



NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Monday, August 3rd

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

10:00am-Searching For Sallies(JN)-Join our Naturalist in the creek to hunt for salamanders while learning about their habitats!

12:30pm-Pine Cone Creatures-Use pinecones, pipecleaners, googly eyes and other craft materials to turn a pinecone into an animal!

2:30pm-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!

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

Tuesday, August 4th

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-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!

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

4:00PM-Rock Painting-Use your imagination and paint rocks to turn them into what their shape resembles!

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Wednesday, August 5th

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!

12:30pm-Animal Masks-Learn how to make colorful masks of an animal of your choosing using craft supplies!

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-Paper Plate

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

9:00am-5:00pm-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-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-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!

4:00PM-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!

Thursday, August 6th

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Friday, August 7th

9:00am-4:00pm-Nature

Center Open

10:30am-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!

12:30pm-Which Bear goes

Where (JN)-Come learn about the different bears, and their environments!

2:30PM-Dragonfly Art-Try your Luck at making a dragonfly at the nature center out of craft supplies!

Saturday, August 8th

2:00pm-8:00pm-Nature

Center Open

3:30pm-Hike to tunnel

13(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.

5:30-FriendShip Bracelets-Grab your Best Friend and come to the Nature Center to make a bracelet to lock in your friendship!

6:30pm-Searching for Sallies

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

7:30pm-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!

8:30pm- Movie at River Run

Bathrooms-RV is Playing!

Sunday, August 9th

Nature Center Closed

Monday, August 10th

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Nature Center Closed

Tuesday, August 11th

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!

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 art using stencils or your Imagination!

4:00pm-Bug Friends (JN)-Join us for a fun adventure in identifying the different bugs we have around the Park!

Wednesday, August 12th

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

2:30pm-Investigating Insects (JN)-Join our Park Ranger for a fun adventure in identifying different insects around the park!

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!

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

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

Open

10:30am-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!

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

Friday, August 14th

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

Open

10:30am-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!

12:00pm-Friendship Bracelets-Grab your Best Friend and come to the Nature Center to make a bracelet to lock in your friendship!

4:00pm-Hike to Southern RailRoad-Join us for a fun hike on Southern RailRoad. This trail is mostly flat and gravel. The trail is 1.5 miles one way.

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Saturday, August 15th
9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center
Open

10:30am-Searching for Sallies
(JN)-Join our Naturalist in the creek to hunt for salamanders while learning about their habitats!

12:30pm-Paper Plate
Animals-Join our Naturalist in the Nature Center for some fun and create your very own animal out of a paper plate!

2:30pm-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!

4:00PM-Pinecone
Creatures-Use pinecones, pipecleaners, googly eyes and other craft materials to turn a pinecone into an animal!

Sunday, August 16th,
9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center
Open

10:30am-Hike Tunnel 13(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.

12:30pm-Fish Friends-Join us in the Nature Center to discuss Wv fish and make a craft!

2:30pm-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!

4:00pm-Games outside-Grab a ball and play some fun games outside on the blacktop!

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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.



Find the nature center schedule online

<https://wvstateparks.com/programs/naturalist/>

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