



## BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

### Sunday, April 20, 2025

**10:00 a.m. Microscope Fun**— Join a naturalist to explore the world under a microscope. Fun for all ages. This activity qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

**11:30 a.m. Mountain State Geology**— Join the recreation assistant for an introduction to geology with a focus on the local area. Presentation is about one hour. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Optional craft activity available for a fee of \$2.00

**1:00 p.m. Paracord Critter Craft**— Join the recreation attendant to create her choice of critter using paracord. Young children will need the assistance of an adult. Craft fee is \$1.00

**2:30 p.m. Spiders of West Virginia**— Join the seasonal naturalist to hear about some spiders found in the mountain state and create a spider craft. FREE. Program is about 45 minutes. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

### Monday, April 21, 2025

**10:00 a.m. Scenic Overlook hike**— Join a naturalist at the salt sands sign at Pendleton Point Overlook as we stroll the area exploring what is around the area. Hike is relatively level around the overlook lawn and less than 1/2 mile. Leashed and well-behaved dogs are welcome to attend with their owner. This activity qualifies for the Junior Ranger patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

**11:30 a.m. Paint a Souvenir T-shirt**— Join the recreation attendant to use fabric paint on a blackwater falls T-shirt. This is the end of the season supply so limited availability

**2:00 p.m. Fabulous Frogs**— Join a naturalist for an introduction to West Virginia frogs and toads. Presentation is about 45 minutes and qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

**5:30 p.m. Peeps and Peents Hike**— Join the seasonal naturalist for a stroll around the nature center to Pendleton Lake looking and listening for nocturnal wildlife. Hike is about 1/2 mile. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. To aid in the possibility of viewing wildlife this is not a pet friendly hike.

**8:00 p.m. Lyrids Meteor Shower**— This average shower can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at it's peak. The crescent moon should pose no problem to look for this show. Find out more about this meteor shower and perhaps help the naturalist as he learns how to use a see star telescope.

### Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**9:00 a.m. Beavers**— Join the staff for a stroll along Pendleton Lake in search of signs of beavers and other life found around the lake. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Hike is less than one mile and about 45 minutes along a natural trail that may be very wet or muddy.

**10:15 a.m. Beaver Film**— Join the staff to take a virtual intimate swim with beavers and experience the rich aquatic habitat of one of nature's greatest engineers. This film set in the Canadian Rocky Mountains follows the lives of a family of beavers as they grow, play and transform the world around them. Film is about 70 minutes. NR. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to the viewing of this film.

#### **1:00 p.m. Budding Naturalist— West Virginia Salamanders**

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.

**2:30 p.m. Finding Your Way**— Join the staff for this introductory film about knowing how to use a map and compass to get you there and back safely and with confidence. Film is about 30 minutes and qualifies for the junior naturalist patch program. Optional cardboard compass craft available for \$2.00. All ages are welcome to attend.

### Wednesday, April 23, 2025

**11:30 a.m. Budding naturalist— Backbones!** 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.

**1:00 p.m. Black Bears**— Join a naturalist to hear about our state mammal. Presentation is about one hour. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

**2:30 p.m. Light Pollution and Solution**— Join the naturalist to hear what light pollution is, how you can help and where the park is on their journey to protect this natural resource. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

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## Thursday, April 24, 2025

**10:00 a.m. Balsam Fir Trail**– Join a naturalist for a hike along Balsam Fir trail exploring and hearing about the forest. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Leashed and well behaved dogs welcome to attend with their owner.

**1:30 p.m. Off the beaten path hike**– Join a naturalist for a loop along some of our cross country trails exploring the early signs of spring. Hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Leashed and well behaved dogs welcome to attend with their owner.

## Friday, April 25, 2025

**1:30 p.m. Mushrooms of West Virginia**– Join the seasonal naturalist as he presents about some of the mushrooms found in the mountain state. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

## Saturday, April 26, 2025

**10:00 a.m. Who was Porte Crayon?**– Join the seasonal naturalist in the paved bus/falls overflow parking area near the park intersection to hear the answer to this question and more about the history of the area. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome to attend with their owner.

**1:00 p.m. The Bee & Candle Craft**– Join the seasonal naturalist to learn about solitary bees and the honey bee while creating a scented candle to take home using bees wax. Presentation is about one hour. Drying time varies. Craft fee is \$4.00.

**2:00 p.m. Feature Movie**– Join the staff for a viewing of this comedy about an ambitious worker bee. Rated PG. film is about 1.5 hours. Film qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

## Sunday, April 27, 2025

**11:00 a.m. Prehistoric Amber**– Join the recreation assistant for this program to learn about amber. A family may use simple tools to remove the crusty shell and polish a piece of amber in its natural state. Will it contain an insect, piece of pollen or nothing at all? Recommended for ages 6 years and up. Supplies are on a first come basis. Presentation qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend. Craft fee is \$3.00

**2:00 p.m. Feature Movie**– Join the staff for a viewing of this Rated PG film about a boy who sets out to impress a girl by finding a tree and discovers a grumpy but charming creature who speaks for the trees. Film is about 1.5 hours.

• 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

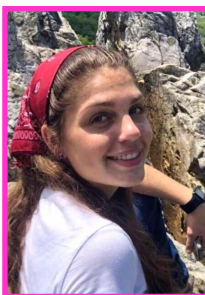
### YOUR FOOTSTEPS MATTER!

### SOCIAL TRAILS ARE HARMFUL!

Stay on Existing Blazed Trails. If there is no blaze then 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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• All Activities meet at Harold Walters Nature Center unless otherwise noted in description.

### CHECK OUT OUR KIDS EXPLORATION BACKPACK

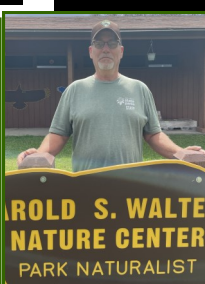
The individual borrowing the Exploration Tool kit will be responsible for all items and picking up and dropping off this resource at Harold Walters Nature Center during operational hours of nature center.



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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