

2024 Hillsborough Climate Challenge Green Guide



From art exhibits to recycling, local agriculture and greenways, there is plenty to explore and enjoy at this year's Hillsborough Climate Challenge. Use your Green Guide to find what's on, locations and details.

Events with an (S) denote an event or activity that earns you a stamp on your Passport, on our journey to a Better, Stronger, Greener Hillsborough. Visit us online for the latest information about the Hillsborough Climate Challenge:



March 29th

Last Fridays and Art Exhibit at the Skylight Gallery: Hunter Levinsohn, 'Reuse, Recycle, Redress, Repeat' (S)

Downtown Hillsborough

<https://skylightgallerync.wordpress.com/>

Stop by our tent outside Cup-A-Joe and pick up your 2024 Hillsborough Climate Challenge Passport if you haven't already, and a reusable cup! Then visit the wonderful Skylight Gallery for a climate themed exhibit by Hunter Levinsohn, 'Reuse, Recycle, Redress, Repeat'.
Location: Skylight Gallery, 102 W. King Street, Hillsborough, 27278
Opening Reception at Skylight Gallery: 6:00pm-9:00pm

April 1

Climate Display (S)

Orange County Public Library
137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, 27278
All month long

<https://orangecountync.gov/3009/Library>

Stop in any day during the month of April and check out the Orange County Library's display of climate books and media. Be sure to ask about the 'The Future We Choose' book discussion on the 17th, to join a Zoom discussion of ***The Future We Choose: The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis***. Email jane@RambleRillFarm.com by April 16 for a Zoom link. Reading the book is encouraged but not required. Bring your thoughts and questions for a conversation about our eco challenges, and how we can change what we know about climate change into what we can do about climate change.

Meatless Monday

Start a Meatless Monday tradition in your home. Learn more about how eating less meat can help our environment by visiting <https://www.mondaycampaigns.org/meatless-monday>
Our daily food choices have a direct impact on the health of the planet. Small changes add up – right down to what you choose to eat.

April 2

Recycling Do's and Don'ts (S)

Passmore Center
103 Meadowlands Dr, Hillsborough, 27278
4-5:30 p.m.

<https://www.orangecountync.gov/1149/Waste-Recycling-Centers>

Discussion and Q&A: Want to recycle, but find it a little confusing? Sort through the recycling, and the confusion, with an informative talk from Orange County Waste Management.

Visit the Orange County Historical Museum

Orange County Historical Museum
201 N Churton St, Hillsborough, 27278
Opening Hours 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily (Wednesdays by Appointment)

<https://www.orangehistorync.org/>

"Conserving and Reusing in Orange County History."

This short and enlightening tour contrasts the ways that before disposable items, people in the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries built things to last and repaired or repurposed their furniture

and clothing. At the Museum, Kids Space is a hands-on gallery where children can leave electronic devices behind and learn through play what life was like in Hillsborough 200 years ago. No batteries required.

April 3

Earth and Climate Exhibits (S)

Various Local Galleries

Various Times

Hillsborough is home to many wonderful artists and galleries. A range of galleries will be participating in the 2024 Hillsborough Climate Challenge with Earth and climate change themed exhibits and shows. Here are just a few - visit the Hillsborough Climate Challenge 'Arts and Eats' page for more info and a full list of galleries and exhibitions.

- Hillsborough Gallery of Arts: <https://www.hillsboroughgallery.com/>
- Margaret Lane Gallery - <https://margaretlanegallery.com/>
- Tom Stevens Arts - <https://thomasstevens.com/>

Eat Local

Start a tradition to support our amazing local restaurants once a week (or more!). Visit our '[Arts and Eats](#)' page for participating restaurants and look for our Climate Challenge sign in restaurant windows. Participating restaurants will have a climate-friendly special item on their menu this month. Snap a picture of your special climate-friendly meal (or even better, a selfie!) and post it on Facebook or Instagram. Don't forget to tag us and use our hashtags, #HillsboroughClimateChallenge, #BetterStrongerGreener!

