



WEST VIRGINIA
**state
parks**

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. Spruce Bog Hike– Join the summer naturalist and park naturalist at the trailhead of Gentle Trail to cross the road and walk a portion of Yellow Birch trail through a bog and woods back to park road. Program is about 90 minutes and one mile. Sturdy shoes required and hiking stick recommended. **YPP**

12:00 p.m. Wetland Crafts– Join the staff to create a wetland themed craft for FREE.

1:30 p.m. Youth Wild for Grasshoppers– Join the summer naturalist to learn about grasshoppers through fun activities then actively search for live grasshoppers. Program is about 45 minutes. **YPP**

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Nature Center 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Naturalist conducting a blooming plant survey for Monarch Joint Venture self selected site.

Thursday, September 5, 2024

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

11:00 a.m. Fall Wreath Craft & Movie Join the staff to use artificial flowers, glue and more to create a fall wreath for your door while enjoying a movie of their choosing. Craft fee is \$12.00 each.

Friday, September 6, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. Bird Identification Fun– Join the seasonal naturalist for an introduction to bird identification followed by a stroll outside looking and listening for birds as we play a bird scavenger hunt. Program is about one hour and little walking. **YPP**

1:30 p.m. Youth Wild-Who Lives in a Tree? Join the summer naturalist for the reading of a book by Rebekah Raye of a squirrel looking for his bed. Afterwards, she will read a poem and sings some songs, etc. Program is designed for youth ages 3-7 About 30 minutes. **YPP**

Saturday, September 7, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. Meet our Turtles– Join the summer naturalist to hear the story of our nature center turtles and more about turtles found in West Virginia. Program is about 1 hour and includes an optional craft activity. Free. **YPP**

11:30 a.m. Youth Wild for Spiders Program & Craft– Join the recreation attendant to learn about spiders in general and some that call the mountain state home while creating a fun spider and web craft. FREE. **YPP**

1:00 p.m. Amber and Craft – Join the recreation attendant to learn about the amber while you uncover a piece of amber. Program is about one hour and indoors. Project takes time and effort to uncover the amber so may not be suitable for all ages . **YPP**. Craft fee is \$4.00

2:00 p.m. Tie Dye a Souvenir T-shirt. Craft fee is \$10.00 for adult sizes and \$8.00 for youth sizes.

Sunday, September 8, 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 and Popcorn– 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

Monday, September 9-Thursday, September 12, 2024

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

Staff will be working on various projects throughout the day but will be available to assist any visitors that visit the nature center.

Astronomy Weekend is September 12-14, 2024

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Astronomy Weekend
September 12 - 14, 2024

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Dusk - Star Party - Harold Walters Nature Center (Weather permitting)

Friday, September 13, 2024

12:30 - 1:00 Welcome Reception— Conference Center

1:00 - 1:45 Jay Lockman - SETI The Scientific Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence

2:00 - 2:45 Sue Bassett - Nancy Grace Roman and the Hubble Class Space Telescopes

3:00 - 3:45 Dave Holden - Meteorites

4:00 - 4:45 Brent Maynard - Use of the Seestar Telescope

5:00 - 5:45. Bill Brown - West Virginia Astrophotography Association Use of the ZWO AM5 Mount

6:00 - 7:00 Dinner

7:00 - 7:45 Astronomy Q and A Session - Hosted by KVAS, WVAA and the Blackwater Falls Stargazers Harold Walters Nature Center

Dusk - Star Party - Harold Walters Nature Center (Weather permitting)

Saturday, September 14, 2024

9:00 - 9:45 - Ed Connors - Getting Started in Astronomy

10:00 - 10:45 Indy Kochte - The Skies of September

11:00 - 11:45 Katy Goodrich - Collision less Shocks in Space

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 Tim Hamilton - Nuclear Isometric-Transitions in Gamma Ray Bursts from Binary Neutron Star Mergers

2:00 - 2:45 Chris Fowler - Auroras at Earth and Mars

3:00 - 3:45 Tim Hamilton - Balloon Borne Telescopes

4:00 - 5:00 Raffle

5:00 - 7:00 Dinner

Dusk Star Party - Harold Walters Nature Center (Weather Permitting)

All Events in the Blackwater Falls Lodge Conference Center Unless otherwise noted.

Free Event. Open to the public.

Nature Center Open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



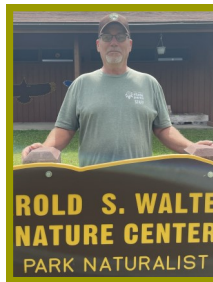
- Keep pet leashed— Activities that are pet friendly are indicated by leashed pet icon beside activity.
- Walk facing Traffic on roadways • Bike with traffic on roadways
- Stay on designated trails to preserve the landscape and to stay found in an emergency.
- Please, observe that some park trails border 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- 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



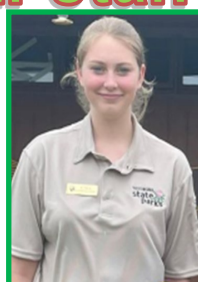
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Young People for Parks Program (YPP)

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.