



BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

June is National Pollinator Month!

Monday, June 9, 2025

1:00 pm. Insects Nature Documentary - Join the nature center staff for this look into the world of these often avoided or ignored creatures. Run time is 35 minutes. Film is not rated. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

1:00 pm. Bees Nature Documentary - Join us to watch this award-winning documentary about the threats to honey bees and the research to discover why they are dying in record numbers. About 1 hour. Film is rated G. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

1:00 pm. Bats and Craft - How do bats find food? What do they eat? Where do they live? Learn about some of the bats found in the state of West Virginia with the Summer Naturalist as you make an informational bat craft. Free craft. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

9:00 pm. Full Strawberry Moon Hike - "Shining the Light on the Dark." - Join the Seasonal Naturalist for this fun experience after dark. Enjoy using all your senses, excluding sight, through fun activities, hearing about the importance of darkness and how animals have adapted to 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. Meet at the Nature Center. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Thursday, June 12, 2025

10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Make a Pollinator Mask - Ask the Nature Center staff to make a butterfly or bee mask to wear. Show your support for these important insects. Free Craft.

1:00 pm. Backyard Bugs Nature Film - Join the Nature Center staff for this look at a variety of bugs that can be found right outside your door. Learn about adaptations, food webs, habitats, and more. Run time is 36 minutes. Not rated. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist Patch Program.

Friday, June 13, 2025

11:00 am. Hummingbird Craft - Color and create your own hummingbird finger puppet with the Nature Center attendant. Free Craft.

11:30 am. Hummingbird Nature Documentary - Take a look into the lives of the world's smallest, toughest, and most energetic birds. Run time is about 1 hour. Rated G. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

1:00 pm. Weather Window Craft - Learn about clouds and what they can tell us about the weather forecast while making a weather window with the Nature Center attendant. Craft fee is \$1.00. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

1:30 pm. Weather Nature Film - Join the staff to learn all about the folklore and science of predicting the weather and the real forces that make the day fair or foul. Run time is 35 minutes. Not rated. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Ramblin' Ranger - The park's Seasonal Naturalist will be at the top of the Blackwater Falls Boardwalk. Come say hello, ask a question, or see what items he might have to show and tell. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Saturday, June 14, 2025

10:30 am. What's Blooming? - Take a walk with the Summer Naturalist to see what flowers are currently in bloom and have a look at our designated pollinator habitats. Maybe even see some pollinators busy at work. About 1 hour. Easy walking along mostly level ground and trails. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

1:30 pm. Irish Road Bowling - Can you complete the course in the fewest number of bowls? Get a rundown of the rules and borrow your "bowl" (an iron cannonball) with a deposit of \$5. Meet at the gravel lot at the picnic area next to Cabin #27 to take part in this popular piece of Irish and West Virginian culture. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Sunday, June 15, 2025

10:00 am. Mason Bee House Craft - Join the Nature Center staff to create a habitat for our native bees. Learn about how our native bees, like bumble bees, mason bees, and leafcutter bees differ from honey bees. Take your bee house home to help out these important insects. Craft fee is \$3.00. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

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1:00 pm. Watercolor Butterfly Craft - Create a butterfly with colorful wings using coffee filters and watercolors. Free craft.

2:00 pm. Bug Trivia and Bug Bingo - Meet a naturalist outside the Nature Center to play some fun bug-related games. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Monday, June 16, 2025

1:00 pm. Paper Plate Habitat Craft - Join the Summer Naturalist to learn about habitats and to make a moveable, multi-habitat plate craft. Free craft. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

1:00 pm. Butterfly Life Cycle Craft - Discover the multiple stages of the life of an insect with the Summer Naturalist while you make this craft. Craft fee is \$2.00. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

11:00 am. Pollinator Walk - Join the Seasonal Naturalist to explore our pollinator garden and habitat. Learn how we are providing food and shelter to our native bees and butterflies. About 1 hour. Some easy walking. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

1:00 pm. Pollinator Origami - Join the Seasonal Naturalist to fold some decorative paper butterflies (or moths!) Free Craft.

Thursday, June 19, 2025

1:00 pm. Stained Glass Butterfly Wings Craft - Make your own wearable, child-sized "stained glass" butterfly wings. Children will need adult assistance with cutting. Supplies Limited. Craft fee is \$4.00.

