



# Ranger Activities July 2010

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

New River Gorge  
National River  
P. O. Box 246  
Glen Jean, WV 25846  
(304) 465-0508  
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## FRIDAY, July 2

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
7:00 pm. New River Gorge Evening Feature Class VI - Lansing

## SATURDAY, July 3

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort State Park  
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
7:00 pm. New River Gorge Evening Feature Class VI - Lansing

## SUNDAY, July 4

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Turnpike Hike  
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim

## FRIDAY, July 9

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
6:30 p.m. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle -Grandview  
7:00 pm. New River Gorge Evening Feature River Expeditions - Fayetteville

## SATURDAY, July 10

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort State Park  
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:00 p.m. Raptor Watch - Grandview  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
7:00 pm. New River Gorge Evening Feature River Expeditions - Fayetteville

## SUNDAY, July 11

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:00 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Grandview  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
3:00 p.m. Past to Present Hike - Rend Trailhead near Thurmond

## FRIDAY July 16

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
7:00 pm. New River Gorge Evening Feature

New River Gorge Adventure Park - Oak Hill  
8:30 p.m. Bat Chat - Grandview

## SATURDAY, July 17

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort State Park  
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
7:00 pm. New River Gorge Evening Feature New River Gorge Adventure Park - Oak Hill

## SUNDAY, July 18

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:00 p.m. Raptor Watch - Grandview  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim

## MONDAY, July 19

8:00 p.m. Coal Customs: Life of a New River Gorge Miner - Grandview

## In the Park After Dark Weekend

Many of this weekend's programs are highlighting opportunities to enjoy the out-of-doors at night.

## FRIDAY, July 23

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
7:00 p.m. New River Gorge Evening Feature Class VI - Lansing  
8:00 p.m. New River Gorge Night Adventure! - Rend Trailhead near Thurmond

## SATURDAY, July 24

9:00 a.m. Morning Birding - Grandview  
10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort State Park  
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
7:00 pm. New River Gorge Evening Feature Class VI - Lansing  
8:30 p.m. Bat Chat - Grandview  
9:30 p.m. In the Park After Dark! - Grandview - Shelter #1

## SUNDAY, July 25

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:00 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Grandview  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim

## MONDAY, July 26

8:30 p.m. Grandview Night Hike

## FRIDAY, July 30

11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
7:00 p.m. New River Gorge Evening Feature River Expeditions - Fayetteville

## SATURDAY, July 31

10:00 a.m. Bluestone Walk - Pipestem Resort State Park  
11:00 a.m. Historic Thurmond Walking Tour  
2:00 p.m. Art in the Park - Grandview  
2:30 p.m. Ranger's Choice - Canyon Rim  
7:00 pm. New River Gorge Evening Feature River Expeditions - Fayetteville



## 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.

### Rangers Choice

Stop by anytime during the 1 1/2 hour period. The ranger will be displaying their choice of exhibits and information on a specific aspect of the natural or cultural history of the New River Gorge area. The program will be set up for 1 1/2 hours.

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.

### 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.

### Past to Present Hike

2 1/2 hours - 3 miles

Discover the hidden highlights of history along the trail, walking from yesterday to today. Meet at the Rend Trailhead off Rt. 25 near Thurmond (formerly the Thurmond-Minden Trail)

### Bat Chat

1 hour

Meet a ranger at our "Bat Condo" at the rhododendron garden parking area at Grandview to observe the nightly emergence of hundred's of the earth's only flying mammal - bats! Learn about the different species that make this area their home, the many myths and misconceptions, and the amazing facts that surround their nocturnal lives.

### New River Gorge Night Adventure

2 hours - 1 to 2 miles

Night is a special time in the forest, come awaken your senses and solve some of the mysteries of what is all around you in the dark. Meet at the Rend Trailhead (formerly Thurmond-Minden) at for a night adventure.

### In the Park After Dark

Experience the park at night! After the Bat Chat, join park rangers at shelter #1 for a campfire and discussions of nocturnal animals, cultural customs concerning the dark and the night sky.

### Grandview Night Hike

Hike a trail after dark! Learn about using all your senses to enjoy the out-of-doors at night. Meet at the Grandview Visitor Center.

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### Raptor Watch

Stop by anytime during the 1 1/2 hour period. The diversity of habitats found in New River Gorge supports a variety of bird life. A ranger will have a spotting scope set up at the Main Overlook where we will search for birds of prey including turkey vultures, black vultures, red-tailed hawks, peregrine falcons, and bald eagles. Stop by and stay as little or as long as you like.

### Coal Customs: Life of a New River Gorge Miner

1 1/2 hours

Come join a Ranger and discover the tools of trade, and hear stories, and struggles of coal miners in early to mid 1900's. Meet at Shelter #1.

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

1 hour

Join park rangers and Sherrie Hunter, Director of Education for the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority, for an interactive program about what you can do in the park and in your community to help protect our parks, the environment, and our watersheds.

### Art In The Park

1 hour

Join rangers at the Grandview Visitor Center for a "fishy" good time. Come and learn about the habitats and ecosystems of fish that live in our streams, rivers, lakes and ponds. Also, bring your creativity for a make-and-take art project. All supplies will be provided to decorate a tee-shirt with your favorite New River fish and wear it home!



Leave No Trace

### Ranger on the Rock

6:30 - 7:45 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.

### 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.

### Class VI, Mountain River, and the

**Rivermen** - 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)



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

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