



Tygart Lake State Park Activities
August 3 through August 16, 2026

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



Monday, August 3

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

Tuesday, August 4

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Roaming Naturalist. Our seasonal Naturalist Addi will be roaming about the campground area to answer your questions about nature or the park.

1PM: Secret Squirrels! These wily rodents can be found almost anywhere on the park. We'll talk about the kinds of squirrels that can be spotted in WV and their life habits. Plus, a fun squirrel craft. **(30 Mins)**

Wednesday, August 5

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

2PM: Turtle Talk – Everybody Loves Ruby! Come meet Ruby, our eastern painted turtle, and learn about her and other turtles in the state. **(30 Mins)**

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Thursday, August 6

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Makin' Tracks. You can learn a lot about critters by the kind of prints they leave. We'll talk about some, and then you can make your own animal track magnet craft! **(20 Mins)**

1PM: Frog Friends. All about some of our native frogs and toads, and how they're alike and different. Plus, a fun frog craft! **(30 Mins)**

Friday, August 7

9:30AM – 5:30PM: Open Nature Center

2PM: Turtle Talk – Everybody Loves Ruby! Come meet Ruby, our eastern painted turtle, and learn about her and other turtles in the state. **(30 Mins)**

4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist. One of our nature staff will be at the Lodge front desk area to answer questions about programs or the park.

Saturday, August 8

10AM – 6PM: Open Nature Center

9AM: Natural History Hike. Meet at the Campground Building for School Bus Loop Trail. Our park naturalist Jacob welcomes naturalist and historian Doug Wood to take us on a hike! We'll learn some connections between local natural history and cultural history from the period between the draining of Glacial Lake Monongahela to the 18th century and beyond. Be sure to wear good shoes and bring water! **(2.5 Hours) (2 Miles)**

2PM: Awesome Possums! All about these unique critters with a reading of 'Lost Moon Holler' and a fun possum craft! **(30 Mins)**

6:30 PM: Living History: Guyasuta. Historian Doug Wood joins us in the Lodge Conference Room to present as Mingo leader Guyasuta, who was both ally and adversary of George Washington. You'll have a chance to learn about the life and times of this historic figure and ask questions. **(60 Mins)**

Sunday, August 9

Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center

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

Monday, August 10

9:30AM – 4:00PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: 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 11

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Roaming Naturalist. Our seasonal Naturalist Addi will be roaming about the campground area to answer your questions about nature or the park.

1PM: Sallie Search. We'll walk down the Lake Trail to the creek to see what kind of salamanders can be found, and how to safely observe them. **(45 Mins)**

Wednesday, August 12

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Owls – Whooo Was for Dinner? We'll learn what an 'owl pellet' is, and how it gives us clues as to what an owl eats. **(20 Mins)**

1:30PM: Story Time: Who Pooped in the Park? We'll answer this question with a fun story. What can the things critters leave behind tell us about their life? **(20 Mins)**

Thursday, August 13

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Moths and Butterflies. How are these creatures similar, and how are they different? We'll learn about them and their role as pollinators. **(20 Mins)**

1:30PM: Moth Magnets. Now that you've learned about moths, let's make a fun moth craft! (20 Mins)

Friday, August 14

9:30AM – 4:30PM: Open Nature Center

2PM: 1PM: Skins and Skulls. You can learn a lot about the creatures of the woods by the pelts and bones they have left behind. **(30 Mins)**

4:45-6PM: Meet a Naturalist. One of our nature staff will be at the Lodge front desk area to answer questions about programs or the park.

Saturday, August 15

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

1PM: Wild Crafting. We'll use the common yucca plant to create fibers and weave a bracelet, just like the old timers did. (25 Mins)

7:30-8:30PM: Campfire Cookery. Park Naturalist Jacob will be at the campfire area between the cabins and campground with the Dutch oven to make some campfire treats! Stop by and toast a marshmallow or get a bite of cake.

Sunday, August 16

Noon – 4PM: 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)**