



BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Friday, November 7, 2025 -

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Due to unforeseen circumstances there are no activities scheduled at the Nature Center.

Nature Center is open from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Sunday, November 9, 2025

11:00 am. Blackwater Falls History - Grab a cup of coffee or hot cocoa, compliments of the nature center, and learn all about the Blackwater Falls area from before recorded history to the present. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Frog Craft - How much do you know about frogs? Make a fun, free craft and maybe learn a little bit in the process. **YPP**

2:00 pm. Backbone Bonanza - Get to know all about the different groups of animals that have a backbone during this hands-on, glue-heavy crafting activity. Fun for all ages. **YPP**

Monday, November 10, 2025

12:00 pm. Nature Documentary - Raptor Force - Join the nature center staff for this 1 hour film that looks at how studying birds of prey is influencing the designs of high performance aircraft. Not Rated. **YPP**

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 -

Thursday, November 13, 2025

No Activities Scheduled

Nature Center is open from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Friday, November 14, 2025

11:00 am. Morning Along the Lake - Meet a member of the nature center staff for a short walk along the shores of Pendleton Lake to look for signs of wildlife. We'll keep our eyes peeled for Bald Eagles, waterfowl, beavers, and more. About an hour. Less than 1 mile. **YPP**

1:00 pm. What to Carry on a Hike? - Whether a short hike, a day trip, or an overnigher, learn some of the useful items that you should always have with you to cover the 5 "C"s of survival. Purchase a "survival bandana" after the program for \$4.00. **YPP**

2:00 pm. Be Bear Aware - Join the naturalist to learn a bit about the American Black Bear and how to keep yourself and others safe when bears are in the area. **YPP**

3:00 pm. Spruce Bog Walk - Meet a naturalist at the Gentle Trail parking area for a hike along Yellow Birch Trail. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and be prepared to encounter rocks, roots, and mud. Out and back hike of about 1 mile. We'll make several stops to explore the multiple ecosystem types along the way. **YPP**

Saturday, November 15, 2025

10:00 am. Birding 101 - Want to begin birding, but don't know where to start? Join the naturalists at the nature center for a crash course on how to look at birds, using field guides and binoculars, and some helpful smartphone apps. No birding experience necessary. We'll even send you home with some helpful hand outs. **YPP**

11:00 am. Owls of West Virginia - Join the Summer Naturalist to learn all about these nocturnal hunters and find out which one can be found around Blackwater Falls State Park. NO Live birds will be present during this program. **YPP**

12:00 pm. Slime! - Learn about some of the animals that make and use slime while you mix up your own bag of slime to take home. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Digging Up the Past - Prehistoric Amber! - Join the nature center attendant for a presentation about geology and what clues it gives us about Earth's past. During the program, clean and polish a piece of prehistoric amber. It will take some persistence to get your amber to a high polish. \$3.00 materials cost. **YPP**

2:30 pm. Skulls! - Join the Naturalists to have a closer look at some real animal skulls and what we can learn from them. What does the animal eat? How does it find food? What are its strongest senses? An animal's skull can give us clues to answer these questions. **YPP**

Sunday, November 16, 2025

11:00 am. Herb Garden Craft - Join the nature center attendant to make your own miniature herb greenhouse. Place it in a sunny spot to have fresh herbs growing all winter. Craft fee is \$3.00. **YPP**

12:00 pm. Edible or Not? - Join the Seasonal Naturalist to see if you can correctly identify the specimens in the photographs and place them in the correct categories. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Paracord Craft - Join the Seasonal Naturalist to make a paracord survival bracelet in your choice of color. Craft fee is \$1.00. **YPP**

2:00 pm. The Woodland Box Turtle and Turtle Craft - Join the nature center staff to learn all about one of West Virginia's most common turtles. Make your own turtle craft and meet Leonardo, one of our educational animal ambassadors. **YPP**

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Upcoming

Monday, November 17, 2025

11:00 am. Nature Documentary - Raptors: A Fistful of Daggers - An insightful and spectacular celebration of raptors and what makes them some of the world's most successful predators. Run time is 110 minutes. Not rated. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Nature Documentary - Owl Power - A look into the real stories behind how owls hunt, how their vision and hearing works, and how they fly so silently. About 1 hour long. Rated G. **YPP**

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 -

Thursday, November 20, 2025

No Activities Scheduled

Nature Center is open from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Friday, November 21 2025

10:00 am. Morning Along the Lake - Meet a member of the nature center staff for a short walk along the shores of Pendleton Lake to look for signs of wildlife. We'll keep our eyes peeled for Bald Eagles, waterfowl, beavers, and more. About an hour. Less than 1 mile. **YPP**

Thursday, November 27, 2025
Thanksgiving Day

The Nature Center will be closed.

Friday, November 28 2025

9:00 am. "Opt out" Black Friday Bird Walk - Join volunteer Laura for an easy 1-2 mile stroll on pavement and packed trails. Meet at the Nature Center.

Young People For Parks
is a junior naturalist program for youth aged 6 to 16.
Ask for more information at the
Harold Walters Nature Center

YPP in description indicates a qualifying activity.



- 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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**AROLD S. WALTERS
NATURE CENTER
PARK NATURALIST**

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**Harold Walters Nature Center
Open Daily**

10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Nature Store is 10 am to 4:00 pm.

(subject to change at discretion of park naturalist)

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.

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