



Nature and Recreation Program – April 7 – 16, 2012

Saturday, April 7th

1:30 p.m. Annual Easter egg Hunt- Meet the park naturalist in **Harold Walters Nature Center** for an old fashioned egg hunt. Egg hunt is for children infant age to 7th grade. Photo opportunity with Easter Bunny and refreshments at the conclusion of hunt. First 100 kids that visit the Easter Bunny get small prize compliments of Blackwater Falls Recreation Department.

Sunday, April 8th

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service – Meet at **Pendleton Point Overlook** for this morning's service. Dress is casual.

Nature Center Closed

Monday, April 9th

11:00 a.m. Black Bear—what do you know? – Meet the assistant naturalist in **Harold Walters Nature Center** to learn about West Virginia's state mammal—the Black Bear. About 30 minutes.

1:00 p.m. Fishing with Freeman- Meet the assistant naturalist in **Harold Walters Nature Center** for an introduction to fishing followed by fishing in Pendleton Lake for bass, bluegill or catfish. All West Virginia fishing rules and regulations applies and enforced. Anyone over the age of 14 must have a fishing license to fish. Fishing license available at Blackwater Lodge Gift Shop. Children that catch a fish receive a certificate. About 1 ½ hours.

Nature Center Open: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10th

11:00 a.m. Frogs and Newts- Meet the park naturalist at **Sled Run** for a short walk to a nearby pond to learn about Blackwater Falls amphibians and reptiles of the woods and water. About 45 minutes.

Tuesday continued. . .

2:00 p.m. Cranberry Woods Walk – Meet assistant naturalist in the parking area of **Gentle Trail** for a hike along Yellow Birch trail. Walk beneath a canopy of red spruce and eastern hemlock to a mountain cranberry bog. Approximately 70 minutes, one mile.

Nature Center Closed

Wednesday, April 11th

2:00 p.m. Toddler Story Time – Meet assistant naturalist in **Harold Walters Nature Center** for a short video about a newborn fawn. This video won Best Children’s film world-wide award. About 25 minutes.

5:30 p.m. Evening Lake Stoll – Meet the assistant naturalist at **Harold Walters Nature Center** to watch and listen for evening wildlife. Walk about ½ mile, about 45 minutes.

Nature Center Open: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 12th

8:00 a.m. Spring Migration Stroll – Meet in the **Harold Walters Nature Center** for a beginner’s bird walk listening and looking for those feathered friends. About one hour, ¼ mile.

2:00 p.m. Toddler Story Time – Meet the park naturalist in **Harold Walters Nature Center** for a reading of *The Very Best Bed* by Rebekah Raye. About 15 minutes.

Nature Center Closed

Friday, April 13th

8:30 a.m. Mountain Forest Hike – Meet park naturalists in **Blackwater Lodge Lobby** for a hike along park trails from Elakala to Balanced Rock past bubbling streams to Shay Trace and return to Blackwater Falls Lodge. Medium long hike with wet/muddy and rough terrain.

Nature Center Closed

Saturday, April 14th

2:00 p.m. Spring Wildflowers Presentation – Meet the assistant naturalist in **Harold Walters Nature Center** for this slide presentation about spring wildflowers. About 45 minutes.

Nature Center Open: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 15th

9:00 a.m. Interdenominational Worship Service – Meet at **Blackwater Lodge** for this morning’s service. Dress is casual.

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10:30 a.m. Elakala Trail Walk – Meet the assistant park naturalist at the **trailhead of Elakala** (near lodge) for this morning walk. The naturalist allows the tranquility of the environment to be absorbed while walking along a root covered and sandstone boulder strewn trail along the canyon’s wall and over a section of Shay Run Waterfalls and up wooden step pausing intermittently to interpret. About one hour, one mile.

2:00 p.m. Wild Blackwater Falls- Meet the assistant naturalist on the **Blackwater Falls steps** to view display of wildlife found in Blackwater Falls. Inclement weather moves this activity moves to Trading Post. About one hour.

Nature Center Closed

Monday, April 16th to Friday, April 20th

No Scheduled Programming

Please note: The naturalist reserves the right to cancel or re-schedule programming. Please, check lodge lobby for program changes. The programs begin at scheduled time rain, snow or sunshine. Severe weather cancels outdoor programming. Craft supplies limited to first come. All trail programs are considered interpretive unless otherwise specified. Be prepared for weather conditions and trail conditions. Trails are often wet and muddy. When hiking or biking - Carry extra water and regularly monitor physical condition of party including pets.

Paulita Cousin—Blackwater Falls Park Parks Activities Coordinator/Naturalist

Adam Freeman—Assistant Park Naturalist

Blackwater Falls State Park

Fly-tying Workshop

Saturday, April 28, 2012

With Park Ranger Eric Risinger

Harold Walters Nature Center

10:00 a.m.

\$3.00/person for supplies

Easter egg Hunt

April 7, 2012

Harold Walters Nature Center

1:30 p.m. Welcome by Paulita Cousin, Parks Activities Coordinator/Naturalist

1:45 p.m. Age Group

- 1. 6th and 7th grade or 11-13 years of age.**
- 2. 4th and 5th grade or 9-10 years of age.**
- 3. 2nd and 3rd grade or 7-8 years of age.**
- 4. Infant to Age 2**
- 5. Pre-school or 3-4 years of age**
- 6. Kindergarten to 1st grade or 5-6 years of age**

2:15 p.m. Easter Bunny Photo Opportunity and Refreshments

First 100 children to visit the Easter Bunny get small prize compliments of Blackwater Falls Recreation Department.

It is the goal of Blackwater Falls for the children to have fun and for EVERY CHILD to find an egg—Please, assist in this manner. There is no prize for eggs found. Please, determine suitability for your child to eat or play with obtained items from Easter egg Hunt and visit with Easter bunny.

Blackwater Falls Lodge offering Easter Buffet 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

\$13.95/adult, \$7.95 ages 10-16, under age 10 free

Turkey, glazed ham, tilapia, salmon, shrimp, pork tenderloin, soup and salad bar, vegetables, dessert, etc. Call 304-259-5216 for reservations or more information.

Sunday, April 8th

6:30 a.m. Blackwater Falls Easter Sunrise Service April 8 at Pendleton Point Overlook.

