



WEST VIRGINIA
**state
parks**

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Monday, August 26, 2024

Nature Center Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

10:30 a.m. Black Bears– Join the summer naturalist to hear more about the state mammal of West Virginia and safety in it's habitat. Program is about one hour and includes an build a beast activity fun for all ages. **YPP**

1:00 p.m. Movie Time– Join the staff for a viewing of a film based on a student in Coalwood, WV in 1957 that created his own rocket. About 1.5 hours. Rated PG

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Nature Center Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Hiking with Della– Join the summer naturalist at the trailhead of Ekalaka near Blackwater Lodge for this nature interpretative walk along a section of Ekalaka trail. Trail contains roots, rocks and uneven ground. Hiking stick recommended. Sturdy shoes required. Well behaved leashed pets welcome to attend with owner. Program is about 70 minutes and one mile. **YPP**

11:00 a.m. Plant Pounding– Join the staff to create a work of art using a plant, hammer and piece of cloth. Free. Event may be held outdoors or indoors so bring a jacket. Program is about 45 minutes. **YPP**

2:00 p.m. Wildlife Observation Hike and Sun Print Craft . Join the summer naturalist for a fun scavenger hunt looking for anything nature related. How many of each will we find? Afterwards, create a work of art using sun sensitive paper and sunshine. Free. **YPP**

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Nature Center Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Welcome McCarter Bus Tour

10:00 a.m. Let's Leap into Leaves- Join the staff to learn about tree identification then stroll outside to try your skills on a live tree and play a game of Tree Tag. Suitable for 10 years of age to adults. Class is indoors and outdoors. Class is about one hour. **YPP**

11:30 a.m. Movie & Leaf Art Craft– Join the staff to create a plaster of Paris leaf for \$1.00 or use crayons to create a window decoration for \$1.00. **YPP**

1:00 p.m. Geology of the Area– Join the recreation assistant to explore the local geology through interpretation of rocks, maps and use of augmented sandbox. All ages Welcome. Includes a rock card craft. Program is about one hour and held indoors. **YPP**

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Nature Center Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Morning along Pendleton Lake– The naturalist leads this stroll along Pendleton Lake in search of wildlife that are active in the morning. Program is about one hour and involves walking less than 1/2 mile along uneven, possibly wet terrain. **YPP**

11:00 a.m. Meet our Snakes– Join the naturalist for a meet and greet of our nature center snakes. Program is about one hour and includes an opportunity to touch a live snake if the snake is willing.

1:00 p.m. Cooking with Nature– Join the volunteer, Beverly, for today's surprise cooking class involving an herb or other nature item to create a yummy treat. This is a hands on activity and eating is at own risk. Class is about 1 hour. **YPP**

2:15 p.m. Plant a Herb Garden Craft– Join the staff to create a herb garden for your kitchen. Craft fee is \$2.00. **YPP**

Friday, August 30, 2024

Nature Center Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

11:00 a.m. Finding Your Way- Join the recreation attendant to learn about using a map and a compass. Optional craft activity available for kids at the end of program for a fee of \$3.00. Program is about 1 hour. **YPP**

1:00 p.m. Eyeshine– Join the summer naturalist for this presentation about the glowing eyes of the night. Suitable for all ages. Optional craft activity. Program is indoors and about 30 minutes. **YPP**

2:00 p.m. Leaf Press Craft- Join the staff to create a press to help preserve your fall leaves. Craft fee: \$3.00.

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Saturday, August 31, 2024

Nature Center Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m.

10:30 a.m. Fern, Fern Allies and More Walk– Join the seasonal naturalist for a walk along park trails toward Pendleton Point and back looking and practicing identification skills of local ferns, fern allies and perhaps a wildflower before they die off for the winter. Program is less than 1/2 mile and relatively easy walking expected to last one hour. **YPP**

11:00 a.m. . Plants as Dye & Tie -Dye a Souvenir—Join the summer naturalist and recreation assistant to hear about how plants have been used for dye and create a unique souvenir to take home using a t-shirt and tie dye. Craft fee is \$10.00 adult sizes, \$8.00 youth sizes. End of season so sizes limited to first come basis.