April 4

Composting Demo (S)

The Bonnie B. Davis Environment and Agricultural Center

1020 US-70 West, Hillsborough, 27278

3-4:30 p.m.

Composting is a vital part of living a sustainable lifestyle, but it can be confusing! Learn from the Orange County Master Gardener Volunteers on how to get it right, at the Bonnie B. Davis Environment and Agricultural Center. Visit their website <https://orange.ces.ncsu.edu/> for directions and more information and resources on gardening, the environment, and more.

Recycle and Reuse

How your shop can help the environment, too, if you recycle and reuse! Shop and drop off at local thrift stores this month like [ReStore](#), [Orange Congregations in Mission](#), [Paws4ever Resale Store](#), and [Goodwill Industries](#).

April 5

Earth/ Climate Exhibits (S)

First Fridays at Eno Arts Mill

437 Dimmocks Mill Rd., Suite 17
6-9 p.m.

<https://artsorange.org/enomill/>

Visit the Eno Arts Mill for the April "First Friday" to support amazing local artists and see artwork exploring our planet's health and climate change.

Purple Crow Books (S)

109 W King St., Hillsborough, 27278

Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

<http://www.purplecrowbooks.com/>

Throughout the month of April, stop in at Purple Crow Books and browse the display of climate related books for both children and adults. Be sure to spot ***The Future We Choose: The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis***, a realistic assessment of the challenge of climate change and mitigating actions that can be taken by individuals and communities. Ask about registering for our April 17th Zoom conversation about the book and email jane@RambleRillFarm.com by April 16 for a Zoom link. Reading the book is encouraged but not required.

April 6

Talks Along Riverwalk (S)

Access the Riverwalk from South Cameron Street and look for the signs

<https://www.hillsboroughnc.gov/community/recreation-facilities/riverwalk/>

The Riverwalk along the Eno River in Hillsborough is a treasured community path where we can all enjoy nature and be reminded of its importance. On April 6th, enjoy a stroll and a range of enlightening talks.

- Tour Hillsborough's Community Garden 10 a.m.-noon (S)
- Occoneechee Earth Talk 10-11 a.m. (S)
- "We can All Be River Keepers": River Keeper Talk at the Occoneechee Indian Village 11 a.m.-noon (S)

Eno Farmers Market and Compost Station (S)

144 E Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, 27278

Saturdays 8 a.m.- noon

<https://www.enoriverfarmersmarket.com/>

Every Saturday, stop by the Eno River Farmer's market and buy local products, support local farmers, artisans, and businesses. Earn a stamp by stopping by the Market's Compost Station (S) and drop off your food waste in the parking lot! Help reduce the amount of trash in our bins and in landfills – and find something nice from a range of local products at the Market.

April 7

Becoming an Earth Friendly Church Roundtable (S)

Hillsborough Presbyterian Church

102 W Tryon St, Hillsborough, 27278

1-2:30 p.m.

<https://www.hillsboroughpres.org/>

Is your church active in earth care or interested in becoming more involved in being stewards of God's earth? Learn more about what it means to be an Earth Friendly Church. Tour, Round Table, and Q&A.

Solar Panel Home Tour and Q&A (S)

Home addresses to be announced

2-4 p.m.

Visit solar power homes in Hillsborough and learn more about solar panel installation and ownership. Ask questions and hear what it's like to learn in a solar panel home, and the importance of solar power. Check out a home video about a Tesla installation

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OK0bV9ciUuZQ0Olw7_k2nIWUYvyVZMRZ/view?usp=drive_web

April 8

Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour

355 Elizabeth Brady Road, Hillsborough, 27278

2-4 p.m.

<https://www.hillsboroughnc.gov/government/departments/utilities/wastewater-treatment-plant/>

Come tour Hillsborough's Award Winning Wastewater Treatment Plant and learn how it helps the health of the Eno River, treating and cleaning our water and returning it to the Eno cleaner than before. Learn more about this vital process that connects us to our water resources.

