



Watoga State Park Activities

Activities Building (Nature Center) is located just behind the pickle ball courts. Please park in the swimming pool parking lot and walk up the hill. There are a few parking spots reserved for handicap parking up at the Activities Building.

Friday May 23rd

11:00am Overlook Hike ~ Monongaseneka Trail

Meet at Monongaseneka trailhead along Island Lick near cabin #2. We will hike to the overlook, about 4 miles roundtrip. Please wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring something to drink. A hiking stick is recommended. (YPP)

4:00pm Old Growth Forest ~ Activities Building

Meet at the Activities Building to learn about Watoga's Old Growth Forest. (YPP)

6:00pm Black Bear ~ Activities Building

Join us as we talk about Black Bear. Learn about what they eat, where they den and much more. (YPP)

7:00pm Evening Nature Hike ~ Activities Building

We will take a nature hike in search of wildlife sign, wildflowers and other plants. (YPP)

Saturday May 24th

11:00am Watoga Geology & Fossil Hunt ~ Activities Building

Find out about the local geology and fossils. Following the program we will go on a fossil hunt! (YPP)

1:00pm Owls at Watoga ~ Activities Building

Learn about the owls that call Watoga home. We will dissect an owl pellet to learn about what they eat. (YPP)

3:00pm Habitat Scavenger Hunt ~ Activities Building

Let's get outside! See how many items you can find on the Watoga Habitat Scavenger Hunt. (YPP)

7:00pm Fireflies (Language of Light) ~ Activities Building

There are several species of firefly in Watoga including the rare Synchronous Firefly. Learn about them and how to identify them in the wild. (YPP)

9:00pm In Search of Blue Ghosts ~ Picnic Shelter

Join us for this exciting night hike as we look for the rare Blue Ghost Firefly. This is a night time hike. Please wear sturdy hiking shoes. No white light flashlights allowed, we will have red flashlights available for use for everyone. NO PETS are allowed at night time activities at Watoga. (YPP)

Sunday May 25th

11:00am Talkin Turkey ~ Activities Building

Let's talk turkey. Learn about turkeys in Watoga. We will show you how to identify gobblers from hens. Great fun! (YPP)

1:00pm Creek Critters ~ Activities Building

We will search the creek around the Activities Building to see what critters we can find. Crawfish, stoneflies, mayflies and more! (YPP)

4:00pm Bear Pen Trail Hike ~ Activities Building

We will a 2 mile loop along Bear Pen & Lake Trails. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring something to drink. (YPP)

7:00pm Evening Paddle ~ Lake Boathouse

FREE evening paddle on the lake with the Park Naturalist. Meet at the Lake Boathouse. (Paddleboats & Kayaks) (YPP)

Friday May 30th

11:00am Mountain Laurel Hike ~ Activities Building

The Mountain Laurel are blooming. Join us as we hike this 4.5 mile loop along Bearpen Trail. Please wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring something to drink. (YPP)

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Saturday May 31st

11:00am Junior CCC Camp ~ Activities Building

Help us build a new Trail! Earn your Civilian Conservation Corp patch by learning about the CCC and doing some trail work. We will have some CCC era snacks available to sample as well.

12PM Tie Dye T-Shirts ~ Activities Building

Buy your t-shirts at the park office and then join us at the Activities Building. Fun for the entire family! Youth & Adult sizes available.

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3:00pm REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS OF WATOOGA

Herpetologist Dr. Thomas Pauley joins us at the Activities Building. Learn all about frogs, salamanders & turtles. There will be time for question and answers following the program.

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