



Ninth Annual

New River Gorge Wildflower Weekend

Celebrate the glories of Appalachian spring in New River Gorge National River, Hawks Nest, Babcock, and Pipestem State Parks, where wildflowers bloom from the rim of the gorge to the river. Explore these jewels of nature as well as this region's diverse ecology!

Friday, April 27, 2012

Wildflower Wonders: Seek & Enjoy!

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M., auditorium at Tamarack in Beckley, WV. Spring in Appalachia is a wonder to experience! See the great diversity of wildflowers and ways to capture such beauty, yet leave nature in place.

Blooms of Glade Creek

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., Glade Creek trailhead on Glade Creek Access Road in New River Gorge National River near Prince, WV. Explore the blooms and buds on this 2.0 mile leisurely stroll along Glade Creek, a beautiful mountain stream.

Wildflower ID 101: Basics of Field Guide Skills

6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., Glade Creek Grist Mill at Babcock State Park in Clifftop, WV. Bring your favorite wildflower field guide (or use one of ours) for a close-up look at spring blossoms on this easy walk.

Useful Blooms: Not Just a Pretty Face

7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., lodge lobby at Hawks Nest State Park in Ansted, WV. Take another look at wildflowers in this talk about the edible and medicinal uses of plants.

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Early Birding at Grandview

7:30 A.M. to 8:45 A.M., Grandview – Shelter #4 at New River Gorge National River in Grandview, WV. Bring your binoculars and get an early start with the local neighbors – birds.

Hike Into Spring!

9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., Grandview – Shelter #4, New River Gorge National River in Grandview, WV. Join naturalists on a leisurely 2.5-mile hike from Grandview down to the New River, finding

wildflowers along the way. Be prepared for some steep terrain as we travel down an old dirt road. A free return shuttle will be provided. **Reservations requested by April 20; call 304-466-0417.**

Youth Art in the Parks: Fun Art for Kids

2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., Grandview – Cliffside Amphitheatre, New River Gorge National River in Grandview, WV.

Wildflowers won't be the only splash of color this weekend. Kids and parents, celebrate nature through fun art projects.

Sunday, April 29, 2012

Spring Birding at Babcock

9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., Glade Creek Grist Mill, Babcock State Park in Clifftop, WV. Stroll the diverse habitats of Babcock in search of the region's more secretive beauties—birds.

Falls & Flowers: the Nature of Brush Creek

10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., nature center at Pipestem Resort State Park in Pipestem, WV. Enjoy beautiful waterfalls and blooms along Brush Creek on this easy 2.5 mile round trip walk. Meet at the nature center to car caravan to the trailhead.

Youth Arts in the Parks: Fun Art for Kids

11:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., Canyon Rim Visitor Center, New River Gorge National River in Lansing, WV. Wildflowers won't be the only splash of color this weekend. Kids and parents, celebrate nature through fun art projects.

Wildflower Stroll

3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., lodge lobby at Hawks Nest State Park in Ansted, WV. Take a moderate stroll to see what grows at Hawks Nest on this 1.0 mile wildflower scavenger hunt for all ages.

April 1 through 30, 2012

Youth Arts in the Parks

8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. daily, art exhibit in the the center courtyard vestibules and the David L. Dickirson Fine Arts Gallery, Tamarack in Beckley, WV. Students from Fayette, Nicholas, Raleigh, and Summers counties celebrate regional ecology through art in this special exhibit, works inspired by the nature of our public parks—especially wildflowers.

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Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Clay Center's Lunchtime Lecture Wildflower Wonders: Seek & Enjoy!

12:15 P.M. to 1:15 P.M., Clay Center in Charleston, WV.

Spring in Appalachia is a wonder to see with nature popping out all over the place! Take a closer look at the area's rich ecology, especially its amazing wildflowers. See their great diversity and ways to capture the beauty, yet leave all natural things in their place.

www.theclaycenter.org



All programs are FREE! Bring water and wear sturdy walking shoes for guided walks. Snacks, binoculars, a hand lens, and a favorite field guide are also useful.

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

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