



WEST VIRGINIA

**state
parks**

**WATOGA
STATE PARK**

Nature Center Hours

Friday & Saturday 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 August 28th

11:00 am Monongaseneka Trail to Overlook

Meet at the Monongaseneka Trailhead just above cabin #2
along Island Lick. This historic CCC built trail climbs 2.5
miles to a mountaintop overlook with Greenbrier River
views. This trail is moderately difficult with some steep
inclines. Please wear hiking appropriate footwear and a
hiking stick is recommended. This hike is 5 miles
roundtrip.

Saturday August 29th

11:00am Watoga Owls

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)

1:00pm Watoga Geology & Fossil Hunt

Nature Center/Activities Building

Find out about the local geology and fossils. Following the
program we will go on a fossil hunt! (JN)

3:00pm Creek Critters

Nature Center/Activities Building

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

Friday September 4th

11:00am Jesse's Cove to Ann Bailey Tower Loop Hike

Jesse's Cove Trailhead Riverside Campground

This hike leads us up Jesse's Cove to the historic Workman
Cabin and then out the Ann Bailey Lookout Tower. Along
the way we will edge into Watoga's Old Growth Forest.
This hike is a loop beginning and ending in Riverside
Campground. It is 5.5 miles roundtrip. Please wear closed
toe hiking shoes and bring a walking stick. (JN)

3:00pm Watoga Park History - CCC

Civilian Conservation Corp Museum

Join us to learn about the history of Watoga State and the
role played by the CCC. Explore the new CCC Museum.

Saturday September 5th

10:00am – 4:00pm Art in the Park Picnic Area

7:00pm Evening Lake Paddle

Lake Boathouse

FREE paddle with the Naturalist. Paddleboats, kayaks &
row boats.

8:30pm Secrets of Watoga's Dark Sky Forest

Nature Center/Activities Building

Learn about the nocturnal creatures hiding in Watoga's
forests, then join us for a short Nature Hike. **NO PETS are
allowed at night time activities at Watoga.** (JN)

Sunday September 6th

10:00am – 4:00pm Art in the Park Picnic Area

7:00pm Evening Lake Paddle

Lake Boathouse

FREE paddle with the Naturalist. Paddleboats, kayaks &
row boats.

8:30pm Star Viewing & Secrets of Dark Sky Forest Watoga Lake Dam

Join us for an end of summer star viewing party. Learn
about the nocturnal creatures hiding in Watoga's forests,
then join us for a short Nature Hike. **NO PETS are
allowed at night time activities at Watoga.** (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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