



Harold Walters Nature Center: 304-259-5511 Nature Center Hours: 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. Nature Center museum, craft sessions, interpretive programming, game rentals & naturalist office. Park Naturalist: Paulita Cousin Assistant Park Naturalist: Krista White

Friday, July 14, 2017

- 10:30 a.m. Salamander Quest- Meet the assistant naturalist at Sled Run for this walk into the northern hardwood forest to look and learn about herps that call the area home. 1 hour. Sturdy shoes required. YPP
11:00 a.m. Let's Color- Free
12:30 p.m. Board Game Fun- bring the family, challenge the attendant or challenge strangers to a nature themed game in Harold Walters Nature Center. 1 hour. YPP
1:00 p.m. Terrific Trees- Meet the park naturalist at Pendleton Point Salt Sands Sign for this easy walk around the area enjoying the trees around us. Learn how to use a simple key. Pet Friendly. 1 hour. YPP
2:00 p.m. Silly Stones Craft- \$1.25
5:00 p.m. Skulls, Skins and Scat- Meet the assistant naturalist in Harold Walters Nature Center to examine skulls, skins, scat and tracks of West Virginia Wildlife past or present. Learn about the different kinds of wildlife, their habits and habitats. About 1 hour. YPP
7:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt- Meet in Harold Walters Nature Center for the list of fun things to find. 30 minutes. YPP
8:00 p.m. Lighting Bugs.- Meet the assistant naturalist in Harold Walters Nature Center to learn about the beautiful winged beetles that fire up the darkness. 20 minutes. YPP
8:30 p.m. Feature Movie Night- Stop by the Harold Walters Nature Center to read the description of tonight's movie with rating and length. Inclement weather? No problem for this activity. Some seating available- bring a chair, towel or blanket if available.

Saturday, July 15, 2017

- 8:30 a.m. Beginners Bird Walk- Meet the park naturalist at Blackwater Falls Lodge to listen and look for feathered friends. Binoculars helpful but not required. Some binoculars available for loan from naturalist. 45 minutes. YPP
10:00 a.m. On the go Nature - Meet the park naturalist in Blackwater Falls Lodge to view her display or ask questions. 45 minutes. YPP
10:30 a.m. Sun catchers- \$1.00 to \$12.00
11:30 a.m. Naturalist Loop- Meet the park naturalist in Blackwater Lodge Lobby for this walk along a portion of three park trails. 1.5 mile loop, 70 minutes. Pet Friendly. YPP
12:00 p.m. Nature Film about state butterfly in Harold Walters Nature Center. 50 minutes. YPP
1:00 p.m. Butterfly Crafts- Stuff a butterfly 0.50 ¢, magic butterfly= \$2.00
2:00 p.m. Survival Kid- Introduction to finding yourself lost, what you should carry, staying safe and basic first aid. 1 hour. Harold Walters Nature Center. YPP
3:00 p.m. Parachute Cord Bracelet- \$3.00
4:00 p.m. Disc Golf- Enjoy learning this new game at Blackwater Falls with the assistant naturalist.
5:00 p.m. Planets & Stars Craft- FREE
Stay tuned...The Best Ghost Stories Ever is coming up

- Please, accompany children under 12 on activities
Rain, Snow or Sunshine- we go. Severe weather cancels outdoor activities.
Wear sturdy shoes on activities.
Programs subject to cancellation or re-scheduling at discretion of naturalist.
Please, check lodge lobby for program changes.
Programs begin promptly at scheduled time- please plan to arrive 5 minutes prior to start time.
Craft supplies limited to first come.
Most Craft projects require 30 minutes to 1 hour. Some require longer time. Ask attendant on duty.
Craft projects recommended for children 8 years of age and older.
Tax is 6%
Pets permitted on programs listed as pet friendly.

ROAD SAFETY:

- WALK FACING TRAFFIC, RIDE BIKES WITH TRAFFIC.

All Crafts & activities meet in the Harold Walters Nature Center unless otherwise noted.



Coming...

Bil Lepp

July 20, 2017

*Storyteller, Humorist, Liar
Laughs and Grins! Hear
and see Bil's humorous,
family friendly tall-tales
and stories that have
earned the appreciation of
listeners of all ages and
from all walks of life.*

**7:00 p.m. Blackwater
Falls Lodge.
No charge to attend.
Laugh yourself happy!**

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Wednesday's 6:00 p.m.



YPP
Young People
for Parks
Program

Youth ages 6 to 16 years
of age that attend three
programs listed as YPP
may complete a brochure
and turn into the park
naturalist to receive a
certificate and patch.



