



## NORTH BEND STATE PARK

**Monday, October 12th,**  
**2:00pm-5:00pm Nature**  
**Center Open**

**11:00am-Wonderfall Hike**-Join us at the Equestrian Parking Lot to hike 2 miles on Barton's Lake Trail and Water's Edge! Earn a patch while seeing the leaves change!

**2:30pm-Rock Painting**-Find a rock, then use your imagination and paint them to turn your rock into what their shape resembles!

**4:00pm-Sand Art**-Learn how to make colorful works of art with sand! Use sand to create a work of art using stencils, coloring pages, or use your Imagination!

**Tuesday, October 13th,**  
**9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center**  
**Open**

**10:30am-Camouflage/Mimicry (JN)**- Wanna learn more about how animals camouflage and mimic other animals? Join us in the Nature Center as we teach you about them!

**12:30pm-Fossil Art**-Join our Park Ranger in the Nature Center to learn more about Fossils and try your hand at making your own Fossil using Sun Paper!

**2:30pm-Tracks Bingo (JN)**-Test your knowledge of WV animal tracks! Play a few rounds of bingo in the Nature Center and learn some tracks you may never have seen before!

**4:00pm-Paper Plate Animals**-Join our Naturalist in the Nature Center for some fun and create

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your very own animal out of a paper plate!

### Wednesday, October 14th, 9:00am-5:00pm Nature Center

**10:30am- Bird Walk (JN)**-Join the Naturalist on a hike along the Southern Railroad Trail to learn more about the birds in WV!

**12:30pm-Finger Painting-** Use your imagination to paint the flora and fauna of WV only using your fingers!

**2:30pm-Skull ID (JN)**- Our Park Ranger will have a table set up in the Nature center filled with skulls of WV animals. Come test your knowledge and learn about skull ID!

**4:00pm-Color Walk**-Grab a cut out butterfly and let us pick a color for you. Then use your resources outside to cover it in that beautiful color!

### Thursday, October 15th, 9:00am-5:00pm Nature Center Open

**10:30am-Turtle Game (JN)**-Test your knowledge of Box Turtles! Play a few rounds of the Turtle Game and test your ability to live as one!

**12:30pm-Dragonfly Art**-Join us in the Nature Center to make a custom dragonfly out of art supplies!

**2:30pm-Jr. Naturalist Hike (JN)**-Join our Naturalist on a hike to Tunnel 13 connecting to the North Bend Rail Trail! This hike is on a gravel trail, less than 2mi in total.

### Friday, October 16th 9:00am-4:00pm-Nature Center Open

**10:30am-Bug Friends (JN)**-Join our Park Ranger for a fun

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adventure in identifying different insects around the park!

### **12:30pm-Nature**

**Notebooks**-Grab a seat in the Nature Center and let us show you how to make your own personal nature notebook, then join us outside to write and draw what you see on a walk!

### **2:30pm-Warts and All (JN)-**

Frogs and toads may look alike, but they are all different! Join our Park Ranger to learn the difference between frogs and toads and discover how amphibians grow and survive!

### **Saturday, October 17th**

**9:00am- 4:00pm Nature**

**Center Open**

### **10:30am-Whooo's There? (JN)-**

Whooo lives in West Virginia? Learn about owls, their amazing adaptations, and what makes them excellent nighttime

hunters. Finish by making your own owl craft.

**12:30pm-Build-a-Bug** - Six legs, wings, and what else..? What parts make up an insect? Learn insect anatomy and design a silly bug of your own!

### **2:30pm-Venom or Poison? (JN)**

-Poisonous or venomous...what's the difference? Uncover some of nature's coolest defenses and meet some animals and plants that use them to survive!

### **Sunday, October 18th**

**Nature Center Closed**

### **Monday, October 19th**

**9:00AM- 4:00PM Nature**

**Center Open**

### **10:30am-Animal Architects**

**(JN)**- Beavers, birds, squirrels, and other animals are expert builders! Learn about the homes animals make, and take a look around the nature center to find

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some of nature's architectural  
masterpieces!

