



TWIN FALLS RESORT STATE PARK

Nature Based Programs

March 16th - March 31st, 2025

Be sure to visit the newly constructed Nature Center! There you will find the Park Naturalist year-round providing interpretive, educational, and recreational programs on a variety of native wildlife, park history, and other exciting topics.

All programs will be held inside the Nature Center unless otherwise specified.

Thursday, March 20th Nature Center

Hours

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Friday, March 21st

Nature Center Hours

1:00pm – 6:00pm

March 16th & 17th

Nature Center Hours

CLOSED Sunday & Monday

Tuesday, March 18th

Nature Center Hours

Closed

Wednesday, March 19th

Nature Center Hours

1:00pm – 4:00pm

10:00am – Cliffside Trail Hike Join the Park Naturalist on an explorative hike to the cliffs. This trail features two vistas and many wildlife habitats such as a variety of amphibians, reptiles, and turkey vultures gliding in the valley! Meet at the Cliffside Trail head for this guided hike.

1:00pm – Leaf & Seed Game Come to the Nature Center to test your wits! Match all the leaf and seed pairs to win a prize. You can reset and play as many times as you want.

2:00pm – Black Bear Talk Come to the Nature Center as we will discuss a variety of topics to promote understanding and prevent negative encounters with this species such as behavior, diet, and other characteristics.

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Coloring sheets are provided for this program.

3:30pm – West Virginia Mammals Did you know there are more than 70 different species of mammals in West Virginia?! If you are curious of the species, you may encounter at Twin Falls join us. We will discuss their identification traits, behavior, conservation, and significance to the natural ecosystems around the State.

Saturday, March 22nd

Nature Center Hours
12:00pm – 6:00pm

10:00am – Poke Hollow Wetlands Trail

This trail travels through a variety of forest types with a steady climb following a ridge to the highest point in the park. This trail features a 450ft elevation change as well as the unique head water wetlands. Meet the Seasonal Naturalist at the Poke Hollow Trail parking lot for this guided hike.

1:00 – Salamanders & Newts Come to the Nature Center for a discussion of the many species of salamanders and newts in West Virginia and the unique species found in the park! We will cover topics such as identification, biological understanding, and other characteristics for these species.

2:00pm – FROGS! Come to the nature center to learn all about the variety of frogs

and toads found in West Virginia. Frogs and toads are similar species and have unique metamorphic life span. We will cover topics such as identification, biological understanding, and other characteristics of these species.

3:00pm – WEST VIRGINIA SNAKES!

Come to the Nature Center as we talk about our slithery friends and why they might get a bad reputation. This discussion will highlight topics and questions such as how to identify venomous from non-venomous snakes, how to avoid negative encounters, what do if bitten, and so much more! Come see our resident snakes Willow, Whiskey, Viper, and Coal.

4:30 – Colored Sand Art Come to the Nature Center to make your own unique sand jar to take back home! This craft is a little messy and is available to all ages.

March 23rd & 24th

Nature Center Hours
CLOSED Sunday and Monday

Tuesday, March 25th

Nature Center Hours
10:00am. – 4:00pm.

Wednesday, March 26th

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Nature Center Hours
10:00am. – 4:00pm.

Thursday, March 27th

Nature Center Hours
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Friday, March 28th

Nature Center Hours
1:00pm – 6:00pm

10:00am – Falls Trail Hike Join the Park Naturalist on a guided hike to view waterfalls of Twin Falls State Park's namesake while seeing remnant of early pioneer's and exploring local flora and fauna along the way. Meet at the "Falls Trail" Trailhead parking lot.

1:00 – Crows & Ravens Can you spot the differences in these two species of bird? Come to the Nature Center for an exploratory presentation highlighting the biology of Crows and Ravens. After the program if weather permits, we will put the taxonomy skills we learn to find and identify these two birds around the Lodge.

3:00pm – Eastern Box Turtle TALK
Are you ready to learn all about this fascinating reptile species native to eastern United State? In this presentation we will explore topics such as identifying this

animal, habitat & range, behavior, diet, and threats they face.

4:00pm – West Virginia MAMMALS!

Did you know there are more than 70 different species of mammals in West Virginia?! If you are curious of the species you may encounter here while examining their identification, behavior, conservation, and significance to the natural ecosystems around the State.

Saturday, March 29th

Nature Center Hours
11:00pm – 6:00pm

11:00pm – Colored Sand Art Come to the Nature Center to make your own unique sand jar to take back home! This craft is a little messy and is available to all ages.

1:00pm – Green Day Hike! Meet the Park Naturalist at the Scout Field to start this special event hike. The Annual Green Day Hike celebrates the return of spring in the mountains. Participants look for new blooms and the colors of green on this moderate 1.3-mile Huckleberry Trail. If weather conditions stay mild this trail will be a spectacular site for searching for huckleberry blooms, putty orchids, spring beauties, and dog wood blooms. Participants will earn a patch after the hike. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash at all times

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and owners must provide their own waste bags.

3:30pm – Turkey Vulture Site Visit Meet at the Nature center for this program. We will start by examining characteristics of these species such as identification, habitat, behaviors, and significance. After the overview we will take a short hike to visit one of our Turkey Vulture habitats on the Park. Nature Center will be temporarily closed for the habitat visit portion of this program

5:00pm – Owl Pellet Dissections! Come to the Nature center for a quick discussion on owls and how these pellets occur. What do you think you'll find inside the pellet? This is a lab activity so be prepared for questions to test your knowledge using scientific thinking! The program is free however owl pellets are \$5.00 per pellets. Pellets are limited.

March 30th & 31st

Nature Center Hours
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