

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, December 23

**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.

**10:00AM** <u>All about Bird Anatomy</u> Learn about bird anatomy and put it to the test! Take the quiz by Cornell Lab Bird University.

**1:00PM** <u>Tree Stem and Bark ID</u> Let's first learn the parts of a twig. Then learn some tricks to ID trees by their stem parts. Finally, we'll go outside to ID some trees by their stems and bark.

**3:00PM** <u>All About Feathers</u> Learn about bird feathers. Bird uniqueness, how feathers are built, what feathers do for birds, feathers through time, and taking a feather quiz will be some of the topics covered. Bird feathers and bird taxidermy will be available to see. A Cornell Lab activity.

Tuesday, December 24 Nature Center Open 10AM - 2PM

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Wednesday, December 25 Nature Center Closed Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 26 Nature Center Open 10:30AM - 2PM

**9:00AM** <u>Hovermale Trail Hike</u> Join park volunteer and Potomac Valley Master Naturalist for an easy 1.2 mile hike.

#### Friday, December 27

**10:00AM Bird Song Hero** Test your knowledge of bird songs by the fun visual and audio quiz by Cornell Lab Bird University.

**1:00PM <u>CC History Film & History Walk</u>** The Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Morgan constructed this park and all of the recreational opportunities in the late 1930's. Watch a 30 minute film & join for a guided history walk.

> Saturday, December 28 Nature Center Open 10AM-4:30PM

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**1:30PM** <u>Bird Bingo</u> Join us for this fun activity! We can also observe our bird feeder.

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## Sunday, December 29 Nature Center Open 11AM-3PM

## Monday, December 30

**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.

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> Tuesday, December 31 Nature Center Open 12 - 4PM

**1:00PM** <u>Tree Stem and Bark ID</u> Let's first learn the parts of a twig. Then learn some tricks to ID trees by their stem parts. Finally, we'll go outside to ID some trees by their stems and bark. **3:00PM** <u>Feeder Watch</u> Let's count the number and types of birds, record that and enjoy those birds that come to our feeder.

**New Year's Eve Dinner & Party** New Year's Eve dinner, party, and/or overnight Package Deal. Call the park lodge at: 304-258-1022, ext. 0

<u>Wednesday, January 1</u> Nature Center open 1:30-4:30PM

#### Happy New Year!

**10:00AM** <u>First Day Hike</u> Meet at the lodge. Earn your West Virginia State Park First Day Hiking patch! Easy and moderate hike options.

**2:00PM** <u>Games at the Nature Center</u> Stop in for some fun games of Animal-opoly the nature version for Monopoly and some bingo and trivia!

## Thursday, January 2

**10:00AM** <u>All About Feathers</u> Learn about bird feathers. Bird uniqueness, how feathers are built, what feathers do for birds, feathers through time, and taking a feather quiz will be some of the topics covered. Bird feathers and bird taxidermy will be available to see. A Cornell Lab activity.

**1:00PM** <u>Morning Discovery Stroll</u> Trees, rocks, & wildlife are some things we may see on an easy stroll through the park.



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## Friday, January 3

10:00AM <u>All about Bird Anatomy</u> Learn about bird anatomy and put it to the test! Take the quiz by Cornell Lab Bird University.
10:30 AM <u>Bird Song Hero</u> Test your knowledge of bird songs by the fun visual and audio quiz by Cornell Lab Bird University.

**1:00PM** <u>Nature Mobile Craft</u> Collect natural items and create mobile made of these items.

**3:00PM** <u>Turkey Talk</u> Learn some basic history and facts about Eastern Wild Turkey. Listen to some turkey calls. Also, learn about the Wild Turkey Federation.

## Saturday, January 4

**10:00AM** Snowflake Making Craft Everyone has different ways of making snowflakes. Let's craft and share ideas.

**1:00PM** <u>PVMN Open House</u> Interred in becoming a West Virginia Master Naturalis? Join Potomac Valley Master Naturalist at the nature center for an open house and learn about the steps to take to become a naturalist.

**3:00PM** <u>West Virginia Trivia</u> 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, January 5 Nature Center Open 11AM-4:30PM

**9:15AM** <u>Beginner Birding Hike</u> Meet at the lodge front desk to learn about local birds of the area and take a 45 minute walk looking for birds.

**1:00PM** <u>The American Mink</u> Let's learn fun facts about the American Mink. We'll also feel a pelt and make some prints. Wild mink and domestic mink farm animals are slightly different. Why is this so? Also, let's share any mink encounters.

**3:00PM** <u>Feeder Watch</u> Let's count the number and types of birds, record that and enjoy those birds that come to our feeder.

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!

#### Save the Date

January 18- One Man Grand Ol' Opry Show



Dinner and Show \$40 per person