



NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Monday, October 26th,
Nature Center CLOSED

Wednesday, October 28th,
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Tuesday, October 27th,
9:00am-4:00pm-Nature
Center Open

Thursday, October 29th,
9:00am-5:00pm Nature Center
Open

10:30am- Tracks and Scat
(JN)-Our Park Ranger will have a table set up in the Nature Center with scat and tracks of mammals found in WV! Come ask questions and learn how to identify them!

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-Pinecone
Creatures-Use pinecones, pipecleaners, googly eyes and other craft materials to turn a pinecone into an animal!

12:30pm-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!

2:30pm-Fish Friends (JN)- Join us in the Nature Center to discuss Native WV and Game Fish Species and make a water bottle based craft to go along with your knowledge!

2:30pm-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!

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Friday, October 30th
9:00am-4:00pm-Nature
Center Open

10:30am-Propagation Pals
(JN)- Join using the Nature Center to learn and explore the world of Propagating house plants and Hydroponics!

12:30pm-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!

2:30pm-Fungus Among Us(JN)-Fungi are all around us! Join our Park Ranger to learn about the fascinating world of fungi, why they are important to our ecosystems, and make your own fungi-inspired creation!

Saturday, October 31st
Nature Center CLOSED

8:00am-12:00pm
Hallo-RUN 5K

Sunday, November 1st
Nature Center Closed

Monday, November 2nd
9:00AM- 5:00PM 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 some of nature's architectural masterpieces!

12:30pm-Sidewalk Chalk-Grab some chalk and draw your imagination on the Blacktop in front of the Nature Center!

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!

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Tuesday, November 3rd
9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center
Open

10:30am- 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!

12:30pm- 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!

2:30pm-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!

Wednesday, November 4th,
9:00am-5:00pm-Nature Center
Open

10:30am- Put a Ring on It(Tree
Growth)(JN) - How can you tell
how old a tree is? See how trees
grow, learn what tree rings can
tell us, and explore the hidden
story within a tree with our Park
Ranger!

12:30pm-Rock Painting- Find a
rock, then use your imagination
and paint them to turn your rock
into what their shape resembles!

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.

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Thursday, November 5th,
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-Games Outside-Grab a Ball or frisbee from the Nature Center and start a game of your own on the basketball or beach volleyball court!

2:30pm-Fire Starting
(JN)-Learn how people have used fire for thousands of years! Discover what makes a fire burn and learn about safe fire-starting techniques.

Friday, November 6th,
9:00am-4:00pm Nature Center
Open

10:30am-Scat Bingo (JN)-Test your knowledge of WV animal scat! Play a few rounds of bingo in the Nature Center and learn some scat you may never have seen before!

12:30pm-Spider Web Art-Make your own spider web out of paper while we teach you the importance they have to spiders and our environment!

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!

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NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Saturday, November 7th,
9:00am- 4:00pm Nature
Center Open

Sunday, November 8th
Nature Center Closed

10:30am-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.

12:30pm-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!

2:30pm-Bug Friends (JN)-Join
our Park Ranger for a fun
adventure in identifying different
insects around the park!

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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.

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/>

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