Participants must be at least 10 years old, and a liability waiver will be provided for all participants to sign before the tour begins.

Meatless Monday

April 9

Hillsborough Comprehensive Sustainability Plan Q&A (S)

Orange County Library

137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, 27278

6:30-7:30 p.m.

<https://assets.hillsboroughnc.gov/media/documents/public/comprehensive-sustainability-plan-full-plan.pdf>

Learn how the Town of Hillsborough's Comprehensive Sustainability Plan is guiding Hillsborough to be a more sustainable, resilient community in the face of climate change. Q&A with Stephanie Trueblood, Public Space and Sustainability Manager.

April 10

How to Reduce Your Home's Carbon Footprint (S)

<https://www.orangehabitat.org/contact/staff-directory/construction/richard-turlington>

Orange County Public Library

137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, 27278

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Richard Turlington, Vice President of Construction, Habitat for Humanity, will lead this enlightening talk on reducing your home carbon footprint. Learn tips for saving energy in new builds as well as in existing homes.

April 11

Shop Climate-Friendly Products

Weaver Street Market

228 South Churton Street, Hillsborough, 27278

8 a.m.-9 p.m. Daily

<https://www.weaverstreetmarket.coop/location/hillsborough/>

Weaver Street Market is much more than a grocery store. It is a co-op market that features sustainable products ranging from local seafood to produce and home-cleaning products to recycled toilet paper. Browse a new display of climate-friendly products for the Hillsborough Climate Challenge at Weaver Street Market today!

Eat Local

April 12

Climate Talk

RambleRill Farm

913 Arthur Minnis Road, Hillsborough, 27278

7-8:30 p.m.

<https://anthropology.unc.edu/person/donald-m-nonini/>

Come out to the beautiful setting of RambleRill Farm for this informative conversation with anthropologist and UNC Professor Emeritus Donald Nonini, Ph.D., author of the upcoming book *Food Activism: Sustainability, Climate Change and Social Justice*. Bring your questions and thoughts about food production, food consumption, and their relationships to climate change. Light refreshments will be available.

April 13

Electric Vehicle Expo (S)

Board of Elections parking lot

208 S Cameron Street (easily walkable from the Farmers Market)

10 a.m.-noon

Electric vehicles are appearing more and more as part of pollution and fossil fuel use reduction. Stop by the Board of Elections parking lot, see a variety of EVs up close and chat with their owners about their experiences in owning, maintaining, operating and charging their vehicles. This expo will include electric cars, plug-in hybrids, trucks, bikes and scooters of various makes and models.

Forest Walks and Talks (S)

RambleRill Farm

913 Arthur Minnis Road

3-5 p.m.; Walks take place 3 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

<https://www.ramblerillfarm.com/>

Embrace nature on a guided walk through the beautiful spring woods at RambleRill Farm. Learn about the roles forests play in human and environmental health. Also present at RambleRill will be representatives of the Orange County Master Gardeners, the Town of Hillsborough Tree Board, Farmer FoodShare and Purple Crow Books at this amazing event bringing together many ways to learn about and enjoy nature in one afternoon – and even enjoy a taste of pine needle tea!

April 14

The Buzz About Pollinators at the Bee Hotel (S)

Gold Park

415 Dimmocks Mill Rd, Hillsborough, NC 27278

2-4 p.m.

<https://www.hillsboroughnc.gov/community/recreation-facilities/bee-hotel/>

Climate change is stressing and challenging pollinators – bees and other insects. Learn from the Orange County Master Gardener Volunteers how to keep pollinators healthy and happy! See a beehive at work and enjoy fun activities at Gold Park's pollinator garden. Kids get free seeds!

April 15

Earth-Friendly Burial Options (S)

Orange County Public Library

137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, 27278

1-2:30 p.m.

<https://www.bluestemcemetery.org/>

<https://endswellcremation.com>

Even burial options can be more sustainable and support efforts to counteract climate change. Learn about Earth-Friendly burials from Bluestem Conservation Cemetery and Endswell Aquamation/Cremation.