**12:30pm-Water Works-** Ever wonder how the different types of clouds are made? Learn how water travels through the water cycle, then make your own cloud and rain craft!

**2:30pm-Marvelous Mammals(JN)-**Fur, claws, tails, and teeth! Meet some of West Virginia's marvelous mammals and discover what makes these animals so special to our environment.

**Tuesday, October 20th**  
**9:00am-6:00pm-Nature Center Open**

**10:30am- Slithering Snakes (JN)-** Learn about the traits of different snake species native to WV and test your knowledge on a craft!

**12:30pm- Leaf Art-** Join us in the Nature Center to try your hand at making an animal of your

choosing with leaves we find  
around outside!

**2:30pm- Scavenger Hunt-**Have fun exploring the outdoors and searching for items on our Nature Center's scavenger hunt list. Watch out, some of them might be a little tricky and hard to find!

**4:00pm-Sidewalk Chalk-**Grab some chalk and draw your imagination on the Blacktop in front of the Nature Center!

**Wednesday, October 21st,**  
**9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center Open**

**10:30am- Rock Painting-** Find a rock, then use your imagination and paint them to turn your rock into what their shape resembles!

**12:30pm-Tracks Bingo (JN)-**Test your knowledge of WV animal tracks! Play a few rounds of bingo in the Nature Center and

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### **2:30pm- Clothes Pin**

**Critters**- Stop into the Nature Center and let our Naturalist teach you how to make some cool critters out of a clothes pin and other craft supplies!

**4:00pm-Bug Friends (JN)**-Join our Park Ranger for a fun adventure in identifying different insects around the park!

**Thursday, October 22nd,**  
**9:00am- 5:00pm Nature**  
**Center**

**10:30am- (JN)-Turtle Game**  
**(JN)**-Test your knowledge of Box Turtles! Play a few rounds of the Turtle Game and test your ability to live as one!

**12:30pm-Friendship Bracelets-**  
Grab your Best Friend and come to the Nature Center to make a bracelet to lock in your friendship!

**2:30pm-Propagation Pals (JN)-**  
Join using the Nature Center to learn and explore the world of Propagating house plants and Hydroponics!

**4:00pm-Animal Totems-** Come learn about what animal resonates with the day and month you were born, then craft up a totem based on that animal!

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**Friday, October 23rd,**  
**9:00am-5:00pm Nature Center**  
**Open**

**12:00pm-2:00pm-** Paint your Pumpkin- Grab a Pumpkin and join our Campground Contest of the best Painted Pumpkin!

**2:30pm- Skull ID (JN)-** Our Park Ranger will have a table set up in the Nature center filled with skulls of WV animals. Come test your knowledge and learn about skull ID!

**4:00pm-Spider Web Art-**Make your own spider web out of paper while we teach you the importance they have to spiders and our environment!

**Saturday, October 24th,**  
**10:00am- 4:00pm Nature**  
**Center Open**

**11:30am-Turtle Game (JN)-**Test your knowledge of Box Turtles! Play a few rounds of the Turtle Game and test your ability to live as one!

**2:30pm-Animal Masks-**Join us in the nature center to use our imaginations to make an animal mask of your choosing out of popsicle sticks or paper plates!

**6:00pm-8:00pm- Trick or**  
**Treat in River Run Campground**

**Sunday, October 25th**  
**Nature Center Closed**

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Programs are available upon request throughout the year. This could include hikes, programs about specific topics, or programs for school groups. If you are interested in scheduling a program, please contact our Park Ranger, Destinee, at [destinee.l.williams@wv.gov](mailto:destinee.l.williams@wv.gov).

Please feel free to visit the front desk or our website to take a look at our 2026 Calendar of Events. This will show all our special events coming up throughout the year!

Don't forget to grab a self-guided scavenger hunt from the front desk when you arrive! This scavenger hunt will test your knowledge of local wildlife while you explore the park!

### Junior Naturalist

JN is an environmental education program for children ages 6-16. Participants attend three activities to receive a certificate & patch.



Find the nature center schedule  
online

<https://wvstateparks.com/programs/naturalist/>

### Dog Friendly Programming Westfurginia State Park Ranger Program

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