



New River Gorge
National River
National Park Service



Ranger Activities August 2011

Join a park ranger for a special activity, walk, or hike. Ranger-led activities provide an opportunity to learn more about the natural world that surrounds us and about the peoples who have shaped our past.

Visitor Information

Canyon Rim Visitor Center

Open Daily, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Telephone: (304) 574-2115

Sandstone Visitor Center

Open Daily, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Telephone: (304) 466-0417

Park Headquarters – Glen Jean

Open Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Telephone: (304) 465-0508

Thurmond Depot

Open Daily 10:00 am - 5:00 pm June through August
Telephone: (304) 465-8550

Grandview Visitor Contact Station

Open Daily 12:00 am-5:00 pm June through August
Telephone: (304) 763-3715

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Glen Jean, WV 25846
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THURSDAY, August 4

7:00 p.m. Jungle Book Children's Art Program -Cliffside Ampitheater

FRIDAY, August 5

6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - Adventures on the Gorge

SATURDAY, August 6

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort
10:00 a.m. Bluestone Turnpike Hike
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk
6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - Adventures on the Gorge

SUNDAY, August 7

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk
12:00 p.m. Safety on the Blue - Pitts Road Bluestone Dam
7:00 p.m. Jungle Book Children's Art Program -Cliffside Ampitheater

MONDAY, August 8

8:00 p.m. Bat Chat - Grandview

WEDNESDAY, August 10

7:00 p.m. Jungle Book Children's Art Program -Cliffside Ampitheater

FRIDAY, August 12

6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - River Expeditions - Fayetteville

SATURDAY, August 13

9:00 a.m. Grandview Birding
10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk
6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - River Expeditions - Fayetteville

SUNDAY, August 14

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk

FRIDAY, August 19

6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - New River Gorge Adventure Park

Ranger Activities

SATURDAY, August 20

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk
6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - New River Gorge Adventure Park,

SUNDAY, August 21

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk

THURSDAY, August 25

5:00 p.m. Grandview Birding

FRIDAY, August 26

10:00 a.m. Glade Creek Grist Mill Exploration
6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - Adventures in the Gorge

SATURDAY, August 27

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk with Farley Loop bonus - Pipestem Resort
10:00 a.m. Hawks Nest Tunnel: Progress and Tragedy in Gauley Bridge - Hawks Nest State Park
10:00 a.m. Glade Creek Grist Mill Exploration
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk
2:00 p.m. Tools of the Trade: New River's Boom Days - Canyon Rim
2:00 p.m. Mysteries of Red Ash Hike - Southside Trail
6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - Adventures in the Gorge

SUNDAY, August 28

10:00 a.m. Glade Creek Grist Mill Exploration
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk
2:00 p.m. Coal Mine Memories - Grandview
2:00 p.m. Legacy of Mining: Kaymoor Coal Mine Site Hike

For more information or directions to the programs contact Sandstone Visitor Center (304) 466-0417 or Canyon Rim Visitor Center (304) 574-2115. All programs are free-of-charge and everyone is welcome.

Program Descriptions

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For All Hikes

Bring water and wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes. Cameras and binoculars can also be handy.



Bluestone National Scenic River Walk

1 1/2 hours – 2 miles

Meet a ranger at the bottom of the tramway at Pipestem Resort State Park to walk within *Bluestone National Scenic River* for a mile and return. Along the way, enjoy the flora and fauna of the area and discuss a little regional history. Bring good walking shoes, drinking water, and \$2.00 for the return tram ride.

Bluestone Turnpike Hike

4 to 5 hours - 10 miles

Take a walk on the wild side on the Bluestone Turnpike Trail, between Bluestone State Park and Pipestem Resort State Park! Meet a park ranger at the bottom of the tramway at Pipestem Resort State Park to hike 10 miles of the Bluestone National Scenic River. The hike ends at Bluestone State Park and a shuttle will be provided for the return trip to Pipestem. Take advantage of this great opportunity to explore a very beautiful and remote area without having to arrange your own shuttle. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, a lunch and plenty of water.

Grandview Birding

Meet at the Grandview Visitor Center to stroll the park looking and listening for birds of New River Gorge. Bring binoculars and field guide if you have them; if not, some will be provided.



