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## Wild Virginia Hosts Their Own Film Festival for the First Time

February 28<sup>th</sup>, Charlottesville VA – Wild Virginia, a grassroots organization dedicated to protecting and connecting Virginia’s wild places, is going out on their own this year and hosting their *very own* film festival. This will allow them to highlight the films closest to their hearts and this region.

Their feature film will be [Hidden Rivers](#), a film exploring America’s richest waters. Ten years in the making, Hidden Rivers is Freshwaters Illustrated’s newest feature film that explores the rivers and streams of the Southern Appalachian region, North America’s most biologically rich waters. The film follows the work of conservation biologists and explorers throughout the region and reveals both the beauty and vulnerability of these ecosystems.

In addition to Hidden Rivers, Wild Virginia will also be showcasing other short films, have industry experts at the shows, prizes to raffle, and information on how you get involved after a night of inspiring films.

Wild Virginia has cultivated an atmosphere and excitement from other film screening events that patrons have come to expect from their sold-out shows in the past.

The first showing will be on May 5 in Staunton at the Visulite Cinema at 6:30pm. The second will be on May 6 in Charlottesville at the Violet Crown Theater at 6:30pm. Tickets are now on sale, and you can purchase for both showings by visiting <https://wildvirginia.org/our-programs/recreation/film-festival/>.

The Wild Virginia Film Festival brings empowering environmental films to Virginia. Their festival highlights the places people love and teach festival-goers ways that they help protect them.

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Wild Virginia is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is protecting and connecting your favorite wild places. We educate citizens, landowners, and other stakeholders about threats to our forests through hikes, outings and events. We advocate for the connectivity and integrity of Virginia’s forests and waters. We influence decision makers by mobilizing citizens. Our three main campaigns are outings & education, water & energy, and habitat & connectivity. Become a member today! By joining Wild Virginia, you add your voice to hundreds of other Virginians speaking out to protect our wild places, and memberships are the backbone of our grassroots funding. We also say thank you by inviting you on special outings and to members-only events or giving you 10 percent off at many local businesses.