



### 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

### Monday, March 17, 2025

**1:00 p.m. Fossils**- Join the recreation attendant to hear about the creation of fossils and a plaster of Paris craft. Please note: drying time for craft can be lengthily depending on various elements including humidity and temperature. 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

### Tuesday, March 18, 2025

**10:00 a.m. Phenology Stroll**- The study of seasons and how things change. Join a naturalist at the overlook as we use our eyes and ears to keep track of birds, mammals, plants and more as they make their appearance throughout the year. Feel free to bring binoculars and a camera. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program. All ages are welcome to attend this hike. Hike is less than one mile on relatively level ground.

**1:00 p.m. Fabulous Frogs Nature Film**– Join the staff for a visual journey through the weird and wonderful world of frogs. Afterwards spend a couple minutes with a game of Frog Pond Chorus. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Film is NR and one hour.

### Wednesday, March 19, 2025

**9:00 a.m. Morning Hike along Pendleton Lake**– Join the naturalist for a stroll along trails near Pendleton Lake looking and listening for signs of wildlife. Hike is less than one mile and about one hour along natural root, rock, wet and often muddy trails. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend this hike.

**1:00 p.m. The Resilient Forest Film**– Join the staff for viewing of this film that documents the settlement, early history, industrialization, folklife, conservation and forestry practices that formed the cultural identity to residents of the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area. Film is NR and one hour. Film qualifies for the Junior

Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

### Thursday, March 20, 2025

**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

### Friday, March 21, 2025

**11:30 a.m. Budding naturalist– Lights Out!** - 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.

### Saturday, March 22, 2025

**10:00 a.m. Meet our Turtles**– Join a naturalist to hear the story of our nature center turtle and their wild relatives. Presentation is about one hour.

**1:00 p.m. “Stained Glass: butterfly wings and butterfly film** – 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 23, 2025

**9:00 a.m. Phenology Sunday**– The study of seasons and how things change. Join a naturalist at the overlook each week 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

#### 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

*almost heaven*

**Monday, March 24, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. Raptors**– Join the recreation attendant for a discussion about raptors and enjoy a film about these predators. Presentation is about one hour. Film NR. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. Amphibian and Craft** Join the recreation attendant for film about amphibians then create a “stained glass” amphibian craft. Film NR. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Free craft.

**1:00 p.m. The Osprey Film**– Join the staff to view a film about an osprey from saltmarsh. Film is NR and about one hour. Film qualifies for the junior naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

**9:00 a.m. Morning Hike along Pendleton Lake**– Join a naturalist for a stroll along trails near Pendleton Lake looking and listening for signs of wildlife. Hike is less than one mile and about one hour along natural root, rock, wet and often muddy trails. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend this hike

**11:00 a.m. Beavers Nature Film**– Join the staff for a viewing of a film about our largest rodent. Film is NR and about one hour. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**11:30 a.m. Who was Porte Crayon**– Join the seasonal naturalist in the Falls overflow/Bus parking lot near park intersection for a history lesson about the local area. Presentation is about one hour. Hike is about 1/4 mile. Presentation qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to attend

**Friday, March 28, 2025**

**11:30 a.m. Budding naturalist– Extraordinary Moth!** - 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.

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**10:00 Walking into History** – Join the seasonal naturalist at the trailhead of Gentle Trail for this short walk along the paved trail to an overlook of Blackwater Falls as he covers the history of the area. Trail is about 1/4 mile and may be snow/ice covered. Hike is about one hour. Hike qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. Hike is open to all ages. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend with owner.

**11:30 a.m. Prehistoric Amber**– Join the recreation assistant for this program to learn about amber. Recommended for ages 6 years and up. Supplies are on a first come basis. Presentation expected to take up to one hour. Program qualifies for the Young People for Parks patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Craft fee is \$3.00

• 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

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**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.