

Park Museums

with area history highlights:



- Babcock State Park - Glade Creek Grist Mill, Clifftop. Open Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and 11:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
- Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park - Patterson House Civil War museum, Summersville. Open Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- New River Gorge National River - Canyon Rim Visitor Center, Lansing. Open daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- New River Gorge National River - Sandstone Visitor Center, Sandstone. Open daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- New River Gorge National River - Thurmond Depot Visitor Center, Thurmond. Open daily 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- Pipestem Resort State Park - Nature Center (historic buildings on site), Pipestem. Open Saturday & Sunday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

Fourth Annual

Hidden History Weekend

Celebrate the glories of Appalachian history in New River Gorge National River and Babcock, Carnifex Ferry Battlefield, Hawks Nest, and Pipestem Resort state parks. Join park staff to explore the rich sites and stories of heritage, our area's diverse history!



All programs are free unless otherwise noted. Wear sturdy hiking shoes for all guided walks; bring water and wear sturdy walking shoes.

www.nps.gov/neri or www.wvstateparks.com.

Friday, August 24, 2012

Days of the Civil War Tour

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Patterson House museum, Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park, Summersville. 1 mile walk. Step back in time to the days of the Civil War on a walking tour of the museum and the battlefield.

West Virginia: Child of the Civil War

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Canyon Rim Visitor Center, Lansing. Come and go as you please for this informal program about West Virginia, its beginnings and the life of her people.

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Railroad Town Tour: Thurmond

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Thurmond Depot Visitor Center, Thurmond. Hear stories of an industrial age on this walk through Thurmond's Historic District.

Hike the Narrow Gauge

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Babcock State Park campground overflow parking, Clifftop. 3 mile hike with some uneven terrain. Follow the narrow gauge railroad line and discover the secrets of its impacts on gorge industrialization.

Hawks Nest Tunnel: Progress & Tragedy

6:30 pm to 7:15 pm. Hawks Nest State Park's Main Overlook, Ansted. Look back at the Hawks Nest Tunnel and hear of its history, including the disastrous human cost of this engineering marvel.

Ranger on the Rock

6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Grandview's Main Overlook, Grandview. Come and go as you please for this informal program at one of the gorge's best views. Discuss the area's rich history.

Railroad Folklore Storytelling Sampler

7:45 pm to 8:45 pm. Hawks Nest State Park's lodge lobby, Ansted. Legends fill this land with riches. Hear favorite railroad tales of the New River Gorge.

Saturday, August 25, 2012

Historic Sites Photography Auto Tour

9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Meet at the Historic Glen Jean Bank Building, Glen Jean. Limited seats available on bus or car caravan in your own vehicle; call 304-574-2115 to reserve a bus seat. Bring a lunch. Bring a camera or some will be available (bring a jump drive if you'd like copies of photos taken on a free loaner camera). Learn the basics of photography, put your photography skills to work, and learn history on visits to several historic sites, including Thurmond, Nuttallburg, Babcock, and Carnifex Ferry Battlefield.

Antique Car Show

9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Pipestem Resort State Park's park headquarters, Pipestem. Come and go as you please to see classic cars or our times.

Nuttallburg Top to Bottom Hike

9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Meet at Canyon Rim Visitor Center, Lansing. 3 mile strenuous hike. Bus seats limited; advance sign-up REQUIRED for hike, call 304-574-2115. Explore the Nuttallburg mine and community site, one of the first coal mines to operations in the New River Gorge. See the headhouse, conveyor, tipple, coke ovens, and remains of community buildings. FREE shuttle bus provided to hikers; hikers should bring a lunch and water; wear sturdy hiking shoes.

- **Nuttallburg Site Tour. 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.** Meet at the Nuttallburg's Tipple Trail Trailhead at the bottom of narrow Keeneys Creek Road, near Winona. Meet the hikers for a leisurely walk around the tipple and town site.

Bluestone Walk & Farley Loop Bonus

10:00 am to 11:30 am (or extend to 1:30 pm on Farley Loop Bonus). Bottom of Pipestem Resort State Park's tramway, Pipestem. 1 mile walk (add 3 mile strenuous hike on Farley Loop Trail, which includes a very steep descent). \$2 for return tram ride. See evidence of the area's earliest settlers and how they made a life in this Bluestone River gorge in the late 1700s. For those continuing on the Farley Loop Trail, hike to the old Farley cabin and an amazing overlook at Raven's Rock. Farley hikers should wear sturdy hiking boots.

Oldies Rock 'n Roll Concert

8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Pipestem Resort State Park's outdoor amphitheater, Pipestem. Adults \$10, 6 to 12 years \$5, 5 years and under FREE. Enjoy an oldies rock 'n roll concert featuring the Vandells.

Sunday, August 26, 2012

Country Roads Walk

10:00 am to 11:30 am. Pipestem Resort State Park's park headquarters, Pipestem. 1.5 mile walk. Explore Pipestem's pre-park history on this tour, which includes a former school and residential sites.

Loop the Rend Hike

2:00 am to 5:00 pm. Rend Trailhead on Route 25 near Thurmond. 3.5 mile hike with some steep terrain. See often overlooked remains of the Thurmond area's rich history. See an old church and building remains at South Boyd and Wee Win.

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When Coal Was King

2:30 am to 4:30 pm. Sandstone Visitor Center, Sandstone. Come and go as you please for this informal program about the history of coal mining in the New River Gorge.

The 200 Year Hike

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Grandview's Main Overlook, Grandview. 1 mile hike; be prepared for some rough terrain. Discover some of the area's rich stories of history as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the John Marshall expedition. Learn more about the Harrah farm, War Ridge, Grandview, and more.

Mountaineer Trivia Game!

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Hawks Nest State Park's lodge conference room. Come and share your knowledge of West Virginia's legends and learn more about the state's history that is as strange as fiction.