

Event Calendar



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A Little Bit of Canada Gone Astray...

Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge protects over 19,000 acres of the unique wetlands and uplands of this high-elevation, moist valley. Visitors enjoy our cool summers, snowy winters, and expansive views of the grasslands and wetlands.

Explore Your Refuge!



Stop by the Visitor Center to start your adventure in the valley!



Explore over 31 miles of trails by foot, bike, or horseback!



Fish for trout, bass, and bluegill in the rivers, streams, and ponds on the refuge!



Paddle the Blackwater River to discover another side of the refuge!

Check out our website to learn more!



fws.gov/refuge/canaan-valley

Turn the page to check out our upcoming programs!



Guided Hike



Kids Activities



Presentation



Volunteer Opportunity

June 15 - Creating Pollinator Habitat 6pm-7:30pm | Visitor Center

Join us for this presentation by Gabby Lawinger, a WVDNR biologist, to learn how you can help pollinators!



May 14 - Roadside Trash Clean-up 1pm | Visitor Center

Our AmeriCorps interns will be leading a trash clean-up along portions of Route 32. Join us in this effort to keep Canaan Valley beautiful!

June 16 - Freeland Bird Walk 8am-9am | Freeland Boardwalk

Join volunteer Jim to see what birds are popping up at the boardwalk! No birding experience required—we have extra binoculars!



May 18 - Nocturnal Sounds 6pm-7:30pm | Visitor Center

Join us for a presentation by Doug Wood to learn about what goes bump (or croak, or howl!) in the night!

June 22 - Beaver Walk 11am-12pm | Freeland Boardwalk

Beavers—nature's ecosystem engineers! Join volunteer Robin on this guided hike to learn about these awesome animals!



May 25 - Beaver Walk 11am-12pm | Freeland Boardwalk

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June 22 - Film Premiere: "All Over the Map" 6pm | Visitor Center

Join us for the premiere of the short film, "All Over the Map: Canaan Valley", showcasing the outdoor playground that is Canaan!



May 25 & 26 - Nature Journaling 1pm-2pm | Visitor Center

Join us for a FREE nature journaling program, catered towards children 6 and up. Supplies provided, while they last!

June 24 - High-elevation Bird Walk 7:30am-9:30am | Visitor Center

Join volunteer Herb along Wilderness Way on a guided bird walk to see high-elevation dwelling birds! Group will meet at VC to carpool.



May 25 & 26 - Film Showcase 2:30p & 3:30p | Visitor Center

Join us for a FREE showing of two films, "Red Creek Sessions" and "Freeland". Sponsored by the Friends of the 500th.

June 29 - Story Time: Salamanders 1pm-2pm | Visitor Center

Join us for Story Time as we learn about salamanders, followed by a FREE craft!



May 26 - Freeland Bird Walk 8am | Freeland Boardwalk

Join volunteer Jim on a hike to see some birds on the Freeland Boardwalk! No birding experience required.

June 29 - Meet the Managers 6pm | Blackwater Falls SP Lodge

Come meet the land managers of your local protected areas in this facilitated panel discussion!



June 1 - What's Blooming? 1pm-2pm | Visitor Center

Join us on this guided hike to discover what's blooming in the valley! Locations vary, meet at Visitor Center.

July 4 - Story Time: Eagles 1pm-2pm | Visitor Center

This Fourth of July, join us for Story Time at the Visitor Center as we learn about eagles, followed by a craft!



June 8 - Beall Bird Walk 8am-9:30am | Beall Trailhead

Join us on our monthly bird walk on some of the Beall trails! No birding experience required—we have extra binoculars!

July 6- What's Blooming? 10am-12pm | Visitor Center

Join us on this guided hike to discover what's blooming in the valley! Locations vary, meet at Visitor Center.



June 15 - Wildflower Walk 2pm-3:30pm | Beall Trailhead

Join Gabby Lawinger, a WVDNR biologist, on a walk to get up close to wildflowers and their pollinators!

July 13 - Beall Bird Walk 8am-9:30am | Beall Trailhead

Join us on our monthly bird walk on the Beall trails! No birding experience required—we have extra binoculars!



30th Anniversary Open House



Saturday, August 10

Join us as we celebrate our 30th anniversary! Established in 1994, the refuge works to protect the beauty of Canaan Valley and connect people with wildlife. More details to come about the celebration, so mark your calendars!

 ***Kids Activities***

 ***Presentations***

 ***Food, Fun, and more!***



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