Very Important Parks Person 32nd Annual Picnic Twin Falls State Park

Picnic, activities, and fun outdoors - join us.

Play Golf at Twin Falls

VIPPers playing golf will have greens fees included in motorized golf cart rental. This option requires the golfer to call Twin Falls at 304-294-4044 tell the pro shop attendant you are attending the VIPP Picnic and make your tee time. This activity is available on Friday, Saturday after 2:00 p.m., and on Sunday.

The Restaurant at Twin Falls Lodge is open daily.

Hours: 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Lunch on Saturday is included in the picnic reservation fee. Other meals are on your own.

FRIDAY – AUGUST 24, 2018

Nature Center - Hours: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Other daily activities may be scheduled and open to anyone. These are posted at the park

7:00 p.m. Batty! Yes indeed, these specials winged mammals are important "Evening creatures and a waxing gibbous moon"

Sam Parker, Naturalist, Twin Falls Resort State Park At the park lodge.

8:15 p.m. Get Glowing! Let's Glow

Meet at the golf pro shop to **Glow walking!** A super fun evening activity.

Walk the cart path on the front nine of the golf course with a glow stick and VIPP friends.

A most memorable evening! Starts a dusk and concludes by the light of 98% full moon – a Sturgeon Moon!

Deana Cook – Glow Walk Organizer – is super excited to have VIPPers at Twin Falls

SATURDAY – AUGUST 25, 2018

Coffee in the lodge lobby.

Breakfast buffet in the restaurant. Fee based.

An Appalachian Luau

The mountains and valleys of Twin Falls are a festive setting where people may enjoy gathering together in the outdoors dressed in colors of nature – luau style.

Enjoy our time together!

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. VIPP PICNIC DAY REGISTRATION OPENS

Carol & friends will be waiting on you! Twin Falls Resort State Park – at the lodge area.

PIONEER FARM

Farmers Mike and Lisa Mullens will greet VIPPers at the Pioneer Farm this morning from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. if you choose to take a morning drive.

Twin Falls Lodge and Lodge Area

9:30a until Noon Music in the Courtyard w/ DJ J&J Music

A blend of beach music and bluegrass kicks off Appalachian Luau.

Other Saturday Activities planned:

CRAFTS: Tie-Dve

Chris Bartley, Naturalist, Watoga State Park – Lodge Area. Attendees get a bandana,

and everyone creates a colorful memento of our picnic time together.

Surprise Craft or other activities - Lodge Area or Lawn

GUESS – GUESS AGAIN! Games

Guessing Winner announced at Picnic

HAYRIDES – An Appalachian Luau must include hayrides. Departing from the lodge for a 15-20-minute hee-haw trip and back to the lodge. (It's our Appalachian Uber - no App or ride reservation needed!)

OUTDOOR GAMES Cornhole and other games! On the lawn area

A SPECIAL PICNIC GIFT

Homer Laughlin representative from Newell WV will be presenting a short history of state park china in West Virginia. The 2018 picnic gift is the finale' of each presentation.

SWIMMING - There is an indoor swimming pool at Twin Falls Lodge for overnight guests. If you are attending the VIPP picnic and not staying overnight, the pool is available. Bring a towel. We'll have some available.

Other activities to be confirmed nearer picnic day!



32nd Annual VIPP PICNIC Twin Falls Resort State Park



11:45 p.m. Begin to gather!

Gather together! It's PICNIC TIME Noon

Remarks by Parks Chief Sam England and other guests kick off this year's event.

We'll gather at the lodge for a luau picnic – Appalachian-style! Wear your Jimmy Buffet or your Buck Owens-style shirts, colorful garb, cool caps or hat and enjoy. With homemade meat loaf and chicken as the main attraction, Janet and Carol promise a variety of picnic side dishes, cool beverages and yummy sweets. Door prizes w/ Carol. Prize for most creative Appalachian Luau ensemble.

Saturday Afternoon

After 2:00 p.m. Golf play.

VIPP Bandana – Second chance to tie-dye your bandana. Other activities may 2:00 p.m.

be added and on the program upon arrival for the picnic.

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Appalachia Uber - Hayrides depart from the campground store, shuttle riders to the parking are of the Pioneer Fam and pick up (shuttle) folks that have visited the farm.

