



WEST VIRGINIA
**state
parks**

**BLACKWATER FALLS
STATE PARK**

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

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

No Scheduled activities

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Nature Center Open: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

No scheduled activities

Thursday, December 12, 2024

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

No scheduled activities

Friday, December 13, 2024

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

11:30 a.m. Toddler Hour– Join the recreation attendant for a reading of a story followed by a craft or activity. We will explore various nature themed topics each week through the winter. Presentation is about 30 minutes. Call us to discover this weeks topic at 304-259-5511.

Saturday, December 14, 2024

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

No naturalist on duty.

10:00 a.m. Forest Film– Join the recreation assistant for this film about the resilient forest that documents the settlement, early history, industrialization, folklife, recreation, conservation and forestry practices that have formed the cultural identity of residents of the Forest Heritage Area. NR. Film is about one hour. This film qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to watch the film.

1:00 p.m. The Rise of Mammals– Join the recreation assistant for this film about the impact that ended the age of dinosaurs and launched our age, the Age of Mammals. Film is about one hour. This film qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to watch the film.

Sunday, December 15, 2024

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

9:00 a.m. Christmas Bird Count- Join the seasonal naturalist for a stroll around Pendleton Lake area to search for birds to add to the Tucker County Christmas Bird Count. The naturalist will have binoculars to share. Expect uneven terrain, areas of mud

and puddles of water or even snow. Please, dress appropriately for the weather. Sturdy shoes required. This hike qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

11:00 a.m. Bird, Birds, Birds– Join the seasonal park naturalist for some fun beginner friendly activities learning how to identify birds including an adventure outside for a game of I spy or bird Bingo. Presentation is about one hour and 1/2 mile or less walk. Presentation qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program but all ages welcome to attend presentation.

2:00 p.m. Birds & Hot Chocolate– Join the seasonal naturalist for a bird sit watching nature center birdfeeders while enjoying a cup of hot chocolate. We will be counting birds for the Tucker County Christmas Bird Count. This count is held annually to count as many birds as possible in a given area. This activity qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Program expected to be approximately one hour.

Monday, December 16, 2024

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

11:00 a.m. Wetland Trivia & Craft– Test your knowledge with a short question and answer session with the seasonal naturalist. Program is about 30 minutes. Presentation qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages welcome to attend trivia. Optional pitcher plant craft available at conclusion of presentation.

1:30 p.m. Two Truths or Lie Walk– Join the seasonal naturalist for a short walk along Pendleton Trace trail to Pendleton Point Overlook as she interprets the flora and fauna along the trail. Will you be able to spot her lies? About 1/2 mile. Expect uneven terrain, areas of mud and puddles of water. Dress for the weather. Hike is about one hour. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend with their owner. This hike qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program but all ages welcome to participate in hike.

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. Morning Hike along Pendleton Lake– Join a naturalist for a morning stroll along the shore of Pendleton Lake exploring the flora and fauna of the area. Trail is less than 1/2 mile along uneven and wet terrain. Dress appropriately for the weather. Sturdy shoes required. Hike is expected to be about one hour. Hike qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the hike.

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Thursday, December 19, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. Strolling into History- Join the seasonal naturalist at the trailhead of Gentle Trail for this easy stroll to an overlook of Blackwater Falls while hearing a little history of the area. Trail is about 1/4 mile on a paved path. Hike is expected to be about 45 minutes. Hike qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to the hike.

11:30 a.m. Youth Wild for Bears- Join the staff to explore the world of bears through activities and crafts. Presentation is open to all ages but designed for children. Presentation is about one hour. Presentation qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

1:00 p.m. **Black Bear Aware-** Join the naturalist for this presentation about West Virginia's state mammal. Presentation is about 45 minutes. Presentation qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

2:00 p.m. Bears Nature Film- Join the staff for this film about bears from the mighty grizzly to the sloth bear. Film is NR and about one hour. Film qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

Friday, December 20, 2024

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

10:00 a.m. Spruce Bog Hike- Join the naturalist at the trailhead of Gentle Trail to walk a section of Yellow Birch Trail. This trail travels under the canopy of a conifer forest to a moun-

tain bog where cranberries thrive. The hike is about one mile with short interpretive stops along the journey. Hike is expected to take 70 minutes. Leashed and well-behaved dogs are welcome to attend this hike with their owner. Sturdy shoes and walking stick recommended as we navigate the wet, uneven terrain of a natural forest. **YPP**

11:00 a.m. Suncatcher Craft- Join the staff to use colorful paint on pre-designed suncatcher to hang in your window. Craft fee varies from \$1.00 to \$8.00

2:30 p.m. Jewelry craft- Join the recreation attendant to create a unique piece of jewelry from a ring to a bracelet to a necklace. Craft fee is \$1.00 to \$4.00 depending on selected craft.


Saturday, December 21, 2024

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

11:30 a.m. Pizza with Santa Join the staff in Blackwater Falls Lodge Smokehouse Restaurant. \$13.00 per adult, \$6.50 per child ages 6-12, children 5 and under Free with adult. Price does not include tax or gratuity. No pre registration required.

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Christmas Crafts- Take a moment to join the staff in the Milton Harr Conference Center for an afternoon of fun creativity while enjoying a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie. No pre-registration required

More Fun coming tomorrow...

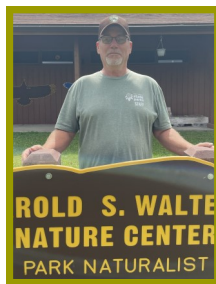
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- Keep pet leashed—
 - Activities that are pet friendly are indicated by leashed pet icon beside activity.
 - Walk facing Traffic on roadways • Bike with traffic on roadways
 - Stay on designated trails to preserve the landscape and to stay found in 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



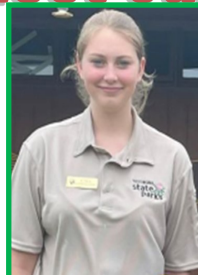
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Young People for Parks Program (YPP)

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.