

# July Events

**New Germany State Park  
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*All programs are free of charge unless otherwise indicated. This schedule is subject to change without notice. Please contact the Park Office to confirm program information.*

## **Thursday, July 1 Bird Walk**

**Lake House, 8:00 a.m.**

This may be early, but it's the best time to hear and spot songbirds. Join our Park Naturalist on a walk around the park and check some birds off your life list! Experienced and beginner birders are welcome. Please bring your own binoculars, although we will have a few loaners.

### **Junior Rangers**

**Schoolhouse Nature Center, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

This second session, about taking care of Planet Earth, will feature a service project and teach kids how to take care of their environment. Preregistration is required for the program (\$25/first child; \$10 each additional child). *We can take late registrations if you missed the first session. Ages 7-14.*

## **Friday, July 2**

**Nature Center Open House, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

Come see what the Schoolhouse Nature Center has to offer. The naturalist will have the building open at this time, and will be available to answer questions. Kids can complete a craft during their visit.

### **Old Time Jam**

**Lake House, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

Musicians and spectators of all ages are invited to gather at the Lake House to share and enjoy traditional folk, bluegrass, and other "old-time" Appalachian music. The jam session will be an informal gathering, where both new and experienced musicians are welcome to "chime in," dance, or

just sit back and enjoy the music. *If the popularity of this gathering continues, we will likely offer additional sessions.*

**Saturday, July 3 Would you Survive?**

**Parking Lot # 5, 2:00 p.m.**

If you were lost in the woods, could you survive several days without rescue? Our Park Naturalist will lead you out into the woods and show some simple techniques to increase your chance of survival. You will also learn what to include in a hiking survival kit!

**Novelty Nose**

**Lake House, 4:30 p.m.**

Have you ever wondered how a bear finds its food? Come out to New Germany State Park and explore the life of a Black Bear. Activities and interesting facts will be presented by our Park Naturalist. Get the chance to touch real bear fur and see an actual skull! Kids of all ages are welcomed!

**Greg Latta: Folk Music.**

**Lake House, 7:00 p.m.**

This seasoned performer hosts a weekly radio show and never fails to draw in the crowds, entertaining the whole family with humor and folk music played on a variety of instruments. Appropriate for all ages.

**Sunday, July 4 Wild Dye**

**Rec Hall, 1:00 p.m.**

The Park Naturalist will show you 100% Natural Dyes found in the Wild. Participants will be able to purchase and a T-shirt for \$2.00- Be creative with the world around you! Pre-registration required due to limited supplies.

(Please contact Headquarters Office for registration and information)

Appropriate for Ages 3+.

**Amazing Adaptations**

**Lake House, 4:00 p.m.**

Well adapted, owls are designed perfectly for the night! But what makes them so unique? Our Park Naturalist will show you how owls survive in darkness. Come out and see a live owl. Appropriate for all ages.

**Monday, July 5 Nature Center Open House, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

(See previous)

**Thursday, July 8 Bird Walk**  
**Lake House, 8:00 a.m.**  
(See previous)

**Junior Rangers, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

This is part of a six-week program with fun activities for children ages 7-14. Each week features a different topic. Preregistration is required for the program (\$25/first child; \$10 each additional child). *This is the last session for which we can take late registration.*

**Friday, June 9 Nature Center Open House, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**  
(See previous)

**Sat., July 10 A Hummingbird's Life**  
**Lake House, 2:00 p.m.**

Have you ever wanted to know the life story of a Hummingbird? Our Park Naturalist will uncover the veiled world of Hummingbirds from birth to death. Also learn ways to attract Hummingbirds to your own backyard. Appropriate for all ages.

**Compass Corner**  
**Lake House, 4:30 p.m.**

Come out to New Germany State Park and learn how to use a compass. Then get a chance to test your skill and find a buried treasure! There is no charge; however, Pre-registration is required due to limited supplies.

**People and Plants**  
**Schoolhouse Nature Center, 8:30 p.m.**

Sunshine Brosi, professor at Frostburg State University, will share her knowledge of how people and plants interact throughout human history and across cultures today.

**Sunday, July 11 Smooth n' Scales**  
**Lake House, 1:00 p.m.**

Kids! Slither your way over to New Germany State Park for an afternoon of reptiles and amphibians! Get close and personal with native species found in Western Maryland. Also learn about similarities and differences between the two classes of animals.

**Thurs., July 15 Bird Walk, 8:00 a.m.**

**Junior Rangers, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

(See previous) *No new participants can be accepted at this point.*

**Friday, July 16 Nature Center Open House, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Sat., July 17 Sand Creatures!**

**Beach @ 2:00 p.m.**

Grab your buckets and shovels and head out to New Germany State Park! Create a make-believe creature out of sand. Come up with a name and a habitat that matches your creature's adaptations. The winner of the most creative and believable creature will win a prize!

**How Dandy Are They?**

**Lake House, 4:00 p.m.**

Seemingly worthless and annoying weeds, Dandelions are actually quite useful. Join the Park Naturalist in an adventure to uncover the potential! Learn about edible and medicinal uses along with other fun filled facts. Appropriate for all ages.

**Bears of Western Maryland**

**Schoolhouse Nature Center, 8:30 p.m.**

Clarissa Harris of the Wildlife and Heritage Service has had many interactions with black bears during her career. She will present an informative slide show about black bears and tell you how to share the woods with these amazing animals.

**Thurs., July 22 Bird Walk, 8:00 a.m.**

**Junior Rangers, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

(See previous)

**Friday, July 23 Nature Center Open House, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Sat., July 24 Recipes with Nature**

**Lake House, 2:00 p.m.**

This program will open your eyes to something pretty tasty! The Park Naturalist will point out certain edible plants and show how to properly prepare them- Bring your own wild

recipes or come to taste something new! Appropriate for all ages.

### **Introduction to Fly-Fishing**

**Lake House, 4:30 p.m.**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to Fly-Fish? Ranger Luke Mongrain will show you how! Bring your own fishing pole and learn certain techniques. Also find out where to go fly-fishing in Garret County.

Ages 5+

### **Scales 'N Tales**

**Schoolhouse Nature Center, 7:00 p.m.**

This popular program features live birds of prey and reptiles. Hear tales about each of these special visitors and learn how to keep wild creatures safe and healthy.

**Thurs., July 29 Bird Walk, 8:00 a.m.**

**Junior Rangers, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

(See previous)

**Friday, July 30 Nature Center Open House, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, July 31 Saturday Appalachian Artist Series**

**Features Nancy Biggs**

**Lake House, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

Ms. Biggs is a watercolor artist who has shown her work at several local galleries. She also teaches children's art classes. She will demonstrate her work and have art available for purchase. She will also have limited supplies available for children who want to try their hand at painting.

### **Home Tweet Home**

**Schoolhouse Nature Center 2:00 p.m.**

Come to New Germany State Park and see what different birds call home. Learn how you can attract some feathered friends by providing the proper place to stay. Learn different ways to supply housing and feeding opportunities that are beneficial to backyard birds. Age 3+

### **Hide and Track**

**Lake House, 4:30 p.m.**

Join the Park Naturalist on the quest to discover what track belongs to what animal! See if you can tell the difference

between the details. Also, learn how to make your own print cast. Ages +3

**Going Native in Your Backyard**

**Schoolhouse Nature Center, 8:00 p.m.**

Liz McDowell of the Maryland Native Plant Society will discuss the importance of using native plants in landscaping. Discover the connection between native plants, wildlife and people. Enhance and preserve regional biodiversity by simply 'going native'.