



# BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

## Monday, September 30, 2024

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

**11:00 a.m. Cherry Lane Trail Hike**– Join the seasonal 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. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend this hike with their owner. **YPP**

**1:00 p.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. This film is not rated and about one hour. **YPP**

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

## Tuesday, October 1, 2024

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

**10:00 a.m. Clouds & Craft**– Join the recreation attendant to explore how clouds can indicate the weather while creating a weather window. Program is about 45 minutes. All ages are welcome. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. Movie time**– Join the staff for this documentary of the struggles of a hard-working, often misunderstood people, who have historically faced limited choices and never benefited fairly from the rich, natural resources of their land. This film is NR and lasts about 1.5 hours.

## Wednesday, October 2, 2024

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

**9:00 a.m. Morning along the Lake Walk**– Join the park naturalist for a easy stroll along park trails exploring the flora and fauna along Pendleton Lake. What will we see? Program is about one hour and 1/2 mile. **YPP**

**11:00 a.m. Colors of Fall Hike**– Join the seasonal naturalist to look for different colors of fall. How many colors will you find? Along the walk find out why trees change colors and how to identify some of the trees along the Balsam Fir trail. This program is about 1.5 miles and 70 minutes. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend this hike with their owner. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. Fabulous Frogs & Craft**– Join the staff for a journey through the weird and wonderful world of Frogs. Optional frog craft available. Film is NR and about one hour. **YPP**.

## Thursday, October 3, 2024

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

**10:00 a.m. Morning along the Lake Walk**– Join the park naturalist for a easy stroll along park trails exploring the flora and fauna along Pendleton Lake. What will we see? Program is about one hour and 1/2 mile. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. Fall Wildflowers Walk**– Join the seasonal naturalist for an easy stroll around the area looking for fall wildflowers and fading ferns. Program is about one hour and 1/2 mile. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend this walk with their owner. **YPP**

**2:30 p.m. Ravens Nature Film**– Join the staff for a viewing of this documentary about a member of the crow family often viewed at Blackwater Falls State Park. This film is not rated and about one hour. **YPP**

## Friday, October 4, 2024

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

**10:00 a.m. Let's Explore Trees Together**– Join the staff to be introduction to tree identification and a little hands on identification nearby followed by a tree print using a tree "cookie" and a torch. Program is about one hour. Children need accompanied by an adult for the craft activity. **YPP** Craft fee is \$3.00

**11:30 a.m. Gingerbread House Craft**– Join the staff to create a decorative gingerbread house for the holidays. Craft fee is \$2.00

**1:00 p.m. Raptors of West Virginia**– Join the recreation attendant to hear more about the raptors found in the mountain state. Program is indoors and about 45 minutes. Optional craft activity offered at conclusion of presentation. **YPP**

**2:30 p.m. Going Batty!**– Join the seasonal naturalist to hear about bats found in the mountain state. Optional craft activity offered during the presentation. Program is indoors and about 45 minutes. **YPP**

## Saturday, October 5, 2024

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

**8:00 a.m. Birding with Laura**– Join volunteer, Laura Ceperley, for this morning stroll. Laura is a member of the Handlan Chapter of Brooks Bird Club, a recognized WV Master Naturalist, with a focus on birding. Plan to arrive 10 minutes early to get organized. Walk at a slow pace around the area as we stop, look and listen for feathered friends.

**10:00 a.m. Spooky Leaf Hike**– Join the seasonal naturalist for this hike along Balsam Fir Trail. Trail is about 1.5 mile loop and expected to be 70 minutes. Leashed and well behaved dogs welcome to attend this hike with their owner. **YPP**

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**1:00 p.m. Spooky Leaf Craft**– Join the recreation assistant to create a leaf suncatcher. Craft fee is \$2.00

**2:00 p.m. Spooky Tales & Chili Campfire**– Join the seasonal naturalist to hear some spooky tales while enjoying a cup of chili cooked in a Dutch oven. Program is outside at campfire circle and expected to last about 70 minutes. **YPP**

**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

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

**11:00 a.m. Youth Wild for the Sun and Moon**– Join the seasonal naturalist and recreation attendant to hear about the moon and sun through stories, facts, crafts and fun activities. Program designed for children 1-6 years of age but open to all ages. **YPP**

**Monday, October 7, 2024**

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

**9:00 a.m. Morning along the Lake Walk**– Join the park naturalist for a easy stroll along park trails exploring the flora and fauna along Pendleton Lake. What will we see? Program is about one hour and 1/2 mile. **YPP**

**11:00 a.m. Fossils & Craft**– Join the recreation attendant for this introduction to the history of life on earth. This program invites you to become paleontologists by finding and gently removing the sediment to expose a real trilobite replica or make your own fossil to take home. This activity requires patience and time to complete. **YPP** Craft fee is \$2.00.