Meatless Monday

April 16

Climate Talk

Orange County Public Library

137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, 27278

6:30-8pm

<https://nicholasinstitute.duke.edu/people/ashley-ward>

Dr. Ashley Ward, Director of the Heat Policy Innovation Hub with the Nicholas Institute for Energy, Environment and Sustainability, will guide us through aspects of climate policy and resilience in this talk, "Charting the Climate Policy Landscape: Reflections on Historic Legislation and Future Pathways for Adaptation and Resilience".

April 17

Zoom Book Discussion

Online (register for link)

7-8:30 p.m.

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/623543/the-future-we-choose-by-christiana-figueres-and-tom-rivett-carnac/>

Join us on Zoom to discuss an exciting book on climate challenges, ***The Future We Choose: The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis***, authored by two of the leaders behind the 2015 Paris Agreement. This important book is a realistic assessment of the challenge of climate change and mitigating actions that can be taken by individuals and communities. Reading the book is encouraged but not required. Email jane@RambleRillFarm.com by April 16 for a Zoom link.

Eat Local

April 18

Climate Lunch and Learn (S)

Orange County Public Library

137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, 27278

Noon-1:30pm

Bring your lunch, Earth-saving ideas, and product recommendations to share at the Orange County Public Library! We'll discuss our successes, challenges, and solutions while trying to 'Go Green'.

Walk the Historic Occoneechee Speedway Trail

Historic Occoneechee Speedway

320 Elizabeth Brady Rd., Hillsborough, 27278

All day

<https://visithillsboroughnc.com/things-to-do/historic-occoneechee-speedway-trail/>

The Historic Occoneechee Speedway Trail is rich in natural and cultural history, and is right here in Hillsborough. Immerse yourself in nature and enjoy the beauty of this easily-accessible trail. Be sure to spot the historic Speedway race car and spectator stands along the trail. Enjoy a picnic at one of the picnic tables.

April 19

Watch 2040

Online

[2040 - Official Trailer](#)

Watch this informative and inspiring film created by the Regenerators, a growing worldwide movement of people interested in learning about regeneration and how we can improve our ecological and social systems with better regenerative practices. Streaming on Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV and Tubi.

April 20

Regenerative Farm Tour

Union Grove Farm Center for Regenerative Agriculture

3501 Dairyland Road, Hillsborough, 27278

9-11am

<https://uniongrovefarm.com/>

Visit Union Grove Farm to experience regenerative farming in action at their beautiful vineyard. Learn about the importance of sustainable farming to our community and positive impact to climate change, spend time with their 300 Katahdin sheep, enjoy some fresh air and learn about regenerative agriculture.

April 21

Climate Challenge Celebration

Planet-friendly Products Expo and Info

Blackwood Farm

4215 NC-86, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

2-4pm

Come to Blackwood Farm Pavilion and join in the celebration and culmination of the 2024 Hillsborough Climate Challenge and our community effort to make Hillsborough Better, Stronger, Greener. Browse Earth-friendly products and demos while listening to live music. An exciting range of vendors will be onsite with tips, tools and products: reusable bags, stainless steel straws, electric lawn equipment, compost bins, night sky and climate-friendly outdoor lighting, organic and local CBD hemp products, green cleaning products, paper towel alternatives, dryer balls and more.

Weaver Street Demonstration

Weaver Street Market will host an enlightening demonstration on how their waste reduction efforts affect our environmental outcomes, business results, and community food security.

Electric Vehicle Expo

See a variety of EVs up close, including electric cars, trucks, bikes and scooters along with plug-in hybrids. Chat with their owners and learn more about how these vehicles work, what it's like to own them, and why they are important.

Make Your Climate Pledges, Count Your Stamps, and Win a Prize

Let's take what we've learned and move forward! Make three climate-friendly pledges, and count your passport stamps. The 10 participants with the most stamps will win prizes!

April 22

EARTH DAY!

Start Your Pledges! Let's make Hillsborough be BETTER, STRONGER, GREENER!