



WEST VIRGINIA

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WATOGA
STATE PARK

March 28th

11:00am Monongaseneka Hike

Meet at the Monongaseneka Trailhead. This trek is an uphill, but you'll be rewarded with beautiful vistas peeking through the winter-bare trees. The trail begins half a mile from Cabin #2 along Island Lick. Follow switchbacks up the mountain and pass through Jeff's Hollow before climbing to the main ridge. From there, a loop leads to an overlook with

Greenbrier River views. This is a moderately difficult

5 mile roundtrip hike. Bring water, binoculars & your camera! Walking stick is recommended.

March 28th

3:30pm Watoga State Park History

Park Office

Meet at the Civilian Conservation Corp Museum. We will tour the CCC museum and take a short walk around the park office area and discuss the park history.

April 3rd

11:00am Nature Center/Bearpen Trail Loop Hike

Nature Center/Activities Building

Meet at the Activities Building/Nature Center. We will be in search of the first signs of spring as we hike the 2 mile Nature Center Loop. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear and bring something to drink. A walking stick is recommended. Participants will receive a collector's sticker.

April 3rd

3:00pm Watoga State Park History

Park Office

Meet at the Civilian Conservation Corp Museum. We will tour the CCC museum and take a short walk around the park office area and discuss the park history. Participants will receive a collector's sticker.

April 4th

11:00am Watoga Geology/Fossil Hunt

Nature Center/Activities Building

Meet at the Activities Building/Nature Center. We will be in search of the first signs of spring as we hike a 5 mile loop on Bearpen, North Boundary and Buck & Doe Trails. Along the hike we will see the remains of a Civilian Conservation Corp quarry and visit the site of the 1926 Watoga State Forest Fire Tower. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear and bring something to drink. A walking stick is recommended. Participants will receive a Green Day Patch.

April 4th

1:00pm Nature Center/Busch Settlement Trail Loop Hike

Nature Center/Activities Building

Meet at the Activities Building/Nature Center. We will be in search of the first signs of spring as we hike the 2-mile Nature Center Loop. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear and bring something to drink. A walking stick is recommended. Participants will receive a collector's sticker.

April 10th

11:00am Watoga State Park History

Park Office

Meet at the Civilian Conservation Corp Museum. We will tour the CCC museum and take a short walk around the park office area and discuss the park history.

Check at the office for details.

Night Sky Viewing

The optimal viewing location during the winter months is the Watoga Lake Dam.

There is (one) Youth Dark Sky Backpack and (two) Regular Dark Sky Backpacks available to check out for overnight guests at Watoga. We ask that you limit use of the equipment to one night so that others may get an opportunity to use the equipment. PLEASE take special care of the equipment while using it and the enjoy our night sky. Check at the Park Office for details.

Programs are also available upon request throughout the year. This could include guided hikes, CCC History tours, School Groups and much more. If you would like to schedule an activity during your stay at Watoga, please contact Tim Lavender. Phone or text 304-651-0308 or via email at tim.a.lavender@wv.gov.

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