



WEST VIRGINIA

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**PIPESTEM RESORT
STATE PARK**

NATURE CENTER OPEN DAILY 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Monday, August 31st

10:30 am- Bird Walk - Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a stroll to look for our feathered friends.

2:00 pm- Spider Talk - Come by the Nature Center to discover more about spiders. Learn facts about how they hunt, spin silk, and help the environment. Then meet a live spider up close!

5:15 pm- Pollinator Stroll- Meet in the parking lot of the stables to stroll around our pollinator zone for our weekly check to see what is growing and who might be pollinating.

Tuesday, September 1st

10:00 am- Tower Walk - Meet in the tower parking lot for a short walk up the paved path to the Bolar Observation Tower for a great view of the surrounding area and find out just what a MOTUS tower is.

2:00 pm- Birds and Bugs - Come by the Nature Center to learn about camouflage and adaptation and play a game where you get to be the bird.

5:00 pm- Shelter Building - Come to the nature center and learn how to keep yourself protected from the elements if you are lost in the woods.

Wednesday, September 2nd

11:00 am- An Extraordinary Ordinary Moth- Meet in the Nature Center to hear a storybook story about a moth. Then color a picture of a moth any color you want. A great activity for small kids.

2:00 pm- It's for the Birds - Stop by the Nature Center to check out the bird feeder area and discuss topics on different types of feeders and foods, tips on identification, and for suggestions about different digital birding media and books.

5:00 pm- Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air Come by the Nature Center to learn how they look, how they fly, the way they are built for survival, and about their migration journey.

Thursday, September 3rd

2:00 pm- Evergreens- Meet at the Nature Center for a walk around the grounds and learn how to identify five species of evergreen trees found in West Virginia.

5:00 pm- Bird Bingo - Come by the Nature Center for Bird Bingo and learn some interesting bird facts.

Friday, September 4th

10:30 am- Wildlife Quiz Game - Meet at the nature center for a quiz game about North American wildlife.

4:00 pm- Naturalist in the Lodge - Keep an eye out for the roaming Naturalist in the lobby of McKeever Lodge. You can ask questions, receive information about the trails and maps or just visit.

5:00 pm- Snake Talk - Come by the Nature Center to learn about some snakes of West Virginia and for a chance to touch a real snake.

6:00 pm- Gaga Tournament - Meet at the Gaga Pit at the campground for a chance to win a prize.

7:00 pm- Char Cloth and Fire Starting - Meet at the fire pit swings at the campground to learn how to make char cloth, a very helpful item for starting a fire. Practice your skills making a "bird nest" and using a primitive fire striker. Afterward enjoy "Pipestem style" s'mores.

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Saturday, September 5th

11:00 am- Nature Hunt - Meet at the Nature Center to hunt objects that can be found in nature and receive a prize.

2:00 pm- Corey Lee McQuade Picking on the Cabin Porch- Bring a chair, blanket, or towel and stop by the yard of the Harris Cabin at the Nature Center to hear and learn about banjo, guitar, and dobro music from a West Virginia musician. A foot stompin' fun time. Questions welcome!

2:30 pm- Around One Log- Meet at the Nature Center. We will explore around and inside one old log and its microhabitat. What will we find? Roly pollies, beetles, ants, spiders, or more??? And what exactly is a roly poly? Come by and join us to see!

6:30 pm- Water Rocket - Come by the Campground to see our water rockets blast off. Learn about recycling and how you can reuse items for something fun.

7:00 pm- Volleyball Tournament - Think you have what it takes? Come to the volleyball court behind the campground store and test your luck. The winning team will receive a prize.

Sunday, September 6th

8:30 am- Sunday Service- Join us in the picnic shelter at Park Headquarters for Sunday Service.

10:00 am- Deer Stroll- Meet at the Arboretum (across the footbridge at the lodge) to learn more about the white-tailed deer; how they communicate, find food, avoid predators, and how they are able to thrive in our environment.

Wings of Wonder: Birds of Prey

2:00 pm

Conference Center @ McKeever Lodge



Three Rivers Avian Center

Three Rivers Avian Center (TRAC) is live at Pipestem Resort on Sunday, September 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Come meet 6 native WV Raptor Ambassadors close up, including live owls, falcons, hawks, and their bald eagle Regis. Learn about the habitats they live in, the foods they eat, their unique abilities and the dangers they face. Pick up pro-active tips for helping wild birds and get a chance to ask questions during this award-winning interactive program. Meet at the Conference Center.

There is no fee to attend. Open to the public, the program lasts about an hour and is staged in the conference center in McKeever Lodge at Pipestem State Park. Questions are welcomed. This is a family friendly event. An excellent presentation for all ages. Join us with Three Rivers Avian Center and to meet the birds of prey.

5:00 pm- Woodland Bingo- Meet at the Nature Center to look for items on your bingo card in the woods and along the trails.

