



WEST VIRGINIA
**state
parks**

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Friday, February 13, 2026

All Weekend - The Great Backyard Bird Count - Come by the Nature Center to learn more about this annual Audubon Society event. Spend a few minutes birdwatching with us, learn how to submit your own observations, or just come see what birds we've seen so far. Become a Citizen Scientist! **YPP**

1:00 pm. Bat Craft - Learn a little about bats while making this educational paper bat craft. Ask the Naturalist about the bats that can be found in the area. **YPP**

2:00 pm. Critter of the Day : The Eastern Coyote - Join the Summer Naturalist to learn about this highly adaptable predator and how it has greatly expanded its historic range from west to east. **YPP**

Saturday, February 14, 2026

10:00 am. Sweethearts Nature Stroll - Meet at the Nature Center for this walk to Pendleton Point and back. Less than 1 mile, about an hour. A great chance to get a selfie with your sweetie overlooking Blackwater Canyon. All participants will receive a West Virginia State Parks hiking stick medallion. **YPP**

11:00 am. Make a Mason Bee House - Help out our native pollinators by making a home for bees. Craft fee is \$3.00. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Critter of the Day: The Virginia Opossum - Join the Summer Naturalist to learn all about this amazing odd-ball of a creature, the only one of its kind in North America. **YPP**

2:00 pm. What's in a Wetland? - Learn about some of the plants and animals that depend on wetlands as you make a moveable marsh scene craft. Maybe try some wetland trivia. **YPP**

Sunday, February 15, 2026

10:00 am. Great Backyard Bird Walk - Join the Seasonal Naturalist for some easy walking around the Nature Center area to look and listen for all kinds of birds. About an hour long. Inclement weather may cancel this walk or change it to an indoor feeder watch. **YPP**

11:30 am. Nature Documentary - Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air - Join us for this look at what makes these tiny, energetic creatures so unique. About 1 hour. Rated G. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate are available, just ask! **YPP**

1:00 pm. Mini Bird House Craft - Assemble and decorate your own decorative miniature bird house. No tools necessary. Younger children may require some adult assistance. \$3.00 craft fee.

2:00 pm. Owls of West Virginia - Join the Seasonal Naturalist for this presentation where you'll get to know all the different owls that can be found in West Virginia and which ones are here at Blackwater Falls. Dissect an Owl Pellet during the program for a cost of \$3.00. Supplies are limited and may be limited to one pellet per family. **YPP**

Monday, February 16, 2026

10:00 am. Great Backyard Bird Walk - Join the Seasonal Naturalist for some easy walking around the Nature Center area to look and listen for all kinds of birds. About an hour long. Inclement weather may cancel this walk or change it to an indoor feeder watch. **YPP**

11:30 am. Nature Documentary - Woodpeckers: The Hole Story - Join the Nature Center staff to look into how and why these specially adapted birds do what they do. About an hour long. Not rated. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Keeping Our Night Skies Dark - Join the Seasonal Naturalist to learn about the Dark Skies initiative at Blackwater Falls, why having a dark sky matters, and what you can do to help protect the nighttime sky. **YPP**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - Thursday, February 19, 2026

Nature Center Open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, February 20, 2026

1:00 pm. Weather Window Craft and Film - Join the Nature Center attendant to learn all about clouds while making a weather window and watching a movie about the weather. **YPP**

2:00 pm. Critters of the Day: The Red and Gray Foxes - Join a Naturalist to learn about the two different species of foxes that can be found in West Virginia. Fur color isn't their only difference. **YPP**

Saturday, February 21, 2026

10:00 am. Evergreen Plants Walk - Join a Naturalist for a walk along part of Balsam Fir Trail to discover the different trees, shrubs, and other plants that stay green all year long. Wear study shoes and dress for the weather. Inclement weather may change this program to an inside presentation. About an hour. **YPP**

11:00 am. Digging Up the Past: Prehistoric Amber - Join the Nature Center attendant to learn about how rocks and fossils can teach us about the Earth's past. During the program, polish up a piece of prehistoric amber to take home with you. It will take some persistence to get your amber to a high polish. \$3.00 materials fee. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Critter of the Day: The Black Bear - Learn some fun facts about West Virginia's State Mammal and become "bear aware" while spending time in the outdoors. **YPP**

2:00 pm. Lunch for a Black Bear - Do you know what makes a perfect meal for a Black Bear? Find out how hard it is to be a bear during this program that is part craft and part game. **YPP**

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Sunday, February 22, 2026

11:00 am. Herb Greenhouse Craft - Join the Nature Center attendant to plant 4 kinds of herb seeds in a mini greenhouse you can take home. Grow your own culinary herbs, all you need is a warm, sunny spot inside. Craft fee is \$4.00. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Fireflies and Lightning Bugs - Join the Seasonal Naturalist to get excited about warmer weather with this presentation about glowing nocturnal insects! **YPP**

2:00 pm. Amazing Insect Craft- Make your own glowing firefly with the Nature Center staff and learn a little about insects. Craft fee is \$2.00. **YPP**

Monday, February 23, 2026 -
Wednesday, February 25, 20226

Nature Center Open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, February 26, 20226

1:00 pm. Cooking with Ramps! - Ramp season is just around the corner. Join our park volunteer to learn about this Appalachian wild food and make some ramp flatbreads. **YPP**

Friday, February 27, 20226

2:00 pm. Critter of the Day: The Porcupine - Join a Naturalist to learn all about this quill-covered critter that you might see on our park. **YPP**

Saturday, February 28, 2026

13th Annual Cardboard and Duct Tape Sled Race

This Year's Theme is 1980s Rock Bands!

Registration and Sled Inspections will begin at 9 am. Safety briefing and instructions will be at 10 am, with race to follow.

For more information call the Nature Center.
304 - 259 - 5511

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.

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

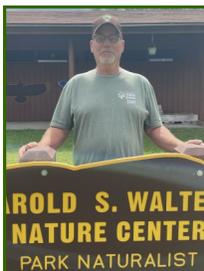
Meet our Staff



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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

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.

Harold Walters Nature Center Open Daily

10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Nature Store: 10 am to 4:00 pm.

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