

West Virginia Master Naturalists  
 Kanawha Valley Chapter  
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*Calendar of Classes 2022*

**Events in Red are also Volunteer Opportunities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Location</b>
Fri. March 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Orientation Class</b>	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Fri. March 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Nature Interpretation and Teaching</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Steve Beckelhimer & Becky Linger, Instructors	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Fri. March 25, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Names, Classifications, &amp; Identification</b> Core Class, 1 credit hours And <b>Recording and Preserving What You Learn</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Steve Beckelhimer & Becky Linger, Instructors	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. March 26, 2022, 12 noon	<b>Nature Journaling</b> Elective Class, 2 credit hours Joe Perdue, Instructor Gerry Stover, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Fri. April 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Fishes</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Mike Vernon, Instructor Norma Heim, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. April 9, 2022, 8:30 a.m.	<b>Walk on the Wild Side</b> Spring Nature Walks in St. Albans City Park	St. Albans City Park
Sat. April 23, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Osbra Eye Spring Nature Walks</b>	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Fri. April 29, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Aquatic Habitats, Classwork</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Michael Whitman, Instructor Norma Heim, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. April 30, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aquatic Habitats, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit	TBD

Wed. May 4, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Terrestrial Habitats, Classwork</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Gerry Stover, Class Coordinator	Woodscape (Doug Wood's Homestead)
Thurs. May 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Terrestrial Habitats, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit	Woodscape
Fri. May, 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Birds, Classwork</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Jim Waggy, Instructor & Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. May 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Birds, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit	TBD
Sat. May 21, 2022, 11:00 a.m.	<b>General Ecology</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Ellen Hrabovsky, Instructor Norma Heim, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Fri. June 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Wetlands Habitat, Classwork</b> Barry Curry, Instructor and Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. June 4, 2022 Plan to meet at Greenbottom Wildlife Management Area at 10:00 a.m.	<b>Wetlands Habitat, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit <i>We will be arranging carpools for those who would like to do so.</i>	Greenbottom Wildlife Management Area Glenwood, WV
Sat. June 4, 2022, 10:00 am – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Grand Opening of the Claudia L. Workman Wildlife Education Center at Forks of Coal</b>	Forks of Coal Alum Creek, WV
Fri. June 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Mammals</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Sheldon Owen, Instructor Norma Heims, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Fri. June 17, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Medicinal Plants, Classwork</b> Elective Class, 3 credit hours Becky Linger, Instructor & Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. June 18, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Medicinal Plants, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit	Johnson Hollow
Sun. June 19, 2022	<b>West Virginia Day Celebration</b>	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center

Fri. June 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Reptiles, Classwork</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Larry Cartmill, Instructor Gerry Stover, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. June 25, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Reptiles, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit	TBD
Fri. July 8 through Sun. July 10, 2022	<b>West Virginia Master Naturalists State Conference</b>	Chief Logan State Park and Lodge Logan, WV
Fri. July 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Insects, Classwork</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Laura Miller, Instructor Norma Heim, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. July 16, 2022, 10:00 a.m.	<b>Insects, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit	TBD
Fri. July 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Wildflowers, Classwork</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Mark Watson, Instructor Norma Heim, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. July 23, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Wildflowers, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit	TBD
Fri. July 29, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Soils</b> Elective Class, 3 credit hours Aron Sattler, Instructor Becky Linger, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Fri. Aug. 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines, Classwork</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Joe Perdue, Instructor Gerry Stover, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. Aug. 6, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit	TBD
Thurs. Aug. 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Freshwater Mussels</b> Elective Class, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	Coonskin Park Riverside Shelter

Fri. Aug. 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Habitat Improvement for Wildlife</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Sheldon Owen, Instructor Norma Heim, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Fri. Sept. 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Geology, Classwork</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Claudette Simard, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. Sept. 10, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Geology, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit	TBD
<b>Sat. Sept. 17, 2022, 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Margaret Denison Fall Nature Walks</b>	<b>Kanawha State Forest Nature Center</b>
Fri. Sept. 23, 2022, 6:00 p.m.	<b>Amphibians, Classwork</b> Core Class, 3 credit hours Mark Watson, Instructor Carolee Felber, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. Sept. 24, 2022, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Amphibians, Fieldwork</b> Must be completed for full credit	TBD
Sat. Oct. 22, 2022, 1:30 p.m.	<b>Bat Ecology and Conservation</b> Elective Class, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Becky Linger, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
<b>Sat. October 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bat Night Bonfire</b> <i>Family-friendly event with refreshments and stories of bat lore</i>	<b>Kanawha State Forest Shelter 3</b>

## Directions

**KANAWHA STATE FOREST**, 7500 Kanawha State Forest Road, Charleston, WV

### From I-64 East or West

Take Exit 58A, drive south on US 119. Turn left onto Oakwood Rd. at the second stop light, (following the brown and white routing signs) go 3/4 mile and take a left before George Washington High School continuing on Oakwood Road, turn right onto Bridge Rd., and right onto Connell Rd. At the bottom of Connell, make a sharp left onto Kanawha Forest Drive, follow to the forest entrance.

