



**Tygart Lake State Park Nature Center Programs  
September 30 through October 13, 2024**

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**\*All activities are at the Nature Center and free of charge unless otherwise noted\***

**Monday, September 30**

**9:30AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Owl Pellets – Who Was For Lunch?** What is an owl ‘pellet’, and what kind of things can be found inside them? We will open some of these hairballs up and see what they can tell us about an owl’s diet. **(25 Mins) \*YPP**

**Tuesday, October 1**

**Nature Center Closed**

**Wednesday, October 2**

**Nature Center Closed**

**Thursday, October 3**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Snake Awareness 101.** So, you’ve met a snake in the woods...what kind is it? Is it venomous? What’s the difference between poison and venom? We will answer these questions and talk a little about the kinds of snakes that might be seen out there. **(25 Mins) \*YPP**

**Friday, October 4**

**9:30AM – 5PM: Open Nature Center**

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**6:30PM: The Geology of West Virginia.** Come join WVGES Geologist Ken Ashton as he presents ‘The Geology of West Virginia’. Ken will tell all about the different types of rocks found here, and how they help tell the Mountain State’s story. Meet in the Lodge Conference Room. **(1 Hour) \*YPP**

### **Saturday, October 5**

**10AM-6PM: Open Nature Center**

**10AM: Geology Walk.** Join with Geologist Ken Ashton and Park Naturalist Jacob as we get out and see some geology in action. We will be walking from the Nature Center to the bed of the lake, which is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. **Meet at the Nature Center parking area. (1 Hour) \*YPP**

### **Sunday, October 6**

**11AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Turtle Talk – Everybody Loves Ruben!** Come and meet our resident painted turtle, Ruben, and learn a little about him and the other kinds of turtles that can be found throughout West Virginia! **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

### **Monday, October 7**

**9:30AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center**

**10:00AM: Hike – Lake History Walk.** Why does Tygart Lake exist? What did the land look like before the creation of the dam? Join Park Naturalist Jacob for a hike on the Dam Trail as he answers these questions. Hike is approximately 1.5 miles and includes some mildly hilly terrain. **We will be departing from the Lodge lobby area and hiking to Tygart Dam and back. (Approx. 90 Mins) \*YPP**

### **Tuesday, October 8**

**Nature Center Closed**

**Wednesday, October 9**

**Nature Center Closed**

**Thursday, October 10**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**10AM: Hike – School Bus Loop Trail.** The School Bus Loop trail is Park Naturalist Jacob's favorite trail – come find out why! This trail takes us through some of the older sections of the park, with some remnants of those who came before. The trail is a 2-mile loop with some moderately hilly terrain. Be sure to wear good shoes and bring water! **Meet at the Campground Building. (2 Hours) \*YPP**

**Friday, October 11**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist.** The Park Naturalist will be on-hand at the Lodge Front Desk to greet and answer questions.

**Saturday, October 12**

**10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center**

**10AM: The WonderFall Walk.** Park Naturalist Jacob will be leading the WonderFall Walk! This annual celebration of all things fall will be a hike on the Ridge Trail. The hike includes some moderately hilly terrain and good shoes are highly recommended. Be sure to bring some water! Dogs are always welcome on-leash, and all participants will get a 'WonderFall Walk' patch.

**Meet at the Nature Center parking area. (1.75 Miles) (1.5 Hours) \*YPP**

**Sunday, October 13**

**11AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Tree Talk and Walk.** Let's take a gentle walk around the Nature Center area and see what kind of trees can be found! All about some of the more common backyard trees and plants that you may encounter, and their uses.

**(30 Mins) \*YPP**