



**Tygart Lake State Park Nature Center Programs  
May 12 through May 21, 2025**

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**\*All activities are at the Nature Center and free of charge unless otherwise noted\***

**Monday, May 12**

**10AM – 3PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Flint and Steel Fire-Lighting.** Come learn all about this truly old-school-cool method of lighting fires, and see if you can do it yourself! Meet outside on the Nature Center lawn area. **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

**Tuesday, May 13**

**Nature Center Closed**

**Wednesday, May 14**

**Nature Center Closed**

**Thursday, May 15**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Snake Awareness 101.** So, you've met a snake in the woods...what kind is it? Is it venomous? What's the difference between poison and venom? We will answer these questions and talk a little about the kinds of snakes that might be seen out there. **(25 Mins) \*YPP**

**Friday, May 16**

**9:30AM-4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

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**4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist.** The Park Naturalist will be on-hand at the Lodge Front Desk to greet and answer questions.

### **Saturday, May 17**

**8AM – Noon: Bird-Banding and Observation Day.** We will be at the Lodge throughout Saturday morning to join with birder Joey Herron for bird-banding. This is a great opportunity to learn about birds and ID them by sight and sound. If you've ever wanted to ask a bird expert a question, this would be the chance! **This activity is at the Lodge. \*YPP**

### **Sunday, May 18**

**11AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Turtle Talk – Everybody Loves Ruben!** Come and meet our resident painted turtle, Ruben, and learn a little about him and the other kinds of turtles that can be found throughout West Virginia! **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

### **Monday, May 19**

**10AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Tree Talk and Walk.** Let's take a gentle walk around the Nature Center area and see what kind of trees can be found! All about some of the more common backyard trees and plants that you may encounter, and their uses. **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

### **Tuesday, May 20**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM Open Nature Center**

**11AM: Our Frogs and Toads.** We'll be making a fun frog-based craft while learning about the native toads and frogs you might encounter here in West Virginia. **(25 Mins) \*YPP**

**Wednesday, May 21**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Owl Pellets – Who Was For Lunch?** What is an owl ‘pellet’, and what kind of things can be found inside them? We will open some of these hairballs up and see what they can tell us about an owl’s diet. **(25 Mins) \*YPP**