



WEST VIRGINIA
**state
parks**

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

10:30 a.m. Youth Wild for Bears! Join the recreation attendant to learn about our state mammal using various tools such as storybooks, puppets, crafts and more. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend, however, presentation is designed for children up to age 6. Expect presentation to be about one hour.

1:00 p.m. Scenic Overlook Stroll– Join the park naturalist at the salt sands sign located at Pendleton Point Overlook for an interpretive stroll around the area. Easy walking of about 1/2 mile or less. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend this hike with their owner. Hike qualifies for the Junior naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the hike.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

10:00 p.m. Youth Wild for Turkeys– Was the Eastern Turkey always here? Are they hunted? What do they do in the winter? Find out with the seasonal naturalist. This presentation qualifies for the Junior naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend presentation.

11:30 a.m. Spring Wildflowers– Join the park naturalist for this program about some spring flowers found in West Virginia. About 1 hour. No walking. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist path program. All ages are welcome to attend.

1:00 p.m. Do you speak frog? Join the seasonal naturalist for an overview of frogs and toads found in West Virginia while making a frog craft. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist path program. All ages are welcome to attend presentation. About 45 minutes.

Thursday, February 6, 2025

10:00 a.m. Hibernation Hike Join the seasonal naturalist for a stroll along Pendleton Lake as we discuss some ways plants and animals survive the winter months. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the hike. Expect snow/wet/icy trail conditions. Deep snow or dangerous terrain may alter the path to a more suitable location. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend hike. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend with their owner.

1:30 p.m. Raptors of West Virginia– Join the recreation assistant to hear about some raptors that call West Virginia home. No Live Birds. Presentation is about 1 hour.

Friday, February 7, 2025

11:30 a.m. Budding naturalist– What if Night Never comes? 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. Dig It! Join the recreation assistant for a beginners presentation into geology of the area and fossils. "Dig" out your own fossil or 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.

3:00 p.m. Hidden in a Wetland– In many freshwater areas are some plants and animals that call it home. Listen to the seasonal naturalist tell about some of these plants and animals while you make a movable marsh scene and pitcher plant game. Program is about 1 hour. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend presentation.

Saturday, February 8, 2025

10:00 a.m. Who was Porte Crayon? Join the seasonal naturalist to hear about some local history and hear about Porte Crayon. No Walking. Presentation is about one hour. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend presentation.

11:15 a.m. Geology of Blackwater Falls– Join the recreation attendant to hear about the geology of the area and how it influences the terrain while creating a rock card to take home. Craft fee is \$2.00

1:00 p.m. Paracord Critter– Join the recreation attendant to create her choice of critter using paracord. No fee for this craft. Children need the assistance of an adult during craft activity. Craft fee: \$1.00

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.

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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Sunday, February 9, 2025

11:30 a.m. Mushrooms of West Virginia– Join the seasonal naturalist for this presentation about some mushrooms found in the mountain state. Presentation is about one hour and qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the presentation.

2:00 p.m. Movie and Fingerpainting– Join the staff for a Rated G movie while painting with your fingers.

Monday, February 10, 2025

10:00 a.m. Cats– Join the staff to track the story of cats in the America's, from battles with the dog family to the rise of domestic cats. Meet the mighty jaguar, the urban mountain lion and Canada lynx in this hour long movie. NR. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. Film open to all ages to watch.

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

10:00 a.m. American Eagle– Join the staff in this hour long movie about our national symbol. NR. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. Film open to all ages to watch.

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10:00 a.m. Crows– Join the staff for a film about one of the most intelligent animals in the world. NR. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. Film open to all ages to watch.

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10:00 a.m. Ravens– Join the staff for a film about another member of the crow family. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. Film open to all ages to watch.

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10:00 a.m. Rise of Mammals– Join the staff for the viewing how 66 million years ago Earth radically changed thus ending the age of dinosaurs and launching the age of mammals. Film is about one hour. NR. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to watch the film.

