



NATURE CENTER EVENT SCHEDULE 1/19 - 2/1

Winter Hours: Fridays through Sundays 8a-4p

Naturalist Jess Blalock will be available Fridays through Sundays to answer questions about the forest, ID photos and found objects, and to chat about your favorite topics! When she is out doing fieldwork, a Kanawha Valley Master Naturalist will be in the Nature Center to answer questions about the forest and provide general information!

Meet A WV Master Naturalist!

1/22 - 1/24: 9a-12:30p

1/25: 9a-4p

1/29 - 1/30: 9a-12:30p

Come by the Nature Center to meet a member of the WV Master Naturalists Program! Interested in becoming a WV Master Naturalist? They can answer your questions and help you find the information you need to join!

(We will have a Kanawha Valley Master Naturalist Volunteer in the Nature Center from 9a-12:30p on Thursdays until February 1st.)

Documentary Days!

1/23 & 1/30: 1p-3:45p

We'll be choosing documentaries that focus on survival in Winter as well as Arctic and high altitude exploration! Suitable for all ages.

Winter Tree ID with Liz Moss!

Saturday, 1/31 1p-3p

****REGISTRATION REQUIRED****

Join Liz Moss of WVSU Extension Service at the Nature Center to learn how to identify trees in Winter! We will begin inside with a lecture and specimens. Participants should prepare for light hiking on moderate terrain for the second half of the workshop. We will cover basic Winter tree ID clues - leaf scar arrangement, twigs, buds, lenticels, bud scales, etc. - and learn to use a dichotomous key. Go home armed with some confidence, a pocket tree ID guide, and a hand lens! **To register, visit the event page on the Kanawha State Forest Foundation's Facebook Page and click the link above the description.**

Shirley Shweizer Winter Walk with Doug Wood

Sunday, 2/1 1:30p

Join us at the forest headquarters for an interpretive walk led by noted Naturalist and American Indian historian Doug Wood. The theme of this year's walk is "Groundhog Lore". This will be an easy outdoor walk, followed by an indoor presentation in the KSF Nature Center for those who want to participate!

****Groundhog Day is Monday, February 2nd 2026!****

NATURE CENTER NOTES

- Volunteer Matt is finalizing a survey to help gauge community interest in different activities and programs for Spring and Summer. Stay tuned for the date it goes live!
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Please mark your calendars for these events, coming soon to the KSF Nature Center and Kanawha State Forest! Additional programs will be announced soon!
 - **Sunday, 3/8: Natural Dyes with Karen Kelly (1p)**
 - **Saturday, 4/11: Seeing With New Eyes: A Nature Journaling Workshop with Jamie Chambers (1p)**
 - **Friday, 4/24 - Sunday, 4/26: Mary Ingles Trail Association Living History Encampment (All Weekend at Shelters 8 & 9)**
 - **Saturday, 4/25: Medicinal Herb Walk with Becky Linger (1p)**
 - **Saturday, 5/2: Bil Lepp Storyteller (1p)**
 - **Saturday, 9/19: Three Rivers Avian Center (2p)**
 - **Saturday, 9/26: Geology ROCKS! with Randy Toth WVGS (time TBA)**
- **West FURginia State Park Ranger Program and YPP (Young People to Parks)** programs are available at KSF! Please see Naturalist Jess for more information!