



## Tygart Lake State Park Activities

May 25 through June 7, 2026

**All activities will meet at the Nature Center unless otherwise specified. Come check out our NEW Junior Ranger program!**

### **Monday, May 25**

**1PM-4PM: Open Nature Center**

#### **3PM: 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)**

### **Tuesday, May 26**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

### **Wednesday, May 27**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Nature Journals.** You can make your own simple nature journal to help record your thoughts and findings. **(20 Mins)**

**1:30PM: Leaf Rubbings.** With a simple craft, you can learn more about leaves by their size and shape. **(20 Mins)**

### **Thursday, May 28**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

#### **1PM: Meet a Turtle.**

Come say 'hello' to our resident painted turtle, Ruby, and learn a little bit about West Virginia's turtle species and how to help them as best we can. **(30 Mins)**

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**Friday, May 29**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**2PM: Bubble-ology.** It's the science (and the fun) of bubbles. How do they work? Let's find out! **(20 Mins)**

**4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist at the Lodge.** One of our Park Naturalists will be on-hand at the Lodge front desk area to meet, greet, and answer your questions about nature or the park.

**Saturday, May 30**

**9:30AM – 6:00PM: Open Nature Center**

**10AM: Hike – The Ridge Trail.**

**Departing from the Nature Center.**

Time for a walk with the Park Naturalist! We'll go on the Ridge Trail and see what kind of plants and wildlife that can be observed. Trail includes moderately steep terrain, so wear good shoes and bring water! **(90 Mins)**

**2PM: Flint and Steel Fire-Lighting.**

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**8:45PM: Creatures of the Night!**

**Meet at the campfire area/playground field between the cabins and campground.**

Do you know what biofluorescence is? We'll learn about it while taking a walk through the field at night with a UV light. What crawling creatures will we discover? **(45 Mins)**

**Sunday, May 31**

**Noon – 4:00 PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Stream Stroll.**

**Meet at Picnic Shelter 1 outside the Nature Center.**

We will take a short walk down the Lake Trail to the creek to see what can be discovered among the rocks and mud, and we'll learn how to safely observe them. **(0.5 miles, 45 Minutes)**

**Monday, June 1**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Skins and Skulls.** We can learn a lot about the local forest animals by examining the things they've left behind. **(30 Mins)**

**Tuesday, June 2**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Tree Talk and Walk.** A stroll around the Nature Center lawn area to talk about the trees found there, and their importance to us. **(30 Mins)**

**Wednesday, June 3**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Butterflies and Pollinators.** All about why these vital insects are important to us all, plus a fun monarch butterfly craft. **(25 Mins)**

**Thursday, June 4**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Moth Mosaic Magnets.** All about the differences between moths and butterflies, plus a fun craft where you can create your own moth magnet!  
**(30 Mins)**

## **Friday, June 5**

**9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**2PM: Bubble-ology.** It's the science (and the fun) of bubbles. How do they work? Let's find out! **(20 Mins)**

**4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist at the Lodge.** One of our Park Naturalists will be on-hand at the Lodge front desk area to meet, greet, and answer your questions about nature or the park.

## **Saturday, June 6**

**9:30AM – 6:00PM: Open Nature Center**

**10AM: Hike – National Trails Day!**

**Meeting at the 'Almost Heaven' swing at Tygart Dam**

Celebrate National Trails Day with Tygart Lake as we meet and talk about the story of the lake and dam. We will be walking out to the top of Tygart Dam and talking about some of the trees and wildlife of the area. Be sure to wear good shoes and bring water! **(90 Mins)**

**8:30PM: Classic Campfire**

**Meet at the campfire/playground area between the cabins and campground.**

It's a classic campfire experience! Come and toast a s'more or two with us. We might even tell a ghost story! Come and go as you like as the sun sets. **(1 Hour)**

## **Sunday, June 7**

**Noon – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center**

**1PM: Skins and Skulls.** We can learn a lot about the local forest animals by examining the things they've left behind. **(30 Mins)**