Monday, February 10, 2025

10:00 a.m. Day the Dinosaurs Died– Join the staff for this film about a seven mile wide asteroid that collided with Earth, triggering a chain of events suspected of ending the dinosaurs' reign. NR. Film is about one hour. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to watch the film.

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10:00 a.m. The Resilient Forest– This film documents the settlement, early history, industrialization, folklife, recreation, conservation and forestry practices that have formed the cultural identity of the residents of the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area. NR. Film is about one hour. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to watch the film.

1:00 p.m. West Virginia Raptors– Join the recreation attendant to hear about raptors found in the mountain state and afterwards enjoy watching a film about raptors while enjoying a cup of hot chocolate. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend presentation. Film is NR and about one hour.

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

10:00 a.m. Creature Feature-The Beaver– Join a naturalist to hear about North America's largest rodent. Afterwards enjoy a virtual experience with beavers set in the pristine forest and lakes in the heart of Canadian Rocky Mountains. This film follows the lives of a family of beavers as they grow, play and transform the world around them. NR. About 90 minutes. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the presentation.

1:00 p.m. Creature Feature-The Grey and Red Fox–Join a naturalist to hear about the foxes found in the mountain state. Afterwards, create a fox paper bag puppet. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend presentation

2:30 p.m. The Mighty Weasel– Join the staff to discover the truth about the infamous weasel family in this hour long film. Afterwards, spend a few extra minutes to discover what members of the weasel family can be found in the mountain state. NR. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the presentation.

Thursday, February 13, 2025

10:00 a.m. Mammal– Join the staff for a viewing of amazing facts and folklore of our favorite furry animals in this hour long film. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the presentation.

1:00 p.m. Scenic Overlook Stroll– Join the seasonal naturalist at the salt sands sign located at Pendleton Point Overlook for an interpretive stroll around the area. Easy walking of about 1/2 mile or less. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend this hike with their owner. Hike qualifies for the Junior naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the hike.

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Friday, February 14, 2025

11:30 a.m. Budding Naturalist– What’s Wild? Join the staff to explore this weeks subject with various tools such as storybooks, videos, crafts and more. Program is designed for children up to age 6 but all ages are welcome to attend the presentation. Program qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. Expect program to be about one hour.

1:30 p.m. West Virginia Snakes– Join the park naturalist to hear about snakes that call West Virginia home and perhaps meet one of the ambassador snakes that call Harold Walters Nature Center home. Presentation is about one hour and qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the presentation.

5:00 p.m. Moon Names and Phases– Part of winter stargazers series presented by the seasonal naturalist. Presentation is about one hour and qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the presentation.

Saturday, February 15, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bees and Crafts– Join the staff to create a candle then watch a movie while it solidifies. PG Rated. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend presentation.. Craft fee is \$4.00

1:00 p.m. Dig It! Join the recreation assistant for a beginners presentation into geology of the area and fossiils. “dig” out your own fossil or 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. A free Geology book will be presented to each family that attends the entire presentation.

2:00 p.m. Paint a Souvenir T-Shirt– Join the staff to use fabric paint on a Blackwater Falls Shirt to create your own souvenir. Craft fee is \$5.00. This is end of season stock and availability of sizes and color is limited to first come basis.

Sunday, February 16, 2025

10:00 a.m. Habitats and Craft– Join the seasonal naturalist as he discusses habitats and what habitats may be found at Blackwater Falls while you create your own habitat plate. No Fee for this program. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the presentation.

1:00 p.m. Owls of West Virginia– Join the seasonal naturalist for this presentation about owls that call the mountain state home. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend the presentation.

2:30 p.m. Movie Time– Join the staff for this G rated movie about three friends on a mission to save their best friend after a toxic chemical spill occurs in their forest causing their friend to fall ill. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. Film open to all ages to view. About 70 minutes.

Monday, February 17, 2025

10:00 a.m. Meet our Turtles– Join a naturalist to hear the story of our nature center turtles and their wild relatives. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend

• 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

Save the Environment-stay on blazed trails-**YOUR FOOTSTEPS MATTER!**

SOCIAL TRAILS ARE HURTING THE WILDLIFE AND PLANTS !

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.