



WEST VIRGINIA
**state
parks**

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Saturday, April 25, 2026

10:00 am. Bird Migration Meander - It's beginning to look like migration season! Join a Naturalist for a stroll along Pendleton Lake in search of feathered friends. Expect uneven terrain, areas of mud, and some puddles. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them. About an hour, 1/2 mile walking. **YPP**

11:00 am. Parts of a Tree Craft - Fun for all ages, but geared towards younger children. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Pollinator Garden Mini Greenhouse Craft - Make a miniature greenhouse planted full of flowers seeds to take home with you. Materials fee is \$4.00. **YPP**

2:00 pm. Earth Day Binoculars Craft - Make a pair of fully-functional cardboard Earth Day binoculars. Materials fee is \$1.00.

3:00 pm. Pendleton Point Stroll - Join a Naturalist to talk from the Nature Center to Pendleton Point and back again. About 1 hour. Under 1 mile. **YPP**

Sunday, April 26, 2026

11:00 am. Fireflies of WV and Firefly Craft - Join the Seasonal Naturalist to learn all about flashing, nocturnal insects. You just might be amazed by what you learn. Make your own glowing firefly with the Nature Center staff. Craft fee is \$2.00. **YPP**

12:00 pm. Nature Documentary - Backyard Bugs - Wildlife educator Sean Roach discovers a variety of amazing bugs right outside his door. Not rated. About 40 minutes. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Digging up the Past - Fossils! - Join the Nature Center attendant to learn about fossils, take a look at some of the fossils in the Nature Center, and uncover your own replica fossil to take home. Materials fee is \$3.00. **YPP**

Monday, April 27, 2026

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

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Nature Center Closed to the Public for School Group

May re-open after 1:00 pm.

Wednesday, April 29 - Thursday, April 30, 2026

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

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, May 1, 2026

2:00 pm. Friday 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**

7:00 pm. Documentary Film - Blood on the Mountain - An investigation into the economic and environmental injustices that have resulted from coal company control in West Virginia. Not rated. 93 minutes. **YPP**

8:30 pm. Full Flower Moon Hike - Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center to explore the park after dark. Featuring critters of the night, night sounds, and possibly some stargazing. About 1 mile walking along paved roads and paths. Around an hour. **YPP**

Saturday, May 2, 2026

8:00 am. Early Bird Walk - Meet a park Naturalist at the Nature Center parking lot for some easy walking along park roads and trails looking and listening for birds. Bring binoculars if you have them. About an hour. About 1 mile walking. **YPP**

10:00 am. Mini Bird House Craft - Build and decorate your own decorative miniature bird house to take home. \$2.00 craft fee.

11:00 am. Amphibian Craft and Documentary - Learn a little bit about amphibians while you make a "stained glass" amphibian craft. Film is about 35 minutes long and is not rated. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Common Yard Plants Walk - Join a Naturalist for a walk around the Nature Center lawn to investigate some of the so-called weeds you might find right around your house. Some easy walking. About an hour long. **YPP**

2:00 pm. Jefferson's Giant Claw! - Join the Seasonal Naturalist to learn how some mysterious bones found in a West Virginia cave changed how we think about the Earth's past. **YPP**

Sunday, May 3, 2026

11:00 am. Weather Window Craft and Weather Film - Learn about different kinds of clouds as you make a weather window then watch a film all about weather. Film is about 35 minutes long and is not rated. **YPP**

1:00 pm. Butterfly Life Cycle and Craft - Think Spring while you make a butterfly life cycle craft with the Seasonal Naturalist and learn about some well-known butterflies of the area. **YPP**

Monday, May 4, 2026

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

No Activities Scheduled

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Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Nature Center Closed to the Public for School Group

May re-open after 1:00 pm.

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Next Full Moon Hike...

Wednesday, May 6 - Thursday, May 7, 2026

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

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, May 31, 2026

9:00 pm. Full Blue Moon Hike - Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center to explore the park after dark. Featuring critters of the night, night sounds, and possibly some stargazing. About 1 mile walking along paved roads and paths. Around an hour. **YPP**

Friday, May 8 - Saturday, May 9, 2026

No Naturalist On Duty

Naturalists will be attending the West Virginia Wildflower Pilgrimage

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

No Activities Scheduled

Coming in June...

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Happy Mothers Day

Saturday, June 6, 2026

National Trails Day Hike

Time and place to be determined.

10:00 am. Flying Higher: Live Birds of Prey at Blackwater Falls Lodge - Jo Santiago has 30 years of experience in conservation education presentations with live birds of prey and is dedicated to the conservation of birds of prey and their habitats. Presentation will be at the Blackwater Falls Lodge. **YPP**

Saturday, June 20, 2026

West Virginia Day

Irish Road Bowling, Live Music, and More!

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Coming up...

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Kids to Parks Day!

Kids to Parks Day is a national day of outdoor play celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May organized by the National Park Trust. Check back soon for a full list of activities.

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.

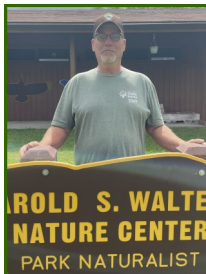
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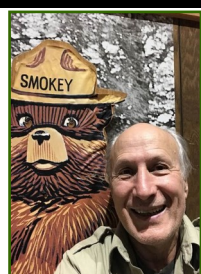
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Harold Walters Nature Center Open Daily

10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Nature Store: 10 am to 4:00 pm.

(subject to change at discretion of park naturalist)

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.