



Celebrate the glories of Appalachian spring from the rim of the gorge to the river! Explore the area's natural diversity at programs in New River Gorge National River, Babcock State Park, Hawks Nest State Park, Little Beaver State Park, Pipestem Resort State Park, and Tamarack.

## Friday, April 25, 2014

### Handywork for Earth Day: Garlic Mustard Pull

- **8:30 am to 12:00 pm, Glade Creek trailhead on Glade Creek Access Road in New River Gorge National River near Prince, WV**
- **9:30 am - 11:30 am, Meet in the lobby at McKeever Lodge at Pipestem Resort State Park in Pipestem, WV.**

Celebrate Earth Day and lend a helping hand to the natural forest at one of two locations. Team up with park staff to help remove a troublesome invasive plant species, garlic mustard. Wear long sleeves, long pants, sturdy walking shoes, work gloves, and bring water. Space is limited. **Reservations requested by April 22; call 304-466-0417.**

### Wildflower ID 101: Basic Field Guide Skills

**2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Long Point trailhead off Gatewood Road near Fayetteville, WV.** Bring your favorite wildflower field guide (or use one of ours) for a close-up look at spring blossoms on this 2.0 mile walk through old field, forest, and near a mountain stream.

### Youth Arts in the Parks Performance Celebration

**6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, auditorium at Tamarack in Beckley, WV.** See how nature has inspired performance arts of choral, dance, instrumental, and the spoken word. This celebration of ecology through art features performances by students of Ansted Middle School's Show Choir, Beckley-Stratton Middle School Reading Class, CODA Mountain Academy of Music, Karen's Academy of Dance, and Nicholas County High School's String Ensemble.

## Saturday, April 26, 2014

### Early Birding at Grandview

**7:30 am to 8:30 am, 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. Explore several habitats to see feathered creature hang-outs.

### Hike Into Spring!

**9:00 am to 1:30 pm, 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 and other natural wonders 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 22; call 304-466-0417.**

### Afternoon with the Artists

**4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Tamarack's front entrance garden and art studios in Beckley, WV.** Come and go as you please to see how nature inspires the arts. See Tamarack artists demonstrate their skills. Try your hand at 5-minute photography in the garden (cameras will be available). Explore the art gallery and Youth Arts in the Parks exhibit at your leisure.

### Little Beaver's Signs of Spring Walk

**3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, park office at Little Beaver State Park in Beaver, WV.** See spring in bloom on this leisurely 1.30 mile discover walk throughout the park. Look for wildflowers, signs of animals, and much more.

## Sunday, April 27, 2014

### Spring Birding at Babcock

**8:00 am to 9:30 am, 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

**2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, nature center at Pipestem Resort State Park in Pipestem, WV.** Enjoy beautiful waterfalls and blooms along Brush Creek on this moderate 3.0 mile round trip walk. Meet at the nature center to car caravan or shuttle to the trailhead.

### Hawks Nest Views & Beauties Walk

**2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Hawks Nest State Park in Ansted, WV.** Meet outside the park gift shop near the main overlook and the park's original stone buildings (not at the lodge). Explore the walkway to the views at the main overlook, as well as a forested loop trail, the original section of the park built by the CCC. Walk only 1.0 mile on this leisurely stroll through this beautiful and historic area, seeing nature's wonders all around.

### April 1 through 28, 2014

#### Youth Arts in the Parks

**8:00 am to 8:00 pm 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, and Raleigh counties celebrate regional ecology through art in this special exhibit, works inspired by the nature of our public parks—especially wildflowers. [www.tamarackwv.com](http://www.tamarackwv.com)



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.

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