**The Chief's Challenge
program**

is open to anyone and you do not
have to be participating in WV Hiking
Program. Each person accepting the
Chief's Challenge is asked to enroll
individually at

http://www.wvstateparks.com/Hikes_Walks.html

7:30 p.m. Appalachian Ghost

Stories Campfire!-

A premiere ghost story teller, JoAnn Dadisman is at Harold Walters Nature Center today! Open to the public. Fee free, family friendly.

Best Ghost Stories Ever

9:00 p.m. Feature Movie Night- Harold Walters Nature Center. Stop by the Harold Walters Nature Center to read the description of tonight's movie with rating and length. Inclement weather? No problem for this activity. Some seating available- bring a chair, towel or blanket if available.

Sunday, July 16, 2017

9:00 a.m. Interdenominational Worship Service- You are cordially invited to join Pastor Ruth Bullwinkle for this morning's service at Blackwater Falls Lodge.

10:30 a.m. Elakala Trail Walk- Meet the assistant Naturalist at the trailhead near Blackwater Lodge for this meandering stroll along one of the park's favorite trails. About 1 mile, 70 minutes. Pet Friendly. YPP

11:00 a.m. Wood Crafts- \$1.00-\$10.00

12:00 p.m. Nature Film about Hummingbirds in Harold Walters Nature Center. 1 hour. YPP

1:00 p.m. Bugs, Beetles and Butterflies- Meet the assistant naturalist in Harold Walters Nature Center for an introduction into the world of insects. Includes a search around the area for live insects. 45 minutes. YPP

2:00 p.m. Survival Kid- Dangerous Animals! Learn about some dangerous animals, what to do in an encounter and how to avoid an encounter with the assistant naturalist in Harold Walters Nature Center. 1 hour. YPP

3:00 p.m. Watercolor Fun Craft- 0.50¢

4:00 p.m. On the go Nature - Meet the assistant naturalist at Blackwater Falls Boardwalk to view her display or ask questions. 45 minutes. YPP

Monday, July 17, 2017

8:30 a.m. Spruce Bog and Berries Walk- Meet the park naturalist at the trailhead of Gentle Trail for this interpretive walk along a portion of Yellow Birch trail. About 1 mile, 70 minutes. Pet Friendly. YPP

10:00 a.m. Salamander Quest- Meet the assistant naturalist at Sled Run for this walk into the northern hardwood forest to look and learn about herps that call the area home. 1 hour. Sturdy shoes required. YPP

11:00 a.m. SSSSSnakes- Meet the park naturalist in Harold Walters Nature Center to meet Pringle, resident educational Eastern Rat Snake, and learn about his relatives in West Virginia. 1 hour. YPP

12:00 p.m. Nature Film about Raptors in Harold Walters Nature Center. 1 hour. YPP

1:00 p.m. Meet our Turtles & Craft- Meet the park naturalist in Harold Walters Nature Center to learn about WV turtles and the do's and don't to help them survive. Meet Leo, Ollie and Maya then create a turtle craft. 45 minutes. YPP

2:00 p.m. Nature Search & Craft- Meet the assistant naturalist in Harold Walters Nature Center to scout the area for everything nature, collect an approved object for your nature print to take home. 1 hour. YPP

3:00 p.m. Silly Stone Craft- \$1.25

4:00 p.m. Mammals! - Meet the assistant naturalist in Harold Walters Nature Center to meet Lily, our resident rabbit, and learn about mammals in West Virginia. 45 minutes. YPP

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

10:00 a.m. Finger-Painting and Movie- Meet the attendant in Harold Walters Nature Center for a short film about a fawn then paint your own picture with your fingers. 45 minutes. YPP

11:30 a.m. Pinecone Craft- \$1.50

Tuesday continued...

- 12:00 p.m. Nature Film** about “birds of paradise” in Harold Walters Nature Center 1 hour. YPP
- 1:00 p.m. Camp Board Game** in Harold Walters Nature Center with attendant. Ages 4+. 45 minutes. YPP
- 2:00 p.m. Survival Kid Craft**– Beat the Heat \$1.00
- 3:00 p.m. Nature Film** about frogs in Harold Walters Nature Center. 1 hour. YPP
- 4:00 p.m. Mosaic Craft**- \$1.25

