



### **NATURE CENTER EVENTS SCHEDULE 4/13 - 4/26**

**Hours: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays 8a-4p**

**Please see the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page for the weekly listing of upcoming days of operation and event reminders, posted every Thursday!**

#### **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!

#### **THE LEGACY OF MARY INGLES: 18th Century Living History Encampment**

**\*\*\*LOCATED IN LOGTOWN HOLLOW (Shelters 8 & 9)\*\*\***

**Friday, 4/24: Schools ONLY 10a-4p**

**Saturday, 4/25: Open to the Public 10a-4p**

**Sunday, 4/26: Open to the Public 11a-3p**

*The Legacy of Mary Ingles* living history camp is an 18th century living history weekend that introduces visitors and guests to life and the ways of our pioneering and American Indian ancestors through demonstrations and the portrayal of life in 1755 that Mary Ingles lived and encountered 270 years ago. The 2026 event will be presented at Kanawha State Forest at **Logtown Hollow**.

The presentations are part of a three-day encampment with interpreters and tradesmen and women in primitive encampment settings. The interpreters engage those attending throughout the course of the day in conversation and with on-going action and work life typical of the 18th century. Information and skills demonstrated will relate to Mary Ingles, the French and Indian War, and the 18th century Virginia frontier lifestyle. Presentations are interactive. Audience

participation is encouraged. There are restrooms onsite.

Over the course of the three-day event, attendees may encounter:

*The importance of trade; animal care; spinning and weaving; music; salt making; edible native plants and medicinal native plants as early healthcare; finger weaving; blacksmithing; candle making; lye soap making; hunting skills; tomahawk throwing; plant dyes; toys and games; wood working; hide tanning; Indian pictographs; women's and men's roles; frontier cooking and foods.\**

(\*Demonstrations are based on the availability of individual interpreters.)

First person presentations of actual historical persons and other 18th century lifestyles are presented at select times throughout the weekend. **The schedule will be posted at the Gift Shop and Nature Center.**

- **Friday, 4/24: 10a-4p SCHOOL DAY - school field trips welcome. CLOSED to the public.** Upon registration, students and classes receive a “Welcome to the 18th Century” introduction and then will be dispatched to presentations and encampments for fun learning about 18th century history. **Public and home-schooled students welcomed!**  
Contact [MaryInglesTrail@yahoo.com](mailto:MaryInglesTrail@yahoo.com) in advance to register class/group trips.
- **Saturday, 4/25: 10a-4p OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.** Living History Encampment
  - 11a: Meet Mary Ingles
  - 1p: Meet Mary Ingles
  - 3p: Meet Thomas Ingles
- **Sunday, 4/26: 11a-3p OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.** Living History Encampment
  - 11a: Meet Mary Ingles
  - 1p: Meet Mary Ingles

### **Medicinal Herb Walk with Becky Linger**

**Saturday, 4/25: 1p**

Join Master Naturalist and Herbalist Becky Linger on an interpretive hike exploring the various medicinal herbs and wildflowers found in Kanawha State Forest! Stay tuned for the event page on the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page for more information!

### **NATURE CENTER NOTES!**

- **The Nature Center will return to our weekday hours on May 1st!** The new schedule will be as follows:  
**Mondays & Tuesdays: Closed**  
**Wednesdays through Sundays: Open 9a-5p**
- **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, 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!