



WATOGA STATE PARK

Monday November 11th

11:00am Hike ~ Arboretum

Fred E Brooks Memorial Arboretum

Join us for a hike in this 400 acre trail system. Built by the CCC and opened in 1938 this was the first arboretum in West Virginia. We will be hiking the NW loop (3.1 miles). This is a moderately difficult trail with some steep and rocky terrain. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear and a hiking stick is recommended.

3:30pm Watoga State Park History

CCC Museum

Meet at the Civilian Conservation Corp Museum. We will tour the CCC museum and take a short walk around the park office area and discuss the park history.

Monday November 18th

11:00am Hike ~ Bearpen Loop

Meet at the Bearpen Trailhead just above cabin #11 along Island Lick. This 4.75 loop hike is moderately difficult with some steep inclines. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear and a hiking stick is recommended.

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Friday November 29th

11:00am Hike ~ Arboretum

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Night Sky Viewing

The optimal viewing location during the winter months is the Watoga Lake Dam.

November Full Moon 11-15-2024

November New Moon 11-30-2024

There is (one) Youth Dark Sky Backpack and (two) Regular Dark Sky Backpacks available to check out for overnight guests at Watoga. We ask that you limit use of the equipment to one night so that others may get an opportunity to use the equipment. PLEASE take special care of the equipment while using it and enjoy our night sky. Check at the Park Office for details.

Programs are also available upon request throughout the year. This could include guided hikes, CCC History tours, School Groups and much more. If you would like to schedule an activity during your stay at Watoga, please contact Tim Lavender. Phone or text 304-651-0308 or via email at tim.a.lavender@wv.gov.

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