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

- 8:30 a.m. River Road**– Meet the park naturalist at the trailhead of Gentle Trail to walk a portion of River Road trail exploring as we go. 1 hour. YPP
- 10:00 a.m. Sport Keychain/backpack clip Craft**- \$1.00
- 11:00 a.m. Stroll into the Past...**- Meet the park naturalist at the trailhead of Gentle Trail for this easy walking and handicap accessible trail to an overlook of Blackwater Falls. Along the path discover the history of the area. 30 minutes. 1/4 mile. YPP
- 12:00 p.m. Nature Film** about Ravens in Harold Walters Nature Center. 1 hour. YPP
- 1:00 p.m. Grass Hair Planter Craft**- \$1.25
- 2:00 p.m. Survival Kid– Trailblazing!** Meet the park naturalist on the side porch of Harold Walters Nature Center to learn about maps, use a compass and signs. 1 hour. YPP
- 3:00 p.m. Snake Crafts**- \$1.00-\$2.50
- 4:00 p.m. Film about an elephant** in Harold Walters Nature Center. 1 hour. YPP

Thursday, July 20, 2017

- 10:00 a.m. – Movie and Finger-painting**– Meet the attendant in Harold Walters Nature Center for this movie about forest animals in a quest to save their friend then paint a picture with your fingers. 90 minutes. YPP
- 11:30 a.m. Tile Craft**- \$1.00
- 12:00 p.m. Nature Film** about the recovery after a nuclear disaster. 1 hour. YPP
- 1:00 p.m. Get Crafty** with the attendants in Harold Walters Nature Center.
- 4:00 p.m. Survival Kid-Fire building** at Harold Walters Nature Center with the assistant park naturalist. 45 minutes. YPP
- 5:00 p.m. Cookin’ with Coals**– Meet the naturalist at Harold Walters Nature Center to learn the basics of Dutch oven cooking, make a dump cake and then sample your creation. About 1 hour. YPP

7:30 p.m. Bil Lepp! Storyteller, Humorist, Liar, Laughs and Grins! Hear and see Bil’s humorous, family friendly tall-tales and stories that have earned the appreciation of listeners of all ages and from all walks of life. Though a five time champion of the WV Liars’s Contest, Lepp’s stories often contain morsels of truth which present universal themes in clever and witty ways. Audiences all across the country, from grade schools to corporate execs to the Comedy Central’s Hudson stage, have been delighted by Bil’s mirthful tales and delightful insights into everyday life. Bil’s books and audio collections have won awards including the PEN Steven Kroll Award for Children’s Book Writing, Parents’ Choice Gold awards, and awards from the National Parenting Publications Assoc., and the Public Library. Blackwater Falls Lodge. No charge to attend. Laugh yourself happy!

8:45 p.m.—Sundown Sound Off with park naturalist on Blackwater Lodge canyon side. About 25 minutes. YPP

9:30 p.m. Stargazing & Night Fun with the park naturalist at Harold Walters Nature Center. 1 hour. YPP

Friday, July 21, 2017

- 12:00 a.m. Movie**– Meet the attendant in Harold Walters Nature Center to watch a movie about a spider and a pig’s friendship. 1 hour.
- 1:00 p.m. Bear Aware**-Meet the park naturalist’s in Harold Walters Nature Center to learn about our state mammal, bear safety and how you can help keep bears safe. 1 hour. YPP
- 2:30 p.m. Survival Kid– Shelter Building!** Meet the park naturalist at Sled Run to learn about survival shelters and then make your own as we walk into Cherry Lane Trail. About 2 hours. YPP
- 3:00 p.m. Bear Claw Necklace Craft**- \$2.00
- 4:00 p.m. Bisque Pendant Craft**—\$2.00
- 5:00 p.m. Creek Critters**– Join the assistant naturalist in Blackwater Lodge Lobby to walk to Shay Run in search of stream macro-invertebrates. Sturdy shoes required—You will get WET! 1hour. YPP
- 7:00 p.m. BINGO** with attendant and assistant naturalist in Harold Walters Nature Center. 1 hour.
- 8:30 p.m. Feature Movie Night**– Harold Walters Nature Center. The title will be released at the Nature Center today! Some seating available...bring a lawn chair, blanket or towel if available. Rain or Shine! We have a plan.

Need to finish your YPP before you leave?

Want something to do? Have a trail question?

Stop in the Harold Walters Nature Center to speak to a park naturalist or park attendant. . We may be able to assist.

