



## **Tygart Lake State Park Nature Center Activities July 31 through August 14, 2025**

### **Thursday, July 31**

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

**11AM: Whoo Was for Dinner?** We will explore an owl 'pellet' and see what the bird had for dinner! What will we find? **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

### **Friday, August 1**

**10AM – 5:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**11AM: Badminton Basics.** You can learn the fundamentals of this classic lawn game. **(20 Mins)**

**4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist.** One of our park naturalist staff will be available at **the Lodge front desk area** to greet and answer questions. Come say hello!

### **Saturday, August 2**

**10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center**

**11AM: Craft – Friendship Bracelets.** You can learn to do this fun craft and make your own bracelet! **We'll meet at the Campground Building for this one. (20 Mins)**

**1PM: Flint and Steel Fire-lighting.** We'll cover the basics of this 'Old School Cool' fire-lighting technique! Can you spark a fire? Yes, you can! **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

**2PM: Turtle Talk.** Everybody Loves Ruby! Come and meet Ruby, our resident Painted Turtle, as we learn all about turtles and make a fun craft. **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

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**8:45 PM: Night Light Walk.** We will search around the playground and campground area to see what kind of night biofluorescent critters show up under the black light. **Meet at the playground/campfire area! (45 Mins) \*YPP**

**Sunday, August 3**

**Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Up in the Clouds:** We will be making a ‘cloud finder’ craft, and then using it to see what kind of clouds are up over our heads every day. **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

**Monday, August 4**

**9:30AM – 4:00PM: Open Nature Center**

**Tuesday, August 5**

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

**1PM: Skins and Skulls.** We can learn a lot about WV’s native wildlife by looking at the bones and pelts they have left behind. **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

**Wednesday, August 6**

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

**11AM: Stream Stroll.** We will take a short walk down the Lake Trail to the creek to see what kind of critters live in there, and how to safely observe them. Hike is approximately ½ mile each way. **(45 Mins) \*YPP**

**Thursday, August 7**

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

**11AM: Craft – The Pollinators.** What is a pollinator, and why is it important for all of us? We’ll talk about these special insects, plus a fun monarch butterfly craft!  
**(30 Mins) \*YPP**

**Friday, August 8**

**9AM - 5PM: Open Nature Center**

**4:45PM – 6PM: Meet a Naturalist.** One of our park naturalist staff will be available at the Lodge front desk area to greet and answer questions. Come say hello!

**Saturday, August 9**

**10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center**

**10AM: Hike – School Bus Loop Trail.** Join us for a nature hike on the School Bus Loop Trail! This trail is approximately 2 miles in length and includes moderately hilly terrain. Be sure to wear good shoes or boots and bring water! **(2 Hours) \*YPP**

**2PM: Flint and Steel Fire-lighting.** We'll cover the basics of this 'Old School Cool' fire-lighting technique! Can you spark a fire? Yes, you can! **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

**3PM: Whoo Was for Dinner?** We will explore an owl 'pellet' and see what the bird had for dinner! What will we find? **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

**8:45 PM: Outdoor Movie.** Join us at the campfire area between the cabins and campground for a family-friendly animated film on the outdoor screen! **Weather Permitting. Approx. 90 mins.**

**Sunday, August 10**

**Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Skins and Skulls.** We can learn a lot about WV's native wildlife by looking at the bones and pelts they have left behind. **(30 Mins) \*YPP**

**Monday, August 11**

**9:30AM – 4:00PM: Open Nature Center**

**Tuesday, August 12**

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

**11AM: Backyard Tree Stroll.** We'll take a gentle stroll around the Nature Center yard area to see what kind of trees can be found and hear some of their stories!

**(30 Mins) YPP**

**Wednesday, August 13**

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

**1PM: Nature Origami.** All about using this fun traditional paper-folding craft to create forest critters of your own! **(25 Mins) \*YPP**

**1:30PM: Leave No Trace Scavenger Hunt.** Use your phone or camera (take only photos, leave only footprints) to find all the clues outside and win something from the prize box!

**Thursday, August 14**

**9:30AM – 4:30 PM**

**11AM: Bubble-ology.** Bubbles are fun, but they're also science! How do they work? Is a bubble always a sphere? Let's find out! **(25 Mins) \*YPP**