



Tygart Lake State Park Activities
July 20 through August 2, 2026

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



Monday, July 20

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

11AM: Hike – Tales from a Fallen Log. A short hike on the Ridge Trail to discover the world of fallen logs and why they're important! The hike is approximately 0.5 miles in length and includes some moderately hilly terrain. **(45 Mins)**

1PM: Leaf Rubbings. Using crayon and paper to make a leaf 'rubbing' is a great way to understand leaf shapes and how they function. **(20 Mins)**

Tuesday, July 21

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Roaming Naturalist. Our seasonal Naturalist Addi will be roaming about the campground area to answer your questions about nature or the park.

1PM: Awesome 'Possum! All about these oddly cute forest critters, their role and importance, and a fun 'possum craft...along with the story 'Lost Moon Holler'. **(30 Mins)**

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Wednesday, July 22

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Talking Trout. All about the life and varieties of this common WV sports fish.
(20 Mins)

2PM: Learning Lures. You can make a fishing lure! It can be functional or decorative, your choice. **(20 Mins)**

Thursday, July 23

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Backyard Tree Stroll. There are lots of interesting trees and plants growing outside the Nature Center, and likely in your back yard as well. Let's talk about some of them!
(30 Mins)

Friday, July 24

9:30AM – 5:30PM: Open Nature Center

9:30AM: Backyard Birds. Meet at the Lodge back deck! We'll sit a bit and see what kind of birds are around the Lodge and lake. **(30 Mins)**

2PM: Turtle Time! Everybody Loves Ruby, our eastern painted turtle. Come say 'hello' to her and learn a bit about the turtles of West Virginia. **(25 Mins)**

4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist. One of our nature staff will be at the Lodge front desk area to answer questions about programs or the park.

9PM: Telescope Talk. Meet at the campfire area between the cabins and campground. We'll be looking up into the night sky and using a telescope! **Weather permitting.**

Saturday, July 25

10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center

10AM: Morning Float Trip. Meet at the grassy pull-off area near the park entrance three-way intersection. It's BYOC (Bring Your Own Craft) to join our nature staff for a float trip on the lake. We'll go for approximately 1 hour.

2PM: Flint and Steel Fire-Lighting. Learn to use this 'old school cool' method of striking a fire. Can you make a flame? Yes, you can! **(30 Mins)**

8:50PM: Outdoor Movie. Meet at the playground area between the cabins and campground for a family-friendly animated movie on the big screen. **Weather permitting.**

Sunday, July 26

Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: In Search of the Spiral. What is a Fibonacci Spiral and how does it relate to the outdoors? Learn about how nature uses this golden ratio and how it can be found in everyday things all around us. **(20 Mins)**

Monday, July 27

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Skins and Skulls. You can learn a lot about the creatures of the woods by the pelts and bones they have left behind. **(30 Mins)**

1:30 PM: Makin' Tracks. We'll use plaster to make a mold of an animal track and talk some about what tracks can tell us about the animals who make them. **(20 Mins)**

Tuesday, July 28

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Roaming Naturalist. Our seasonal Naturalist Addi will be roaming about the campground area to answer your questions about nature or the park.

1PM: Sallie Search. We'll walk down the Lake Trail to the creek to see what kind of salamanders can be found, and how to safely observe them. **(45 Mins)**

Wednesday, July 29

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Camping Carabiners. These fun keychains are a great way to Be Prepared. We'll show you how to use a regular carabiner to keep your camping essentials close by in keychain form. **(20 Mins)**

1PM: Beautiful Butterflies. All about the importance of butterflies and other pollinators, plus a fun butterfly craft! **(25 Mins)**

Thursday, July 30

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Moth Magnets. We'll talk about the importance of these night creatures, plus we'll make a fun moth-themed craft. **(20 Mins)**

1PM: Skins and Skulls. You can learn a lot about the creatures of the woods by the pelts and bones they have left behind. **(30 Mins)**

Friday, July 31

9:30AM – 5:30PM: Open Nature Center

9:30AM: Backyard Birds. Meet at the Lodge back deck! We'll sit a bit and see what kind of birds are around the Lodge and lake. **(30 Mins)**

2PM: Mountain Medicinals. There are herbs and trees all around us that have been used for centuries in traditional medicines. We will look at a few and talk about some of the things that likely grow in your own back yard. **(45 Mins)**

4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist. One of our nature staff will be at the Lodge front desk area to answer questions about programs or the park.

Saturday, August 1

10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center

10AM: Hike – School Bus Loop Trail. Meet at the Campground Building porch. Join the Park Naturalist staff for a hike! The School Bus Loop Trail is 2.0 miles and includes some hilly terrain. This trail goes through some of the older sections of the park and helps tell Tygart's story. Be sure to wear good shoes and bring water! **(2 Hours)**

2PM: Meet the Beetles! What is a beetle? Is it different than a bug, or a fly? We'll answer these questions and learn about some of the different kinds of beetles you might encounter. Plus, a fun beetle craft! **(25 Mins)**

6:30 PM: Bil Lepp Live! At the Lodge Conference room. Come enjoy the tall tales and funny stories from our WV State "Liar" Bil Lepp! Mr. Lepp has been honored for his yarns many times over the years and has also hosted his own History Channel show called 'Man vs. History'. This all-ages performance is free of charge, some come and join us!

Sunday, August 2

Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Into the Spider-verse! All about SPIDERS! The eight-legged crawlies are everywhere. We'll talk about some native to the state and the webs they weave. **(30 Mins)**

1:30: Web-Weavers. You can put your new spider-knowledge to the test with this craft all about spider webs. **(20 Mins)**