Blackwater Falls Road Trip *Just the highlights . . .*

- BLACKWATER LODGE:** opened in January of 1957, consist of 54 guest rooms each equipped with air conditioner, telephone, bathroom and TV all located on the second level. An elevator was installed in the 1990's to accommodate visitors to the second floor without using stairs. The Smokehouse Restaurant is located on the main level and open year round. The lodge also offers meeting rooms, game room, gift shop, park administration offices, indoor pool and fitness room on the main level. The busiest season for lodge rooms is months of July, October and weekends in winter. Some holiday weekends book two years in advance. Reservations made by calling: 1-800-CALL-WVA, Blackwater Falls Lodge at 304-259-5216 or online 24/7
- PENDETTON POINT OVERLOOK:** This is a pull off the main road toward Cabins 1-26. Pendleton Falls is a cascading falls which drops straight down the almost vertical wall of Blackwater Canyon. Pendleton Lake is out of sight directly behind the top of the falls. You may notice the dark amber color of the water especially in the smaller streams along the park road such as Shay Run (near Blackwater Lodge). This color is caused by high amounts of organic matter or TANNINS leaching from decaying leaves and needles. The windmills on the horizon are along backbone mountain and the first put in this area in 2002
- SLED RUN.** Blackwater receives an approximate average annual snowfall of around 125 inches. This facility offers a 1500 foot sledding hill -with a warming hut, newly improved lift , new snowmaking capability and lights to offer night sledding on weekends. This facility operates mid-December to mid-March with one exception: closed on Christmas Day.
- LINDY POINT-** A short walk out to one of the most spectacular views of Blackwater Canyon.
- CABIN AREA:** The first 25 cabins opened in August 1956 and offer a variety of sizes: 2 person, 4 person and 8 person cabins. Each cabin is fully furnished with modern bath and kitchen, all necessary cookware, dishes, flatware, linens and light housekeeping supplies. Most have a wood burning fireplace with firewood provided (shed outside cabin) and a gas furnace. These cabins are available to rent year round on a 2 to 4 night rental basis depending on season and availability. Cabin 26 is a fully accessible handicap cabin constructed in 1999.
- STABLES—**The stables were converted to a petting zoo several years ago and generally operate Memorial Day to Labor Day on a daily basis. Offers farm like animals to pet, teaches about bees and milking a cow.
- GENTLE TRAIL** This trail was built in 1983 for a short, easy access to view Blackwater Falls for the disabled but open to everyone. Bikes are not permitted on this trail due to it's intention for those in wheelchairs or difficulty walking but foot travel is welcomed.
- CAMPGROUND** (There is 65 sites total with about half equipped with electricity. Open late April to end of October. The campground opened in 1961. Firewood, washer/dryer, ice and small playground are available to campers. No water or sewer hookups. There is a filling station and a dump station on site
- RECREATION AREA** Boating is available from Memorial Day weekend. To Labor Day. Pendleton Lake is a man made 14 acre lake constructed in 1957. Fishing is permitted outside of swimming area and boat dock. Bass, bluegill, catfish and now Trout occupy the waters of Pendleton. . A new bathhouse was built in late 1990's.
- HAROLD WALTERS NATURE CENTER** The Park Recreation Center/Nature Center constructed in 1979 and named after the first naturalist in the state of West Virginia. The Center offers nature programs, game equipment rentals, activity room, nature center, handicap accessible restrooms and the office of the park naturalist. A modern playground is available behind the nature center in honor of Kameron Fortney, a park "brat" , that left us too soon.
- PENDETTON POINT** This short walk from the parking area offers the visitor a spectacular view of Blackwater Canyon with the Blackwater River some 500 feet below. Across the canyon is Blackwater Lodge and to its right are the cascades of Elakala Falls (Shay Run). Blackwater Falls is approximately 1 mile upstream (left). The name Pendleton refers to Phillip Pendleton Kennedy who under the name "Clerke of Oxenforde" wrote The Blackwater Chronicles. An account of five Virginia gentlemen who in 1851 ventured into the as yet unsettled Blackwater country on a fishing expedition. This book offers some to the best descriptions of the last great wilderness of the East shortly before logging operations reduced it to ashes at the turn of century. This is the number one site for weddings.
- CABINS 27-39** are the newest additions to the park. Just a few years' old offering modern conveniences of: Wi-Fi, Satellite TV, washer/dryer, dishwasher, gas fireplaces along fully furnished. These are all 8 person cabins.
- PICNIC AREA** tables with convenient grills are available in wooded sites along either side of road. No open fires permitted in this area.
- TRADING POST** August 1957 the trading post souvenir and snack bar opened in current location. The wooden steps total 214 in number . This is the third set of wooden steps since 1960's. The falls drops 57 feet and marks the beginning of the Blackwater Rivers rapid descent into the canyon. The pool at the base is estimated to be over 20 feet in depth. Participants must remain on designated boardwalk for safety.

Some lodge rooms/Cabins are now pet friendly.

For everyone's safety and the safety of your pet—all pets must be leashed.