



**New River Gorge  
National River  
National Park Service**



## **Ranger Activities July 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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## **July 2011**

### **FRIDAY, July 1**

- 10:30 a.m. Storytime at Sandstone with Hinton Public Library
- 6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - River Expeditions - Fayetteville

### **SATURDAY, July 2**

- 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 - River Expeditions - Fayetteville

### **SUNDAY, July 3**

- 11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk

### **FRIDAY, July 8**

- 10:30 a.m. Storytime at Sandstone with Hinton Public Library
- 6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - New River Gorge Adventure Park, home of ACE, Wildwater Expeditions, and NARR

### **SATURDAY, July 9**

- 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 - New River Gorge Adventure Park, home of ACE, Wildwater Expeditions, and NARR

### **SUNDAY, July 10**

- 11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk
- 1:00 p.m. Rangers Choice - Fishing New River - Grandview Sandbar Campground

### **MONDAY, July 11**

- 8:30 p.m. Bat Chat!- Grandview

### **FRIDAY, July 15**

- 10:30 a.m. Storytime at Sandstone with Hinton Public Library
- 6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - Adventures on the Gorge

## **Ranger Activities**

### **SATURDAY, July 16**

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

### **SUNDAY, July 17**

- 11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk

### **FRIDAY, July 22**

- 10:30 a.m. Storytime at Sandstone with Hinton Public Library
- 6:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - River Expeditions - Fayetteville

### **SATURDAY, July 23**

- 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, July 24**

- 11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk

### **THURSDAY, July 28**

- 5:00 p.m. Grandview Birding

### **FRIDAY, July 29**

- 16:00 p.m. New River Evening Feature - New River Gorge Adventure Park, home of ACE, Wildwater Expeditions, and NARR

### **SATURDAY, July 30**

- 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, home of ACE, Wildwater Expeditions, and NARR

### **SUNDAY, July 31**

- 11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walk

## 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 \$2.25 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.

### Rangers Choice

Stop by anytime during the 2 hour period. The ranger will be displaying exhibits and information about staying safe while enjoying the water. The program will be set up for 2 hours. Stop by anytime and stay as little or as long as you like.

### Storytime with Hinton Public Library

1 hour

A representative of the Hinton Public Library will be reading children's books to the public and a park ranger will be on hand to answer questions and tour the visitor center.

### 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!

### Grandview Birding

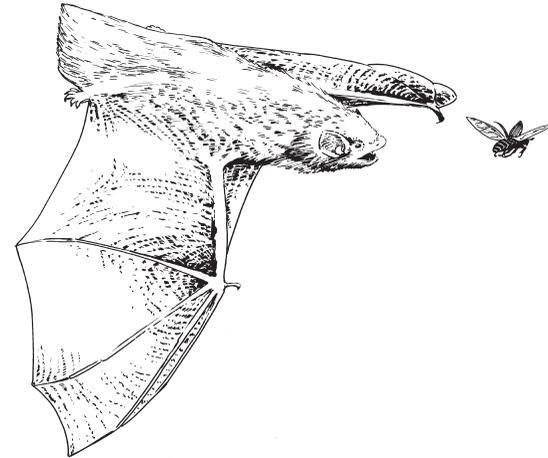
Meet at the Grandview Visitor Center to stroll the park looking and listening for birds of New River Gorge. Bring binoculars and field guide if you have them, some will be provided.



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

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### Ranger on the Rock -

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily (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.

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.

### 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 fascinating 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 Canyon Rim Bus Stop photo pavillion at the Class VI campus.)

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)

Visit New River Gorge National River website at [www.nps.gov/neri](http://www.nps.gov/neri)

