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Monday, November 9th, 8:00am-4:00pm Nature Center Open

10:30am 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!

12:30pm 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!

2:30pm 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.

Tuesday, November 10th, 8:00am-4:00pm-Nature Center Open

10:30am-Branching Out(JN)-Branch out with our Park Ranger and learn about the different parts of a tree and what each one does! Then trace your hand to create your own tree and label its parts as you learn!

12:30pm-Pinecone Creatures-Use pinecones, pipecleaners, googly eyes and other craft materials to turn a pinecone into an animal!

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!

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Wednesday, November 11th, 8:00am-4:00pm Nature Center Open

10:30am Nature's Balance (JN) - Discover the forest ecosystem and what tips the balance of it! Learn about food webs, herbivores, carnivores, decomposers, and more at the nature center!

12:30pm Sponge Tracks (JN)- Can you identify an animal just by its tracks? Learn about the tracks of WV wildlife and create your own animal track using just a sponge!

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!

Thursday, November 12th, 8:00am-4:00pm 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-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-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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Friday, November 13th
8:00am-4:00pm-Nature Center Open

8:30am Bird Walk (JN)-Join the Naturalist on a hike along the Southern Railroad Trail to learn more about the birds in WV!

12:30pm-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, November 14th
Nature Center CLOSED

Sunday, November 15th
Nature Center CLOSED

Monday, November 16th
8:00AM- 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 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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Tuesday, November 16th
8:00am-4:00pm-Nature Center Open

10:30am- Animal Totems(JN)- 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 17th,
8:00am-4:00pm-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 18th, 8:00am- 4:00pm Nature Center

8:30am- 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-Bug Friends (JN)-Join our Park Ranger for a fun adventure in identifying different insects around the park!

Friday, November 19th, 8:00am-4:00pm Nature Center Open

10:30am Searching for Sallies (JN)-Join us in the nature center to learn more about salamanders and their habitat. Wear appropriate clothing/shoes so we can go hunting!

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!

Saturday, November 20th, 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.

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.

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