



Tygart Lake State Park Activities

August 30 through September 13, 2026

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



Sunday, August 30

Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Snakes 101. Poison vs. venom, shedding, rattlesnakes, copperheads...we'll talk about some of the state's native snakes and how you can be careful with them in the wild. **(30 Mins)**

Monday, August 31

10AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Flint and Steel Fire-Striking. Can you use flint and steel to strike a fire the old-fashioned way? Yes, you can! **(30 Mins)**

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Tuesday, September 1

9:30AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center

10AM – 11AM: Roaming Naturalist. One of our Park Naturalist staff will be roaming around the campground and lower field areas to answer your nature questions.

2PM: Sallie Search. Meet at the Nature Center for a partial walk on the Lake Trail to the creek. We'll see what critters can be found and how to safely observe them.
(45 Mins)

Wednesday, September 2

9:30AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Tree Talk and Walk. There are plenty of interesting trees and plants in our own back yards, so let's talk about some! **(30 Mins)**

1:30PM: Nature Journaling with Leaf Rubbings. A nature journal is a simple thing to get started so you can record your observations. We'll make a quick one and also make some leaf rubbings. **(20 Mins)**

Thursday, September 3

9:30AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Owl Pellets – Who Was for Dinner? What is an owl 'pellet'? What does it tell us about the diet of raptors? Let's investigate one and see what was for dinner! **(30 Mins)**

Friday, September 4

9:30AM – 5:00PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Cloud Spotting. You can make your own 'cloud finder' craft, and then use it to help determine what clouds are found overhead. **(20 Mins)**

4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist. One of our Nature Center staffers will be on hand in the Lodge front desk area to greet and answer questions. Stop by and say hello!

Saturday, September 5

10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center

9:30AM – 10AM: Backyard Birds. Meet at the Lodge back deck! We'll sit a bit and see what kind of birds show up around the Lodge and lake area. **(30 Mins)**

1PM: Tie Dye T-Shirts. Tie dyeing is an art that never really goes out of style, so stop by the Nature Center to make your own shirt and make a State Parks memory. **(30 Mins)**

8PM: Outdoor Movie. Join us at the playground/fire ring area between the Cabins and Campground for a family-friendly animated movie on the big screen.
(90 Mins) (Weather Permitting)

Sunday, September 6

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 woods and helps tell Tygart's story. Be sure to wear good shoes and bring water! **(2 Hours)**

5PM: Outdoor Cookery. Meet at the Campfire Area (playground between Cabin and Campground areas). Join the Park Naturalist crew as we do some classic campfire cookery in a Dutch oven. Toast a marshmallow or try some 'campfire cake'!

Monday, September 7

10AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Tree Talk and Walk. There are plenty of interesting trees and plants in our own back yards, so let's talk about some! **(30 Mins)**

Tuesday, September 8

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Wednesday, September 9

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Thursday, September 10

9:30AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center

Friday, September 11

9:30AM – 5PM: Open Nature Center

2PM: Turtle Talk – Everybody Loves Ruby! Come meet Ruby, our resident painted turtle, and learn about her and the other turtles that can be found throughout the state. **(30 Mins)**

4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist. One of our Nature Center staffers will be on hand in the Lodge front desk area to greet and answer questions. Stop by and say hello!

Saturday, September 12

10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Moths and Butterflies. All about how these important insects are alike, and how they're different! Plus, we'll make a fun moth-themed magnet craft. **(30 Mins)**

7:30PM: Creatures of the Night. We'll walk around the field area between the cabins and campground to see what kind of crawling creatures can be discovered using a UV flashlight! **(45 Mins)**

Sunday, September 13

Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Skins and Skulls. A lot of info can be learned by studying the things that animals have left behind. We'll talk about several of the different kinds of critters that can be encountered throughout the state. **(30 Mins)**