



# BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

## Monday, October 14, 2024

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

**11:00 a.m. Prehistoric Amber**– Join the recreation assistant for this program to learn about amber. A family may use simple tools to remove the crusty shell and polish a piece of amber in its natural state. Will it contain an insect, piece of pollen or nothing at all? Recommended for ages 6 years and up. Supplies are on a first come basis. Presentation expected to take up to one hour. **YPP**. Craft fee is \$3.00

**1:00 p.m. Slime in Nature**– Join the seasonal naturalist to hear about slime found in nature and its many uses for wildlife while creating a baggie of slime to take home. Presentation is indoors and about 45 minutes. **YPP**. FREE

**2:00 p.m. Nature Film– The Coywolf**– Join the staff for this documentary about the coywolf. Film is NR and about one hour. **YPP**.

## Tuesday, October 15, 2024

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

**10:30 a.m. Fangtastic**– Sink your teeth into hearing about our native snakes. Afterwards, meet one of our slithery snake friends. All ages are welcomed to attend. Presentation is about one hour. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. Spooky Leaf Hike**– Join the seasonal naturalist for a walk along park trails to Pendleton Point Overlook exploring tree identification clues and more. Walk is about one mile. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcomed to attend with their owner. Hike is about one hour. **YPP**

## Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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

## Thursday, October 17, 2024

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

**9:00 a.m. Beavers**– Join the staff for an introduction to our largest rodent on this morning stroll along the shoreline of Pendleton Lake. This hike is expected to be about 1/2 mile and one hour. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. The Coywolf Nature Documentary**– Join the staff for this hour long video about the “coywolf.” Not Rated. **YPP**

## Friday, October 18, 2024

Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**11:00 a.m. Movie Time**– Join the recreation assistant for this PG rated film of three witches who return to the 17th century Salem for a night of fun and chaos as they try to reclaim their youth. About 1.5 hours.

**1:30 p.m. Brews, Venoms and more**– Join the seasonal naturalist to learn about some spooky animal defenses and create your own bag of slime while enjoying a brew of tea or coffee. Presentation is about 45 minutes. **YPP**

**2:30 p.m. Owl-O-Ween**– Join the seasonal naturalist for this presentation about owls found in the mountain state and perhaps dissect an owl pellet. Presentation is about one hour and one pellet per family while supplies last. **YPP**

**4:00 p.m. The Eyeshine**– Join the seasonal naturalist for this presentation about the eyeshine of animals great and small. This presentation includes a craft opportunity for kids. Presentation is open to all ages and expected to be about 45 minutes. **YPP**

**8:00 p.m. Haunting History Full -Moon Hike**– Are you afraid of the dark? We hope not! Enjoy following your mysterious guide through the “haunted” park trails while listening to tales, hearing about the creatures of the night and perhaps scanning for the glowing eyes that watch your every move. Jacket recommended, sturdy shoes required. Carrying a flashlight to find your way home recommended but please keep it off until instructed by leader to turn it on. Please, dress for the weather. The walk is in a wooded setting, expected to be about 1.5 hours and one mile or less in length. Young children may find this activity scary. **YPP**

## Saturday, October 19, 2024

Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**11:00 a.m. Make and Take a Bat House**– Join the seasonal naturalist and guest master naturalist, Sam Muncy to hear about bats found in the mountain state, then construct a pre-cut bat house to take home. Presentation is about 90 minutes. One bat house per family while supplies last. **YPP**. FREE

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**Saturday, October 19, 2024**

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**4:00 p.m. Minnie Reed**— Join the staff for this History -Alive West Virginia Humanities program presented by Mary Dailey of Alderson, WV. Minnie is a fictional “composite” character drawn from the lives, singing and stories of several twentieth century West Virginia folk singers, chiefly Maggie Hammons Parker, Sarah Workman, Phyllis Marks and Kate Toney, as well as other Appalachian singers from Kentucky and North Carolina. These singers were not performers, nor did their music bring forth fame or fortune. For these women and their small mountain communities, music was organic part of everyday life, and songs were passed down generation to generation. The fictional setting of Minnie’s home is Pocahontas County West Virginia in 1972. Presentation is about one hour and open to everyone to attend.