Pioneer Farm - If you don't take the Appalachian Uber (aka hayride), drive to the Scout Field parking lot and take the short hike to the Pioneer Farm. You'll be greeted and learn about the farm history and current working aspects from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. You may hail a ride on the Appalachian Uber from the farm back to your car if there is an available haybale. It's an Appalachian Hayride.

Dinner on your own.

Twin Falls Restaurant opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 9:00 p.m. daily.

An Appalachian Luau Evening at the Playground

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6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Twin Falls Playground Area – Lower end of Golf Course Parking Lot. J&J Music playing tunes from beach to bluegrass. Colorful lays for attendees. Prizes to win. Bubbles for fun. Games. Decorated to enjoy an evening outdoors. Wear colorful clothing, dance a little and enjoy. This event is open to the public. Family and kid friendly. Fee free. Refreshments.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Beginning **BIRDING and** a **MORNING WALK** with Sam Parker, Naturalist.

Golf

VIPPS may consider golf play between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Call for tee times. See registration form. Show VIPP Picnic name tag with rental of motorized golf cart includes greens fees.

The picnic requires registration in advance and is a fee-based event.

This information is provided so you know most of the activities planned.

An activity schedule will be available at the picnic.

Room or cabin reservation may be made by calling 304-294-4000

Tell the clerk you are attending the VIPP picnic.

Carol can not take room, cabin or campsite reservations.

Campsites are reservable! Please call to make reservations.

VIPPers are extended a 50% off campsite rate

Remember – Mail your reservation form to Carol Stewart to attend the picnic. Your overnight reservations (lodge, cabins or camping) are made directly with Twin Falls State Park by calling 304-294-4000.

Carol can't take or assist with room reservations and Twin Falls can't take picnic registration.

~ TRAVELING TO TWIN FALLS STATE PARK ~

Twin Falls is located southwest of Beckley, which is served by the West Virginia Turnpike (I-77) and I-64. Exit I-64/I-77 at Beckley, West Virginia, at Exit 42 (marked Beckley and Robert C. Byrd Drive). From Exit 42, it is 28 miles (45 minutes) to Twin Falls Lodge.

Turn right onto state Route 16 South/state Route 97 West (marked Sophia, Mullens). Drive approximately 3.5 miles on Route 16 South/Route 97 West. This is a four-lane road. Bear right onto state Route 54 South toward Mullens. Drive approximately 15 miles on state Route 54 South. Please observe posted speed limits.

At Maben, turn right onto state Route 97 west. Drive 5.5 miles on state Route 97 West.

At stop sign, turn left onto Bear Hole Road. It is 4.1 miles to Twin Falls Lodge.

Other 2018 Events Planned at Twin Falls State Park

September 8th Three Rivers Avian Center

TRAC's award-winning public outreach programs are carefully designed to help individuals understand the native birds and ecosystems around them and to encourage individuals in ecosystem stewardship. Join us for a great evening with Three Rivers Avian Center and the raptors. Azalea Room @ 7:00 pm

September 21st-23rd 36th Annual Lumberjack Festival

A family-oriented event, featuring a Lumberjack competition, music, hayrides, and a variety of arts and crafts by area residents. The Lumberjack Competition is Saturday only and begins at 10:00am. College Timber Sports Teams will be competing in ax throw, log roll, crosscut saw, chain saw, one-man bucking, bolt splitting, horizontal chop, pole fell and more. Ballfield location.

Oct 5th-7th Fall Photo Workshop

Professional photographers Steve Shaluta, Steve Rotsch and park superintendent Scott Durham are the workshop instructors. If you're an amateur photographer or a working pro, you will pick up lots of tips to increase your photo skills. The workshop is the perfect time to learn new skills and hone old ones.

Nov 9th-11th Song Writer's Workshop

Instructors ASCAP songwriter Jim Ritchey and nationally acclaimed BMI songwriter Kelley Hunt. Workshop sessions will cover topics including creativity, songwriting techniques, collaboration, music business basics and many other related subjects Workshop size will be limited, and reservations are required.

Dec 31st - New Year's Package is a Masquerade Party.

Dress to theme or casual. DJ Dave Alley will be spinning the hits and counting us down to the New Year. Party favors and a champagne toast at midnight are also included. Reservations are required.

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