



WEST VIRGINIA

**state
parks**

**WATOGA
STATE PARK**

(JN) WV State Parks Junior Naturalist Program
Complete the first level Junior Naturalist Book,
and attend two additional Naturalist-led
programs.

Wednesday September 16th

11:00am Jesse's Cove to Ann Bailey Tower Loop Hike **Jesse's Cove Trailhead Riverside Campground**

This Hike Leads us up Jesse's Cove to the historic Workman/Gamekeepers Cabin where we will take a tour inside and talk about the history. and then we will come out of the Ann Bailey Lookout Tower. Along the way we will edge into Watoga's Old Growth Forest. This hike is a loop Beginning and ending in Riverside Campground. It is 5.5 miles roundtrip.

Please wear hiking shoes and bring a walking stick. (JN)

Friday September 18th

5:30pm - Watoga Park History - CCC **Civilian Conservation Corp Museum**

Join us to learn about the history of Watoga State Park And the role played by the CCC.

Explore the new CCC Museum. (JN)

7:00pm Evening Lake Paddle

Lake Boathouse

FREE paddle with the Naturalist. Paddleboats, kayaks & row boats.

8:30pm Fireflies & Secrets of Watoga's Dark Sky Forest

Nature Center/Activities Building

Learn about the nocturnal creatures hiding in Watoga's forests, then join us for a short Nature Hike. We will be viewing glowing firefly larvae. **NO PETS are allowed at night time activities at Watoga (JN)**

Saturday September 19th

10:00am River Otters, Bobcats & Other Mammals **Of Watoga**

Nature Center/Activities Building

Learn about the Mammals that live through Watoga And the habitat they need to survive. And other local wildlife while learning how they survive in the wild. (JN)

12:00pm Watoga Geology & Fossil Hunt

Nature Center/Activities Building

Find out about the local geology and fossils. Following the program we will go on a fossil hunt! (JN)

2:00pm Watoga Owls

Nature Center/Activities Building

Learn about the owls that call Watoga home. We will Dissect an owl pellet to learn about what they eat. (JN)

4:00pm Creek Critters

Nature Center/Activities Building

Lets Get In the Creek and see what we can find. Learn About the creatures that call the creek home. Crawfish, Mayflies, Stoneflies & More! (JN)

9:00pm - Legends & Ghosts Lantern Hike **(DROOP)**

Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park **(Lookout Tower Parking)**

Join us for a short 0.5 mile hike along the historic trails of Droop Mountain. We will talk about historic legends and ghosts like the Greenbrier Ghost,

Please wear appropriate hiking shoes.

NO WHITE LIGHTS. A red flashlight will be available if needed.

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