



NATURE CENTER EVENT SCHEDULE 9/7-9/20

CLOSED Mondays & Tuesdays

OPEN Most Wednesdays through Sundays from 9a-5p (see below for details)

Weekly schedules and programs will be shared each Sunday on the KSFF Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/KSFFoundation>

UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

Margaret Denison Fall Walks

Saturday, 9/12 at 10a

Join us for a variety of hikes, interpretive walks, and activities focused on different aspects of Kanawha State Forest!

 Bat Habitat Hike with Doug Wood
(Kevin Dials Bat Conservation Trail)

Limited to 10 people. One short (a few yards), steep ascent and return descent, but overall not difficult. Hiking shoes or boots are best. No flip-flops. (Easy)

 Pollinator Field Interpretive Walk with Naturalist Jess Blalock
(Margaret Denison Pollinator Field)

Join Naturalist Jess on a tour of the new Margaret Denison Pollinator Field! Learn about some of the different plants growing in the field, their value to native pollinators, and the crucial role pollinator fields play in preserving native species! (Easy)

 Mushroom ID with Drew Palmer (Polly Hollow)
Learn to identify different species of fungi growing in KSF! (Easy)

 Leaves, Ferns, and Flowering Plants with Chris Gatens - Polly Hollow (Easy)

 Nature Journaling Walk with Jamie Chambers (Spotted Salamander Trail)
This will be a relaxed nature journaling walk designed to encourage participants to slow down, observe, and connect with the natural world around them. We will begin with a brief introduction to nature journaling, including some simple ideas for observing and recording what we see. No artistic ability or previous nature journaling experience is necessary.

After the introduction, we will begin walking the Salamander Trail. Participants will be encouraged to spread out along the trail and stop when something catches their attention to sketch, write, or record their observations.

Difficulty/Footwear: Easy to moderate. Comfortable hiking shoes or other sturdy footwear are recommended.



Moss Walk with Kenneth C. Wright

Route: Start at far end of parking lot by nature center, end on Snipe Trail a little past the Arboretum.

Observe mosses and liverworts growing near the Nature Center. Easy grade, but participants may wish to wear footwear allowing them to step down the side of the creek. A loupe or magnifying glass would be helpful but not required.

Owl Pellets!

Saturday, 9/19 11a - 12p

Owls are fascinating and so are the pellets that they leave behind! We'll learn all about what an Owl pellet is, why and how they form, and what other animals produce pellets! Every child and interested adult will have the chance to dissect one pellet per person!

\$2 per participant - please see link below for signup!

Paid at the Gift Shop the day of the event.

Wings of Wonder! (Three Rivers Avian Center)

Saturday, 9/19 at 2p

Three Rivers Avian Center is back at Kanawha State Forest with their Wings of Wonder Program! Meet the birds of Three Rivers, learn amazing facts, and take the time to speak with the amazing folks who care for them!

For more information on Three Rivers Avian Center and how you can support their mission, visit their website at <https://tracwv.org/>

NATURE CENTER NOTES!

SAVE THE DATE! Please mark your calendars for these events, coming soon to the KSF Nature Center and Kanawha State Forest! Additional programs will be announced as they are scheduled on the Kanawha State Forest Foundation Facebook Page!

Saturday 9/26: Geology ROCKS! with Randy Toth WVGS (10:30a, Nature Center)

Wednesday 10/28: West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Outdoor Classroom (10a-11a)*

**Great field trip opportunity!*

West FURginia State Park Ranger Program, Budding Naturalist, and Junior Naturalist programs
are available at KSF!

Please see Naturalist Jess for more information!