



WEST VIRGINIA
**state
parks**

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Monday, April 28, 2025

9:00 a.m. Morning along Pendleton Lake– The naturalist leads this stroll along Pendleton Lake in search of wildlife that are active in the morning. Program is about one hour and involves walking less than 1/2 mile along uneven, possibly wet terrain. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Due to nature of hike this is not a pet friendly hike

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Nature Center Closed to public.

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

10:00 a.m. Black Bears– Join a naturalist to hear more about the state mammal of West Virginia and safety in it's habitat. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program. All ages are welcome to attend.

Thursday, May 1, 2025

10:00 a.m. Birding Hike – Join a naturalist for this stroll around the area and along Pendleton Lake as we look and listen for feathered friends. Binoculars encouraged but not required. We have a few pairs to loan for this hike. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Hike less than one mile along natural terrain trails. Due to nature of hike this is not a pet friendly hike.

1:00 p.m. Meet our Snakes– Join a naturalist to learn about our nature center snakes while hearing about other relatives found in the mountain state. Program is about one hour and includes an opportunity to touch a live snake if the snake is willing. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

2:30 p.m. Movie Time– Join the staff for a viewing of this G rated film about a magical adventure of three friends on a mission to save their friend after a chemical spill destroys their home and kills their parents. Film is about 70 minutes and qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to watch the film.

Friday, May 2, 2025

11:30 a.m. Budding Naturalist-What's Wild- Join the staff for this presentation that is designed for children 3-7 years of age. All ages are welcome to attend. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

1:00 p.m. Wildlife Observation Hike and Sun Print Craft Join the naturalist for a fun scavenger hunt looking for anything nature related. How many of each will we find? Afterwards, create a work of art using sun sensitive paper and sunshine. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch Program. All ages are welcome to attend.

2:00 p.m. Movie Time– Join the staff for a viewing of a film based on a student in Coalwood, WV in 1957 that created his own rocket. About 1.5 hours. Rated PG

Saturday, May 3, 2025

9:00 a.m. Hike Between Parks– join Canaan Valley Resort State Park staff/volunteers in Canaan Valley Resort State Park Lodge for the 8 mile "Walk Between the Parks Guided Hike from Blackwater Falls State Park to Canaan Valley Resort State Park The registration fee includes an event memento, cookout lunch (halfway point on the "Walk Between the Parks") and shuttle service from Canaan Valley Resort State Park. Questions call Dave Vance at Canaan Valley Resort. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend with their adult owner.

Registration: \$25 for adults, \$15 for children. Registration:

<https://www.canaanresort.com/events/family-trail-days/>

Alternative Hike at Blackwater Falls

10:30 a.m. River Road Trail Hike Join the seasonal naturalist at the trailhead of Gentle Trail (parking limited) as we cross the road and hike out and back along an old railroad exploring the trail while learning about some of the flora, fauna and history of the area. Leashed and well-behaved dogs are welcome to attend this hike with their adult owner.

1:30 p.m. Balsam Fir Trail– Join the summer naturalist for his first solo interpretive guided hike. This hike is about 1.5 mile loop trail takes you through a northern hardwood forest. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch Program. All ages are welcome to attend. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend with their adult owner.

Sunday, May 4, 2025

11:00 a.m. "Stained Glass" Butterfly Wings and Movie Join the recreation assistant to create a pair of child sized butterfly wings that make beautiful colors on the ground as the sun passes through your artwork. Children need be accompanied by an adult to help with this craft activity. The movie explores the world of butterflies and moths. Movie qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Film is not rated. Craft fee is \$3.00.

1:30 p.m. Shaving Cream Art– Join the staff to use shaving cream and watercolor paint to create a work of art to frame and take home. Craft fee is \$2.00

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Monday, May 5, 2025

1:00 p.m. Microscope Fun– Join the recreation assistant and summer naturalist to learn how to use a microscope or just enjoy looking at specimens under the microscope. Program is about one hour. This presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Nature Center Closed to public.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

11:00 a.m. Backyard Bugs & Build a Caterpillar Enjoy a short film about bugs likely found in your backyard then create a craft. Craft fee is \$2.00. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

Thursday, May 8-Sunday, May 11

63rd annual Wildflower Pilgrimage Event- The Wildflower Pilgrimage is a special project of the West Virginia Garden Club, Inc., and is co-sponsored by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. Assisting are West Virginia University, the Brooks Bird Club and colleges throughout West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia where you will discover a weekend of birding and wildflower identification. With a variety of workshops and tours led by the best in the field, prepare to enjoy a weekend of nature programs at their best. On Friday and Saturday participants will have the opportunity to participate in one tour per day, with all tours departing from the lodge.

Each tour will be led by experienced and highly qualified leaders who will identify interesting plants, birds and other natural phenomena. Though some tours are more suitable for children than others, participants are encouraged to make the Wildflower Pilgrimage a family event. **Registration is required** for participation in the Wildflower Pilgrimage and lodge rooms, cabins and campsites that are available to be reserved by calling 304-558-2754.

Sunday, May 11, 2025

10:00 a.m. "Flying Higher, LLC" Live! Birds of Prey – Jo Santiago is a wildlife biologist and creator of Flying Higher. She is dedicated to the conservation of birds of prey and their habitats. The experience of living with non-releasable, permanently injured birds of prey 24/7 has provided Jo with unique insights into their world. Their individual personalities, behaviors, needs, idiosyncrasies, and body language are remarkably like our own. They have much to teach us. In learning about them, we learn much about ourselves. **FREE Event** that is **OPEN** to everyone to attend in Blackwater Falls Lodge Milton Harr Conference Center.

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Nature Center Closed to public.

- 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 may effect your participation in activity. A no show within seven minutes of start time may cancel activity.
- Pets should be physically leashed while enjoying the park. Activities that are pet Friendly are indicated in description. See Park Rules and Regulations about length of leash.
- Protect the environment and yourself by staying on designated and 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 it's not a park trail and you should stay off this path to save the environment and it's inhabitants. Not all trails found online or in books are official trails. Use the park trail map

Meet our Staff



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CHECK OUT OUR KIDS EXPLORATION BACKPACK

The individual borrowing the Exploration Tool kit will be responsible for all items and picking up and dropping off this resource at Harold Walters Nature Center during operational hours of nature center.



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Harold Walters Nature Center Open Daily

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Nature Store is 10 am to 3:30 p.m.

(subject to change at discretion of park naturalist)

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