



## WATOGA STATE PARK

### **Friday May 2nd**

**3:30pm Watoga's Forest Army(CCC)**

**Activities Building**

Earn your Forest Army Patch! Learn about the Civilian Conservation Corp and their role in building Watoga State Park. Following the program all attendees receive a patch.

### **Saturday May 3rd**

**9:00am Eat like a Black Bear**

**Activities Building**

Join us as we talk about Watoga's unofficial mascot the Black Bear. We will learn about what they eat. Following the program, we will take a short hike to see if we can locate any bear sign.

**11:00am Watoga Geology & Fossil Hunt**

**Activities Building**

Learn about the local geology of Watoga State Park. We will have a short program to talk about Watoga fossils and why they are here. Then we will go on a **Fossil Hunt!**

**1:00pm Watoga Wildflowers ~ Activities Building**

Meet at the Nature Center. We will talk about various Watoga wildflowers with a hike to follow.

### **Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00pm Overlook Hike**

**Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park**

Meet at the park office. We will hike along Overlook & Cranberry Bog Trail to create a 1.5 mile loop. This will be an easy hike available for all ages and skill levels. We will visit two overlooks and see 200 year old Black Gum trees.

**3:00pm Droop Mountain Battlefield Museum Tour**

**Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park**

Join us at the museum to learn about the battle of Droop Mountain.

### **Friday May 9th**

**11:00am Wildflower Hike**

**Arboretum**

Join us for a hike in the historic Brooks Arboretum as we search for wildflowers. We will hike Honeybee Trail. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear and bring something to drink. A walking stick is recommended.

### **Saturday May 10th**

**9:00am Nature Hike**

**Activities Building**

Join us as the Activities Building. We will take a short hike to look for wildlife & flora.

**11:00am Watoga's Forest Army(CCC)**

**Activities Building**

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**1:00pm Watoga Geology & Fossil Hunt**

**Activities Building**

Learn about the local geology of Watoga State Park. We will have a short program to talk about Watoga fossils and why they are here. Then we will go on a **Fossil Hunt!**

### **Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am Overlook Hike**

**Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park**

Meet at the park office. We will hike along Overlook & Cranberry Bog Trail to create a 1.5 mile loop. This will be an easy hike available for all ages and skill levels. We will visit two overlooks and see 200 year old Black Gum trees.

**1:00pm Droop Mountain Battlefield Museum Tour**

**Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park**

Join us at the museum to learn about the battle of Droop Mountain.

**4:00pm Beartown State Park Naturalist Tour**

Join the Park Naturalist for a tour of Beartown State Park. We will be walking the ½ mile boardwalk at Beartown State Park and talk about its unusual rocky formations and interesting flora.

### **Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am Watoga Wildflowers**

**Activities Building**

Join us for a program about Watoga wildflowers. We will talk about what wildflowers we are currently seeing around the park.

**1:00pm Watoga's Forest Army(CCC)**

**Activities Building**

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**3:00pm Black Bear Hike**

**Activities Building**

Join us as we take a short hike and talk about Watoga's unofficial mascot the Black Bear. We will look for bear sign, talk about what they eat, see where they might den.

### **Saturday May 17th**

**9:30am Youth Fishing Derby (15 & under)**

**Watoga Lake**

Registration begins at 8:30am at the boathouse.

Derby is from 9:30am to Noon

Prizes awarded in each age category

**3:30pm History Alive! Stonewall Jackson**

**Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park**

**South Entrance Picnic Shelter**

The History Alive! Program features scholars from around WV who portray historical figures. Join us as we welcome Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

The discussion will include historical, social and political issues that influenced Stonewall's life. There will also be a chance to ask questions of the character. The program is free to attend and open to the public. Due to limited seating at this outdoor event, please bring your own chair.

**Dark Sky Backpacks** are available to check out for overnight guests at Watoga. We ask that you limit use of the equipment to one night so that others may get an opportunity to use the equipment. PLEASE take special care of the equipment while using it and the enjoy our night sky. Check at the Park Office for details.

\*\*Programs are also available upon request throughout the year at Watoga, Droop Mt. & Beartown. This could include but not limited to School Groups, Guided Old Growth Forest Hikes, CCC History tours and more.

If you would like to schedule an activity during your stay at Watoga, please contact Tim Lavender via email at [tim.a.lavender@wv.gov](mailto:tim.a.lavender@wv.gov).

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