



CACAPON RESORT STATE PARK

Come and visit the Tom Ambrose Nature Center! Park naturalists are staffed year round to provide a variety of interpretive, educational and recreational programs on the park's natural and cultural history. Nature Center is Open 9:30AM-4:30PM unless noted.

**Nature Center Gift Shop Open during these hours for select souvenirs!*

Monday, April 13

10:00AM Morning Wildflower & Tree Flower Discovery Stroll Meet at the lodge. Let's learn about the spring ephemerals and the blooming spring trees. We'll use guides and apps to ID.

10:00AM Tai Chi This volunteer led class will help increase balance, flexibility, and focus on connection to mind, body, & spirit. Location lodge.

1:00PM WV Owls & Owl Pellet Dissection Are owls out at night? Do all owls make a hoot sound? A few facts will be presented about each WV owl, along with owl strengths, owl sounds and an owl's diet. In celebration of dark skies week: Does artificial lighting affect owls?

2:30PM Kahoot Fish will be the theme of this kahoot. You'll need a device (phone or ipad).

Tuesday, April 14

10:00AM Cacapon Birds In celebration of dark skies week: What birds are most affected by light pollution? We will first learn some information about common WV birds. Then we will walk looking for Cacapon spring birds. All Ages welcome.

1:00PM Vultures: Nature's Clean Up Crew Learn some unique features and behaviors of vultures. Can we see any using binoculars?

3:00PM Wildflower BINGO Play a few games of bingo, learn some facts, and win a prize.

Wednesday, April 15

10:00AM Morning Wildflower & Tree Flower Discovery Stroll Meet at the lodge. Let's learn about the spring ephemerals and the blooming spring trees. We'll use guides and apps to ID.

1:00PM The CC' Boys, A West Virginia Legacy This 30 minute film shares how the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930's were active with conservation projects in our WV state parks and forests.

2:30PM All About Bats In celebration of dark skies week: Does light pollution affect bats? Bats are important to ecosystems. We'll discuss common WV bats, their habitats, their importance and their challenges.

3:30PM Bird BINGO Play a few games of bingo, learn some facts, and win a prize.

Thursday, April 16

Nature Center Open: 10:30AM-3:00PM

9:30AM Discovery Walk Join master naturalist Dale for an easy stroll talking about the Parks History & Geology. Meet at the nature center.

Friday, April 17

10:00AM Frog & Toads Can you tell the difference between them by sight or sound? Let's learn some croaks and identify characteristics of some common WV frogs. In celebration of dark skies week, we'll pay extra attention to the night time croakers.

1:00PM WV Mammals Fun facts for all ages. This WVDNR powerpoint helps us to discuss well known and lesser known mammals of WV. Pelts, taxidermy scat models, track models, some skulls and bones, and animal calls will help us to use our senses for this program.

2:30PM Vernal Pool Discovery Walk Let's watch a short video about what vernal pools are and what may be found in them. Next walk the Rock & Roll Trail, looking at 3

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known vernal pools and perhaps discovering more of them. Wildlife may be present.

Saturday, April 18

10:00AM Morning Wildflower & Tree Flower Discovery Stroll Meet at the lodge. Let's learn about the spring ephemerals and the blooming spring trees. We'll use guides and apps to ID.

10:00AM-12PM Watercoloring at Bath House Meet at the Bath House. We'll water color from inside looking at the lake and landscaping around. Materials provided but you can bring your own.

1:00PM-3:00PM Birds of Prey Watch Join us anytime between 1-3pm at Cacapon Resort State Park overlook to watch migrating birds & monarchs. These birds: black vulture, turkey vulture, osprey, bald eagle, northern harrier, sharp-shinned hawk, cooper's hawk, , northern goshawk, red-shouldered hawk, broad-winged hawk, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, merlin, peregrine falcon, would be experiencing peak migration at this time. Other wildlife could be spotted: ravens, crows, deer. Come join us just this one time or all the birds of prey watch series listed in the upcoming events. Binoculars will be provided or bring your own. Dress for the weather but this event will be canceled due to rain, fog or snow.

