



WEST VIRGINIA
**state
parks**

**BLACKWATER FALLS
STATE PARK**

Friday, September 27, 2024

Nature Center Open 10 am to 5:30 pm

10:00 a.m. Meet and Greet Our Snakes Program– Join the naturalist for this presentation about West Virginia Snakes and meet a live snake in Harold Walters Nature Center. Pre-registration not required. Program is about one hour and held indoors. Program is open to all ages. This program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about these programs at 304-259-5511.

11:00 a.m. Wonderfall Hike along Balsam Fir– Join the seasonal naturalist in the nature center for this 1.5 mile loop through a northern hardwood forest. Well-behaved and leashed pets welcome to attend this activity with their owner. Complete the entire trail with the naturalist to earn your hiking patch. Program is about 70 minutes. Program is open to all ages. Sturdy shoes recommended. Trail has little to no change in elevation but has areas that contain roots, rocks and mud. This program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Pre-registration is not required. Ask the nature center staff about these programs at 304-259-5511.

12:00 p.m. Plaster of Paris Leaf Craft– Join the staff in the nature center to create a lasting memory of your visit with this craft activity. Pre-registration is not required but encouraged. Program is about one hour but drying times may vary. Craft fee is \$3.00.

2:30 p.m. Fall Wildflowers Walk & Craft– Join the staff in the nature center for a walk around the area looking at fall wildflowers then pound an imprint of a plant onto a piece of cloth. Pre-registration encouraged but not required. This program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about these programs at 304-259-5511. Craft fee \$2.00

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Nature Center Open 10 am to 5:30 pm

10:00 a.m. Leaping into Tree Identification Program– Join the naturalist in the nature center to learn about tree identification then stroll outside to try your skills on a live tree and perhaps perform an activity or two (optional). Class suitable for ages 10 and up. Class is held indoors and outdoors. Class is expected to be about one hour. Pre-registration

recommended but not required. This program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about these programs at 304-259-5511. Craft fee \$1.00

11:30 a.m. Wax Crayon Leaf Suncatcher Craft – join the staff in the nature center to learn about trees through fun activities and create a suncatcher for your window using crayons and wax paper. Pre-registration is not required but encouraged. Class is held mostly indoors. The program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or Rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about these programs by calling 304-259-5511. Craft fee \$1.00

12: 45 p.m. Leaf Press Craft– Join the recreation assistant in the nature center to create a press to hold your fall leaves. Pre-registration encouraged but not required. This program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about these programs at 304-259-5511. Craft fee \$3.00

1:45 p.m. Youth Wild for Backbones– Join the summer naturalist and recreation assistant in the nature center for this program designed for the young and young at heart. Program is about one hour and held indoors. This program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about these programs at 304-259-5511. FREE

3:00 p.m. Eye Shine! - Can you identify animals by their eye-shine? What makes an animal's eyes glow at night? Find out in this program presented by the summer naturalist in the nature center. Includes an optional craft activity. Program is about 30 minutes and indoors. This program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about these programs at 304-259-5511. FREE

7:00 p.m. "Who Killed the Earl of Grey" Murder Mystery Dinner Theater presented by Murder Mystery Will Travel group from Winchester Virginia in Blackwater Falls Lodge conference center. Participation from the audience is encouraged. Doors open at 6 pm. Show to begin at 7 pm with buffet dinner around 7:30 p.m. \$57.22 per adult. Call 304-259-5511 for more information on dinner show, pricing for youth and to make reservations. Pre-registration required for this event.

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Sunday, September 29, 2024

Nature Center Open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Leaf a long to Walk Pendleton Point – Join the summer naturalist in the nature center for a morning stroll along trails to an overlook of Blackwater Canyon exploring nature. Program is about one hour with about one mile walking along trails. Pre-registration not required. Program open to all ages. This program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about these programs at 304-259-5511

11:00 a.m. Owls of West Virginia and Owl Pellets Program– Join the seasonal naturalist in the nature center for this presentation about owls found in the mountain state (NO Live birds) and dissect an owl pellet. Pre-registration not required but strongly encouraged. This program is about one hour and held indoors. All ages welcome to attend. This program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about these programs at 304-259-5511.

12:30 p.m. Geology Fun Program -Join the recreation attendant in the nature center to explore West Virginia geology and Blackwater Falls geology with maps and the augmented sandbox. Pre-registration not required but strongly encouraged for this activity. All ages welcome to attend but designed for ages 10 and up. This program qualifies for one of the three required and up. Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about

these programs at 304-259-5511. Optional craft fee is \$2.00

1:30 p.m. Hidden in a Wetland Program and Craft – In many freshwater areas are some plants and animals that call it home. Listen to the seasonal naturalist tell about some of these plants and animals while you make a movable marsh scene and pitcher plant game in the nature center. Program is about 1 hour. Pre-registration recommended but not required. This program qualifies for one of the three required Young People for Parks Activities for children ages 6-16 to earn the Young People for Parks Patch or rattlesnake pin. Ask the nature center staff about these programs at 304-259-5511.

2:30 p.m. Sand Art– Join the staff to create a work of art using colorful sand. Price is \$1.00 to \$5.00 depending on project of your choosing.

Monday, September 30, 2024

Nature Center Open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

11:00 a.m. Cherry Lane Trail Hike– Join the summer naturalist at the fire circle of Sled Run for this loop walk along a section of Shay Trace to Cherry Lane and back exploring the trail plants, trees and wildlife. Trail is about one mile and expected to be 90 minutes. **YPP**

11:30 a.m. Movie in Nature Center. Join the recreation attendant for this documentary about the early history, industrialization, folk-life, recreation, conservation and forestry practices that have formed the cultural identity of residents of the Appalachian Forest Area. Film is not rated and about one hour. **YPP**

2:30 p.m. Yips, Hoots and Howls – Join the naturalist to learn about some of our creatures of the night. Program is held indoors and about one hour. **YPP**

- 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.

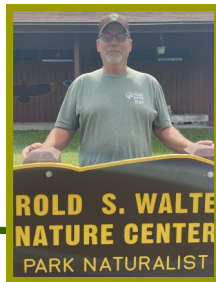


• All Activities meet at Harold Walters Nature Center unless otherwise noted in description.

Meet our Staff



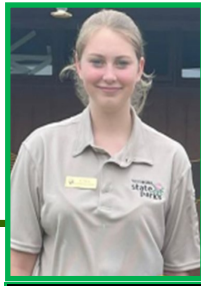
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Young People for Parks Program (YPP)

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.