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Bluestone National Scenic River
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Canyon Rim Visitor Center 304-574-2115

in Lansing, WV (38.07003° N, 81.07583° W)
Open daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thurmond Depot 304-465-8550

in Thurmond, WV (37.95712° N, 81.07879° W)
Open daily 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, June through August

Grandview Visitor Center 304-763-3715

in Grandview, WV (37.83047° N, 81.06333° W)
Open daily 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm, June through August

Sandstone Visitor Center 304-466-0417

in Sandstone, WV (37.7832° N, 80.89778° W)
Open daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Carl Sagan
American Scientist and Educator

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Ranger Activities
July 2012

Join a park ranger for a special talk, walk, or hike. Ranger-led activities provide an opportunity to learn more about the natural world around us and the people who shaped our past.

Ranger Activities July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 • 11:00 am Historic Thurmond • 2:00 pm Ranger on the Spot • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	2 • 8:30 pm Wonders of the Night Hike	3 • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	4 • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	5 • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock • 6:30 pm Coal Display & Jr. Ranger	6 • 11:00 am Summers County Library Bookmobile • 2:00 pm Ranger on the Spot • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	7 • 7:30 am Early Birding • 9:30 am Hike of the Week: Wolf Creek Ramble • 10:00 am Bluestone Walk • 10:00 am Bluestone Turnpike Hike • 11:00 am Historic Thurmond • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock • 6:30 pm Coal & Jr. Ranger
8 • 11:00 am Historic Thurmond • 2:00 pm Ranger on the Spot • 2:00 pm Watershed Wonders • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	9	10 • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	11 • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock • 6:30 pm Coal Display & Jr. Ranger	12 • 6:15 pm Naturalist Notebook Skills Series • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	13 • 11:00 am Summers County Library Bookmobile • 2:00 pm Ranger on the Spot • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock • 6:30 pm Coal Display & Jr. Ranger	14 • 9:00 am Grand Birding • 9:30 am Hike of the Week: Keeneys Creek Bike Tour • 10:00 am Bluestone Walk • 11:00 am Historic Thurmond • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock
15 • 11:00 am Historic Thurmond • 2:00 pm Ranger on the Spot • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	16 • 7:45 pm Bat Chat	17 • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	18 • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	19 • 6:15 pm Naturalist Notebook Skills Series • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock • 6:30 pm Coal Display & Jr. Ranger	20 • 10:00 am Youth Arts in the Parks • 11:00 am Summers County Library Bookmobile • 2:00 pm Ranger on the Spot • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock • 8:30 pm Naturalist Notebook Skills Series	21 • 9:30 am Hike of the Week: Loop the Rend • 10:00 am Bluestone Walk • 11:00 am Historic Thurmond • 2:00 pm Watershed Wonders • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 3:00 pm Folklore Storytelling Sampler • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock • 6:30 pm Coal Display & Jr. Ranger
22 • 11:00 am Historic Thurmond • 2:00 pm Ranger on the Spot • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	23	24 • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	25 • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock • 6:30 pm Coal & Jr. Ranger	26 • 6:15 pm Naturalist Notebook Skills Series • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock	27 • 2:00 pm Ranger on the Spot • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock • 6:30 pm Coal Display & Jr. Ranger	28 • 9:00 am Grand Birding • 9:30 am Hike of the Week: Endless Wall • 10:00 am Bluestone Walk • 11:00 am Historic Thurmond • 2:00 pm Youth Arts in the Parks • 2:30 pm Ranger's Choice • 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock
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July 2012 Program Descriptions

- All programs are free unless otherwise noted.
- Wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes for all hikes. Water, snack, camera, and binoculars are other useful tools to bring along.

Daily Programs (except Mondays)

Ranger on the Rock 15 minutes to 1.15 hours
6:30 pm to 7:45 pm daily (except Mondays)
LOCATION: Grandview's Main Overlook
Come and go as you please for this informal program with a ranger at one of the gorge's best views. Enjoy the scenery and discuss area natural and cultural history.

All Other July Programs

(activities listed alphabetically by program title)

Bat Chat 1 hour
LOCATION: Grandview's "bat condo" near the playground shelter

Learn more about the world's only flying mammal, seeing over 1,000 bats as they fly from the condo and begin a night of feeding on insects.

Bluestone Turnpike Hike 5 hours, 9.5 miles
LOCATION: base of Pipestem Resort State Park tramway

Take a walk on the wild side through *Bluestone National Scenic River* and explore the diversity of this remote area. Meet a ranger at the bottom of Pipestem's tramway to hike the Bluestone Turnpike Trail. A FREE shuttle is provided for the return trip to Pipestem. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring lunch, and plenty of water.

Bluestone Walk 1.5 hours, 2 miles
10:00 am every Saturday

LOCATION: base of Pipestem Resort State Park tramway

Meet a ranger at the bottom of Pipestem's tramway to walk within *Bluestone National Scenic River* for a mile and return. Along the way, enjoy the flora and fauna of the area and discover regional history. Bring \$2.00 for the return tram ride.

