



NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Monday, July 20th
12:00pm-5:00pm-Nature
Center open

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

3:30PM-Pinecone Critters-
Use pinecones, pipecleaners, googly eyes and other craft materials to turn a pinecone into an animal!

Tuesday, July 21st
12:00pm-5:00pm-Nature
Center Open

2:30pm-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!

3:30PM-Rock Painting-Use your imagination and paint rocks to turn them into what their shape resembles!

Wednesday, July 22nd
9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center
Open

10:30am-Bird Walk (JN)-Join the Naturalist on a hike along the Southern Railroad Trail to learn more about the birds in WV!

12:30PM-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!

2:30pm-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!

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3:30PM-Dragon Fly Art-Try your Luck at making a dragonfly at the nature center out of craft supplies!

Thursday, July 23rd
12:00pm-5:00pm-Nature
Center Open

2:30pm-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!

3:30PM-Scavenger Hunt-Have fun exploring the outdoors and searching for items on our Nature Center scavenger hunt list!

Friday, July 24th

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

10:30am-Searching for Sallies (JN)-Join our Naturalist in the creek to hunt for salamanders while learning about their habitats!

12:30PM-Animal Masks-Learn how to make colorful masks of an animal of your choosing using craft supplies!

2:30pm-Pollinator Visit (JN)-Our Naturalist will give you a tour of our Pollinator Garden and then you will get to color a pollinator of your own!

3:30pm-Junior Naturalist Hike (JN)-Join our 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.

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Saturday, July 25th

2:00pm-7:00pm-Nature Center

Open

3:30PM- Creek Critters

(JN)-Have fun collecting critters in the creek that can teach us about our river's water quality!

4:30PM- Fossil Art-Join our Park

Ranger in the Nature Center to learn more about Fossils and try your hand at making your own Fossil using Sun Paper!

5:30PM-Bug Friends (JN)-Join

us for a fun adventure in identifying the different bugs we have around the Park!

Sunday, July 26th

Nature Center Closed

Monday, July 27th

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

Open

10:30AM-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!

12:30PM-Clothspin

Critters-Critters-Stop into the Nature Center and let our Naturalist teach you how to make some cool critters out of a clothes pin and other craft supplies!

3:30pm-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!

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Tuesday, July 28th

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

Open

10:30am-Bird Walk (JN)-Join the Naturalist on a hike along the Southern Railroad Trail to learn more about the birds in WV!

12:30pm-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-Animal Masks-Learn how to make colorful masks of an animal of your choosing using craft supplies!

Wednesday, July 29th

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

Open

10:30am-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!

12:30PM-Rock Painting

-Use your imagination and paint rocks to turn them into what their shape resembles!

3:30pm-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!

Thursday, July 30th

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

Open

10:30AM-Creek Critters

(JN)-Have fun collecting critters in the creek that can teach us about our river's water quality!

12:30PM-Bug Friends (JN)

-Join us for a fun adventure in identifying the different bugs we have around the Park!

3:30PM-Paper Plate

Animals-Join our Naturalist in the Nature Center for some fun

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and create your very own animal
out of a paper plate!

Friday, July 31st

12:00pm-6:00pm-Nature

Center Open

2:30pm- Junior Naturalist Hike

(JN)-Join our 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.

4:30pm-Nature

Notebook-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!

Saturday, August 1st

12:00Pm-5:00pm-Nature

Center Open

2:30PM-Searching for Sallies

(JN)- Join our Naturalist in the creek to hunt for salamanders while learning about their Habitats!

3:30PM-PineCone Critters-Use pinecones, pipecleaners, googly eyes and other craft materials to turn a pinecone into an animal!

4:30pm-Pollinator Visit

(JN)-Our Naturalist will give you a tour of our Pollinator Garden and then you will get to color a pollinator of your own!

Sunday, August 2nd,

Nature Center Closed

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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 Park Ranger, Destinee, at destinee.l.williams@wv.gov.

Please feel free to visit the front desk or our website to take a look at our 2026 Calendar of Events. This will show all our special events coming up throughout the year!

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!

Junior Naturalist

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



Find the nature center schedule
online

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

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