



Friday, March 7, 2025

11:30 a.m. Budding naturalist– Night Sky Adventures- Join the staff for this presentation that is designed for children to age six. Presentation will use various instruments such as storybooks, videos, crafts, song and more to cover the topic. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

1:00 p.m. Bone Detective– Join a naturalist to “bone up” on your detective skills while checking out various bones, etc. About 45 minutes. Qualifies for junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

Saturday, March 8, 2025

10:00 a.m. Fur-real– Join a naturalist as we learn about our native West Virginia mammals and how they survive in the wild. Opportunity to touch real furs during presentation. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

2:30 p.m. Owls of West Virginia– Join the seasonal naturalist for this presentation open to all ages about owls found in the mountain state. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. Presentation is about one hour.

Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:00 a.m. Phenology Sunday– The study of seasons and how things change. Join a naturalist at the overlook each Sunday as we use our eyes and ears to keep track of birds, mammals, plants and more as they make their appearance. Feel free to bring binoculars and a camera. This event will also occur on Tuesday.

1:30 p.m. Dig It! Join the recreation assistant for a beginners presentation into geology of the area and fossils. Polish up a piece of amber to take home. Activity is about one hour. Craft fee: \$4.00. Program qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the presentation.

Monday, March 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. Winter Animal Evidence– What animals may be out and about? During this short hike along Pendleton Lake we will search for evidence of wildlife such as tracks, scat and more. Hike qualifies for the Junior naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Please, be prepared for the outdoors and wet/snow/muddy terrain. 45 minutes to 1 hour. Less than 1 mile.

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

9:00 a.m. Phenology Tuesday– We are stepping into the study of seasons and how things change at Pendleton Point this year

on most Sunday’s but we will be exploring today. Join a naturalist at Pendleton Point Salt Sands Sign as we use our eyes and ears to keep track of birds, mammals, plants and more as they make their appearance. Feel free to bring binoculars and a camera.

2:00 p.m. Microscope Fun– Join the recreation attendant to explore the world under a microscope.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

1:30 p.m. Movie and Craft– Join the staff for a film about crows while creating a sand filled jar. Craft fee is \$5.00

Thursday, March 13, 2025

1:30 p.m. Movie and Craft– Join the staff for a film about raptors while painting your choice of suncatcher. Craft fee is \$5.00

8:00 p.m. Lunar Eclipse – A total lunar eclipse occurs when the moon passes completely through the Earth’s dark shadow. During this time the moon gradually gets darker and takes on a reddish color. Find out more in this Blackwater stargazers presentation about this lunar eclipse.

Friday, March 14, 2025

11:30 a.m. Budding naturalist– Save the Sky. - Join the staff for this presentation that is designed for children to age six. Presentation will use various instruments such as storybooks, videos, crafts, song and more to cover the topic. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

1:30 p.m. Beavers– Join the staff to take a virtual intimate swim with beavers and experience the rich aquatic habitat of one of nature’s greatest engineers. This film set in the Canadian Rocky Mountains follows the lives of a family of beavers as they grow, play and transform the world around them. Film is about 70 minutes. NR. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to the viewing of this film.

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Harold Walters Nature Center Open Daily

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

(unless otherwise noted)

Hours subject to change at discretion of park naturalist without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances

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Friday, March 14, 2025

7:30 p.m. An Evening of American Irish Songs and Yarns- Blackwater Falls State Park will host West Virginia's "Bard of Education," actor and musician, Mick Souter in Blackwater Falls Lodge. The show will include numerous sing-a-longs and performances on a wide array of instruments, including banjo, fiddle, autoharp, guitar, dulcimer and mandolin. The singing will be interspersed with humorous and historically based tales that set-up the songs while adding an intriguing touch of Irish blarney to the evening. The show will include a variety of American Irish songs that celebrate the experience and sentiment of the Irish immigrants who poured onto America's shores in wave after wave during the 1800's and early 1900's. "Mick the Fiddler" will walk the audience through their story and enchant the lover of St. Patrick's day songs with numerous classics such as "Wild Rover," "Wearin' of the Green," "Whiskey in the Jar," "When Irish Eyes Are Smilin'," "Molly Malone" and many more. FREE and everyone is welcome to attend.

Saturday, March 15, 2025

10:00 a.m. Green Day Hike: Join a park naturalist in the parking area of the former stables/current trailhead of Davis Trail for a hike along a section of three park trails to receive this year's Green Day hiking patch! This hike will feature a variety of beauty, from lush colonies of rhododendron and mountain laurel, towering Yellow Birch, Eastern Hemlock and

Red Spruce to colorful sphagnum moss filled bogs with mosses and lichens along the trail and perhaps a vernal pool or two. This trail is natural terrain so expect wet mucky areas, exposed

roots and rocks with little change in elevation. The trail is less than 2 miles and expected to be about 90 minutes. Sturdy shoes are required and we recommend packing water and a sealed bag of snacks for you and your pet. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend with their owner. Visiting the restroom at Blackwater Falls Lodge or Trading Company prior to arrival is suggested as there is no restroom available at this location.

1:00 p.m. The Butterfly—Join the recreation attendant for the viewing of this film about one of the worlds most beloved insects: the Butterfly. NR. This film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the viewing of this hour long film.

2:00 p.m. "Stained Glass: butterfly wings – Join the recreation attendant to create this unique child sized wings craft. Craft fee is \$3.00. Children need an adult to assist with this craft.

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:00 a.m. Phenology Sunday– The study of seasons and how things change. Join a naturalist at the overlook each Sunday as we use our eyes and ears to keep track of birds, mammals, plants and more as they make their appearance. Feel free to bring binoculars and a camera.

1:00 p.m. Sands of Time– Join the recreation attendant to hear about the geology of Blackwater Falls and West Virginia with the use of maps and augmented sandbox. Presentation is about 45 minutes and qualifies for the junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend this presentation. Optional craft has a fee of \$2.00

• All Programs meet at the Harold Walters Nature Center unless otherwise specified in description.



Plan to arrive five minutes early for programs. A late arrival or no show may result in cancellation of program.

Keep Pets physically leashed while enjoying the park. Activities that are pet Friendly indicated in description. See Park Rules and Regulations about length of leash.

Protect the environment and yourself by staying on designated blazed trails. Building or constructing unauthorized trails or simply walking off trail harms the landscape and wildlife that call the area home. Avoid short cuts and social trails that are not on the park map or blazed.

It is suggested to walk with a partner, carry water and perhaps an individually wrapped snack. Carry the 5 c's. Don't know what the 5 c's are then ask at the Nature Center.

Be observant of adjacent private property or Monongahela Forest Property lines while hiking.

Children ages 12 and under need to be accompanied by an adult on programs.

While walking on park roads a person should be facing oncoming traffic. While biking on park roads a person should ride with the flow of traffic and use hand signals. Bikers yield to hikers on trails. All yield to equestrians where they are permitted in some parks.

Nature Center 304-259-5511

YOUR FOOTSTEPS MATTER!

SOCIAL TRAILS ARE HARMFUL! Stay on Existing Blazed Trails. If there is no blaze then it's not a park trail and you should stay off this path to save the environment and it's inhabitants. Use the park trail map

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.