



WEST VIRGINIA
**state
parks**

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Sunday, September 15, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. Jewelry Craft– Join the recreation assistant to create a necklace or ring. Craft fee is \$2.00.

11:00 a.m. Backyard Bugs & Build a Caterpillar Explore the pollinator garden at the nature center for insects, learn about our state butterfly and create a growing caterpillar craft. Program can be converted to indoors if weather is inclement. Program is about one hour. **YPP** Craft fee is \$2.00

12:30 p.m. Ranger Hat Craft– Join the staff to create a youth sized ranger hat for FREE. Program is about 20 minutes.

1:30 p.m. “Stained Glass” Butterfly Wings and Movie Join the recreation assistant to create a pair of child sized butterfly wings that make beautiful colors on the ground as the sun passes through your artwork. Children need be accompanied by an adult to help with this craft activity. The movie is rated G and takes the audience inside the world of bugs. **YPP**
Craft fee is \$3.00.

3:00 p.m. Paracord Bracelet or Critter Craft– Join the staff to use paracord and buckle to make a survival bracelet or create a critter of the attendees choice. Program may not be suitable for young children due to the difficulty and length of program. Children need be accompanied by an adult to help with this craft activity. Craft fee is \$2.00-\$4.00 depending on your selected craft choice.

Monday, September 16, 2024

Nature Center Open 10:00 a.m. to **3:30** p.m.

11:00 a.m. Black Bear Aware– Join the park naturalist to hear about the state mammal of West Virginia and how to keep yourself, your family and pets safe in bear habitat. Program is indoors and about one hour. **YPP**

1:00 p.m. Movie Time– Join the staff for a viewing of Huntington, WV and it’s university after a plane crash tragedy of the Thundering Herd. Movie is rated PG and about 2 hours. **YPP**

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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

11:00 a.m. Geology of West Virginia and Blackwater Falls– Join the recreation assistant to explore geology of the area with the use of the augmented sandbox and more. All ages are welcome. Program is about one hour. **YPP**

1:00 p.m. Fall Wreath Craft– Join the staff to use artificial flowers, greenery and more to create a fall wreath for your door. Craft fee is \$12.00

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

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

11:00 a.m. Skulls, Skins and Scat– Join the park naturalist for this presentation about identifying wildlife skulls, skins and scat. Program is indoors and expected to be about one hour. **YPP**

7:30 p.m. Comedy Quartet– Join the staff in the Milton Harr Conference Center in Blackwater Falls Lodge for this comedy quartet that also mixes in a little barbershop, gospel and patriotic tunes. About one Hour. FREE EVENT open to the public.

Thursday September 19, 2024

Nature Center Closed

7:30 p.m. Stories of the Holidays– This nostalgic program looks at some of our most beloved holiday traditions as we gather to decorate the first tree of the season. Join the staff in the Milton Harr Conference Center in Blackwater Falls Lodge to learn the stories behind Rudolph, Candy Canes, Stars and Metallic Pinecones and much more. Storyteller, Joann Dadisman will start the program with a coal camp tale that reminds us the reasons we cherish ornaments, special candies and much more. We will even share in a round of Jingle Bells, if the crowd chooses! Program is about one hour. FREE EVENT open to the public. **YPP**

Friday, September 20, 2024

Nature Center Closed

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Nature Center Open **12:00 p.m.** to 4:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Microscope Fun– Join the recreation assistant and summer naturalist to learn how to use a microscope or just enjoy looking at specimens under the microscope. Program is about one hour. **YPP**

1:00 p.m. Shaving Cream Art– Join the staff to use shaving cream and watercolor paint to create a work of art to frame and take home. Craft fee is \$2.00

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Sunday, September 22, 2024

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

9:00 a.m. Morning at the Lake Painting– Join the summer naturalist and recreation attendant to enjoy a relaxing morning painting by Pendleton Lake. What wildlife will make an appearance? Please, bring a chair to sit on. Some materials provided by Blackwater but you are welcome to bring your own. **FREE.**

11:00 a.m. Campfire Cooking– Join the staff to create a brunch item around the campfire while singing songs and telling stories. Program is about one hour. **YPP**

1:00 p.m. Variety Craft End of Season Sale– Find out what the staff has pulled out of cabinets. Craft fee varies according to selected crafts from \$1.00 to \$6.00.

Monday, September 23, 2024

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

9:00 a.m. Two Truths and a Lie Walk–Join the summer naturalist in Blackwater Lodge Lobby for this morning walk along a section of Elakala Trail. The naturalist will give three facts about an object but only one is a lie. Will you be able to identify the lie? Find out in this hour long interpretive walk. Trial is about one mile. **YPP**

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. Cranberry Bog Walk– Join the staff for this interpretive walk along a section of Yellow Birch Trail. Trail contains uneven ground, may be wet/muddy and contain roots, rocks and more debris. Expect to walk about one mile and be out 70 minutes. **YPP**

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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

11:00 a.m. Meet and Greet our Turtles– Join the park naturalist to hear how the turtles came to call the Harold Walters Nature Center home while hearing about other West Virginia Turtles and threats to their populations. Program is about one hour. **YPP**

1:00 p.m. Suncatcher Craft– Join the seasonal naturalist to paint a pre-designed suncatcher. Craft fee varies \$1.00 to \$8.00 depending on selected suncatcher.

2:30 p.m. Owl Power Nature Documentary– Join the staff for the viewing of this film about the mysterious nighttime lives and hunting skills of Owls. This film is NR and about one hour. **YPP**


Thursday, September 26, 2024

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

11:00 a.m. History & Hot Coffee Program– Join the seasonal naturalist to hear about some of the local history while enjoying a cup of hot coffee or tea. Program is about one hour. **YPP**

1:00 p.m. Herb Garden Craft– Join the seasonal naturalist to learn about some herbs and create a herb garden for your kitchen. Program is about 45 minutes. **YPP.** Craft fee is \$2.00

2:30 p.m. Bears Nature Documentary – Join the staff for this viewing about the bear family. This film is NR and about one hour. **YPP**

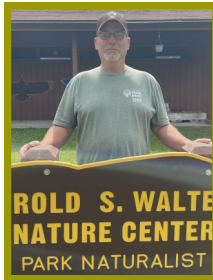
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- Keep pet leashed—
 - Activities that are pet friendly are indicated by leashed pet icon beside activity.
 - Walk facing Traffic on roadways • Bike with traffic on roadways
 - Stay on designated trails to preserve the landscape and to stay found in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



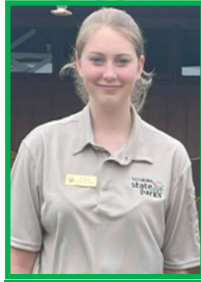
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Young People for Parks Program (YPP)

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.