**YPP.**

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

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

**10:00 a.m. Spooky Leaf Hike**—Join the seasonal naturalist at the fire ring of Sled Run for a walk along a portion of Shay Trace and Cherry Lane trail exploring tree identification clues and more along the way. All ages are welcomed to attend. Trail is about one mile and hike expected to take 70 minutes. **YPP**

**11:00 a.m. Spider Spoofting**— Join the recreation attendant for this program about furry, fanged and 8 legged creepy crawlers. Enjoy creating a festive spider craft during the program. All ages are welcomed to attend. Presentation is about 45 minutes. **YPP.**

**1:00 p.m. Movie & Popcorn**— Join the staff for a seasonal themed movie about talking puppies that go across town to a mysterious mansion where something very spooky is going on. All ages welcomed to attend. Rated G. About 1.5 hours.

**Monday, October 21, 2024**

**Nature Center Open: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**2:00 p.m. Leaping into Tree Identification & spooky leaf Suncatcher Craft**— Join the seasonal naturalist for an introduction to tree identification then create a fun suncatcher using imagination, wax paper and crayons. All ages are welcomed to attend. About one hour. **YPP**

**3:00 p.m. Beavers**— Join the seasonal naturalist for this presentation about our largest rodent that may include a short hike or a build a beast interactive activity. About one hour. All ages are welcomed to attend. **YPP**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

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

**11:00 a.m. Meet and Greet our Turtles**— Join the seasonal naturalist to hear about turtles found in West Virginia and how the resident turtles came to find the nature center home. About 1 hour. All ages welcomed to attend. Optional craft activity available during presentation. **YPP. FREE.**

**1:00 p.m. Movie Time**- Join the staff for this film about a seven -mile wide asteroid that collided with Earth, triggering a chain of events suspected of ending the dinosaurs’ rein. NR. About one hour. **YPP**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

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

**11:00 a.m. Movie Time**— Join the staff for this film about the course of life on Earth and how it radically changed on a single day 66 million years ago that ended the age of the dinosaurs and launched our age, the age of Mammals. NR. About one hour. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. The Weasels**— Join the staff for this documentary about the infamous weasel family. NR. About one hour. **YPP**

**Thursday, October 24, 2024**

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

**11:00 a.m. The Butterfly**— Join the staff for this documentary about one of the worlds most beloved insects. Discover beneath their colorful charm a wealth of hidden scientific secrets that reveals them to be smarter and more resilient than we ever imagined. NR. About one hour. **YPP**

**Friday, October 25, 2024**

**Nature Center Closed**

**Saturday, October 26, 2024**  
**Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**1: 00 p.m. Spooktacular Party**– Join the staff for activities and refreshments. Prizes given for most creative, scariest, funniest and best handmade costumes. Costumes encouraged but not required to attend the party. Activity designed for children up to age 12 or 7th grade. About 1 hour

**Sunday, October 27, 2024**  
**Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**11:00 a.m. Raptors**– Join the staff for an introduction to raptors found in the mountain state then stay to enjoy an hour long documentary celebrating what makes raptors some of the world's most successful predators. United by a hooked beak, a taste for flesh and a set of razor sharp talons, these birds of prey have conquered the globe from the African savannah to the high Arctic. NR. About one hour. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. Survival basics & Paracord Bracelet**– Join the seasonal naturalist to learn about items you should carry on every outing then the recreation attendant will instruction you on how to weave a survival bracelet. Children need be accompanied by an adult to assist with the craft. Presentation is expected to be about one hour. **YPP**. Craft fee is \$4.00

**3:00 p.m. Jewelry Craft**– Join the recreation attendant to make a necklace or ring for \$2.00

**Monday, October 28, 2024**  
**Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**11:00 a.m. Movie Time**- Join the staff for this PG rated movie where monsters and their families can live it up and no humans are allowed. An ordinary guy stumbles into the hotel and changes Dracula's daughters 118th birthday celebration. About 1.5 hours.

