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Bluestone National Scenic River
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in Lansing, WV (38.07003° N, 81.07583° W)
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Open daily 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, June through August

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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 August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Meet the Artist in the Park 10:00 am Bluestone Walk 10:00 am Bluestone Turnpike Hike 11:00 am Historic Thurmond Tour 6:00 pm R on R
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August 2015 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.

August 2015 Programs

(activities listed alphabetically by program title)

Meet the Artist in the Park 6 hours
Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
LOCATION: Thurmond (check at the depot to see where the park's Resident Artist will be painting).

Stop by to meet park volunteer "Resident Artist" Cecil Glenn Runions, who will be in the Thurmond area creating plein air (paintings created outside using natural light) paintings in the park, using watercolor and acrylic paints.

Cecil has studied art at Concord University and teaches art classes for the Beckley Art Group and Morgantown Art Association.

Be a Junior Artist 1.5 hours
August 9, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
LOCATIONS: Grandview Visitor Center

Kids! Join a ranger to learn about nature and the importance of recycling while you make your own nature inspired work of art from recycled materials.

Bluestone Stream Stomp 1 hour
August 26, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
LOCATION: base of Pipestem Resort State Park tram

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 6 hours, 10 miles
August 1, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

LOCATION: base of Pipestem Resort State Park tram

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 Resort's tramway to hike the Bluestone Turnpike Trail, which runs 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 water.

Bluestone Walk 1.5 hours, 2 miles
Every Saturday, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
LOCATION: base of Pipestem Resort State Park tram

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.



Great blue heron. Photo by Gary Hartley.

Brookside Island Birding 2 hours, 0.5 mile
August 29, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

LOCATION: Camp Brookside site in Brooks (Follow Route 20 from Hinton or Sandstone to Brooks. Turn onto North Mullens Road that crossed the railroad tracks; this is the only RR crossing in Brooks, across the road from the green sign for the Three Rivers Avian Center. After crossing the RR tracks, immediately turn left and follow the gravel road over two bridges and through a gate to the Camp Brookside site.)

Explore this special riverside habitat to look and listen

for birds loving along the New River. Bring binoculars and a favorite field guide or some will be provided.

Grand Birding 2 hours, 1 mile
August 8 and 22, 9:00 am to 11:00 am
LOCATION: Grandview Visitor Center

Stroll the park looking and listening for birds of the New River Gorge. Bring binoculars and a favorite field guide or some will be provided.

Grand Night Hike 1.5 hours, 1 mile
August 24, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm
LOCATION: Grandview Visitor Center

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

Historic Thurmond Tour
Every Saturday and Sunday, 30 min. to 1 hr., 0.5 miles
Every Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
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.



Tour of historic Thurmond. National Park Service (JFB) photo.

Peakin' Perseids Meteor Shower and Star Watch 1.5 hours

August 12, 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm
LOCATION: Burnwood Day Use Area in Lansing

Celebrate the peak of this annual celestial event, the Perseids Meteor Shower. Possibly see up to 80 meteors per hour, plus explore constellations of the night sky too. Bring your favorite lawn chair or picnic blanket.

Ranger's Choice 1.5 to 2 hours
Every Sunday, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
LOCATIONS: Canyon Rim Visitor Center in Lansing

Come and go as you please for this informal talk with a ranger. Topics and hands-on exhibits vary with every program, each focuses on a different aspect of recreation, natural history, or cultural heritage of the New River Gorge.

(R on R) Ranger on the Rock 15 min. to 1 hr.
August 1 - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
August 28 and 29 - 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
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 the park, as well as area natural and cultural heritage.

Safety on the Blue 15 minutes to 3 hours
August 2, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
LOCATION: Bluestone Lake (Pits Road on Route 20 just south of Hinton)

Join in on the fun for this interactive water safety program for all ages. Activities include: free boat rides, casting contest, coloring contest, music and more.