



BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Saturday, July 5, 2025

8:00 am. Early Bird Walk - Join our volunteer bird walk leader at the Nature Center for a morning of birding. Expect 1 to 2 miles of easy walking along roads and trails. Dress for the weather, bring water and a snack. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

10:30 am. Jefferson's Giant Claw! - Join the Seasonal Naturalist to learn how some mysterious bones found in a West Virginia cave changed what we know about the prehistoric world. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

1:00 pm - Twisted Tie Dye! - Join the Nature Center staff to create your own Blackwater Falls t-shirt souvenir. Supplies are limited. Youth sizes are \$8.00. Adult sizes are \$10.00. Set up closes at 3:00 pm!

Sunday, July 6, 2025

11:00 am. Shaving Cream Art! - Join the Nature Center staff to create your own "marbled" watercolor print, suitable for hanging on the wall or turning into a card. What happens when the colors mix? Craft fee is \$1.00. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

1:00 pm. Monarch Mania! - Join the naturalists to learn all about the Monarch Butterfly, its life cycle, annual migration, and what you can do to help out Monarchs in your area. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

2:30 pm. Movie Time! - Grab a cold drink from the Nature Center store and join us for this fun film about the picnic basket stealing bears of Jellystone Park. Rated PG. About 1 hour and 20 minutes long.

Monday, July 7, 2025

11:00 am. Bee Garden Craft - Join the Nature Center staff to make your own mini greenhouse containing a variety of bee-friendly flower seeds. Take it home and watch them grow. Craft fee is \$4.00. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program

1:00 pm. Slime! - Join us for a short presentation about some animals that make and use slime. Afterwards, make your own bag of slime to take home. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

11:00 am. Weather Window Craft - Join the Nature Center attendant to learn about the clouds while you make your own weather window craft, then go outside and see what kinds of clouds you can see. Craft fee is \$3.00. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program

11:30 am. Weather Film - Is there any truth to the folklore around the weather? Find out during this educational film. Run time is about 35 minutes. Not rated. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

1:00 pm. Nature Apps 101 - Join the Summer Naturalist to dig into the do's and don'ts of using apps to identify and report the things you find. Emphasis will be on iNaturalist, but other apps may be covered as well. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

11:00 am. Weasels and Their Cousins - Join the Seasonal Naturalist to learn all about these rarely seen and often misunderstood animals. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program

1:00 pm. Christmas in July! - Join the Nature Center staff to decorate some Christmas themed suncatchers. Craft fee is from \$1 to \$4 per craft.

Thursday, July 10, 2025

1:00 pm. Let's Talk Turkey - Join the Summer Naturalist to hear all about the American Wild Turkey and how conservation efforts brought them back from the brink of extinction. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

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. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

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Friday, July 11, 2025

10:30 am. Budding Naturalist - All About Bears - Designed for younger children, but anyone may participate. Learn about bears through stories, crafts, and games. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

12:00 pm. Pollinator Masks Craft - Join the Nature Center staff to make a colorful butterfly or bee mask to show your support for these important insects. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

2:00 pm. Movie Time! - Join us for this fun animated film about a grumpy, but charming, creature that speaks for the trees. Rated PG. Run time is 1 hour 27 minutes. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase in the Nature Center Store.

Saturday, July 12, 2025

No Naturalist on Duty until 1:00 pm

1:30 pm. Finding Your Way - Join the Nature Center attendant to make a compass craft and watch a short video on navigating using a map and compass. Craft fee is \$2.00. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

Sunday, July 13, 2025

10:00 am. Blackwater Falls through History - Who was the first person to see Blackwater Falls? When did it become a State Park? Find out during this presentation by the Seasonal Naturalist. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program.

11:30 am. Sand Art Craft - Just for fun, create your own colorful, decorative masterpiece. Craft fee is \$5.00. Supplies are limited.

1:30 pm. Invasive Plants Removal Walk - Join a naturalist to learn about some common invasive plants of the area...then remove them! Some gloves and tools will be provided, but bring your own if you have them. Qualifies for the Junior Naturalist program. About an hour.

Friday, July 18, 2025

7:30 pm. HERPS ALIVE! - Interactive Reptile and Amphibian Experience.
Free and open to the public.
Program will be in the Blackwater Lodge Conference Center.

Saturday, July 19, 2025

7:30 pm. Live Birds of Prey! - Presented by Three Rivers Avian Center.
Free and open to the public.
Program will be in the Blackwater Lodge Conference Center.

Friday, July 25 to Saturday, July 27, 2025

West Virginia Astrophotography Association Annual Conference

For more information, go to www.wvaa.us

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

7:30 pm. West Virginia Storyteller Bil Lepp.
Free and open to the public.
Program will be in the Blackwater Falls Conference Center.

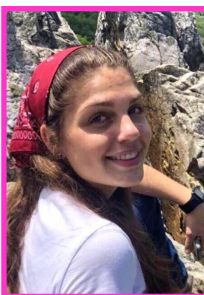
- All Programs meet at the Harold Walters Nature Center unless otherwise specified in description.
- Plan to arrive five minutes early for programs. A late arrival may effect your participation in activity. A no show within seven minutes of start time may cancel activity.
- Pets should be physically 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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KENNY, NAI/CIG



PAULITA, NAI/CIG

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CHECK OUT OUR KIDS EXPLORATION BACKPACK

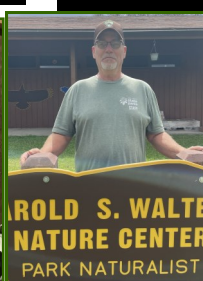
The individual borrowing the Exploration Tool kit will be responsible for all items and picking up and dropping off this resource at Harold Walters Nature Center during operational hours of nature center.



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**Harold Walters Nature Center
Open Daily**

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Nature Store is 10 am to 4:30 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