



WATOGA  
STATE PARK

## Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm – Winter Twilight Hike ~ Lake Trail

### Meet at Park Office

Join us for a winter twilight hike as the sun sets on the lake at Watoga State Park. Experience the twilight as the landscape transforms in the fading light and wildlife becomes more active. This will be an easy hike for all ages and skill levels. Leashed pets are welcome. We will hike about 2 miles at a slow pace with several stops along the way. Be prepared for the cold and possible snow. Wear warm layered clothing and sturdy hiking boots. A hiking stick is recommended.

## Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm Valentine’s Day Twilight Hike ~ Lake Trail

### Meet at Park Office

Join us for a Valentine’s Day Twilight Hike as the sun sets on the lake at Watoga State Park. Experience the twilight as the landscape transforms in the fading light and wildlife becomes more active. This will be an easy hike for all ages and skill levels. Leashed pets are welcome. We will hike about 2 miles at a slow pace with several stops along the way. Winter is a great to learn about animal tracks. Be prepared for the cold and possible snow. Wear warm layered clothing and sturdy hiking boots. A hiking stick is recommended.

## Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

11:00am & 3:00pm Franklin Roosevelt & the CCC  
CCC Museum

Celebrate President’s Day at the Watoga State Park CCC Museum. We will meet at the CCC Museum to discuss President Franklin D Roosevelt, the Civilian Conservation Corp and the creation of Watoga State Park.

Stop by the Park Office and take our “Animal Tracks in the Snow” quiz with a chance to win a prize!

## Night Sky Viewing

The optimal viewing location during the winter months is the Watoga Lake Dam.

### January 31<sup>st</sup> Saturn & the Crescent Moon

The slim Crescent Moon will appear to cradle Saturn about 45 minutes after sunset.

### February 1<sup>st</sup> Venus & the Crescent Moon

Venus will be very near the waxing crescent moon. Start looking at sunset.

### February 12<sup>th</sup> Full Moon (Snow Moon)

This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Snow Moon, since the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of year.

### February 16<sup>th</sup> Venus at its brightest for 2025

### February 28<sup>th</sup> New Moon

## Dark Sky Backpacks

There is (one) Youth Dark Sky Backpack and (two) Regular Dark Sky Backpacks available to check out for overnight guests at Watoga. 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](mailto:tim.a.lavender@wv.gov).

In January 1925 the West Virginia Game & Fish Commission purchased 4,546 acres of land from the Watoga Land Association and created Watoga State Forest. Join us in 2025 as we celebrate 100 Years of Watoga with special events throughout the year.

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