**2:00 p.m. Movie Time Continued**– Join the staff for this PG rated comedy adventure where Dracula's grandson is put through a monster in training boot camp. About 1.5 hour.

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024**  
**Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**11:00 a.m. Movie Time**– Join the staff for this PG rated movie about a family that moved into a new home just in time for Halloween when their dog decide to investigate a creepy neighbor. About 1.5 hours.

**1:30 p.m. Suncatcher Craft**– Join the staff to paint a pre-designed suncatcher. Craft fee varies from \$1.00 to \$8.00 depending on selected suncatcher. Drying time may vary.

**Wednesday, October 30, 2024**  
**Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**11:00 a.m. The Osprey**– Join the staff for this documentary about an osprey. NR. About one hour. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. The Bee & Candle Craft**– Join the seasonal naturalist to learn about solitary bees and the honey bee while creating a scented candle to take home using bees wax. Presentation is about one hour. Drying time varies. Craft fee is \$4.00. **YPP**

**Thursday, October 31, 2024**  
**Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**11:00 a.m. Movie Time and Fireplace treat**– Join the staff for this fright filled comedy with hair raising laughs about a real estate agent whose family comes face to face with grinning ghost in a creepy manor. Will they break the curse of the mansion before time runs out? PG rated and about 1.5 hours.

**2:00 p.m. Scat!** Often all you see of an animals presence is the droppings left behind. Join the naturalist for this program about identifying wildlife droppings. . Presentation is open to all ages and expected to be about 30 minutes. **YPP**  
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**Friday, November 1, 2024**  
**Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**10am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm All day Movie Marathon**– Join the staff for this movie about two confederate soldiers bonded by their oath to the same flag that return home to a murder that shatters their friendship and triggers warfare between the two clans. A campfire West Virginia favorite food will be offered during the break to those in attendance of the movie. NR



- 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.

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**  
Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Let's Hike!

**10:00 Walking into History** – Join the seasonal naturalist at the trailhead of Gentle Trail for this short walk along the paved trail to an overlook of Blackwater Falls. Trail is about 1/4 mile. Hike is about one hour. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. Hiking Balsam Fir**– Join the seasonal naturalist for this 1.5 mile loop through a northern hardwood forest and be introduced to the trails namesake. About 70 minutes. **YPP**

**2:00 p.m. Christmas Crafting**– Join the staff for a hodge podge of Christmas themed craft activities. Craft fee varies \$1.00 to \$12.00 depending on selected craft.

**Sunday, November 3, 2024**  
Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**10:00 a.m. Who was Porte Crayon?**- Join the seasonal naturalist to hear the answer to this question and more about the history of the area. Presentation is indoors and about one hour. **YPP**

**11:30 a.m. Wild About Turkeys**– Join the seasonal naturalist to learn about the eastern turkey and perhaps make a turkey call. Presentation is about 45 minutes. **YPP**

**Monday, November 4, 2024**  
Nature Center Open:1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024**  
Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**10:00 a.m. Cranberry Woods Hike**– Join the seasonal naturalist for this hike along a section of yellow birch trail. Trail may include wet areas, roots and rocks. Trail is about one mile, 70 minutes. **YPP**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**11:00 a.m. Ravens**– Join the staff for this documentary about the ingenious and versatile member of the crow family. PG rated. About one hour. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. Crows**– Do you know what a group of crows is called? A murder. Join the staff for this documentary about one of the most intelligent animals in the world. NR. About one hour. **YPP**

**Thursday, November 7 , 2024**

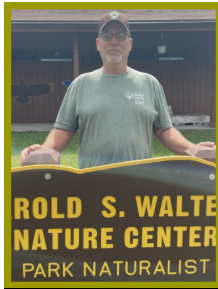
Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**11:00 a.m. Finding Your Way**– Join the staff for this introductory film about knowing how to use a map and compass to get you there and back safely and with confidence. Film is about 1/2 hour. **YPP**

**11:30 a.m. Compass Craft**– Join the staff to color and glue a cardboard compass. Craft fee is \$2.00

## Meet our Staff



**VICTOR**



**BRUCE**



**DELLA**



**KYRA**



**KENNY**



**Paulita, NAI/CIG**

### 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.