3:30PM Kahoot: Arachnids will be the theme of this kahoot. You'll need a device (phone or ipad).

Sunday, April 19

Nature Center open: 11:00AM-4:30PM

9:00AM Morning Wildflower & Tree Flower Discovery Stroll Meet at the lodge. Let's learn about the spring ephemerals and the blooming spring trees. We'll use guides and apps to ID.

10AM - 12PM Spring Cleanup-continued Join Cacapon Resort State Park's Nature Center for a cleanup. Please dress for the weather, bring plenty to drink, lunch or buy at our restaurant, sturdy gloves, long pants, tick repellent,

sunblock, and any labeled tools such as loppers, shears, shovels, and buckets. Some tools will be provided.

3:30PM Kahoot: Insects will be the theme of this kahoot. You'll need a device (phone or ipad). In celebration of dark skies week, we'll focus on night insects.

Monday, April 20

Nature Center Open: 10:00AM-3:00PM

10:00AM Tai Chi This volunteer led class will help increase balance, flexibility, and focus on connection to mind, body, & spirit. Location lodge.

Tuesday, April 21

Nature Center Open 9:30AM-11:30AM/ 1:30PM-4:30PM

Wednesday, April 22

Happy Earth Day

10:00AM Frog & Toads Can you tell the difference between them by sight or sound? Let's learn some croaks and identify characteristics of some common WV frogs.

1:00PM Afternoon Wildflower & Tree Flower Discovery Stroll Let's learn about the spring ephemerals and the blooming spring trees. We'll use guides and apps to ID.

3:00PM Wildflower BINGO Play a few games of bingo, learn some facts, and win a prize.

Thursday, April 23

10:30AM Morning Wildflower & Tree Flower Discovery Stroll Meet at the lodge. Let's learn about the spring ephemerals and the blooming spring trees. We'll use guides and apps to ID

1:00PM Triple Life: Red-spotted Newt Newt vs Salamander. How does the red-spotted newt have 3 lives? How can community science help monitor the red-spotted newt?

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2:30PM Muskrat: The other Wetland Animal as Important as the Beaver Muskrats are important animals to help with the health of marshes and other water bodies. Feel a pelt, make a footprint mold and learn some basics of the muskrat. "Muskrat Love": A whimsical song about 2 muskrats.

3:30PM Kahoot: Trees will be the theme of this kahoot. You'll need a device (phone or ipad). In celebration of Arbor Day, we'll focus on trees.

Friday, April 24
National Arbor Day

10:00AM All about Trees Learn about the importance of trees through fun activities and how to identify them.

1:00PM-3:00PM Birds of Prey Watch Join us anytime between 1-3pm at Cacapon Resort State Park overlook to watch migrating birds & monarchs. These birds: black vulture, turkey vulture, osprey, bald eagle, northern harrier, sharp-shinned hawk, cooper's hawk, northern goshawk, red-shouldered hawk, broad-winged hawk, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, merlin, peregrine falcon, would be experiencing peak migration at this time. Other wildlife could be spotted: ravens, crows, deer. Come join us just this one time or all the birds of prey watch series listed in the upcoming events. Binoculars will be provided or bring your own. Dress for the weather but this event will be canceled due to rain, fog or snow.

Saturday, April 25

10:00AM-12:00PM Earth Day Celebration Join us at the nature center for environmental education booths & activities. Special guest Smokey Bear will be here with the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

Sunday, April 26
Nature Center Open 11AM-3:00PM

9:30AM Discovery Walk Join master naturalist Dale for an easy stroll talking about the Parks History & Geology. Meet at the Lodge.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 2; Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16: Bird of Prey Watches Series: 1pm-3pm
Saturday, April 25: Earth Day Activities
Saturday, May 16: Kids to Parks Day: Youth Fishing Day

Young People for Parks

YPP is an environmental education program for children ages 6-16. Participants attend three activities to receive a certificate & patch.



Find the nature center schedule online

<https://wvstateparks.com/programs/naturalist/>

Dog Friendly Programming
West Virginia State Park Ranger Program

Now at 8 parks!

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