



NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Monday, August 17th

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

10:30am-Bug Friends (JN)-Join us for a fun adventure in identifying the different bugs we have around the Park!

12:30PM-Leaf Art-Join us in the Nature Center to try your hand at making an animal of your choosing with leaves we find around outside!

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

3:30pm-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!

Tuesday, August 18th

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

10:30am-Propagation Pals (JN)-Join us in the Nature Center to learn about different propagation techniques and Hydroponics! Take home a spider plant!

12:30PM-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!

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.

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Wednesday, August 19th

9:00am-4:00pm-Nature

Center Open

10:30am-Pollinator Visit

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

2:30PM-Paper Plate

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

Thursday, August 20th

9:00am-4:00pm-Nature

Center Open

10:30am-Scavenger Hunt-Have fun exploring the outdoors and searching for items on our Nature Center scavenger hunt list!

12:30pm-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!

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!

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Friday, August 21st

9:00am-4:00pm-Nature

Center Open

10:30am-Fish Friends-Join us in the Nature Center to discuss Wv fish and make a craft!

12:30pm-Which Bear goes Where (JN)-Come learn about the different bears, and their environments!

2:30PM-Wind Chimes-Make your own wind chime using different craft materials in the Nature Center!

6:00pm-9:00pm- Rhythm in the Park-
Come grab a bite to eat from our Restaurant and join us at Shelter 4 to listen to Evie Schaffer and her band play some Live Music!

Saturday, August 22nd

9:00am-4:00pm-Nature

Center Open

10:30am-Hike on Southern RailRoad (JN)-Join our Naturalist on a hike on Southern RailRoad! This hike is on a gravel trail, 1.5 mi one way.

12:30pm-FriendShip Bracelets-Grab your Best Friend and come to the Nature Center to make a bracelet to lock in your friendship!

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!

Sunday, August 23rd

Nature Center Closed

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Monday, August 24th
9:00am-4:00pm-Nature
Center Open

10:30am-Sidewalk Chalk-Grab
some chalk and draw your
imagination!

12:30pm-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!

2:30PM-Searching for Sallies
(JN)-Join our Naturalist in the
creek to hunt for salamanders
while learning about
their habitats!

Tuesday , August 25th
9:00am-4:00pm-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- 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!

2:30PM-Sand Art-Learn how to
make colorful works of art with
sand! Use sand to create a work of
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Wednesday, August 26th

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

10:30am-Bug Friends(JN)-Join our Park Ranger for a fun adventure in identifying different insects around the park!

12:30pm-Rock Painting-Use your imagination and paint rocks to turn them into what their shape resembles!

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

4:00PM-Clothespin 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!

Thursday, August 27th

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

10:30am-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!

12:30pm-Sidewalk Chalk-Grab some chalk and draw your imagination!

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!

4:00pm-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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Friday, August 28th

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

Open

10:30am-Scavenger Hunt-Have fun exploring the outdoors and searching for items on our Nature Center's scavenger hunt list!

12:30pm-Searching for Sallies

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

2:30PM-Friendship

Bracelets-Grab your Best Friend and come to the Nature Center to make a bracelet to lock in your friendship!

4:00pm-Games-Join us on the black top in front of the Nature Center to indulge in some fun outdoor games!

Saturday, August 29th

2:00am-8:00pm-Nature

Center Open

3:30pm-PineCone

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

5:30pm-Creek Critters

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

7:00PM-Tie Dye-

Come to the Nature Center to grab a t-shirt and Tie-dye! Limited shirt sizes, first come first serve basis.

8:30pm- MOVIE NIGHT AT

COKELEY - Over the Hedge is playing!

Sunday, August 30th,

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!

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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Program

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