1:00 p.m. Campfire Fun– Join the seasonal naturalist and summer naturalist for an afternoon of traditional campfire songs, storytelling and a campfire treat. Program is held outside at campfire circle of nature center. Expect program to last one hour. **YPP**

5:30 p.m. Sundown at Pendleton Lake – Join the seasonal naturalist for this stroll along Pendleton Lake in search of wildlife that becomes active in the evening. Will we see a Beaver? A Muskrat? A Bat? Or what will we hear? Program is about one hour and involves walking less than 1/2 mile along uneven, possibly wet terrain. **YPP**

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Nature Center Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Two Truths and a Lie Stroll– Join the summer naturalist for this program where she tells you two truths and one lie about something. Will you spot the lie? Program is about one hour along park trails from nature center to Pendleton Point and return. Program is about one hour and one mile. **YPP**

11:00 a.m. Let's learn microscopes–Join the staff for this hands on presentation learning how to use a microscope through fun activities. Program is indoors and about one hour. **YPP**


1:00 p.m. Shaving Cream Art– Join the staff to have a messy art session using shaving cream, watercolor and paper to create a unique work of art. Perhaps purchase a turtle T-shirt to try this skill on a white t-shirt. Shirt Price is \$10.00 adults, \$8.00 youth. Shaving Cream Art only is \$1.00.

2:00 p.m. Habitat Plate Craft– Join the summer naturalist to learn about habitats then color, cut and glue a habitat. **FREE. YPP**

Monday September 2, 2024

Nature Center Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. The Resilient Forest Film– Join the recreation attendant for this documentary about the forest found in West Virginia. **YPP**

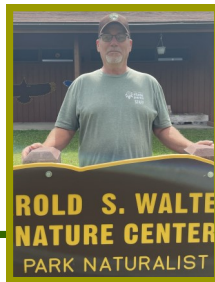
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- Keep pet leashed—
 - Activities that are pet friendly are indicated by leashed pet icon beside activity.
 - Walk facing Traffic on roadways • Bike with traffic on roadways
 - Stay on designated trails to preserve the landscape and to stay found in an emergency.
 - Please, observe that some park trails border private or National Forest property. Observing the park boundaries and aware of hunting seasons is advised
 - Walking with a partner or group is recommended • Carry extra water for your family and your pet
 - All programs are free unless otherwise noted.
 - Our programs are designed to educate and entertain folks of all ages. Children under 12 must have an adult with them at programs.
 - Please, plan to arrive 5 minutes early for program . If you show-we go unless safety is a concern.
 - Programs begin promptly at scheduled time. • A no show or late arrivals may cancel the activity
 - Please, contact the Nature Center for any program changes.
 - Rattlesnakes and other wildlife Live Here! Keep pet leashed and family aware of surroundings.

- All Activities meet at Harold Walters Nature Center unless otherwise noted in description.

Meet our Staff



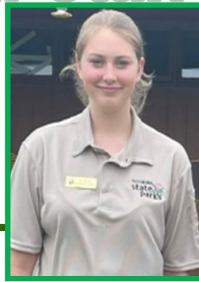
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Young People for Parks Program (YPP)

Program listed as YPP is *open to all ages* but qualifies to meet the youth requirements to earn the YPP patch: To Earn the patch

(1) you must be age 6-16 years. (2) Attend Three of the Blackwater Falls State Park activities listed as YPP qualified (3) Complete the brochure and Meet with us at the Nature Center to retrieve your patch. *Exclusive at Blackwater Falls State Park*—

The Rattlesnake Pin ask at Harold Walters Nature Center how your child can earn this unique Pin.

Since 1978, the Harold Walters Nature Center has been educating & facilitating environmental education through the park's vast natural resources by offering a variety of free to low cost programs designed to assist visitors to learn more about the natural world.

Naturalist staff may also be available to conduct programs for school groups and organized groups at the park or nearby community Call 304-259-5511 for more information

CHECK OUT OUR KIDS EXPLORATION BACKPACK

The individual borrowing the Exploration Tool kit will be responsible for picking up and dropping off this resource at Harold Walters Nature Center during regular business hours of nature center.