



Sixth Annual

New River Gorge Wildflower Weekend

Celebrate the glories of an Appalachian spring in New River Gorge National River, Hawks Nest State Park, and Babcock State Park. Wildflowers will be blooming from the rim of the gorge to the river. Join rangers and naturalists in exploring these jewels of nature as well as this region's diverse ecology!

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Hike Into Spring!

9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., Grandview—Shelter #4, New River Gorge National River in Grandview, WV. Join rangers on a leisurely 2.5-mile hike from Grandview down to the New River, identifying wildflowers along the way. Be prepared for some steep terrain as we travel down the Little Laurel Trail, an old dirt road. A free return shuttle will be provided. Reservations requested by April 22; call 304-466-0417.

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Spring Birding at Babcock

9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., Glade Creek Grist Mill, Babcock State Park in Clifftop, WV. Stroll the diverse habitats of Babcock in search of the region's more secretive beauties—birds.

Nature's Splendor Hike

3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., lower parking lot near Hawks Nest Lodge, Hawks Nest State Park in Ansted, WV. Explore the many wonders of the New River Gorge on this walk along the Hawks Nest Rail Trail. See both flora and fauna on this easy hike.

April 11 through May 1

Youth Arts and the Parks

8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. daily, art exhibit in the lobby of the Hulett C. Smith Theater, Tamarack in Beckley, WV. Local students celebrate regional ecology through art in this special exhibit, works of art inspired by the nature of our public parks—especially wildflowers.



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All programs are free! For all guided walks bring water and wear sturdy walking shoes. Snacks, binoculars, a hand lens, and a favorite field guide are also useful. For more information visit web sites www.nps.gov/neri or www.hawksnestsp.com, or call 304-466-0417 or 304-574-2115.