

Nature Based Programs December 22nd, 2024 - January 6th, 2025

Be sure to visit the newly constructed Nature Center!

There you will find the Park Naturalist year-round providing interpretive, educational, and recreational programs on a variety of native wildlife, park history, and other exciting topics. All programs will be held inside the Nature Center unless otherwise specified.

2:30pm <u>Bats!</u> Come to the Nature Center to learn all about this species as we discuss why bats are important to West Virginia!

4:00pm <u>Black Bear Talk</u> Come to the Nature Center as we discuss a variety of topics to promoting understanding and coexistence with this species.

December 22^{nd.} 23^{rd.} 24th 25th

Nature Center Hours CLOSED Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for Christmas Holiday!

Thursday, December 26th

Nature Center Hours
11:00am - 4:00pm

Friday, December 27th

Nature Center Hours 12:00pm - 6:00pm

1:00pm <u>LEAF and SEED</u> Come to the Nature Center to play this quick game to test your knowledge of leaves and seeds.

Saturday, December 28th

Nature Center Hours 12:00pm – 6:00pm

1:00pm <u>TreeMeandous TREES!</u> Come to the Nature Center as we discuss the benefits, social, climate resilience and much more! After the program, stay and make a tree cookie craft.

2:30pm <u>Turtle Talk</u> Come to the Nature Center to learn about the Eastern Box Turtle. Where are they found? What do they eat? Are they ectothermic? These are some of the questions that we will answer during the program.

4:00pm West Virginia Snakes! Come to the Nature Center where we will talk about our slithery reptiles and discuss why they may get a bad reputation. In this program we will discuss how to identify venomous from non-venomous snakes, how to avoid negative encounters, what to do if bitten by a

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snake, and so much more. You will also get to meet our resident snakes!

Sunday, December 29th

Nature Center Hours
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Monday, December 30th

Nature Center Hours 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Tuesday, December 31st

New Year's Eve Party "Great Gatsby Style"

We will be ringing in the New Year in the Azalea room. Enjoy fun games, prize drawings, dance, live DJ, Hors d'oeuvres and a champagne toast at midnight. ((RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED))

By calling (304) 294-4000

Nature Center Hours 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 1st

Nature Center Hours

3:00pm. - 6:00pm.

1:00pm. <u>First Day Hike</u> Meet at the Campground Contact Center. Start 2025 off on the right foot. The

First Day Hikes are being offered throughout West Virginia State Parks, and we couldn't be more excited! The trail begins with a gentle slope along a ridgetop but becomes slightly rocky and strenuous at the outer loop. Some key sights to look forward to seeing is the rhododendron thickets and Canada Cliff vista. Cliffside trail is 3.5 miles and has a moderate difficulty rating. Upon completion participants will receive a patch for your participation in bringing in 2026 on the right foot.

Thursday, January 2nd

Nature Center Hours 11:00pm - 4:00pm Friday, January 3rd

Nature Center Hours
12:00am - 5:00pm

1:00pm Feeding Wildlife, Oh No! Come to the Nature Center as we discuss the inevitable dangers of feeding wildlife. This program will talk about the concerns regarding the habituation of wildlife.

3:00pm West Virginia Snakes! Come to the Nature Center where we will talk about our slithery reptiles and discuss why they may get a bad reputation. In this program we will discuss how to identify venomous from non-venomous snakes, how to avoid negative encounters, what to do if bitten by a snake, and so much more. You will also get to meet our resident snakes!

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Saturday, January 4th

Nature Center Hours

1:00pm - 5:00pm

11:00am Huckleberry Trail Join us as we hike the Huckleberry Trail learning about pioneer life and the fauna and flora along the way! Meet at the Scout Field parking lot for this hike. 1.3 Miles

2:00pm TreeMeandous TREES! Come to the Nature Center as we discuss the benefits, social, climate resilience and much more! After the program, stay and make a tree cookie craft.

4:00pm Black Bear Talk Come to the Nature Center as we discuss a variety of topics to promoting understanding and coexistence with this species.

January 5th & 6th

Nature Center Hours

CLOSED Sunday & Monday

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