remember the last time you took the time to see the new developments in downtown Richmond, come join us. Meet in the free parking lot on Tredegar Street between the 2nd St. connector and the Lee Bridge near The American Civil War Center (Tredegar). Optional lunch after the walk. Meet at 9:50 AM.

April 11 (Saturday) Cold Mountain. (C/2) Art Ritter (o2behiking@yahoo.com) Let's hit the road fairly early and head out to hike Cold (Cole) Mountain, rated as the 5th most scenic day hike in Virginia by one experienced hiker! Cold Mountain is near Pleasant Mountain, and features about a 6.5 mile loop with steady but not steep elevation gains (about 1,400 feet of gain and loss). There are outstanding views from the balds at the top, and scenic forest hiking along several trails to reach those views. We'll meet at the Westchester Commons Shopping Center (Intersection of Rt. 60 and 288) behind the Books a Million store (across from the Regal Cinemas 16. E-mail Art for time.

April 12th (Sunday) Three Cemeteries Hike. (B/2) Ted Nelson (804-530-0660 or theodore.nelson@yahoo.com) This is a 9 mile hike of which about 2+ miles will be off trail which explains the difficulty rating. We will visit the largest cemetery in the SNP, the Pocasin Mission Cemetery and the Lam Cemetery that has one of the most photographed headstones and possibly an old homesite. E-mail or call Ted for details.

April 15 (Wednesday) Bryan Park - RVA (C/4) Joanne Berdall (jberdall@hotmail.com) or Ellie Tuck (cell 370-2603) Fifty years ago, Bryan Park was visited by hundreds of thousands of area residents each spring. The azalea gardens there boasted over 50 varieties of exceptional azaleas. These same gardens are now being restored by The Friends of Bryan Park. We will walk this park, one of Richmond's oldest and most historic, for about 5 miles on nature trails, park roads, waterways and across dams. Meet at the parking lot adjacent to Shelter No. 1 on Joseph Bryan Lane. Enter from 4308 Hermitage Rd. at I-95. Meet at 9:50 am.

April 18 (Saturday) Work trip Monthly work trip on the ODATC section of the AT (weather permitting with BRP being open). This is a all day event. Bring water, lunch and work gloves. Dress for weather. Contact Mark (804-364-1658), Fran (804-270-6908) or send an email to odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com to register and for additional information. Please respond by Apr. 15th.

April 18 (Saturday) Three Waterfalls in Shenandoah National Park. (B-2) Bill Tennant (282-0590 or Willyten10@aol.com) Let's do a circuit of three nice waterfalls in Shenandoah National Park. Dark Hollow Falls, Rose River Falls and Lewis Falls are all located in the Central section around the Big Meadows area. It's a little over 9 miles and we'll climb about 2200 feet by the time we're done. (You'll have an option to cut out one of the falls and do an easier 6.5 miles and 1500 feet of elevation). This time of year it shouldn't be crowded, the trees won't yet be in bloom so the views of the falls should be great, and the snow melt and spring rains should show us the falls at their best. Contact Bill for time and meeting place.

April 19 Hike Leader Dinner (Sunday) Powhatan State Park If you lead a hike for the club in 2014, the club would like to invite you the annual hike leader dinner at Powhatan State Park. We are planning a grand steak dinner for each hike leader. E-mail Jim Hunt @ hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com to save you a steak.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA APPALACHIAN TRAIL ADVENTURE

Option 1: Day Hiking with Camp Camping at Hunger Mother State Park April 21-April 24 (Howard Davis 434-964-1242 or howardsuedavis@juno.com) 12 Person Limit!

Tues Apr 21 Drive to Hunger Mother State Park. Set up campsite and Day Hike

Wed Apr 22 11.5 mile AT Day Hike: Rte. 16 to Rte. 11

Thur Apr 23 11.8 mile AT Day Hike: Rte. 11 to Rte. 42

Fri Apr 24 Break camp and depart Hunger Mother State Park.

Return to Richmond or continue on Three Day Backpack.

Option 2: 26 Mile Three Day AT Backpack thru Burke's Garden, God's Thumbprint April 24-April 26 (Howard Davis 434-964-1242 or howardsuedavis@juno.com) 8 Person Limit! You must depart Richmond early Friday Morning if not already participating in Option 1.

