

Come and visit the Tom Ambrose Nature Center! Park naturalists are staffed year round to provide a variety of interpretive, educational and recreational programs on the park's natural and cultural history. Nature Center is Open 9:30AM-4:30PM unless noted

Monday, June 9

10:00AM <u>**Tai Chi**</u> This volunteer led class will help increase balance, flexibility, and focus on connection to mind, body, & spirit. Location lodge.

10:00AM <u>Eastern Box Turtle Game</u> Discover ways to help this turtle thrive while playing this fun game. **YPP**

1:00PM <u>Black Bear Game</u> Discover all about WV's state mammal while playing this fun game. YPP

3:00PM <u>Nature Bingo</u> Learn all about nature while playing this fun game. **YPP**

Tuesday, June 10

10:00AM <u>The American Black Bear</u> Learn some facts. Feel a pelt and claw and see taxidermy. Learn some bear safety rules. Play a black bear game. **YPP**

1:00PM <u>Migratory Games</u> Join us for 2 fun interactive games on migratory birds. **YPP**

3:00PM <u>Visit Our Small Herb Garden</u> Let's make some herbal teas. Take a small bag of herbs home. **YPP**

Wednesday, June 11

10:00AM <u>Frog & Toads</u> Can you tell the difference between them by sight or sound? Let's learn some croaks and identify characteristics of some common WV frogs. **YPP**

1:00PM <u>Woodpecker Wow!</u> West Virginia has a wide variety of woodpeckers with many right here in Cacapon. Join us for a talk on facts, woodpecker calls and a short walk to ID them. YPP

8:45PM - 10:15PM <u>Full Moon Night Hike</u> Meet at the lodge front door area. We will walk to the upper lake for everyone and further to the North Fork cabins for those interested. See bats, the full moon and stars. Possibly hear the whippoorwill and an owl. Learn some park history. Moonrise occurs at sunset at 8:41 PM.

Thursday, June 12

9:15AM Boating with a Naturalist Join us at the boat dock for a paddle boat tour of the lower lake. We will look at animals and plants that may be present. We'll talk about geology and the CCC. \$6 Paddleboat rental **YPP**

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1:00PM <u>Monarch Life Cycle Game</u> Join us for an exciting game to discover the monarch's life cycle. **YPP**

3:00PM <u>Kahoot Trivia</u> Join us for a few rounds of Kahoot trivia. You will need a cell phone or ipad to play this game.

Friday, June 13

10:30AM <u>Wildlife Survival Game</u> Learn the importance of camouflage while playing two interactive games. **YPP**

1:00PM Mothman on the Mountain Let's

celebrate Friday the 13th at Cacapon Overlook. Learn about mothman and other West Virginia Cryptids.

4:00PM-6:00PM <u>Meet & Greet at the Lodge</u> Meet the park summer naturalist and find out about all the exciting weekend activities!

8:30PM <u>Glow Stick Walk</u> Meet the naturalist outside on the North Terrace patio for this night hike on the golf course. Free glowstick bracelets, necklaces and more!

Saturday, June 14

10:00AM <u>Discovery Hike</u> We will walk on the ridge trail which is of moderate difficulty. We will look for common animals and plants on the ridge. **YPP**

1:00PM <u>Cacapon Tie-Dye</u> Design your own T-shirt with our state park logo. The cost is around \$10.

2:30PM <u>Stream Study</u> Learn about stream macroinvertebrates and how they let us know a stream's health. **YPP**

7:00PM History Alive! at the Campfire Circle

Frontiersman Thomas Ingles, who participated in the campaign that resulted in the 1774 Battle of Point Pleasant, will be portrayed by Doug Wood of St. Albans in a West Virginia Humanities Council History Alive program.