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Monday, September 7th

10:00 am- Bird Walk - Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a stroll to look for our feathered friends.

2:00 pm- Bird Bingo - Come by the Nature Center for Bird Bingo and learn some interesting bird facts.

4:00 pm- Spider Talk - Come by the Nature Center to discover more about spiders. Learn facts about how they hunt, spin silk, and help the environment. Then meet a live spider up close!

Tuesday, September 8th

10:00 am- Tower Walk - Meet in the tower parking lot for a short walk up the paved path to the Bolar Observation Tower for a great view of the surrounding area and find out just what a MOTUS tower is.

2:00 pm- Birds and Bugs - Come by the Nature Center to learn about camouflage and adaptation and play a game where you get to be the bird.

5:00 pm- Shelter Building - Come to the nature center and learn how to keep yourself protected from the elements if you are lost in the woods.

Wednesday, September 9th

10:30 am- It's for the Birds - Stop by the Nature Center to check out the bird feeder area and discuss topics on different types of feeders and foods, tips on identification, and for suggestions about different digital birding media and books.

2:00 pm- Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air Come by the Nature Center to learn how they look, how they fly, the way they are built for survival, and about their migration journey.

5:00 pm- Woodland Bingo- Meet at the Nature Center to look for items on your bingo card in the woods and along the trails.



Thursday, September 10th

1:30 pm - Evergreens- Meet at the Nature Center for a walk around the grounds and learn how to identify five species of evergreen trees found in West Virginia.

5:30 pm- Pollinator Stroll- Meet in the parking lot of the stables to stroll around our pollinator zone for our weekly check to see what is growing and who might be pollinating.

Friday, September 11th

10:30 am- Wildlife Quiz Game - Meet at the nature center for a quiz game about North American wildlife.

4:00 pm- Snake Talk - Come by the Nature Center to learn about some snakes of West Virginia and for a chance to touch a real snake.

4:00 pm- Naturalist in the Lodge - Keep an eye out for the roaming Naturalist in the lobby of McKeever Lodge. You can ask questions, receive information about the trails and maps or just visit.

6:00 pm- Gaga Tournament - Meet at the Gaga Pit at the campground for a chance to win a prize.

7:00 pm- Char Cloth and Fire Starting - Meet at the fire pit swings at the campground to learn how to make char cloth, a very helpful item for starting a fire. Practice your skills making a "bird nest" and using a primitive fire striker. Afterward enjoy "Pipestem style" s'mores.



West FURginia State Park Ranger Program

As easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Stop by one of 8 State Park Nature Centers to pick up your West FURginia Ranger checklist.
2. Complete the five must-do activities with your furry friend.
3. Swing back by a Nature Center to get your official certificate & FREE West FURginia Ranger dog tag.

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Saturday, September 12th

Sunday, September 13th

11:00 am- Nature Hunt - Meet at the Nature Center to hunt objects that can be found in nature and receive a prize.

3:00 pm- Around One Log- Meet at the Nature Center. We will explore around and inside one old log and its microhabitat. What will we find? Roly pollies, beetles, ants, spiders, or more??? And what exactly is a roly poly? Come by and join us to see!

6:30 pm- Water Rocket - Come by the Campground to see our water rockets blast off. Learn about recycling and how you can reuse items for something fun.

7:00 pm- Volleyball Tournament - Think you have what it takes? Come to the volleyball court behind the campground store and test your luck. The winning team will receive a prize.

Meet the Monarchs!

Stop by the Nature Center any time to meet our monarchs. We will begin raising monarch butterflies from eggs beginning the week of Sept. 7th. Discover the amazing life cycle of the monarch—from tiny egg to caterpillar, chrysalis, and beautiful butterfly—and learn about their incredible migration journey.

- Meet monarchs and observe them up close
- Learn about their life cycle and migration
- See the different stages of development
- Learn why milkweed and native plants are so important
- Learn more about the monarch watch tagging program



8:30 am- Sunday Service- Join us in the picnic shelter at Park Headquarters for Sunday Service.

11:00 am- Stream Search- Explore the hidden world of the Bluestone Scenic River with this hands-on freshwater ecology program! Meet on the patio at Canyon Rim Center. We will ride the tram down to the river to collect and identify aquatic insects and other critters and learn how these small creatures help tell the story of stream health. Participants will receive a special coupon for the tram ride. Please allow 10-15 minutes for your tram ride down. **Good shoes are required, water shoes are highly recommended.****

2:00 pm- Meet the Monarchs!- Stop by for updates and learn more about monarchs during the official weekly program. (see insert)

3:00 pm- Deer Stroll- Meet at the Arboretum (across the footbridge at the lodge) to learn more about the white-tailed deer; how they communicate, find food, avoid predators, and how they are able to thrive in our environment.

5:00 pm- Nature Journaling - Come by the Nature Center to learn how to express your love of nature through guided worksheets. Make your own take-home journal so you can continue to express your love of nature in your own way.



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