### From I-79 South/I-77 South

Follow I-77 South towards Charleston. Keep right to follow I-64 East towards Huntington. Take Exit 58A, drive south on US 119. Turn left onto Oakwood Rd. at the second stop light (following the brown and white routing signs for Kanawha State Forest), go 3/4 mile and take a left before George Washington High School continuing on Oakwood Road, turn right onto Bridge Rd., and right onto Connell Rd. At the bottom of Connell, make a sharp left onto Kanawha Forest Drive, follow to the forest entrance.

**KSF Nature Center and Shelters 3 & 4:** The Nature Center is approximately 1.5 miles into the Forest. Stay on Kanawha State Forest Road until you see signs for The Nature Center on your left. As you turn left into the roads leading to the Nature Center, you'll enter a large parking lot. You'll pass Shelter 3 on your left and Shelter 4 is further to your left at the end of the parking lot. The Nature Center is on your right.

**Johnson Hollow:** Johnson hollow is exactly four miles into the Forest. Stay on Kanawha State Forest Road until you see a large gravel parking lot on your left.

**WOODSCAPE**, Home of Doug Wood and Dianne Anestis  
38°22'49.07"N/ 81°55'59.92"W, or 38.380297°/-81.933311°

From St. Albans, travel W on U.S. Rt. 60 past the intersection with WV Rt. 817 (old Rt. 35), and over Coal Mountain to “One Accord Community Church” on the R. To the L, across from the church is Sams Fork Road. Turn onto Sams Fork Rd. and follow for approximately 2.0 miles total to our house, passing a gated driveway entrance on the R at approx. 1.0 mile enroute to our house. At approx. 1.6 miles watch on the L for Spite Road entering from behind. Remain straight on Sams Fork Rd. DO NOT TURN L onto Spite Rd. From this intersection, watch on R of Sams Fork Rd. for the next house on R. This next house on R is ours. Light gray vinyl siding and a steep roof will help you identify it.

From Hurricane exit of I-64, travel S on Rt. 34 towards Hamlin for a mile or so until you reach U.S. Rt. 60. Turn L, E on U.S. Rt. 60 for a few miles, passing a golf driving range on the R to “One Accord Community Church” on the L. To the R, across from the church is Sams Fork Road. Turn onto Sams Fork Rd. and follow for approximately 2.0 miles total to our house, passing a gated driveway entrance on the R at approx. 1.0 mile enroute to our house. At approx. 1.6 miles watch on the L for Spite Road entering from behind. Remain straight on Sams Fork Rd. DO NOT TURN L onto Spite Rd. From this intersection, watch on R of Sams Fork Rd. for the next house on R. This next house on R is ours. Light gray vinyl siding and a steep roof will help you identify it.

**ST. ALBANS CITY PARK**, 931 Observatory Dr, St Albans, WV

From I-64W or I-64E: Take exit 50 to merge onto WV-25W/1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. Keep left to continue on Center St. Turn left onto State Rte 25 Spur/Center St. Continue onto 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Turn left onto Kanawha Terrace. Turn right onto Observatory Dr. Observatory Dr. turns slightly right and becomes City Park Rd. Destination will be on the left.

Head northeast on US-119 N/Corridor G towards Parkway Rd. Keep left to stay on US-119N/Corridor G N. Take the WV-601 exit toward South Charleston/Davis Creek Rd. Turn left onto WV-601 N/Kanawha Turnpike. Turn right onto Jefferson Rd. Turn left onto Kanawha Terrace. Turn left onto Observatory Dr. Observatory Dr. turns slightly right and becomes City Park Rd. Destination will be on the left.

**GREENBOTTOM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**, 10225 Bryan Creek Rd, Glenwood, WV

From I-64W: Take Exit 18 in Barboursville toward WV-2 for 0.4 miles. Merge onto WV-193 N for 3.2 miles. Turn right onto WV-2 N for 9.4 miles. Destination will be on your left.

**CLAUDIA L. WORKMAN WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER**, 50 Rocky Branch Rd, Alum Creek, WV 25003

From I-64 E or W: Take exit 58A towards Oakwood Road / Logan. Continue on US-199 S. Turn right onto Corridor G S. Continue straight on US-119 S / Corridor G S for 10 miles. Turn right onto Rocky Branch Road and immediately turn right again. Follow the road up the hill to the Center.