Respect the power of the New River
Please wear a life jacket

Bat Chat

1 hour

Join a ranger at the ‘bat condo’ at Grandview to learn more about the world’s only flying mammal. See over 1,000 bats fly from the condo and begin a night of feeding on insects!

Jungle Book Children’s Art Program

1/2 hour

Meet at the Cliffside Amphitheater prior to the Theater West Virginia performance of *Jungle Book*. Grade school children can create a mask that represents the animals they will see in Disney’s *Jungle Book*. Or design a mask that represents an animal that lives in the New River Gorge. Park Rangers and volunteers will be there to help and discuss the importance of habitat and resource preservation!

Safety on the Blue

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Army Corp of Engineers, National Park Service, Bluestone State Park, American Red Cross, U.S.Coast Guard Auxillary have teamed up to promote water safety in the area. Boat rides, a dunking booth, games, prizes, and much more.

Ranger on the Rock -

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily August 1 through 21(except Mondays) - meet a ranger at the Main Overlook at Grandview to enjoy the views and discuss the natural and cultural history of this special area.



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New River Gorge Evening Feature: 1 hour

The perfect way to end your day at the New River Gorge. Enjoy a ranger presentation on a significant aspect of the gorge’s ascinating natural or cultural history. (Call Canyon Rim Visitor Center at 304-574-2115 for specific program topics.)

New River Gorge Adventure Park, home of ACE, Wildwater Expeditions, and NARR - Take Oak Hill Main Street exit -from Main Street Exit: Take the first left (directly across from the Little General – BP Gas Station) onto Minden Rd. (New River Gorge Adventure Park sign). It is approximately 2.9 miles the New River Gorge Adventure Park.

Adventures on the Gorge - Lansing (Take Ames Heights Road off WV Route 19 in Lansing, follow signs to Class VI. Meet at the Kid’s Camp Check-in on the Canyon Rim Campus next to Smokeys on the Gorge)

River Expeditions - Fayetteville (Take Appalachian Drive off WV Route 19, turn right at the stop sign onto WV Route 16, then left onto Harlem Heights Road. Meet at the River Expeditions Lodge)

Hidden History Weekend: August 26-28th

Bluestone Walk with Farley Loop Bonus: 3 hours – 4 miles

Meet a ranger at the bottom of the tramway at Pipestem Resort State Park and enjoy a close-up look at the families who first settled this frontier. The first mile will be an easy stroll along the Bluestone River, then for those wish to continue a rugged and steep three-mile trail will lead to the old Farley cabin and the spectacular overlook at Raven Rock. This is a strenuous hike with a 600’ elevation gain and steep descent. Bring \$2.00 for the tram ride.

Hawks Nest Tunnel: Progress & Tragedy in Gauley Bridge

10:00 a.m.. to 10:45 a.m.

Main Overlook at Hawks Nest State Park in Ansted. Look back at the Hawks Nest Tunnel and hear of its history, including the disastrous human cost of this engineering marvel.

Coal Mine Memories

2:00 p.m.. to 4:00 p.m.

Main overlook at Grandview. Come and go as you please to this informal program on the early 1900s boom mining industry of coal, the black gold in the New River Gorge.

Tools of the Trade: New River’s Boom Days 2:00 p.m.. to 4:00 p.m.

Canyon Rim Visitor Center in Lansing. Come and go as you please to this informal program on the early 1900s industries of the gorge, including some hands-on tool time.

Mysteries of Red Ash Island Hike

3 hours - 4 miles

Southside Trailhead at Brooklyn near Cunard River Access. Walk back in time to explore the tragic past of Red Ash Island. Follow an old railroad grade, then cross onto this island to discover its mysterious past – tales of mine disasters, an old cemetery, and more.

Legacy of Mining: Kaymoor Hike

3 hours - 4 miles

Kaymoor Trailhead at Wolf Creek off Fayette Station Road near Fayetteville. Tour the historic site of Kaymoor, one of the big coal towns of the gorge during the early 1900s. Explore the site with a ranger and see mine entrances and structural remains.

Glade Creek Grist Mill Exploration

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm. and 1:00 pm. to 6:00 p.m.,

Take a close-up look at Glade Creek Grist Mill at Babcock State Park.