



Tygart Lake State Park Activities
April 27 through May 10, 2026

All activities will meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise specified.

Thursday, April 30

11AM: Flint and Steel Fire-Lighting.

Learn about this 'old school cool' method of striking a fire using only flint and steel. Can you do it? Yes, you can! **(20 Mins)**

Friday, May 1

11AM: Backyard Tree Survey.

The everyday trees of our backyards still tell a story. We'll go around the Nature Center lawn area and see what is Spring-ing! **(30 Mins)**

3PM-5PM: Meet a Naturalist.

Park Naturalist Jacob will be on-hand at the Lodge lobby area to meet you and answer questions you might have about wildlife or the park.

Saturday, May 2

8AM – Noon: Spring Bird Banding Day

Join us at the Lodge front and backyard areas as we welcome master birder Joey Herron back to the park to demonstrate bird-banding! We'll also be observing birds throughout the morning, so bring your binoculars and any questions. This activity will go on throughout the morning, so come and go as you'd like.

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Sunday, May 3

1PM: Skins and Skulls.

We can learn a lot about the creatures of the forest by taking a look at the things they've left behind. There are plenty of things living in the WV hills, so let's talk about some of them! (30 Mins)

Thursday, May 7

10AM: Lake Trail History Walk.

This hike will depart from the Nature Center for a walk down to the Lake Trail cove. We'll talk about the flora and fauna of the area, plus a little about how Tygart Lake came to be and who lived here. (.75 Miles)

Friday, May 8

11AM: Backyard Tree Survey.

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Saturday, May 9

11AM: Owl Pellets – Whooo Was for Dinner?

What is an owl pellet? What is inside of them, and what do they tell us about what an owl ate? We'll find out the answers to these questions! (30 Mins)

1PM: Meet a Turtle

Come say hello to our resident painted turtle, Ruby, and get to know a little more about the kinds of turtles you can encounter in the Mountain State. (25 Mins)