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

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

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Open weekends only in Sept. and Oct., 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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in Grandview, WV (37.83047° N, 81.06333° W)
Visitor center closed for the season

Sandstone Visitor Center 304-466-0417
in Sandstone, WV (37.7832° N, 80.89778° W)
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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 September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 • 10:00 am Bluestone Walk
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 • 10:00 am Bluestone Walk
14	15	16	17	18	19 • 5:00 pm Ranger booth at Gauley Fest	20 • 10:00 am Bluestone Walk • 2:00 pm Ranger booth at Gauley Fest
21 • 10:00 am Harvest & Hunt: New River's American Indian Heritage	22	23	24	25	26 Hidden History Weekend • 9:30 am River History Trek • 11:30 am Hawks Nest Digital History Quest • 7:00 pm Campfire Stories: History by the Fire	27 Hidden History Weekend • 10:00 am Bluestone Walk • 10:00 am Artists in Action • 2:00 pm Camp Brookside: Return to the Isle of Fun • 2:00 pm Main Street Bramwell History Tour • 7:00 pm Haunted History Hike
28 Hidden History Weekend • 9:30 am No Deposit Required: Bank Tours • 10:00 am Artists in Action • 1:30 pm Babcock and the CCC • 2:00 pm Making Parks: Role of the CCC • 3:30 pm Milling Around at Glade Creek Grist Mill	29	30	1	2	3	4

September 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.

September Ranger Programs

(Activities listed alphabetically by program title)

Artists in Action

10:00 am to 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Tamarack, Beckley

Visit with stone carver Earl Grey and textile/fabric artist Suzanne Kniceley. See how these artists have mastered their art forms and how each put their own creative spin on the use of traditional materials.

Babcock and the CCC

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm 1.0 mile walk

LOCATION: Babcock State Park's park office, Clifftop

Step back to the days of the Civilian Conservation Corps on this walking tour. See how this national program helped build Babcock for all to enjoy.

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 for the return tram ride.

Camp Brookside: Return to the Isle of Fun

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Shuttle bus to and from site; meet at Summers County High School on WV Route 20, Hinton

Explore newly restored Camp Brookside, historic site of a residential summer camp for children of Alloy's Union Carbide plant employees. Tour the historic buildings and site, plus meet original campers, as they share their memories and photos of their time on the Isle of Fun. Try your hand at classic 1940s/50s-era camp games, activities, and much more in this relaxing day at camp.

Campfire Stories: History by the Fire Presented by Bugs Stover and Fred Powers

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

LOCATION: Twin Falls Resort State Park's campground campfire circle, Mullens

Let stories 'round the campfire take you away. Hear tales of life and work in the coal mines, plus some local ghost stories too.

Harvest & Hunt: New River's American Indian Heritage

10:00 am to 3:30 pm.

LOCATION: Sandstone Visitor Center, Sandstone.

Living history interpreters set up an 18th century warrior camp and discuss the culture of American Indians of the New River Gorge area including men and women's social roles, regional agricultural practices, warrior/hunter skills, trail food preparation, and tracking prowess.

Haunted History Hike Presented by Youth Arts in the Parks

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, 2.0 miles

LOCATION: Meet at the Rend (Thurmond-Minden) Trailhead parking area on Route 25 near Thurmond

Appalachia is filled with spooky stories. Join scout youth leaders and a ranger for this haunting forest walk as night approaches. This program is not recommended for children under 9 years old due to spooky content of some stories. Bring a flashlight.

Hawks Nest Digital History Quest

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

LOCATION: Hawks Nest State Park's lodge lobby, Ansted

Discover Hawks Nest history on a scavenger hunt in the park. Bring a camera, plus get a FREE ride on the aerial tram.

Main Street Bramwell History Tour

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, 4 block walk

LOCATION: Coal Heritage Interpretive Center (Depot), Bramwell

Join Mayor Lou Stoker and hear stories of early coal prospectors and their families on this sidewalk tour of historic downtown Bramwell.

Making Parks: Role of the CCC

- 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, 1.0 mile at Little Beaver SP
- 3:30 pm to 4:30 om, 1.0 mile at Grandview

LOCATION: Little Beaver State Park Headquarters, Beaver and Grandview Visitor Center, Grandview

Discover how the Civilian Conservation Corps developed parks, like Little Beaver State Park and Grandview. Also learn how logging and reforestation impacted these sites. Attend one or both parts of this program.

Milling Around at Glade Creek Grist Mill

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

LOCATION: Babcock State Park's Glade Creek Grist Mill, Clifftop.

See the inner workings of a grist mill and how this tool helped provide a food staple for people's daily lives.

No Deposit Required: Bank Tours

9:30 am to 11:30 am

LOCATION: Glen Jean Bank Building, Glen Jean

Get a glimpse into early finance in the New River Gorge on tours of two historic bank buildings. Start in the Glen Jean Bank, then car caravan to Thurmond for a walk

downtown along commercial row to discuss the two banks that once operated in this boom town.

Ranger Booth at Gauley Fest

- Friday, September 19: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, festival entrance fee required
- Saturday, September 20: 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm, festival entrance fee required

LOCATION: Nicholas County Veterans Memeorial Park, Summersville

Meet with rangers at festival booth to learn more about New River Gorge National River and Gauley River National Recreation Area. For complete Gauley Fest times and details visit www.americanwhitewater.org.

River History Trek

9:30 am to 12:30 pm, 3.5 mile hike, \$2 for return tram ride

LOCATION: Pipestem Resort State Park's Canyon Rim Center (top of the tram), Pipestem

Meet at the top of the tram and walk the old Bench Road and several park trails to look for clues of community life in Pipestem and Lerona. Pass old home sites and a cemetery. Be prepared for some moderate terrain, plus bring an extra pair of wading shoes to ford the Bluestone.



Camp Brookside. National Park Service (JFB) photo.