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New River Gorge National River
Bluestone National Scenic River
Gauley River National Recreation Area

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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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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 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Bluestone Walk 10:00 am Bluestone Turnpike Hike 11:00 am Historic Thurmond Tour
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13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 am Historic Thurmond Tour 11:00 am Outdoor Adventure Fest-Day 2 3:00 pm-Adventure Fest Hike 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 pm Adventure of the Night Hike 	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00 pm Bluestone Stream Stomp 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Bluestone Walk 10:00 am Thurmond's Railroad Day 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, and 1:00 Historic Thurmond Tour 1:00 pm Be a Junior Ranger! 2:00 pm Rend & the RR Hike 6:30 pm Ranger on the Rock
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July 2014 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.

Stop by or contact any park visitor center for updates to this month's program schedule during your visit. Additional adventures may be scheduled.

July Ranger Programs

(activities listed alphabetically by program title)

Adventure of the Night Hike

9:00 pm to 10:00 pm, 1 mile

LOCATION: Grandview Visitor Center

Experience the sights and sounds of nature at night on this liesurely walk after dark. Find out what really does go *bump* in the night.

Be a Junior Ranger!

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Grandview Visitor Center

Children of all ages have the opportunity to become a Junior Ranger and earn the official Junior Ranger badge. Spend the afternoon with a ranger to learn more about *Healthy Parks, Healthy Living* and take a guided hike.

Bluestone Stream Stomp

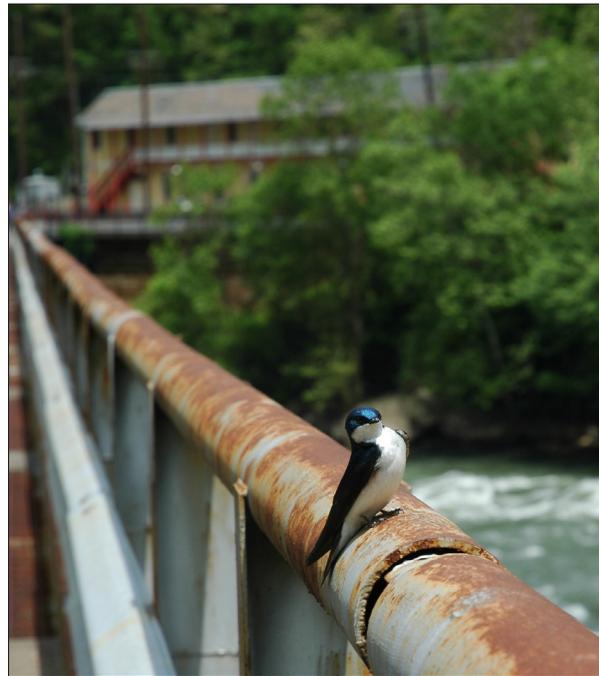
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

LOCATION: base of the tramway, Pipestem Resort State Park

Explore the river ecosystem as you help a ranger to determine the water quality of the Bluestone River. Be prepared to get your hands and feet wet as you look at the aquatic insects and creatures that live in the river. Bring \$2.25 for the return tram ride.

Bluestone Turnpike Hike

10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 10 miles



Tree swallow on the bridge over New River in historic Thurmond. Photo by Jodi French-Burr.

LOCATION: base of the tramway, Pipestem Resort State Park

RESERVATIONS requested: 304-466-0417

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

Bluestone Walk

10:00 am to 11:30 am every Saturday, 2 miles

LOCATION: base of the tramway, Pipestem Resort State Park

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 \$2.25 for the return tram ride.

Grand Birding

9:00 am to 10:30 am, 1 mile

LOCATION: Grandview Visitor Center

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

Historic Thurmond Tour

11:00 am to 12:00 pm every Saturday & Sunday, 0.5 mile

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 tour of this once bustling railroad town, hearing stories of days gone by.

Outdoor Adventure Fest

July 12 and 13

LOCATIONS: Grandview, Canyon Rim, and Endless Wall Trail.

Meet the Leave No Trace (LNT) Traveling Trainers at this Outdoor Ethics Hotspot. Experience many outdoor adventures and learn best practices to minimize impacts on the parks we enjoy. Event features include:

- Saturday, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Adventure Street Fair at Grandview. Come and go as you please and try you're hand at several types of outdoor recreation, learning the best LNT tips.
- Sunday, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm: LNT Traveling Trainer Roundup. Meet this national trainer team at Canyon Rim Visitor Center and learn hot LNT tips.
- Sunday, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm: Adventure Fest Hike. Meet at the Fern Creek Trail of the Endless Wall Trail in Lansing to explore forest, creek, and cliffside with a ranger and the LNT Traveling Trainers. 2 to 3 miles, easy to moderate hike.

Ranger on the Rock

6:30 pm to 7:45 pm, 15 minutes to 1 hour

LOCATION: Grandview's Main Overlook

Come and go as you please for this informal program with a ranger at one of the best views of the New River Gorge. Enjoy the scenery and discuss area natural and cultural history.

Rend & the Railroad Hike

2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, 3.0 miles

LOCATION: Rend Trailhead on Rt. 25 near Thurmond
Take a look back in time at the railroad and the area's industrial boom in the New River Gorge. Hike along the historic Rend line and see where history happened.

Thurmond's Railroad Day

10:00 am to 2:00 pm plus

LOCATION: Thurmond Historic District

Celebrate the rich stories of this historic town and the railroad that built it. Come and go as you please in this day full of history. Event features include:

- Operation Lifesaver will share tips on railroad safety.
- Handcart closeup: kids can try their hand at using a RR handcart, plus get their picture taken in historic Thurmond.
- Historic Thurmond Tours: 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 1:00 pm. Meet at the Thurmond Depot Visitor Center.
- Rend & the Railroad Hike, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. See detailed description on this page. Meet at Rend Trailhead.

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

Whether on a trail to discover new sights or let your adrenaline flow, each of us can help care for parks during our visits. 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

