



Tygart Lake State Park Activities

September 27 through October 11, 2026

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



Sunday, September 27

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 28

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 29

Nature Center Closed

Wednesday, September 30

Nature Center Closed

Thursday, October 1

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, October 2

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, October 3

10AM – 6PM: 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)**

5PM-6PM: Campfire Cookery. Join us at the campfire ring by the Cabin area playground for some classic campfire treats! We’ll have stuff to make s’mores, plus we’ll make a cake in the Dutch oven right in the fire. **(Weather Permitting)**

Sunday, October 4

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, October 5

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, October 6

Nature Center Closed

Wednesday, October 7

Nature Center Closed

Thursday, October 8

9:30AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center

11AM: 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)**

Friday, October 9

9:30AM – 5PM: Open Nature Center

2PM: 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, October 10

10AM: The WonderFall Walk. Meet at the Nature Center parking area. Come join us for this great annual State Parks tradition as we take a hike on the Ridge and Lake trails! Hike is approximately 1.75 miles in length and will include some steep terrain. Be sure to wear good shoes and bring water. Dogs are always welcome on-leash!

Sunday, October 11

11 – 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)**