WEST VIRGINIA state parks | TYGART LAKE STATE PARK

Tygart Lake State Park Activities
October 11 through October 25, 2026

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

**Sunday, October 11**
**Noon – 4PM: Open Nature Center**

**Monday, October 12**
**10AM – 4PM: Open Nature Center**

**11AM: 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)**



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**Tuesday, October 13**
**Nature Center Closed**

**Wednesday, October 14**
**Nature Center Closed**

**Thursday, October 15**
**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 16**
**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 17**
**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 18**
**Nature Center Closed**

**2PM-3PM: Trunk or Treat at the Marina.** Join the TLSP Foundation and Staff for the annual Trunk or Treat event! This will be held in the Marina parking area and features costumes and candy to celebrate the season.

**Monday, October 19**
**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 20**
**Nature Center Closed**

**Wednesday, October 21**
**Nature Center Closed**

**Thursday, October 22**
**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 23**
**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)**

**Saturday, October 24**
**9:30AM – 5PM: Open Nature Center**

**10AM: Hike – School Bus Loop Trail.** Join the Park Naturalist staff for a hike on the School Bus Loop, departing from the Campground building and going for approximately 2.0 miles. Hike includes some lightly hilly terrain and could have mud, so wear good shoes and bring water. **(2 Hours)**

**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)**

**2PM: Craft – Frog Friends.** All about the importance of our native frogs and toads, how they're alike and different, plus a fun frog-themed craft. **(25 Mins)**

**Sunday, October 25**
**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)**