



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



Ranger Activities June 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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P. O. Box 246
Glen Jean, WV 25846
(304) 465-0508
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June 2011

FRIDAY, June 3

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

SATURDAY, June 4

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Turnpike Hike

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

FRIDAY, June 10

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

SATURDAY, June 11

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort

2:00 p.m. Rangers Choice - Bats!-
Grandview

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

MONDAY, June 13

8:15 p.m. Bat Chat!- Grandview

FRIDAY, June 17

1030 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, June 18

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort

11:00 a.m. Thurmond Walking Tour

6:00 p.m. New River Gorge Adventure Park,
home of ACE, Wildwater
Expeditions, and NARR

SUNDAY, June 19

11:00 a.m. Thurmond Walking Tour

Ranger Activities

FRIDAY, June 24

1030 a.m. Storytime at Sandstone with
Hinton Public Library

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

SATURDAY, June 25

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort

11:00 a.m. Thurmond Walking Tour

2:00 p.m. Rangers Choice - Water Safety
Sandstone Falls

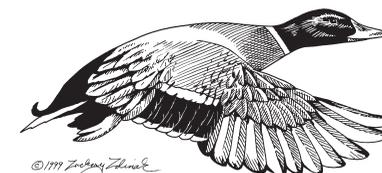
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Program Descriptions

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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.

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.



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

Rangers Choice

Stop by anytime during the 2 hour period. The ranger will be displaying exhibits and information about different topics. 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

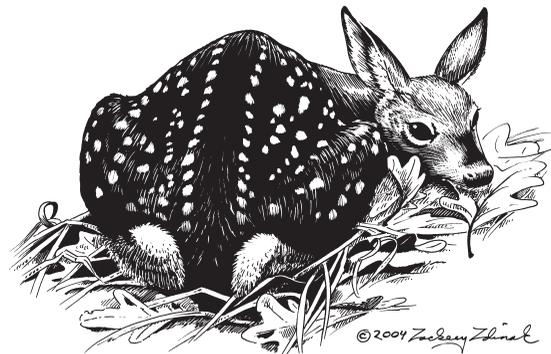
1 hour

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!

Thurmond Walking Tour

45 minutes - 1/2 mile

What was life like in one of New River Gorge's most renowned towns? Meet a ranger at the Thurmond Depot Visitor Center for a walking tour of the historic railroad town of Thurmond. See the remains of this once bustling business district and hear stories of days gone by.



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Starting June 14

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.



Principles of Leave No Trace

Each of us has different reasons for visiting parks. More and more of us are taking the opportunity to explore these areas and the land often shows the results of this use. You can help minimize the impact of your visit by following the basic *Leave No Trace* principles below.

- ◆ Plan ahead and prepare
- ◆ Camp and travel on durable surfaces
- ◆ Dispose of waste properly
- ◆ Leave what you find
- ◆ Minimize campfire impacts
- ◆ Respect wildlife
- ◆ Be considerate of other visitors

For more information, visit:

<http://www.lnt.org>

New River Gorge Evening Feature: 1 1/2 hours

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 to 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 on the Canyon Rim Campus at the Kid's Camp checkin. (Beside Smokey's 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)

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