West Virginia Weekend

Friday, June 20, 2025

Happy Birthday West Virginia!

11:00 am - The Resilient Forest - Join the Nature Center staff for this film produced by the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area to look at the culture, history, industry, and ecology of West Virginia's forests. About 1 hour. Not rated. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

1:00 pm - Paracord Craft - Join the Nature Center attendant to make some fun and colorful crafts with paracord. Craft fee is \$2.00

2:00 pm. West Virginia Trivia! - Join the Seasonal Naturalist for a few rounds of West Virginia trivia. Brush up on history, geology, state symbols, and state park facts to wow your friends. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

7:30 pm. Geology of West Virginia at Blackwater Falls Lodge - Meet one of our WV state geologists in the Lodge to learn about the forces that shaped the Mountain State and how geology underlies it all. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

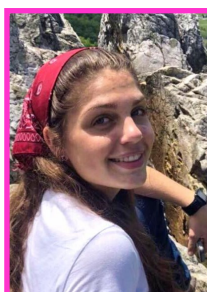
- All Programs meet at the Harold Walters Nature Center unless otherwise specified in description.
- Plan to arrive five minutes early for programs. A late arrival may effect your participation in activity. A no show within seven minutes of start time may cancel activity.
- Pets should be physically 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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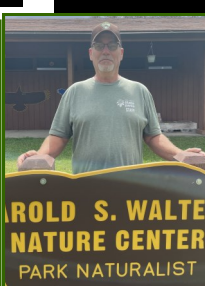
The individual borrowing the Exploration Tool kit will be responsible for all items and picking up and dropping off this resource at Harold Walters Nature Center during operational hours of nature center.



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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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West Virginia Weekend, continued.

Saturday, June 21, 2025

10:00 am. West Virginia Geology Rocks! Walk at Pendleton Point - Meet the state geologist at the Pendleton Point parking area to see the geology of Blackwater Falls State Park up close and personal. Participants receive a "Geology Rocks!" sticker. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

1:30 pm. West Virginia Fossils and Prehistoric Amber Craft - Join the Nature Center attendant to explore some of the fossils found in the state of West Virginia and to polish a piece of amber to take home with you. Craft fee is \$3.00. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

5:00 pm. Even More West Virginia Trivia! At Blackwater Falls Lodge - Gather in the lounge area of the Lodge for another round of West Virginia questions and answers. There might even be prizes! Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

7:30 pm. Celebrate West Virginia! At the Blackwater Falls Lodge - Join Mick Souter, West Virginia's "Bard of Education," for an evening of songs and stories honoring the Mountain State. Free and open to the public! Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist patch program.

Sunday, June 22, 2025

11:00 am. Movie Time! - October Sky - Join the Nature Center staff for this film, based on a true story, about a boy from Coalwood, West Virginia and his attempts to make his own rocket. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase at the Nature Center Store.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 3, 2025

7:30 pm. Comedy Barbershop Quartet at Blackwater Falls Lodge - Join the staff in Blackwater Falls Lodge for this comedic quartet that also mixes in a little barbershop, gospel and patriotic tunes. About an hour long. This event is free to the public.

July 10, 2025

9:00 pm. Full Buck Moon Hike - Can you name the species of owl by its calls? Can you identify the nocturnal animal by the color of its eyeshine? Are they called Fireflies or Lightning Bugs? Meet at the Harold Walters Nature Center to look and listen for creatures of the night. The full moon will rise as we make our way around the park. Easy walking along park roads, this program lasts about an hour. Dress for the weather and your comfort.

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

7:00 pm. Dancin' with Lou! At Blackwater Falls Lodge - Join West Virginia square-dancing legend and Vandalia Award recipient Lou Maiuri for an evening of fun. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to have fun and learn. Lou will teach some easy square and line dances. Take part in this piece of West Virginia's culture.

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Full Moon Hikes Summer 2025

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Thursday, July 10th at 9:00 pm - Full Buck Moon Hike

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Saturday, August 9th at 9:00 pm - Full Moon Hike

Meet the Naturalist at the Harold Walters Nature Center for this hour-long walk around the park. Dress for the weather and bring a jacket just in case. Learn about our Dark Skies initiative, what you can do to keep our skies dark, and why having dark skies matters. Maybe even see a few of the Perseid meteors that will be at their peak in just a few days.

All Full Moon Hikes qualify for the Junior Naturalist patch program

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