



Tygart Lake State Park Activities
June 22 through July 5, 2026

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



Monday, June 22

9:30AM-4:30PM Open Nature Center

1PM: Web Weavers. It's time to go into the spider-verse! We'll talk all about the kinds of spiders that can be found in the area, how their webs work, and how they live. Plus, a fun spiderweb craft. (30 Mins)

Tuesday, June 23

9:30AM-4:30PM: Open Nature Center

10AM: Backyard Tree Stroll. There are plenty of cool trees to observe in our own backyards. We'll take a stroll around the Nature Center area to see what can be found. (30 Mins)

1PM: Meet the Beetles! What is a beetle? Is it a bug? A fly? We'll answer these questions and talk about some of our native beetles. You can also do your own ladybug craft! (30 Mins)

Wednesday, June 24

9:30AM-4:30PM Open Nature Center

1PM: Camping Carabiners. In this activity, we'll learn about how you can have your essentials at hand in the woods using a carabiner clip, and you can make your own.

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1:30PM: Wildflower Watch. We will take a stroll around the Nature Center lawn and wild areas to see what kind of summer wildflowers can be found. (30 Mins)

Thursday, June 25

9:30AM-4:30PM Open Nature Center

10AM: Backyard Tree Stroll. There are plenty of cool trees to observe in our own backyards. We'll take a stroll around the Nature Center area to see what can be found. (30 Mins)

1PM: Learning Lures. A hands-on learning experience about game fish that can be found in Tygart Lake and their behaviors. Kids will get to make their own spinner lures that can be used for fishing or it can be customized into a unique keychain to carry wherever they go! (30 Mins)

Friday, June 26

9:30AM – 5:30PM: Open Nature Center

9:30AM: Backyard Birding. Meet at the patio behind the Lodge. We will observe what kind of birds can be observed in a regular back yard and see what's flying around the lake. (45 Mins)

1PM: Field Guide 101. Have you ever wondered how to use a field guide to help identify things in the wild? We'll go over the basics and see what can be found.

1:30PM: Backyard Bookmarks. We'll use some of the things found around a typical West Virginia back yard to create a fun bookmark memory craft.

9PM: Collecting Constellations. Meet at the campfire area between the cabins and campground. Let's look up and see what can be found! All about the stars in the sky and the stories they tell. (30 Mins)

Saturday, June 27

10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center

10AM: Mushroom Search. Meet at the Nature Center. We will go for a short walk on the Ridge Trail to see what kind of fun fungi can be found. Hike is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile and includes moderate hills. (60 Mins)

1PM: Story Time: Lost Moon Holler. Come enjoy this fun kids story about walking through the West Virginia woods.

1:30PM: Awesome ‘Possums. Learn about the opossum, a regular visitor from the woods. Why are they important? Plus, a fun ‘possum craft! (25 Mins)

6:30PM: All Aboard the Iron Horse – Songs of the Railroad. Meet at the Lodge. Come out for a great evening of songs and stories of West Virginia’s rail history, performed by the one and only ‘Bard of Education’ Mick Souter! Mick will play old-time instruments like the banjo, lap dulcimer, and fiddle. Free show!

Sunday, June 28

Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Up in the Clouds! We’ll learn to make a cloud spotter, and then use it to identify what’s floating around above your head. (30 Mins)

Monday, June 29

9:30AM-4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Mountain Medicinals Walk. There are many things found in the everyday back yard that have been known since the days of the old timers. We’ll walk around the Nature Center area and talk about the various ways plants have been used for centuries. (45 Mins)

Tuesday, June 30

9:30AM-4:30PM: Open Nature Center

Roaming Naturalist. One of the Park Naturalist staff will be roaming the campground area through the morning. Stop and say hi and bring your questions!

1PM: Leave No Trace Scavenger Hunt. All about how to use the best ‘Leave No Trace’ practices in your outdoor adventures, plus a scavenger hunt where you take only photos. Win a prize! (25 Mins)

Wednesday, July 1

9:30AM-4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Skins and Skulls. You can learn a lot about the critters of the forest by the things they've left behind! (30 Mins)

1PM: Reel Fish Talk. All about the different kind of fish that can be found in Tygart Lake! Plus a fun game to test your fishing pole casting skills. (25 mins)

Thursday, July 2

9:30AM-4:30PM: Open Nature Center

9:30AM: Backyard Birding. Meet at the patio behind the Lodge. We will observe what kind of birds can be observed in a regular back yard and see what's flying around the lake. (45 Mins)

Friday, July 3

9:30AM – 5:30PM: Open Nature Center

10AM-11AM: Friendship Bracelets at the Campground. Meet Addi at the campground building area to create your own friendship bracelet!

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

8:45PM: Creatures of the Night! Meet at the campfire area between the cabins and campground. We'll learn what biofluorescence and bioluminescence are as we take a walk around the field at night to see what shows up under the UV light. (Approx. 45 mins)

Saturday, July 4

10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center

10AM: Red, White, and Blue Hike. Meet at the Campground Building for the School Bus Loop. What can we observe out there that is red, or white, or blue? Let's find out! Hike is 2 miles and includes some mildly hilly terrain. Be sure to wear good shoes and bring water! (Approx. 2 hours)

2PM: Craft – American Flag keychains. Make your own flag keepsake out of beads.

8:50PM: Outdoor Movie Night. Join us at the playground area between the cabins and campground for a family friendly outdoor movie on the big screen. Weather permitting!
(90 Mins)

Sunday, July 5

10AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Red, White, and Berries! Celebrate America's birthday with a talk about the bounty of the land! We'll take a stroll around the Nature Center area to look at berries and other edible foods that can be found in nature. (45 Mins)