

## WINTERGREEN'S SUMMER TRIP PLANNER OFFERS PLENTY OF OPTIONS IN VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS



WINTERGREEN, Va. (May 31, 2017) — The on-site experts at Wintergreen Resort have selected their favorite activities for a summer getaway full of adventure in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. If national parks are on the bucket list, the 11,000-acre resort is adjacent to two: Blue Ridge Parkway and George Washington National Forest. Plus, Shenandoah National Park is just up the road.

Here are ten activities for Wintergreen Resort guests to include on their trip planner:

- 1. Golf. Play 45 holes of championship golf on Wintergreen's two diverse courses either at the mountaintop Devils Knob or at Stoney Creek, located down the mountain in the Rockfish Valley.
- **2.** Adventure. Try mountain tubing, high energy Zip line, or water sports at Lake Monocan.
- **3. Mother Nature.** Wintergreen Nature Foundation is a vast source of knowledge about Wintergreen Mountain heritage, archeological finds, flora, and fauna. The Foundation staff designs signature hikes that vary with the season, among which include In Search of Virginia Wildflowers, Journey to High Places, and Navigating the Knob.
- **4.** Take a Hike. Wintergreen boasts a network of well-marked trails on the mountains and in the Rockfish Valley below. The original Appalachian Trail traverses historic Wintergreen property and offers an ideal location to observe the fall raptor migration.

- **5. Brew Ridge Trail.** A burgeoning industry of craft breweries, distilleries, and cideries constitute the brewridgetrail.com. The sublime waters and plentiful locally grown ingredients offer an ideal combination for making refreshing beverages.
- 6. Tennis Anyone? Wintergreen has earned a Gold Medal Resort award as a Tennis Resorts Online "Top 25 Tennis Resorts and Tennis Camps for 2017." The resort has appeared among the top 30 tennis resorts in the country since the inception of the rankings in 2000. Wintergreen Tennis Academy also was named among the "Top 10 Tennis Camps" for the 14th consecutive year.
- 7. Wintergreen Summer Music Festival and Academy. Professional musicians and artists join forces with aspiring student musicians and faculty, July 8 through August 6, with classical, jazz, pop, and Broadway performances set in the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains.
- 8. Presidential History. Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States, lived in the neighborhood. He designed and built Monticello, his classic hilltop home on the outskirts of Charlottesville and filled it with his unique inventions and all kinds of fascinating treasures. James Monroe, the nation's fifth president, lived with his family in Highland, an Albemarle "cabin castle" adjacent to Monticello.
- **9.** Nelson County. Thriving wineries, apple cideries, antiques and boutiques, peach and apple orchards are easily access off Virginia State Route 152, a short and scenic drive from Wintergreen Resort.
- **10. Chill**. Wintergreen Spa offers a menu of soothing treatments and unlimited access to the Wintergreen Aquatics and Fitness Center.

Wintergreen Resort lodging options are suitable for couples to large families, and include 230 villa-style condominiums and rental homes. Cozy studio suites to nine-bedroom homes, each offering a fully equipped kitchen, and comfortable living area, and most come with fireplaces and a balcony or deck, are available for nightly, weekly, or even monthly rental.

For more information call 888-329-5828 or visit www.wintergreenresort.com.

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**About Wintergreen Resort:** Wintergreen Resort is an 11,000-acre, four-season resort located in the Blue Ridge Mountains southwest of Charlottesville, Va. This beautiful hideaway is the ultimate vacation and conference spot, nearly 230 condominium-style accommodations; 45 holes of championship golf; snow skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing; an award-winning tennis program; a full-service, destination spa; 40,000 square feet of meeting and event space; and savory dining options. The resort is located adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in beautiful central Virginia near Charlottesville, just 90 minutes from Richmond, Va., three hours from Washington, D.C. and Raleigh, N.C., five and a half hours from Philadelphia, and eight hours from Atlanta. For more information, guests can call (434) 325-2200 or visit the resort's web site at www.wintergreenresort.com.

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