8:30PM-10:00PM Firefly Frenzy Night Hike

Meet at the nature center for a firefly walk. Learn about West Virginia's 31 species with their color patterns and blink patterns. **YPP**

Sunday, June 15

10:00AM <u>Fishing 101 & Father's Day Fish</u> Grab a fishing pole and let's head to the lake! Fishing poles & bait provided. **YPP**

1:00PM <u>Woodpecker Wow!</u> Facts, calls and woodpecker walk will be a part of this program. **YPP**

3:00PM <u>Migratory Games</u> Join us for 2 fun interactive games on migratory birds. **YPP**

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10:00AM <u>Water Wonders</u> Follow the water cycle through this interactive game. **YPP**

1:00PM <u>WV Clouds</u> Where do WV clouds come from, how are they made, and what are the 3 main clouds. Let's make a cloud in a jar. **YPP**

3:00PM <u>Kahoot Trivia</u> Join us for a few rounds of Kahoot trivia. You will need a cell phone or ipad to play this game.

Tuesday, June 17

10:00AM <u>WV Trees</u> Discover some common WV trees, followed by a fun leaf pounding craft. **YPP**

1:00PM <u>Stream Study</u> What will we find? Grab a net and bug viewer and let's look for insects that live in our stream. Bring shoes to get wet. **YPP**

Wednesday, June 18

10:00AM <u>Beginner Birding</u> Discover some common birds and learn how to identify them by sight and sound. **YPP**

1:00PM <u>History Film</u> Discover how the Civilian Conservation Corps and Camp Morgan helped make Cacapon State Park and other WV parks & forests.

Thursday, June 19

9:15AM <u>Boating with a Naturalist</u> Join us at the boat dock for a paddle boat tour of the lower lake. We will look at animals and plants that may be present. We'll talk about geology and the CCC. \$6 Paddleboat rental. **YPP**

1:00PM<u>Nature Journaling</u>. What do you enjoy about nature? Sketch, paint, or write in your nature journal. **YPP**

2:30PM <u>Geology Hour</u> Play a fun interactive geology game, color WV's State Fossil, and try a geology word puzzle. **YPP**

7:00PM <u>Geology Rocks</u> Join state geologist, Ken Ashton at the nature center to learn about the geology of West Virginia and the geology of Cacapon Resort State Park. Participants earn a sticker.

Friday, June 20

West Virginia Day!

10:00AM <u>Hands-On Geology Guided Hike</u> Join state geologist for a guided hike on the geology of West Virginia and Cacapon resort State Park starting at the lodge entrance. Participants earn a sticker.

1:00PM <u>Turkey Talk</u> We will learn the plight of the turkey in WV. We'll learn facts, see feathers and feet, and hear turkey calls. How can you help the wild turkey? **YPP**

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3:00PM <u>Critter Catch</u> Bees, frogs, fish, crayfish, butterflies, macro invertebrates, insects of all kinds and spiders may be some of the critters we find. **YPP**

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Saturday, June 21

9:30AM <u>Beginner Birding</u> Discover some common birds and learn how to identify them by sight and sound. Binoculars provided. **YPP**

2:30PM <u>Campfire Building & Fire Starting</u> Join us at the nature center campfire circle and learn ways to make a campfire plus practicing steele & flint and charcoal & bird nest fire starting techniques. **YPP**

3:30PM <u>West Virginia Trivia</u> What a fun way to learn about West Virginia and West Virginia State Parks! **YPP**

7:00PM <u>Irish Road Bowling</u> Meet at the nature center for a game of Irish Road Bowling. Use a small cannonball as the ball and our nature center blacktop circle as our course. Least

amount of throws wins. Individuals will be placed into groups of 4.

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> Sunday, June 22 Nature Center Open 11AM-4:30PM

9:30AM <u>Wildflower Meadow Tour</u> Discover our native flowers in bloom and nesting bluebirds as you walk on a mowed path in our 2acre wildflower field. Meet at the lodge front desk. **YPP**

1:00PM <u>WV Clouds</u> Where do WV clouds come from, how are they made, and what are the 3 main clouds. Let's make a cloud in a jar. **YPP**

3:00PM <u>Wildflower Bingo</u> Learn all about flowers while playing this fun game! **YPP**

Young People for Parks

YPP is an environmental education program for children ages 6-16. Participants attend three activities to receive a certificate and patch.

Find the nature center schedule online at <u>https://wvstateparks.com/cacapon-resort-stat</u> <u>e-park/</u>

Scroll down to the Nature Center and click on current or upcoming activities!

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