

# Hidden History Weekend



## Friday, August 26

### Glade Creek Grist Mill Exploration

Daily 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Glade Creek Grist Mill at Babcock State Park. Take a close-up look at this fully operational grist mill, a re-creation of one which ground grain on Glade Creek long before Babcock became a state park.

### Ranger on the Gorge: Tools of the Trade

6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., Adventures on the Gorge in Lansing. Come and go as you please to this informal program on the 1900s boom industries of the New River Gorge. See how people carved out a life in this rugged region. Meet at the Kid's Camp Check-In on the Canyon Rim Campus, next to Smokey's on the Gorge off Ames Heights Road.

## Saturday, August 27

### Bluestone Walk and a Farley Loop Bonus

10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. (or extend on Farley Loop Trail to 1:30 P.M.), bottom of the tramway at Pipestem Resort State Park. Meet a ranger at the base of Pipestem Resort State Park's tramway and enjoy a close-up look at the families who first settled this frontier area in the late 1700s. Bring \$2.00 for the return tram ride. The first mile of this walk will be an easy stroll along the Bluestone River, then those who wish to can continue a rugged, three-mile trail that leads to the old Farley cabin and the spectacular overlook at Raven Rock; this portion of the hike will include a 600 foot elevation gain and a steep descent. For those enjoying Farley Loop Trail, wear hiking boots, plus bring water and a trail lunch.

### Hawks Nest Tunnel: Progress & Tragedy

10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M., Main Overlook at Hawks Nest State Park in Ansted. Look back at the Hawks Nest Tunnel and hear of its history, including the disastrous human cost of this engineering marvel.

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### Historic Thurmond Walking Tour

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., Thurmond Depot. Explore the downtown area of this once thriving, historic railroading town.

### Tools of the Trade: New River's Boom Days

2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., Canyon Rim Visitor Center in Lansing. Come and go as you please to this informal program on the early 1900s industries of the gorge, including some hands-on tool time.

### Mysteries of Red Ash Island Hike

2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., Southside Trailhead at Brooklyn near Cunard River Access. Walk back in time to explore the tragic past of Red Ash Island. Follow an old railroad grade, then cross onto this island to discover its mysterious past – tales of mine disasters, an old cemetery, and more on this four-mile hike.

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## Sunday, August 28

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### Ranger's Choice: Coal Mine Memories

2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., Main overlook at Grandview. Come and go as you please to this informal program on the early 1900s boom mining industry of coal, the black gold in the New River Gorge.

### Legacy of Mining: Kaymoor Mine Site Hike

2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., Kaymoor Trailhead at Wolf Creek off Fayette Station Road near Fayetteville. Tour the historic site of Kaymoor, one of the big coal towns of the gorge during the early 1900s. Explore the site with a ranger and see mine entrances and structural remains on this four-mile hike.

August 26, 27, 28, 30, & 31  
and September 1, 2, 3, & 4



Theatre West Virginia presents  
**Rocket Boys the Musical**

8:15 P.M., Cliffside Amphitheatre at Grandview. See the story of a Coalwood, West Virginia boy, Homer "Sonny" Hickam, Jr., who reaches for the stars and becomes a rocket scientist after seeing Sputnik, the world's first satellite, flying across the 1957 October sky. A special opening night reception and dinner with Homer "Sonny" Hickam will take place on August 26.

Contact Theatre West Virginia to purchase outdoor drama tickets:  
[www.theatrewestvirginia.com](http://www.theatrewestvirginia.com) or 1-800-666-9142



All programs are free, except the tram ticket for the Bluestone Walk (only \$2.25 per person) and the Theatre West Virginia performances. For all guided walks bring water and wear sturdy walking shoes, plus a snack if you like.

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