



NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Monday, June 8th
Nature Center Closed

Tuesday, June 9th
9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center
Open

10:00am-Skull ID(JN)-Our Naturalist will have a table set up in the Nature Center with skulls of WV mammals! Stop by to see how many you can ID and maybe learn a few more!

11:30am-Sand Art -Learn how to make colorful works of art with sand! Use sand to create a work of art using stencils or your imagination!

1:30pm-Creek Critters (JN)-Have fun collecting critters in the creek that can teach us about our river's water quality!

3:00pm-Rock Painting-Use your imagination and paint rocks

to turn them into what their shape resembles! A pizza slice, a lady bug, or anything else you see!

Wednesday, June 10th
9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center
Open

10:00am-Junior Naturalist Hike (JN)-Join the Naturalist on a hike all about the native trees of WV!

11:30am-Nature Notebooks-
Come to the Nature Center and craft a unique notebook to take with you on your hikes! Fill it with your nature observations and drawings!

1:30pm-Searching for Sallies (JN)-Our Naturalist will have a table set up in the Nature Center with skulls of WV mammals! Stop by to see how many you can ID and maybe learn a few more!

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3:00pm-Pinecone Creatures-

Use pinecones, pipecleaners, googly eyes and other craft materials to turn a pinecone into an animal!

Thursday, June 11th

9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center

Open

10:00am-Animal Masks- Learn how to make an animal mask of your choosing out of construction paper!

11:30am-Tracks Bingo(JN)- Test your knowledge of WV animal tracks! Play a few rounds of bingo in the Nature Center and learn some tracks you may never have seen before!

1:30pm-Butterfly Symmetry-

Visit the Nature Center to create your own butterfly craft and learn about symmetry in Butterflies!

3:00pm-Turtle Game(JN)-Join the Naturalist out on the black top in front of the Nature Center to play an educational game about the life of a box turtle!

Friday, June 12th

10:00am-6:00pm-Nature Center Open

11:30am-Scavenger Hunt-Have fun exploring the outdoors and searching for items on our Nature Center scavenger hunt list!

1:00pm-Forest

Habitats(JN)-Discuss what an animal needs from its habitat to survive, then apply your knowledge and create a mini habitat for a creature to live in!

3:30pm-Myth Busters(JN)-Join our Naturalist in the busting of myths that surround nature!

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Tuesday, June 16th

9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center

Open

10:00am-Scavenger Hunt-Have fun exploring the outdoors and searching for items on our Nature Center scavenger hunt list!

11:30am-Tracks Bingo(JN)- Test your knowledge of WV animal tracks! Play a few rounds of bingo in the Nature Center and learn some tracks you may never have seen before!

1:30pm-Leaf Art-Learn How to make incredible art with the leaves you find along the ground!

3:00pm-Searching for Sallies (JN)- Join our Naturalist in the creek to hunt for salamanders while learning about their habitat and the different kinds of salamanders we have in WV!

Saturday, June 13th

1:00pm-5:00pm-Nature Center

Open

2:30pm-Creek Critters-Have fun collecting critters in the creek that can teach us about our river's water quality!

3:30pm-Parts of A Tree- Join our Naturalist in the Nature Center to discuss the different parts of the trees that surround you!

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Wednesday, June 17th

9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center

Open

10:00am-Rock Painting-Use your imagination and paint rocks to turn them into what their shape resembles! A pizza slice, a lady bug, or anything else you see!

11:30am- Skull ID (JN)-Our Naturalist will have a table set up in the Nature center filled with skulls of WV animals. Come test your knowledge and learn about skull ID!

1:30pm-Animal Masks-Learn how to make an animal mask of your choosing out of construction paper!

3:00PM-Junior Naturalist Hike (JN)-Join the Naturalist on a hike to Tunnel 13 connecting to the North Bend Rail Trail! This hike is on a gravel trail, less than 2mi in total.

Thursday, June 18th

9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center

Open

10:00am-Creek Critters (JN)-Have fun collecting critters in the creek that can teach us about our river's water quality!

11:30am-Nature Notebooks-Come to the Nature Center and craft a unique notebook to take with you on your hikes! Fill it with your nature observations and drawings!

1:30am-Forest Habitats (JN)-Discuss what an animal needs from its habitat to survive, then apply your knowledge and create a mini habitat for a creature to live in!

3:30pm-Rock Painting-Use your imagination and paint rocks to turn them into what their shape resembles! A pizza slice, a lady bug, or anything else you see!

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Friday, June 19th

9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center

Open

10:30am- Tracks and

Scat(JN)-Our Naturalists will have a table set up in the Nature Center with scat and tracks of mammals found in WV! Come ask questions and learn how to identify them!

2:00pm-Sand Art-Learn how to make colorful works of art with sand! Use sand to create a work of art using stencils or your imagination!

3:30pm-Pollinator Visit-Our Naturalist will give you a tour of our Pollinator Garden and then you will get to color a pollinator of your own!

Saturday, June 20th

9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center

Open

10:00am-Origami Art- Join our Naturalist in making art from paper!

11:30am-Searching for

Sallies(JN)-Join our Naturalist in the creek to hunt for salamanders while learning about their habitat and the different kinds of salamanders we have in WV!

1:30pm-Dragon Fly Art-Try your Luck at making a dragonfly at the nature center out of craft supplies!

Sunday, June 21st

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Junior Naturalist

Programs are available upon request throughout the year. This could include hikes, programs about specific topics, or programs for school groups. If you are interested in scheduling a program, please contact our Naturalist, Sarah, at sarah.e.clark@wv.gov.

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



Please feel free to visit the front desk or our website to take a look at our 2025 Calendar of Events. This will show all our special events coming up throughout the year!

Find the nature center schedule online

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

Don't forget to grab a self-guided scavenger hunt from the front desk when you arrive! This scavenger hunt will test your knowledge of local wildlife while you explore the park!

Dog Friendly Programming West Virginia State Park Ranger Program

Now at 8 parks!

<https://wvstateparks.com/west-furginia-ranger/>



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