



WEST VIRGINIA

**state
parks**

**WATOGA
STATE PARK**

Nature Center Hours

Fri, Sat, Sun & Mon 9:30am – 4:00pm

(JN) WV State Parks Junior Naturalist Program

Complete the first level Junior Naturalist Book, and attend two additional Naturalist-led programs.

Friday July 10th

Turtles of West Virginia

Live Turtle Show

Friday July 10th 1:00pm

Watoga Nature Center/Activities Building

Join WV DNR Wildlife Education Technician, Kacey Shiflett for a program on West Virginia Turtles. Learn what types of turtles are in West Virginia and meet a box turtle and a red-eared slider.

FREE ICE CREAM EVENT

Park Naturalist at Pioneer Days, Marlinton, WV

2:00pm – 7:00pm

Stop by our booth at Pioneer Days. Park Naturalists from Watoga & Cass will be available with activities, gift shop items, and prizes!

Watoga Rocks!

Visting Geologist Ken Ashton

Friday July 10th 7:00pm

Watoga Nature Center/Activities Building

Geologist Ken Ashton joins us talk about West Virginia Geology with a focus on the Geology of Watoga, Beartown & Droop Mountain Battlefield State Parks. Learn about the WV State Fossil, which was discovered near Lewisburg, WV in the late 1700s. Also about the official WV State Gemstone, which is only found in Greenbrier & Pocahontas Counties. Participants will receive a Geology Rocks! Sticker.

Saturday July 11th

1:00pm Creek Critters

Nature Center/Activities Building

Let's get in the creek and see what we can find. Learn about the creatures that call the creek home. Crawfish, Mayflies, Stoneflies & more

3:00pm Dark Sky Space Explorer

Lunar & Stellar Academy

Nature Center/Activities Building

We will be learning about stars and constellations. Also learn how to use a telescope. Telescopes are available for sign out. While supplies last. (JN)

Park Naturalist at Pioneer Days, Marlinton, WV

10:00am – 8:00pm

Stop by our booth at Pioneer Days. Park Naturalists from Watoga & Cass will be available with activities, gift shop items, and prizes!

Monday July 13th

11:00am Habitat Scavenger Hunt Hike ~ Activities Building

Join us for a short Nature Hike. Play the habitat scavenger hunt for a chance to win a prize. (YPP)

1:00pm Owls of Watoga

Nature Center/Activities Building

Learn about the owls that call Watoga home. We will dissect an owl pellet to learn about what they eat. (JN)

3:00pm Talkin Turkey

Nature Center/Activities Building

Let's talk turkey. Learn about turkeys in Watoga. We will show you how to identify gobblers from hens and PLAY GOBBLER BINGO. Great fun and prizes! (JN)

Nature Center/Activities Building is located just behind the pickle ball courts. Please park in the swimming pool parking lot and walk up the hill. There are a few parking spots reserved for handicap parking up at the Activities Building.

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