



Tygart Lake State Park Activities
August 17 through August 30, 2026

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



Monday, August 17

9:30AM-4:00PM: Open Nature Center

Tuesday, August 18

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Skins and Skulls. You can learn a lot about the creatures of the woods by the things they've left behind. **(30 Mins)**

1:30PM: Makin' Tracks. We'll look at various footprints and what they tell about the animals that left them. Plus, you can paint your own plaster track and make a magnet out of it!

Wednesday, August 19

Nature Center Closed

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Thursday, August 20

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

2PM: Sallie Search. We'll walk down the Lake Trail to see what kind of amphibians and creek critter can be safely observed. **(45 Mins)**

3PM: Craft – Lovely Ladybirds. Whether you call them ladybirds or ladybugs, these charismatic beetles lead an interesting life. We'll talk about them and make a fun beetle craft. **(25 Mins)**

Friday, August 21

9:30AM – 5:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Into the Spider-Verse! What are spiders? How are they different than insects and other crawlies? We'll talk about these fascinating creatures and the webs they weave. **(20 Mins)**

11:30AM: Web Weavers. Many spiders make webs for many reasons. We'll talk about some of the common web shapes, plus you can 'weave' your own spiderweb craft. **(20 Mins)**

4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist. One of our Park Nature staff will be at the Lodge front desk area to meet and greet and answer your questions. Stop by and say hello!

Saturday, August 22

10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center

10AM: Friendship Bracelet Craft. Meet at the Campground! Stop by the campground building area and meet with Addi to make a fun friendship bracelet. **(10AM-11AM)**

2PM: Flint and Steel Fire-Lighting. You can learn to strike a flame the way the old timers did it. Can you make a spark? Yes, you can! **(30 Mins)**

8:15PM: Outdoor Movie. Join us at the playground/campfire area between the cabins and campground for a family-friendly animated movie on the big screen. **(90 Mins)**

Sunday, August 23

Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Skins and Skulls. You can learn a lot about the creatures of the woods by the things they've left behind. **(30 Mins)**

Monday, August 24

9:30AM – 4:00PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Backyard Tree Walk. There are plenty of useful and interesting trees in our everyday backyards. We'll walk around the Nature Center area and check some out! **(30 Mins)**

Tuesday, August 25

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM-Noon: Roaming Naturalist. One of our nature staff will be wandering around the campground area to meet and greet and answer questions.

2PM: Mountain Medicinal Walk. There are plenty of herbs and trees in our own backyards and woodlots that have been known and used for centuries. We'll talk about a few of them! **(30 Mins)**

Wednesday, August 26

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

2PM: Up in the Clouds! You can make a cloud-spotter to help you identify all the different types of clouds that you might see up in the sky. **(25 Mins)**

Thursday, August 27

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Story Time – Lost Moon Holler. A fun children's story about the curious creatures of the night, like the possum! **(20 Mins)**

1:30PM: Craft – Awesome Possums. All about this unique and useful forest critter, plus a fun possum craft. **(20 Mins)**

Friday, August 28

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Hike – Tales from a Fallen Log. Is there life in dead trees? Yes, there is! We'll take a short hike on the Ridge Trail to view some fallen logs and talk about why they're important even from the great beyond. **(45 Mins) (0.5 Miles)**

2PM: Turtle Talk – Everybody Loves Ruby! Come meet Ruby, our resident Eastern Painted Turtle, to learn about her life and how we can be better neighbors to the turtles found in our state. **(20 Mins)**

Saturday, August 29

10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center

10AM: Hike – Ridge Trail. Meet at the Nature Center. We'll go for a walk on the Ridge Trail and see what's out and about in the late summer. Hike is approximately 1.75 Miles and includes some hilly terrain. Be sure to wear good shoes and bring water! **(1.5 Hours)**

2PM: Meet the Beetles! All about some of the beetles you might encounter around the park and your own home, plus a beetle-themed craft. **(30 Mins)**

3PM: Flint and Steel Fire-Lighting. You can learn to strike a flame the way the old timers did it. Can you make a spark? Yes, you can! **(30 Mins)**

8:00PM: 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, 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)**