**1:30 p.m. Beavers!** Join the seasonal naturalist to hear about the largest rodent in North America. Program is about one hour and 1/2 mile. **YPP**

**2:30 p.m. Beavers Nature Film**– Join the staff to take an intimate swim with a family of beavers and enjoy the rich aquatic habitat in this film originally created for IMAX theater. Program is about one hour and film is not rated. **YPP**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

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

**11:00 a.m. The Buzz on Bees & craft**– Join the seasonal naturalist for this introduction into the life of the native bees and honey bee while creating a scented candle to take home. Program is about one hour. Drying time varies. **YPP** Craft fee is \$4.00

**12:00 p.m. This n That Craft**– Join the recreation attendant to see what craft projects he pulled out of the craft cabinet for sale today. Craft fee \$1.00—\$6.00.

**2:00 p.m. Jar Craft Fun**– Join the staff to decoupage a jar or use colorful sand to make a decorative glass jar. Craft fee is \$4.00

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

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

**10:00 a.m. Cranberry Woods Walk**– Join the naturalist at the trailhead of Gentle Trail to cross the road and walk a section of Yellow Birch Trail through a cranberry bog and woods back to Gentle Trail parking area. Program is about 70 minutes and 1 mile. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend this

walk with their owner. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. Woodland Wednesday** –Join the naturalist at Pendleton Point Overlook for an easy walk looking at the flora of the area. Walk is about one hour and 1/2 mile. **YPP**

**3:00 p.m. Let's Talk about Turkeys**– Join the seasonal naturalist for this presentation about the wild turkey. Optional turkey call craft offered at conclusion of presentation. Program is about 45 minutes. **YPP**

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**Nature Center Open 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**2:00 p.m. Throwback Thursday**– Join the seasonal naturalist for a slide presentation about amphibians of West Virginia while creating a stained glass amphibian. **YPP** Craft fee is \$2.00

**Friday, October 11, 2024**

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

**10:00 a.m. Edible and Medicinal Plant Walk**– Join the seasonal naturalist for an easy stroll near the nature center as he picks out a few plants along the way that have edible or medicinal qualities.

Program is about one hour and 1/2 mile. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend this walk with their owner. **YPP**

**11:00 a.m. Why care about Light Pollution?** Join the park naturalist to learn what light pollution is, how it impacts you wild-life and more. Learn how you can help save the dark and what Blackwater Falls State Park is currently doing to save the dark. Program is indoors and about one hour. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. Creature Feature—the Opossum**– Join the seasonal naturalist to hear about our only marsupial. Program is indoors and about 45 minutes. **YPP**

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

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

**10:30 a.m. Migration**– Join the naturalist for a presentation in honor of world migration day and perhaps enjoy a fun activity exploring the challenges birds face during migration. Program is mostly indoors and about one hour. **YPP**.

**11:30 a.m. Rock-tober**– Join the recreation attendant to explore the geology of the area using rocks, maps and the augmented sandbox. Program is about one hour. **YPP**

**1:00 p.m. Wonderfall Hike**– Join the seasonal naturalist at the Sled Run building for this last chance to earn the wonderfall patch in 2024 at Blackwater Falls. Explore the colors of fall in a fun scavenger hunt way while hearing about why leaves “change” colors and how to identify some trees along Balanced Rock and Cherry Lane Trail. Trail is about one mile and one hour. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend this hike with their owner. **YPP**

**2:00 p.m. Glowing Eyes**– Join the seasonal naturalist to hear about who is behind those glowing eyes at night and why they glow. Optional craft available. Program is about one hour. **YPP-FREE.**

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Sunday, October 13, 2024

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

**10:00 a.m. Habitat Hike & Craft**– Join the seasonal naturalist to hear about different habitats and explore the area around the nature center. Then create a habitat on a paper plate and a pitcher plant game. Program is mostly indoors and about 70 minutes. **YPP. FREE.**

**11:30 a.m. Owl-O-Ween**– Join the seasonal naturalist for this presentation about owls found in the mountain state while dissecting an optional owl pellet (supplies limited to first come basis). Program is indoors and about one hour. **YPP. Pellet fee is \$2.00**

**1:00 p.m. Spooky Spiders**– Join the recreation attendant to hear a little about spiders, their webs and what venomous spider is found in the mountain state while creating a spider themed craft or two. Program is indoors with no live spiders and expected to be about 45 minutes. **YPP. FREE**

**2:00 p.m. Halloween Movie, Hot Chocolate and Popcorn**– Join the staff for an afternoon watching a story about talking puppies and a mysterious mansion with a friendly ghost. Movie is Rated G and about 1.5 hours.

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 it's natural state. Will it contain an insect, piece of pollen or nothing at all? Recommended for ages 6 years and up. Limited to first come basis and expected to take up to an 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. Program 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.**

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***Coming to Blackwater more fun in October. Re-Visit or call at a later date for details 304-259-5511.***

**October 18 and October 19 is Hoots, Howls and More Weekend.**

**October 26 is Halloween Spooktacular**

- 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.

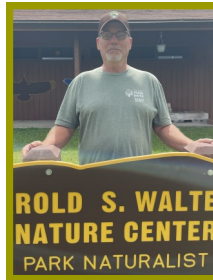


• All Activities meet at Harold Walters Nature Center unless otherwise noted in description.

## Meet our Staff



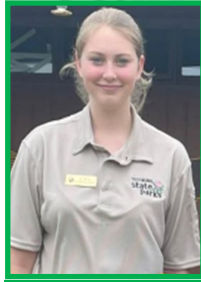
**VICTOR**



**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.