



WATOGA STATE PARK

Thursday March 6th

11:00am – 3:30pm National Oreo Day

Join us at the Park Office as we celebrate National Oreo Day. While you are sampling some different Oreo varieties make sure to play our “First Signs of Spring” quiz.

Friday March 14th

11:00am Hike ~ Bearpen Loop

Meet at the Bearpen Trailhead just above cabin #11 along Island Lick. This 4.75 loop hike is moderately difficult with some steep inclines. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear and a hiking stick is recommended.

Saturday March 15th

11:00am Green Day Hike ~ Droop Mountain Battlefield

Join us at the Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park office. We will hike along Tower Trail to the lookout tower and back along Old Soldier Trail to create a 1.5 mile loop. This will be an easy hike available for all ages and skill levels. We will travel at a slow pace as we search for signs of spring along the way. Participants will receive a Green Day Hike Patch.

2:00pm Green Day Hike ~ Beartown State Park

Meet at the Beartown State Park as we continue to search for signs of spring. This will be an easy ½ mile walk along the boardwalk taking about 45 minutes. Beartown is known for its unusual rock formations, massive boulders, overhanging cliffs and deep crevices. It is an incredible place to visit in any season. Participants will receive a Green Day Hike Patch.

8:00pm Star Viewing ~ Watoga Lake Dam

We will have some night sky viewing equipment available for use. Enjoy our dark skies.

Monday March 17th

11:00am St. Patrick's Day Hike ~ Lake Trail

Watoga Lake Boathouse

Dress in green and join us for a hike around Watoga Lake. This is an easy 1.5 mile hike available to all ages and skill levels. 1.5 mile hike. After the hike sample some Irish Tea and snacks at the park office. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear and a hiking stick is recommended.

Saturday March 29th

11:00am Green Day Hike ~ Watoga State Park

Meet at Bearpen Trailhead along Island Lick near Cabin #10. We will be in search of the first signs of spring as we hike a 4.5 mile loop on Bearpen, North Boundary and Buck & Doe Trails. Along the hike we will see the remains of a

Civilian Conservation Corp quarry and visit the site of the 1926 Watoga State Forest Fire Tower. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear and bring something to drink. A walking stick is recommended. Participants will receive a Green Day Patch.

8:00pm Star Viewing ~ Watoga Lake Dam

It will be the first new moon of the spring. We will have some night sky viewing equipment available for use. Enjoy our dark skies.

Night Sky Viewing for March

The optimal viewing location is the Watoga Lake Dam.

March 1st: The Crescent Moon & Venus

March 5th: Moon meets Jupiter

March 14th: Total Lunar Eclipse

March 14th: Full Moon (Worm Moon)

March 20th: Spring Equinox

March 29th: New Moon

There is (one) Youth Dark Sky Backpack and (two) Regular Dark Sky Backpacks available to check out for overnight guests at Watoga. We ask that you limit use of the equipment to one night so that others may get an opportunity to use the equipment. PLEASE take special care of the equipment while using it and the enjoy our night sky. Check at the Park Office for details.

**Programs are also available upon request throughout the year. This could include guided hikes, CCC History tours, School Groups and much more. If you would like to schedule an activity during your stay at Watoga, please contact Tim Lavender. Phone or text 304-651-0308 or via email at tim.a.lavender@wv.gov.

Anytime during the month of March stop by the office and take our “First Signs of Spring” quiz and win a prize.

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