



Tygart Lake State Park Activities

September 13 through September 27, 2026

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



Sunday, September 13

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, September 14

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)**

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Tuesday, September 15

Nature Center Closed

Wednesday, September 16

Nature Center Closed

Thursday, September 17

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 18

9:30AM – 5:00PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Flint and Steel Fire-Lighting. Can you strike a fire using only flint and steel? Yes, you can! Learn about this ‘old-school cool’ method of lighting fires. **(25 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 19

Nature Center Closed

8AM-4PM: Tygart Lake State Park’s Fall Fest 2026! Join us at the Lodge area for this annual celebration of the season. There will be heritage crafts and apple butter making! We will be offering tractor hayrides to the Marina and back from 11AM-3PM, and there will also be live traditional Appalachian old-time music played at the Lodge through the afternoon. This event is sponsored by the Tygart Lake State Park Foundation and is free and open to the public.

Sunday, September 20

Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center

1PM: Turtle Talk. You can meet Ruby, our resident painted turtle, and learn all about the importance of turtles and how we can take steps to be good neighbors with them. **(30 Mins)**

Monday, September 21

10AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: 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)**

Tuesday, September 22

Nature Center Closed

Wednesday, September 23

Nature Center Closed

Thursday, September 24

9:30AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: Stream Stroll. We'll take a short walk down the Lake Trail to the creek to see what kind of critters can be found, and how we can safely observe and care for them. **(45 Mins)**

Friday, September 25

9:30AM – 5PM: Open Nature Center

2PM: 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)**

2:30PM: Making Tracks. You will learn to identify some common tracks, along with making a plaster track mold magnet to paint. **(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 26

10AM: Bring Your Own Craft (BYOC) Lake Float. In recognition of National Public Lands Day, the Nature Center crew will be leading a casual float trip on the Lake. We will meet at the Tygart Lake Marina (Launch Ramp 1) to float out to the Dam and back. Bring your own kayak, canoe, or stand-up paddleboard and join with us!

Sunday, September 27

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)**