



Fact Sheet

- Description:** Born in the 1970s when Wintergreen Resort dedicated 6,000 acres to conservation, The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen was founded to encourage the understanding, appreciation, and conservation of the natural and cultural resources of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. The Foundation, which formally became a non-profit organization in 1994, functions as a research and education facility for its members and visitors, and serves as a host site for regional and national conservation.
- Location:** Located at Wintergreen Resort, the Foundation maintains 30 miles of trails amid the resort's 11,000 acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains southwest of Charlottesville, Virginia.
- Trillium House:** A former bed and breakfast, Trillium House serves as the home to the Nature Foundation. It houses exhibits, The Shoppe, and an excellent collection of natural history books. This is the central meeting place for almost all of the Foundation's field trips, year-round guided hikes, programs and special event weekends.
- Hours:** Hours of Operation (April through October)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon
Sunday, Monday Closed
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- Web Site:** www.twnf.org
- The Shoppe:** This small boutique has a bit of everything, especially an excellent selection of small gifts. Featured are a wide array of Burt's Bees and Life is Good products, hand-painted gifts, field guides, books on gardening and landscaping, bird feeders and birdseed. Foundation members receive a 10 percent discount on all Shoppe items. Hours are the same as Trillium House.

School Programs: A unique educational resource for children, the Nature Foundation welcomes classes from Nelson County and surrounding counties. Students enjoy outdoor classrooms with Foundation staff and volunteers with activities such as testing the health of local streams or taking an interpretive hike that focuses on the unique geology, botany, and cultural history found in this area of the Blue Ridge.

Exhibits: The Birders Gallery is the most recent exhibit staged by the Nature Foundation and serves as a new place to enjoy the beauty of Wintergreen's feathered friends. A work in progress, it currently has several bird feeders, a sighting log, as well as binoculars to spy the many bird species of the area; from Dark-Eyed Juncos to a host of woodpeckers. Field guides are on hand to assist with information and spotting.

Volunteers: Without the support of volunteers, the Nature Foundation would not be as successful nor would it have the programs it has been able to sponsor during the years. The Foundation welcomes volunteers for every aspect, from special events to youth education, trail maintenance or research projects.

Internships: The Nature Foundation's summer internships provide exciting learning opportunities for students. This program offers a highly motivating experience for undergraduates as they complete their college requirements and begin to consider graduate school possibilities. Past positions have included researchers, forest maintenance, and program assistants. Interns work an average of 40 hours a week with two days off. The Nature Foundation may provide housing assistance

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