



WEST VIRGINIA  
**state  
parks**

# BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

## Friday, February 27, 2026

**1:00 pm. March Mammal Madness** - Get an introduction to this annual competition created by Arizona State University, learn about the divisions, get the rules, and pick up a bracket so you can play at home. The Nature Center will be playing recaps of the matches every Saturday in March at 1:00 pm. More info can be found at [libguides.asu.edu/MarchMammalMadness](http://libguides.asu.edu/MarchMammalMadness)

**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

## Sunday, March 1, 2026

**11:00 am. Parts of a Tree Craft** - Geared toward younger children, but fun for all ages. Make a tree outline by tracing your hand, then give it everything a tree needs to be a tree using construction paper, glue, and scissors. **YPP**

**1:00 pm. 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**

**2:00 pm. Documentary Film - The Resilient Forest** - Join the Nature Center staff for this film produced by the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area that looks into the settlement, industrialization, recreation, conservation, and forestry practices that have shaped the cultural identity of West Virginia. About an hour. Not rated. **YPP**

## Monday, March 2, 2026 - Thursday, March 5, 2026

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

No Activities Scheduled

## Friday, March 6, 2026

**1:00 pm. Nature Documentary - Raptors: A Fistful of Daggers** - Join the Nature Center staff for this film that celebrates raptors and what makes them some of the world's most successful predators. Not Rated. About 1.5 hours long. **YPP**

**3:00 pm. Owls of West Virginia** - Join a 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**

## Saturday, March 7, 2026

**9:00 am. First Saturday Bird and Nature Walk** - Meet our park volunteer at the Nature Center for 1 to 2 miles of easy walking along park roads and trails. Keep your eyes and ears open for signs that Spring is on its way! Dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them. **YPP**

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**2:00 pm. Fur- Real!** - Join the Naturalist to look at all the different purposes an animal's fur might serve. Get a chance to touch some real animal pelts during the program. **YPP**

## Sunday, March 8, 2026

**11:00 am. "Stained Glass" Amphibian Craft and Movie** - Create your own imitation stained glass amphibian with the nature center attendant and watch a short documentary all about frogs, toads, and salamanders. Younger children may require adult assistance with this craft. **YPP**

**1:00 pm. Silly Suncatcher Craft** - Join the Nature Center staff to make a googly-eyed animal suncatcher. Craft fee is \$2.00.

**2:00 pm. Shaving Cream Rainbow Art** - Print a colorful design on paper using this unusual method of color transfer. Great for turning into a greeting card. Craft fee is \$1.00.

## Monday, March 9, 2026 - Thursday, March 12, 2026

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

No Activities Scheduled

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Friday, March 13, 2026

**2:00 pm. Phenology Walk** - Join a Naturalist on this walk to Pendleton Point to look for signs of Spring. Meet at the Nature Center. About 1 hour. Less than 1 mile round-trip. **YPP**

Saturday, March 14, 2026

**10:00 am. Green Day Hike** - Meet a Naturalist at the Gentle Trail parking area to explore a Red Spruce forest and upland bog ecosystem. Please wear study shoes, as the trail is uneven and may be wet and/or muddy in places. Participants will earn a WV State Parks Green Day Hike patch. About 1 hour. Around 1 mile. **YPP**

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**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**

Sunday, March 15, 2026

**11:00 am. 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**

**11:30 am. Nature Documentary - Backyard Bugs** - Wildlife educator Sean Roach discovers a variety of amazing bugs right outside his door. Not rated. About 40 minutes.

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Saturday, March 21, 2026

**10:00 am. Green Day Hike: version 2.0** - Meet a Naturalist in the Blackwater Lodge lobby for this loop hike along sections of several different park trails. Expect wet and muddy trail conditions and uneven terrain with the last leg of the hike being a long, steep descent. Participants will earn a WV State Parks Green Day Hike patch. About 1 hour. Just under 1.5 miles. **YPP**

**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



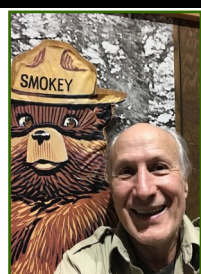
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Since 1978, the Harold Walters Nature Center has been educating & facilitating environmental education through the park's vast natural resources by offering a variety of free to low cost programs designed to assist visitors to learn more about the 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.

*(subject to change at discretion of park naturalist)*