



NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Monday, July 6th

12:00pm-4:00pm-Nature

Center open

2:30pm-Forest Habitat

(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-Sand Art- Art-Learn how to make colorful works of art with sand! Use sand to create a work of art using stencils or your Imagination!

Tuesday, July 7th

12:00pm-4:00pm-Nature

Center Open

1:30pm-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-Paper Plate

Animals-Join our Naturalist in the Nature Center for some fun and create your very own animal out of a paper plate!

Wednesday, July 8th

12:00Pm-4:00pm-Nature

Center Open

1:30Pm-Myth-Busters(JN)-Join our Naturalist in the busting of myths around nature!

3:00Pm-Pinecone Critters-Use pinecones, pipecleaners, googly

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eyes and other craft materials to turn a pinecone into an animal!

your hand at making your own Fossil using Sun Paper!

Thursday, July 9th

12:00pm-4:00pm-Nature
Center Open

1:30pm-Searching for Sallies

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

3:00pm-Rock Painting-Use your imagination and paint rocks to turn them into what their shape resembles!

Friday, July 10th

12:00pm-4:00pm-Nature
Center Open

1:00pm-Creek Critters

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

3:30pm Fossil Art -Join our Park

Ranger in the Nature Center to learn more about Fossils and try

Saturday, July 11th

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

10:30am-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.

1:30pm-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!

3:30pm-Animal Masks-Learn how to make colorful masks of an animal of your choosing using craft supplies!

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Sunday, July 12th

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!

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

3:00pm-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!

Monday, July 13th

12:00pm-4:00pm-Nature Center Open

1:30pm-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!

3:30pm-Clothespin

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!

Tuesday, July 14th

12:00pm-4:00pm-Nature Center Open

1:00pm-Scavenger Hunt-Have fun exploring the outdoors and searching for items on our Nature Center scavenger hunt list!

3:00pm-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!

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Wednesday, July 15th

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!

1:30pm- 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-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.

4:00PM-Dragon Fly Art-Try your Luck at making a dragonfly at the nature center out of craft supplies!

Thursday, July 16th

12:00pm-4:00pm-Nature

Center Open

1:00pm-Forest Habitat (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!

2:30Pm-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!

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!

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Friday, July 17th
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!

1:00pm-Animal Masks-Learn how to make colorful masks of an animal of your choosing using craft supplies!

3:30pm-Junior Naturalist Hike
(JN)- Join the Naturalist on a hike along the Southern Railroad Trail to learn more about the birds in WV!

Saturday, July 18th
12:00Pm-6:00pm-Nature
Center Open

1:30pm-Searching For
Sallies-Join our Naturalist in the creek to hunt for salamanders while learning about their Habitats!

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

4:30pm-Rock Painting-Use your imagination and paint rocks to turn them into what their shape resembles!

Sunday, July 19th,
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.



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