Coal Display & Jr. Ranger 15 min. to 1.5 hours
LOCATION: Theatre West Virginia concession stand area at Grandview

Kids see a display on historic coal mining and have fun working on Jr. Ranger activities. Open to Theatre West Virginia ticket holders.

Early Birding 1 hour, 0.5 miles
LOCATION: Long Point Trailhead

See what birds wake up early on the edge of field and forest. Bring binoculars or some will be available.

Folklore Storytelling Sampler 1 hour
LOCATION: Canyon Rim Visitor Center

Legends fill this land with riches. Hear favorite tales of the New River Gorge area and beyond.

Grand Birding 2 hours, 1 mile
LOCATION: Grandview Visitor Center

Stroll the park looking and listening for birds. Bring binoculars or some will be available.

Hike of the Week 2 to 2.5 hours
Explore the land on a leisurely hike, discovering the area's rich natural and cultural history. Trails used for these programs are easy to moderate in difficulty.

- **July 7 LOCATION: Wolf Creek Ramble** 3 miles
Meet at the Long Point Trailhead near Fayetteville.
- **July 17 LOCATION: Keeneys Creek Bike** 6 miles
Bring your mountain bike. Meet at the Keeneys Creek Rail Trail Trailhead near Nuttallburg, 3.5 miles down Keeneys Creek Rd. from Winona.
- **July 21 LOCATION: Loop the Rend** 3 miles
Meet at the Rend Trailhead near Thurmond.
- **July 30 LOCATION: Endless Wall** 2 miles
Meet at the Endless Wall Fern Creek Trailhead in Lansing.

Historic Thurmond 15 min. to 1 hour, 0.5 miles
11:00 am every Saturday & Sunday
LOCATION: Thurmond Depot Visitor Center

What was life like in one of the New River Gorge's most renowned towns? Meet a ranger in Thurmond's historic district for an informal town tour.

Naturalist Notebook Skills Series
LOCATION: Burnwood Day Use Area 2 hours, 1 mile
Build naturalist skills in this mini nature course series. Attend three or more classes and earn a certificate. Advance sign-up encouraged; call 304-574-2115.

- **July 12, 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm**
Intro. to Appalachian Ecology & Nature Journaling
- **July 19, 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm** Bird Watching
- **July 20, 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm** Star Watching
- **July 26, 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm** Tree ID
- **August 9, 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm** Wildflowers ID
- **August 11, 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm** Stars and Summer Series Finale (see Perseid Meteor Showers)

Ranger's Choice 15 minutes to 2 hours
2:30 pm every Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
LOCATION: Canyon Rim Visitor Center

Come and go as you please for this informal program. Topics and hands-on exhibits vary with every program about natural history or cultural heritage. Call 304-574-2115 for each day's specific program topics.

Ranger on the Spot 15 minutes to 2 hours
Meet a ranger at heritage hot spots. Come and go as you please and discuss the natural and cultural history.

- **June 1 LOCATION: Kaymoor**
Ranger will be at the Kaymoor mine site.
- **July 6 LOCATION: Kaymoor**
Ranger will be at the Kaymoor mine site.
- **July 8 LOCATION: Nuttallburg**
Meet at Nuttallburg in the Tipple Trail area.
- **July 13 LOCATION: Kaymoor**
Meet at the Kaymoor Wolf Creek Trailhead on Fayette Station Road.
- **July 27 LOCATION: Arrowhead Trails**
Meet a biking ranger on an Arrowhead Trails.
- **July 29 LOCATION: Nuttallburg**
Meet at Nuttallburg in the Tipple Trail area.

Summers County Library Bookmobile

LOCATION: Sandstone Visitor Center parking lot

Explore the wonders of books in the park.

Watershed Wonders 15 minutes to 2 hours
LOCATION: Grandview, path to main overlook

Come and go as you please for this informal talk about the importance of watersheds. See how a watershed works with a hands-on model, plus learn about New River geography and smart water stewardship practices.

Wonders of the Night Hike 1.5 hours, 1 miles
LOCATION: Grandview Visitor Center

See night creatures and explore the wonders of nature after dark. Flashlights will be available.

Youth Arts in the Parks: Recycling 15 min.+
Trash impacts on a watershed can be severe. See how people can help the environment through art. Kids will make as art project to take home.

- **July 20, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**
LOCATION: Sandstone Visitor Center.
- **July 28, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**
LOCATION: Grandview, path to main overlook
Meet Curby the recycling robot (weather permitting) in this partnership program with the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority.

Be a Super Steward of This Resource: Leave No Trace!

Whether on a trail to discover new sights or let adrenaline flow, each of us can help care for parks during our visit. Think safety first and practice Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics to play light on the land and respect others too.

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors

