

West Virginia Master Naturalists
 Kanawha Valley Chapter
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Calendar of Classes 2023

Events in Red are also Volunteer Opportunities

Date	Class	Location
Fri. March 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Orientation Class	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Fri. March 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Nature Interpretation and Teaching Core Class, 3 credit hours Steve Beckelhimer & Becky Linger, Instructors	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Fri. March 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Names, Classifications, & Identification Core Class, 1 credit hours Steve Beckelhimer, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Fri. March 31, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Recording and Preserving What You Learn Core Class, 3 credit hours Joe Perdue, Instructor Robert Fuller, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Fri. April 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Aquatic Habitats, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Michael Whitman, Instructor Tracy Bess, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. April 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Aquatic Habitats, Fieldwork <i>(Must be completed for full credit)</i>	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center Area
Fri. April 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Fish and Wildlife Management and Funding Elective Class, 2 credit hours Bret Preston, Instructor Tracy Bess, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. April 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Fishes Core Class, 3 credit hours Mike Vernon, Instructor Tracy Bess, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. April 15, 2023, 1:00 p.m.	Trout Elective Class, 3 credit hours Mike Vernon, Instructor Tracy Bess, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center

Sat. April 15, 2023, 8:30 a.m.	Walk on the Wild Side Spring Nature Walks in St. Albans City Park	St. Albans City Park
Sat. April 22, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Osbra Eye Spring Nature Walks	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Wed. April 26, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Invasive Insects Elective Class, 2 credit hours Karen Kish, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Tues, May 2, 2023, 6:30 p.m.	Old Growth Forests Elective Class, 2 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Jess Blalock, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Four Mile Parking Area (at the top of the Forest, the far end of KSF Drive)
Wed. May 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Terrestrial Habitats Core Class, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Jess Blalock, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Thurs. May 4, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Lichens Elective Class, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Jess Blalock, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Fri. May 19, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Birds, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Jim Waggy, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. May, 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Birds, Fieldwork <i>(Must be completed for full credit)</i>	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center Area
Fri. June 2, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Wetlands Habitat, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Nick Murray, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. June 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Wetlands Habitat, Fieldwork Tomi Bergstrom, Instructor <i>(Must be completed for full credit)</i> What to Wear: Rubber boots (preferred) or shoes they are okay with getting wet and muddy (depending on the weather, it could be a little muddy), a hat, and layers About the area: There is a bathroom there, but they should pack water to drink.	Coal River Group Building Meadowood Park 292 Pettigrew Lane St Albans, WV 25177

Fri. June 9, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Reptiles, Classwork Core Class, 1.5 credit hours Larry Cartmill, Instructor Nisa Holbrook, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. June 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Reptiles, Fieldwork <i>(Must be completed for full credit)</i>	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center Area
Sun. June 18, 2023, 12 p.m.	West Virginia Day Celebration	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Fri. July 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Mushrooms Classwork Elective Class, 3 credit hours Shawn Means & Amy McLaughlin Instructors Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center Dunlop Hollow
Sat. July 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Mushrooms, Fieldwork <i>(Must be completed for full credit)</i>	
Fri. July 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Insects Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Laura Miller, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 4
Sat. July 29, 2023, 10:00 a.m.	Insects, Fieldwork <i>(must be completed for full credit)</i>	Kanawha State Forest Dunlop Hollow
Fri. August 11 through Sun. August 13, 2023	West Virginia Master Naturalists State Conference	Glade Springs Resort Daniels, WV
Fri. August 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Habitat Improvement for Wildlife Core Class, 3 credit hours Sheldon Owen, Instructor Jess Blalock, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Thurs. Aug. 31, 2023, 5:00 p.m. NOTE THE EARLY START TIME. Coonskin closes the gates at 7:30.	Mussels Elective Class, 2 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	Riverside Shelter Coonskin Park
Fri. Sept. 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Wildflowers, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Mark Watson, Instructor Devon Fox, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. Sept. 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Wildflowers, Fieldwork <i>(Must be completed for full credit)</i>	TBD

Fri. Sept. 15, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	General Ecology Core Class, 3 credit hours Kim Smith, Instructor Jess Blalock, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. Sept. 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Margaret Denison Fall Nature Walks	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Fri. Sept. 22, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Amphibians Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Mark Watson, Instructor Devon Fox, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. Sept. 23, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Amphibians Fieldwork <i>(Must be completed for full credit)</i>	Polly Hollow
Fri. Sept. 29, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Geology Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Clo Simard, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. Sept. 30, 2023, 9:00 a.m.	Geology Fieldwork <i>(Must be completed for full credit)</i>	Start at KSF Nature Center Area
Fri. Oct. 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Joe Perdue, Instructor Robert Fuller, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
	Trees, etc. Fieldwork <i>(Must be completed for full credit)</i>	KSF Nature Center Area
Fri. Oct. 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Mammals Core Class, 3 credit hours Sheldon Owen, Instructor Nisa Holbrook, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. Oct. 28, 2023, 1:00 p.m.	Bat Ecology and Conservation Elective Class, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Becky Linger, Class Coordinator	Kanawha State Forest Nature Center
Sat. October 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m.	Bat Night Bonfire <i>Family-friendly event with refreshments and stories of bat lore</i>	Kanawha State Forest Shelter 3

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/1st Ave. S. Keep left to continue on Center St. Turn left onto State Rte 25 Spur/Center St. Continue onto 3rd St. Turn left onto Kanawaha 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.

CAMP VIRGIL TATE BREEZY POINT OBSERVATORY, 1400 Camp Virgil Tate Rd. Charleston, WV 25312

Take Interstate 64 to the Cross Lanes exit. At the end of the ramp, turn to go to Cross Lanes (away from the dog track) and follow Route 622. You will go through Cross Lanes and travel about 4 miles before 622 takes a left turn at a light. Take the left. You will continue for several miles over a curvy road with a few sharp turns and then pass the Baber Agee Church on your right. The turn into Camp Virgil Tate is about 1 mile past the church. The turn (to the left) is marked by a small green sign on the right side of the road. This turn will take you across a bridge and to a small paved road. Camp Virgil Tate is about 1 mile out the road. Once you enter Camp Virgil Tate, go through Virgil Tate to the first intersection and turn left to the Lodge. Go on past the lodge to the end of the parking lot to a dirt and gravel road. As you go up the hill, stay to the left (there is a dirt logging road going up the hill to the right that goes for miles until it gets so bad that you may get stuck). The observatory is at the top of the hill about 800 feet from the start of the dirt road. It is possible to park at the lodge and walk up the short distance.

***There is a "back way" to get to Camp Virgil Tate. Take I77 out of Charleston to the Tappers Creek exit. At the end of the ramp, take a left. Go a little more than 1 mile to the intersection with Route 21. Take a right. Go a little over a mile, past Sissonsville High School and take a left at the light onto Route 622. There is a fairly large sign to Virgil Tate at the turn. Virgil Tate is a right turn 4.4 miles from the turn.