



NATURE CENTER EVENTS SCHEDULE 3/30 - 4/12

Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays 8a-4p

Please see the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page for the weekly listing of days of operation as we return to our Spring and Summer hours! On select weekends in the Nature Center, members of the Kanawha Valley Master Naturalists will be on hand to answer your questions!

Meet A WV Master Naturalist!

See Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page for dates and times!

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!

Vernal Pool Monitoring Sessions

See the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page for dates and times!

Join Naturalist Jess and Volunteer Matt for vernal pool monitoring sessions in different locations around KSF! We'll not only be looking for eggs, tadpoles, and larvae, but documenting insect activity and looking for juveniles on the move! Come prepared for wet weather - there is usually more activity after rain!

Seeing With New Eyes: A Nature Journaling Workshop with Jamie Chambers

Saturday, 4/11: 1p

The Nature Center will be closed to the public during the workshop. Please go to the Gift Shop for maps and general forest information.

Step into the quiet of the woods and discover the art of noticing. In this guided workshop, participants will learn simple techniques for observing and recording nature through words and sketches. Nature journaling is not about perfect drawings - it's about slowing down, paying attention, and finding joy in small details. Together, we'll use gentle prompts, time outdoors, and reflective practice to connect more deeply with the natural world.

All skill levels welcome! Supplies will be provided, or participants may bring their own journal and favorite pens or pencils.

Speaker Bio: Jamie Chambers is a nature enthusiast who has discovered the gift of slowing down and noticing the world more deeply through nature journaling. She values creating spaces

where people of all backgrounds and skill levels can feel encouraged to explore, observe, and reflect on the natural world.

NATURE CENTER NOTES!

- **ALL dogs must be leashed while visiting Kanawha State Forest!** This is a regulation across **ALL** WV State Parks:
*“2.12 Dogs and cats are the only pets permitted in state parks, state forests, and state wildlife management areas...
...In and around campgrounds, picnic areas, playgrounds, designated roads and trails and other similar intense public use areas, they shall be restrained at all times on a sturdy leash not to exceed ten feet in length...”* (General Rules Governing Public Use of State Parks, State Forests, and Recreational Areas in State Wildlife Management Areas under the Division of Natural Resources.)
- **THANK YOU to everyone who has taken Volunteer Matt’s 2026 Programs Survey!**
If you haven’t taken it yet, please visit the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page for the link! We are running the survey all year! Your responses are being shared with Superintendent Sanford and Assistant Superintendent Gilbert as we receive them, and will help us shape programs for this year and 2027!
- **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 as they are scheduled on the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page!
 - **Saturday, 4/18: Nature Center CLOSED (Trail Building Workshop)**
 - **Friday, 4/24 - Sunday, 4/26: Mary Ingles Trail Association Living History Encampment (All Weekend at Shelters 8 and 9)**
 - **Saturday, 4/25: Medicinal Herb Walk with Becky Linger (1p)**
 - **Saturday, 5/2: Bil Lepp Storyteller (1p)**
 - **Saturday, 5/9: Raising Monarchs with Kelley Barnes Berry (1p)**
 - **Saturday, 5/16: Osbra Eye Spring Walks (details TBA)**
 - **Friday, 7/24: Moth Night with Doren Burrell (8p)**
 - **Saturday, 9/12: Margaret Denison Fall Walks (details TBA)**
 - **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!