WEST VIRGINIA state parks | BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Harold S. Walters Nature Center

Open Daily 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Unless otherwise noted
Hours may change at the discretion of the Park Naturalist

Saturday, November 7, 2026

8:00 AM. "First Saturday" Bird and Nature Walk - Join the Park Volunteer for some morning birding around the Pendleton Lake area. Easy walking along paved roads and packed trails. Bring water, a snack, and binoculars if you have them. Open to people of all birding abilities. Meet at the Nature Center.

11:00 AM. Evergreen Walk - Join a Naturalist for this hike along Balsam Fir Trail to learn about some of the common evergreen plants found in the park. This is a 1.5 mile long loop trail. Expect rocks, roots and mud. About 90 minutes.

1:00 PM. Nature Documentary: Meet the Coywolf - Join us for a look into the lives of these highly-adaptable but misunderstood predators. About an hour long. Not rated.

Sunday, November 8, 2026

11:00 AM. Blackwater Falls History - Join the Park Naturalist for a brief history of Blackwater Falls State Park and the surrounding area including the "discovery" of the falls, the logging boom, and the formation of the WV State Park system.

2:00 PM. Fun With Watercolors - Make some fun art with us using shaving cream, watercolors, and paper.

Monday, November 9, 2026

11:00 AM. Nature Documentary: Season of the Osprey - Follow a family of Ospreys for an entire summer, from their return migration to raising chicks and fending off enemies. About an hour long. Not rated.

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, November 11 - Thursday, November 12, 2026

American Discovery Trail 250 Relay

https://discoverytrail.org/america-250-relay

Friday, November 13, 2026

The Nature Center is closed to the public until 1:30 PM.
No activities scheduled.

Saturday, November 14, 2026

10:30 AM. Beaver Walk - Join a Naturalist for this short walk to Pendleton Lake to investigate some American Beaver habitat. The trail may be very wet and/or muddy - make sure to wear appropriate shoes. About 30 to 45 minutes. Less than ½ mile.

11:00 AM. Parts of a Tree Craft - Something for the little guys. Learn the parts of a tree as you make this craft using construction paper, twine and glue.

11:30 AM. Nature Documentary: Trees - Join us for a short film all about trees. About 35 minutes. Not rated.

1:00 PM. The Owls of Blackwater Falls - Learn to speak Owl and find which kinds of owls live here year-round and which ones are wintertime visitors. NO live birds will be present.

2:00 PM. Pendleton Point Walk - Join a Naturalist for an afternoon walk from the Nature Center to the Pendleton Point Overlook and back. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Less than 1 mile round-trip.

Sunday, November 15, 2026

11:30 AM. An Introduction to Winter Stargazing - Join the Naturalist for a presentation on the stars and constellations visible this time of year.

Monday, November 16, 2026

11:00 AM. Nature Documentary: Magic of the Snowy Owl - Get a look into the world of these iconic birds as they survive life in one of the toughest environments on earth and raise their young during the short Arctic summer. About an hour long. Rated PG.

Tuesday, November 17 - Thursday, November 19, 2026

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, November 20, 2026

2:00 PM. Let's Cook Some Dilly Apples! - Join Beverly, our Nature Center volunteer and WV Master Gardener, to learn about growing and cooking with Dill and make a tasty treat.

Saturday, November 21, 2026

10:30 AM. Winter Feeder Birds - Join the Nature Center staff for some bird watching from the comfort of the front windows. Enjoy a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate while you watch.

11:00 AM. Paper Plate Habitat Craft - You decide where the animals live as you make a moveable habitat scene with paper plates.

1:00 PM. Let's Talk Turkeys - Get to know the American Wild Turkey, its habits, habitats, and conservation success story.

2:00 PM. Thanksgiving Suncatchers - Make a turkey-themed suncatcher to put in your window at home. $1 materials fee.

Sunday, November 22, 2026

11:00 AM. What's in a Name? The Legend of Elakala Falls - Learn the story of the person who gives the waterfall its name. Whether he was real, or not, bits of truth can, perhaps, be picked out of this local legend.

1:00 PM. Fur-Real! - Get a closer look(and feel) at the fur of several West Virginia mammals and learn how each animal's fur is adapted to help them survive.

Monday, November 23, 2026

11:00 AM. Nature Documentary: Ants - Little Creatures Who Run the World - Look at some of the most successful life forms on the face of the planet. Hosted by internationally renowned ant authority E.O. Wilson. About 1 hour long. Not rated.

Tuesday, November 24, 2026

7:00 PM. Beaver Moon Hike - Meet at the Nature Center for an after-dark exploration of the park. Learn about our nocturnal residents and how they are adapted for life at night. Maybe learn to speak Owl. This walk will last about an hour and take place on paved and packed surfaces. Please dress for the weather and keep your light sources to a minimum.

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

No Activities Scheduled

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Thursday, November 26, 2026
Thanksgiving Day
Nature Center is Closed

Friday, November 27, 2026
1:00 PM. Lets Make Some Christmas Wreaths! - Join Beverly, our Nature Center volunteer and WV Master Gardener, to learn about some woody vines and to make a decorative wreath to take home with you.

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All programs meet at the Nature Center unless stated otherwise.

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West Virginia State Parks Junior Naturalist

An environmental education program for children ages 6 to 16.
***Participants attend one Nature Center program and complete the activities in the Junior Naturalist Journal to earn the Junior Naturalist Patch.**
***Participants who attend 2 more Nature Center programs will receive the Blackwater Falls Timber Rattlesnake Pin.**





West FURginia State Park Ranger Program
As easy as 1, 2, 3!
1. Stop by one of 8 State Park Nature Centers to pick up your West FURginia Ranger checklist. 2. Complete the five must-do activities with your furry friend.
3. Swing back by a Nature Center to get your official certificate & FREE West FURginia Ranger dog tag.