Fri Apr 24 4.8 Mile AT Hike. Camp at Jenkins Shelter (Start at Laurel Creek; Rte. 615)

Sat Apr 25 10 Mile AT Hike. Camp at Chestnut Knob Shelter

Sun Apr 26 11.2 Mile AT Hike to Rte 42. Return to Richmond

April 22 (Wednesday) Virginia Historic Garden Week - Homes and Gardens Tours - Hermitage Road Historic District RVA Ted McGarry (218-1238). Ted is a retired City Planner who grew up in the Northside neighborhood adjacent to the tour location. The Hermitage Road Historic District is adjacent to Bryan Park, features an enclave of elegant country estates built between the late 1800s and early 1900s for Richmond's wealthy and prominent families. My family was not one of them but I have some stories as I delivered newspapers to them. Stately homes on spacious grounds face a wide tree-lined boulevard, the former location of Richmond's Lakeside Streetcar Line which ran until 1929. Several buildings and gardens are open, including featured property Holly Lawn, built in 1901. Holly Lawn is noteworthy as the work of prominent Richmond architect D. Wiley Anderson and is one of the purest examples of Anderson's Late Victorian architecture. Tickets are \$40 pp in advance, \$45 the day of the tour and benefit the Virginia Garden Club restorations. Optional lunch in the Bellevue area. Call for meeting place. Meet at 9:50 am.

April 25 (Saturday) Doyles River - Jones Run Trail – SNP. (C/3) Jack Martin (804/678-8083 or rjmartinii@gmail.com) This popular hike is # 24 in the PATC Circuit Hikes 2013 SNP Guide. The moderate 7.0-mile option features many picturesque waterfalls in deep gorges and a 1400-foot elevation change. It is necessary to cross Jones Run so be prepared for the creek crossing. Bring lunch and your National Park Pass if you have one. Meet at Oilville Park & Ride at 8:30 am

April 25th (Saturday) Skyland - Hawksbill - White Oak Canyon. (B/2) We will start our hike from the Skyland parking area following the AT south to views from the Timber Hollow and Crescent Rock overlooks then around the back of Hawksbill cliffs to the southern approach to Hawksbill Peak, we'll summit Hawksbill for 360 degree views of the park and Old Rag then stop for lunch at the Byrd's Nest Shelter. Following lunch we'll descend down the east side of the ridge to White Oak Canyon falls and then return to Skyland for a moderately challenging 10 - 11 mile hike. Much of the AT through this section is rocky so hiking boots and hiking poles are highly recommended. The elevation gain is substantial so you should be in reasonably good shape to enjoy the hike. Contact David Grimes at dvgrimes.54@gmail.com if you would like to go on this hike.

April 27 (Monday) Powhatan State Park - 8 mile Hike Powhatan (C/3) Jim Hunt (730-2364 or hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com). Join us on this 8 mile hike in Virginia's newest state park, Powhatan State Park which is on the James River. From Goochland C.H. take US 522 South to Maidens, cross the River, travel 1.3 miles, and look for Powhatan Park sign, right turn on Rte. 617. Go 1.4 miles and turn right into the Park. Go 0.7 miles, right turn into picnic area. From Southside, take US 60 west from Midlothian to US 522 North to left turn at Rte. 617 etc. Bring water and lunch. Nominal parking fee without park pass. Meet at 11:00 am.

April 29 (Wednesday) Crozier Hike - Goochland (C/3) Jack Martin (678-8083 or rjmartiniii@gmail.com). Hike 5 miles through forests and meadows of Goochland County. Meet at Oilville Park & Ride, Exit 167 on I-64. Optional lunch afterwards at Hickory Knotch Restaurant. Meet at 9:50 am.

Upcoming Activities

April 16 Hike Leader Dinner (Sunday) Powhatan State Park - Save the date

Upcoming Programs - Sue Kropp, Contributor

March 17, 2015 (Tuesday, 7:00 PM) Prepare for an exciting ride up the New River with River Raft Guide and ODATC member, Dave Prestia. Learn what river rafting is like from a rafting guides' point of view. This presentation is rated PG13! Snacks to share are always welcome and we also ask that you consider bringing a canned good to donate to the church's food bank. Join us at 6:30 for some socializing time before the meeting begins. For more information contact Sue Kropp at: odatc.programs@gmail.com The meeting will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church (2315 N. Parham Rd)

May 19, 2015, ODATC potluck and member slide show. Bring your favorite dish and be prepared to travel the world with your fellow club members. Members are encouraged to submit up to 5 slides of your favorite trip or club related activity prior to the meeting.

