

Come and visit the Tom Ambrose Nature Center! Park naturalists are staffed year round to provide a variety of interpretive, educational and recreational programs on the park's natural and cultural history. Nature Center is Open 9:30AM-4:30PM unless noted

# Monday, October 14

**10:00AM** <u>Tai Chi</u> This volunteer led class will help increase balance, flexibility, and focus on connection to mind, body, & spirit. Location lodge.

**1:00PM** Fall Frenzy Tree Hike Walk among the trees to view the fall colors. Learn some common trees and conclude with a leaf pounding print activity.

**3:00PM** <u>Butterfly Bingo</u> Join us at the nature center!

#### **Tuesday October 15**

# 10:00AM The CC' Boys. A West Virginia Legacy

This 30 minute film shares how the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930's were active with conservation projects in our WV state parks and forests.

**2:00PM** <u>History Walk</u> The Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Morgan constructed this park and all of the recreational opportunities in the late 1930's. Join for a guided history walk.

Wednesday, October 16

**10:00AM** <u>Cacapon Birds</u> Learn about Cacapon's common birds by learning how to identify them by sight and sound. A birding walk will follow, binoculars provided.

**1:00PM** <u>Woodpecker Wow!</u> Learn about WV woodpeckers and go for a birding walk and look for woodpeckers.

#### Thursday, October 17

Nature Center Open 9:30AM-2PM

**10:00AM** Fall Tree Identification Enjoy the fall colors and learn how to identify common WV trees by using a dichotomous key.

**1:00PM** Fall Leaf Pounding Craft Choose your favorite leaves and color to make a colorful fall leaf print on cloth.

#### Friday, October 18

**1:00PM** <u>Fall Frenzy Tree Hike</u> Walk among the trees to view the fall colors. Learn some common trees and conclude with a leaf pounding print activity.

**2:30PM - 4:00 PM** <u>Birds of Prey Migration</u>
<u>Watch</u> Meet at the ridge overlook platform to view bird migration. Binoculars provided.

# Saturday, October 19

**10:00AM** WonderFall Hike To celebrate the fall foliage, join a park naturalist guided hike to earn your West Virginia State Park WonderFall Walk

almost heaven.

patch. Meet at Cacapon Mountain Overlook (5miles past the nature center, allow 15-20 minutes on a rough gravel road) This easy 2-mile hike will be along the mountain fire road.

**1:00PM-3:00PM** <u>Fall Hayrides</u> Rides to the North Fork Cabin area, leave every twenty minutes for some beautiful fall colors. Get in line at the nature center!

**3:00PM** West Virginia Trivia WV mammals, birds, trees, wildflowers, or general WV trivia will be the focus. Multiple rounds will occur. One round will be done using the jumbling tower game.

#### Sunday, October 20

Nature Center Open 11:30AM-4:30PM

# 9:15AM-11:00AM Pop Up Program in Berkeley Springs State Park: Mammal Madness

Come see mammal pelts, scat replicas, and footprint replicas and learn some basic facts.

Also, you can make footprint molds if it is sunny for them to dry.

## 1:00PM Bunny Bonanza & Hound and Hare

<u>Game</u> Let's learn fun facts about the eastern cottontail rabbit. We'll also make a footprint craft, feel a pelt and play a hound and hare hide and hunt game.

**3:00PM** <u>Tracks Bingo</u> Join us at the nature center!

## Monday, October 21

**10:00AM** <u>Tai Chi</u> This volunteer led class will help increase balance, flexibility, and focus on connection to mind, body, & spirit. Location

lodge.

**1:00PM** Fall Frenzy Tree Hike Walk among the trees to view the fall colors. Learn some common trees and conclude with a leaf pounding print activity.

3:00PM Bug Bingo Join us at the nature center!

#### **Tuesday, October 22**

Nature Center Open 10AM-3PM

**9:00AM** <u>History & Nature Walk</u> Join park volunteer and Potomac Valley Master Naturalist for a fall hike to learn about Camp Morgan and the CCC boys.

#### Wednesday, October 23

#### 10:00AM The CC' Boys, A West Virginia Legacy

This 30 minute film shares how the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930's were active with conservation projects in our WV state parks and forests.

**1:00PM** History Walk The Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Morgan constructed this park and all of the recreational opportunities in the late 1930's. Take a guided history walk.

#### **Thursday, October 24**

**1:00PM** Fall Tree Identification Walk among the trees to view the fall colors. Learn some common trees and conclude with a leaf pounding print activity.

**2:00PM** <u>Tree Cookie Art</u> Learn tree facts and information while decorating a tree cookie.

# Friday, October 25

**10:00AM** <u>Fall Frenzy Tree Morning Hike</u> Walk among the trees to view the fall colors. Learn some common trees and conclude with a leaf pounding print activity.

**1:00PM** <u>Fall Tree Identification</u> Take a park naturalist guided hike to take in the fall colors while learning about a variety of WV trees.

**2:30PM - 4:00PM** <u>Birds of Prey Migration</u>

<u>Watch Meet at the ridge overlook platform to view bird migration. Binoculars provided.</u>

#### Saturday, October 26

## Halloween Weekend

10:00AM-12:00PM Pumpkin Carving Contest,
Crafts, and Tie-dye Pumpkins provided, first
come-first serve. Awards for scariest,
traditional, & most unique. Enjoy a fall leaf craft
and our Cacapon tie-dye halloween version is
available. Purchase t-shirts at the nature center
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**1:00PM-3:30PM** <u>Hayrides</u> Rides to the North Fork Cabin area, leave every twenty minutes for some beautiful fall colors. Get in line at the nature center!

**7:00PM-9:00PM** <u>Haunted Hayrides</u> Grab your glow sticks, then get ready for trick or treat

hayrides! Also, during this time you can warm up by the Cacapon campfire.

# Sunday, October 27

Nature Center Open 11AM-3PM

Young People for Parks

YPP is an environmental education program for children ages 6-16. Participants attend three activities to receive a certificate and patch.

Find the nature center schedule online at <a href="https://wvstateparks.com/cacapon-resort-state-park/">https://wvstateparks.com/cacapon-resort-state-park/</a>

Scroll down to the Nature Center and click on current or upcoming activities!

## Fall Foliage for West Virginia can be found at:

https://governor.wv.gov/News/press-releases/ 2024/Pages/Gov.-Justice-celebrates-arrival-of-f all-in-West-Virginia.aspx