



BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Nature Center Open 1 PM to 4 PM

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, May 22, 2025

No Activities Scheduled

No Naturalist on Duty

Friday, May 23, 2025

Nature Center Open 1PM to 4 PM

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, May 24, 2025

10:00 am. Birding Walk - Join the summer naturalist to look and listen for birds around the nature center and lake. Binoculars are helpful, but not necessary. A couple pairs of binoculars will be available to borrow for this walk. Walk is less than one mile along natural terrain and roadways. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

11:30 am. Hummingbirds - Nature Documentary - Join us for this look into the high-speed, high-energy world of the smallest birds on earth. Film is one hour long and is rated G. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

1:30 pm. Geology and Prehistoric Amber Craft - Join the recreation attendant to hear about the formation of the different rocks that make up our planet. During the program you may polish a piece of your own ancient amber to take home. Craft fee is \$2.00. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:30 am. Phenology Stroll - Meet the naturalist at the Pendleton Point Overlook parking area. We'll use our eyes and ears to keep track of birds, mammals, plants, and more as they make their appearances throughout the year. Feel free to bring Binoculars or a camera. Walking will be less than 1 mile on relatively level ground. All ages are welcome to attend this stroll. Leashed and well behaved pets may accompany their owners. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Sunday, May 25, 2025, continued

11:00 am. "Stained Glass" Butterfly Wings Craft - Join the staff to create a pair of wearable, child-sized butterfly wings that will catch the sunlight. Children need to be accompanied by an adult to help with this activity. Craft fee is \$3.00.

11:30 am. Nature Documentary - On the Wings of the Monarch - This film looks at the life cycle, habitats, and amazing annual migration of our most famous butterfly. Film is 47 minutes long and is Not Rated. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

2:00 pm. Butterfly Craft - Join the staff to learn a little bit about butterflies while you create a butterfly magnet or clothes pin. Craft fee is \$2.00

Monday, May 26, 2025

11:00 am. Silly Stone Pet Rocks - Join the recreation attendant to make your own pet rock. Paint it however you want or make a silly face. Craft fee is \$2.00

1:00 pm. All About Turtles - Join the staff for this presentation about these shelled reptiles. Learn what turtles you might find in West Virginia, make a free turtle craft, and maybe even meet some of our nature center animals. All ages are welcome to attend. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Tuesday May 27, 2025

11:00 am. Woodpeckers: The Hole Story - Nature Documentary - Join the staff for this deep dive into the lives of this unique family of birds. The film is 55 minutes long and is Not Rated. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Nature Center Open 1 PM to 4 PM

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, May 29, 2025

11:00 am. Owl Power - Nature Documentary - Join the staff for this look at how owls hunt, how their vision and hearing works, how they fly so silently, and how they are influencing 21st century technology and design. Film is 1 hour long and is Rated PG. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

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Friday, May 30, 2025

11:00 am. Budding Naturalists - What's Wild? - Designed for children 3- 7 years of age. You decide which animals are wild and which one are not. All ages are welcome to attend. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

7:00 pm. Live Birds of Prey at Blackwater Lodge - Join the Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia at Blackwater Lodge for this presentation about how they conserve our region's wild birds through research, education, and rehabilitation. Open to the public. Free! Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Saturday, May 31, 2025

10:00 am. Beaver Lodge Walk - Join a naturalist for a stroll along Pendleton Lake in search of beavers and other life found around the lake. Hike is less than 1/2 mile along a trail that may be wet and muddy. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to attend.

11:30 am. Beavers - Nature Documentary - Take an intimate swim with beavers and experience the rich aquatic habitat of one of nature's greatest engineers. Film is 70 minutes long and is Not Rated. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

5:00 pm. Bluebird Nest Boxes at Blackwater Lodge - Join WV Master Naturalist Sam Muncy to assemble your own Eastern Bluebird Nest Box. All tools and materials are provided. Limited to 20 participants.

7:00 pm. Attracting Eastern Bluebirds to Your Property at Blackwater Lodge - Join our guest presenters to learn about their studies of the Eastern Bluebird and what you can do to attract them to your property year round. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, June 1, 2025

1:00 pm. Build a Caterpillar Craft - Learn all about the life cycle of a butterfly and make a caterpillar during this craft activity. Suitable for all ages. Craft fee is \$2.00. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

1:30 pm. Backyard Bugs - Nature Film - Join the Nature Center staff for an incredible backyard adventure where you'll discover some of the amazing bugs that exist right outside your door. Film is 36 minutes long and is Not Rated. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Monday, June 2, - Friday, June 6, 2025

No Naturalist on Duty

The Nature Center attendant will be playing a selection of nature documentaries every day at 12:00 Noon.

- 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 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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BLAINE



KENNY

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CHECK OUT OUR KIDS EXPLORATION BACKPACK

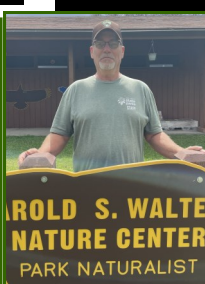
The individual borrowing the Exploration Tool kit will be responsible for all items and picking up and dropping off this resource at Harold Walters Nature Center during operational hours of nature center.



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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



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Saturday, June 7, 2025

National Trails Day

8:00 am. Morning Bird Walk - Join Laura, our volunteer bird leader, in the nature center parking lot for the monthly First Saturday Bird Walk. Dress for the weather and bring water, snacks, and binoculars, if you have them. Expect 1 - 2 miles of easy walking along pavement and packed trails. This walk qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

10:00 am. Park Naturalist Loop Hike - Join a naturalist in the lobby of Blackwater Falls Lodge for this interpretive hike along sections of three different park trails. The forest is a mix of conifers and northern hardwoods. Expect to experience plants and perhaps wildlife that characterize a mountain habitat, such as Mountain Holly, Mountain Ash, Serviceberry, and more. Hike is less than 2 miles along natural rock and root-strewn trail with little change in elevation. Participants should dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, pack water, and be prepared for wet or muddy areas. Leashed and well-behaved dogs are welcome to hike with their owners following B.A.R.K. rules. This hike qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program. All ages are welcome to hike with the naturalist. Expect the hike to last 70 - 90 minutes. Come hike with us. Public restrooms are available inside Blackwater Falls Lodge.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

9:00 pm. Full Strawberry Moon Hike - "Shining the Light on the Dark" - Meet the seasonal naturalist outside the nature center for this fun experience after dark. Enjoy using your senses other than sight through fun activities, hearing about the importance of darkness, and how animals have adapted for life after the sun goes down. The full moon will not rise until later in the night, so we'll have plenty of opportunities to explore the night life. The program lasts about an hour with easy walking along park roads. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

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Saturday, June 14, 2025

Irish Road Bowling Returns!

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Friday, June 20 - Saturday, June 21, 2025

Celebrate West Virginia Weekend!

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