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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 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 • 6:00 pm Ranger on the Rock	2 • 6:00 pm Ranger on the Rock	3 • 10:00 am Art in the Park Workshop • 6:00 pm R on R	4 • 10:00 am Art in the Park Workshop • 10:00 am Bluestone Walk • 11:00 am Historic Thurmond Tour
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July 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.

July 2015 Programs

(activities listed alphabetically by program title)

Art in the Park Workshops 6 hours
Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
LOCATION: meet at Sandstone Visitor Center in Sandstone, then carpool to locations in the park to paint.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: call Sandstone Visitor Center 304-466-0417 for more information or to make a reservation (limited to 10 participants per workshop). These workshops are for people age 12 and up.

Join park volunteer "Resident Artist" Cecil Glenn Runions for plein air (paintings created outside using natural light) experiences in the park, using watercolor and acrylic paints. Bring your own equipment. Come and enjoy a day listening, learning, and experiencing the park in a new way.

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

Be a Junior Ranger! 1.5 hours
July 26, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Theatre West Virginia amphitheater (picnic tables near the snack bar) at Grandview

Children of all ages have the opportunity to become a Junior Ranger and earn the official Junior Ranger badge. Spend the early evening with a ranger to learn what it takes to be a ranger at New River Gorge.

Bluestone Stream Stomp 1 hours
July 8, 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
July 11, 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.

Brookside Island Birding 2 hours, 0.5 mile
July 18, 9:00 am to 11:00 am
LOCATION: Camp Brookside site in Brooks

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
July 11 and 25, 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.

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
(Additional tours during July 18 Thurmond Train Day event - 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 1:00 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.

Make a Birdhouse 1.5 hours
July 19, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
LOCATIONS: Grandview Visitor Center

Kids! Join a ranger to learn about birds and the importance of recycling while you make your own birdhouse from recycled materials.

Outdoor Adventure Fest
30 minutes to 5 hour, up to 1 mile
LOCATION:
July 25 at Grandview, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
July 26 at Canyon Rim Visitor Center in Lansing, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Let's adventure! Learn how to play, stay safe, and leave no trace on any outdoor adventure. Come and go as you please for this informal, yet active programs.

Saturday, July 25: Adventure Street Fair topics include: Active WV, digital photography, early bird watching (9:00 am), Enviroscape, GPS wayfinding, guided walks (10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 2:30 pm), Jr. Ranger, Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics, mountain bike maintenance, rafting display, and YMCA healthy lifestyles.

Sunday, July 26: Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers. Meet this national trainer team and learn hot outdoor ethics tips.

Ranger's Choice 1.5 to 2 hours
LOCATIONS:
July 12 and 19 at Canyon Rim Visitor Center (2:00 pm - 3:30 pm)
July 12 at Sanstone Falls (2:00 pm - 3:30 pm) - topic: Water Safety

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.
July 1, 2, and 3 - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
All other scheduled dates this month - 5:30 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.

Rend & the Railroad Hike
July 18, 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 Train Day
July 18, 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.
- Photography workshops for adults and youth.
- 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.
- Live music performed by local musicians: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm - John Lilly; 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm - Lost Cannon Blue Grass Band
- Rend & the Railroad Hike, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. See detailed description on this page. Meet at Rend Trailhead on Route 25 (one mile from Thurmond).