September 8, 2015 - will be our first meeting at the Virginia Science Museum. Take note of the new date. We are honored to have a special guest speaker to kick off our new location. Ralph White, the former director of the James River Parks System in Richmond will be our featured guest speaker. This will be a very exciting and informative event.

November 10, 2015 - We will be getting back to our roots with Matt Hayden. It has been some time since we have heard from an AT thruhiker, so Matt will provide us with some insight on his experience hiking the AT. We are please to have Matt as a club member and the general manager of Greenlife Adventure Sports on West Broad.

All meetings are held in Bruneing Hall at *Trinity Lutheran Church*
located at 2315 North Parham Rd., Richmond, Va. 23229.

The meetings officially begin at 7PM, but members are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes early
for socializing. Snacks to share are always welcome. Please bring non-perishable food items
to add to their food bank.

For more information contact Sue Kropp at odatc.programs@gmail.com.

Welcome to New Members

ODATC would like to recognize and welcome new members. Current club members are encouraged to welcome and get to know them better as they join us on scheduled hikes listed above.

2015 ODATC Board of Directors

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Board meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of January, March, May,
July, September, and November. Meeting dates are occasionally changed so please
contact the president for times and location. All meetings are open to the membership.

Lest we forget...

The ODATC Mission

- The construction and maintenance of foot trails for hikers, including the trail between Reeds Gap and Rockfish Gap.
- The provision of excursions on such trails or other areas
- Offering educational activities related to the need for preserving the great outdoors.

ODATC and ATC


ODATC is a maintenance club and a member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). Annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. Lifetime memberships are available for \$250. Renewals are due annually based upon the month you joined. Renewals and applications for membership can be processed online. If you prefer the USPS, forms for renewal and application may be printed from the website. If you are interested in becoming a member of the ATC you can call (304) 535-6331, ext. 119, e-mail them at membership@appalachiantrail.org or use this link to their website: <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/donate/join-renew>.

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Club member stories and photos are welcome!

Please send your material to odatc.newsletter@gmail.com.



Adventure Series



Information: Dee Donnelly, 343-3506



Tour of the James

Friday, March 13, 7:30-9 p.m.

Administrative Board Room
4301 East Parham Road

During the summer and fall of 2014, Ryan Abrahamsen and Andy Thompson set out on a pontoon raft mounted with six cameras on top of a telescoping 10-foot pole, the first 360-degree, surface-level photo tour of an entire river—the James River. The Tour of the James was initiated as part of Envision the James, a collaborative effort with the National Geographic Society, the Chesapeake Bay Conservancy and the James River Association. At the end of their 340 mile journey, they had taken more than 360,000 panoramic images and created a visual map of the James River, showcasing the scenic and historic beauty of the river, from the headwaters to the Chesapeake Bay. During this presentation, Ryan and Andy will share their photographs and stories of this incredible journey.

A Fly Fishing Journey

Friday, March 20, 7:30-9 p.m.

Administrative Board Room
4301 East Parham Road

Fly fishing has taken Tee Clarkson to some incredible places, from catching giant tarpon in the Gulf of Mexico, to chasing permit fish on the flats of Guanaja, Honduras, to exploring the small streams of Virginia in search of native Brook Trout. The day after he graduated from college, he headed west to the Rockies and a job rowing a drift boat on the fabled Green River. He has spent summers on the river guiding fly anglers for trout, on the Gunnison River in Colorado, and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. He spent two winters exploring and guiding in Chile and Argentina. He has also fished the flats in Los Roques, Venezuela, and the British Virgin Islands. During this presentation, Tee will introduce us to the incredible places and more equally incredible people he has met on his journeys.



Telluride Mountainfilm on Tour

Friday, March 27, 7:30-10 p.m.

Henrico Theatre
305 E. Nine Mile Road

Each year in Telluride, Colorado, Mountainfilm celebrates cultures unique to mountain communities with an international rendezvous of legendary mountaineers, environmentalists, filmmakers, authors, scientists, and artists. The mission of Mountainfilm is to educate and inspire audiences about issues that matter, cultures worth exploring, and environments worth preserving. Don't miss this opportunity to view incredible outdoor films!