

West Virginia Master Naturalists
 Kanawha Valley Chapter
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2024 Calendar of Classes

Events in Red are also Volunteer Opportunities

Date	Class	Location
Wed. March 27, 2024, 6:00 pm	Orientation Becky Linger, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Fri. March 29, 2024, 6:00 pm	Names, Classifications, & Identification Core Class, 1 credit hour Steve Beckelheimer, Instructor And Recording and Preserving What You Learn Core Class, 3 credit hours Joe Perdue, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Wed. April 10, 2024, 6:00 pm	Bat Ecology and Conservation Elective Class, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Bill Minear, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Thurs. April 11, 2024, 6:00 pm	Terrestrial Habitats Core Class, 3 credit hours And Lichens Elective Class, 2 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Bill Minear, Class Coordinator	Woodscape (Doug Wood's Homestead)
Friday, April 12, 2024, 6:00 pm	Wildflowers, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Mark Watson, Instructor Michelle Platt, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. April 13, 2024, 9:00 am	Wildflowers, Fieldwork (Must be completed for credit)	TBD
Sat. April 13, 2024, 9:00 am	Walk on the Wild Side	St. Albans City Park
Sat. April 20, 2024, 9:00 am	Osbra Eye Spring Nature Walks	KSF Nature Center

Friday, May 10, 2024, 6:00 pm	Aquatic Habitats, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Garrett Hoover, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat., May 11, 2024, 9:00 am	Aquatic Habitats, Fieldwork (Must be completed for credit)	KSF Nature Center Area
Sat. May 18, 2024, 9:00 am	Fishes Core Class, 3 credit hours Mike Vernon, Instructor Becky Linger, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Friday, May 31, 2024, 6:00 pm	Birds, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Jim Waggy, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	Shelter #4 KSF
Sat. June 1, 2024, 9:00 am	Birds, Fieldwork (Must be completed for credit)	KSF Nature Center Area
Friday, June 7, 2024, 6:00 pm	Wetlands Habitat, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Barry Curry, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. June 8, 2024, 9:00 am	Wetlands Habitat, Fieldwork (Must be completed for full credit)	Ward Hollow Nature Preserve
Friday, June 21, 2024, 6:00 pm	Forest Fire Management Elective Class, 3 credit hours Tom Oxley, Instructor Michelle Platt, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Monday, June 24, 2024, 6:00 pm POSTPONED Another date will be announced later	General Ecology Core Class, 3 credit hours Kim Smith, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Saturday, June 29, 2024 10 am to 1 pm	Wild Yards Assessor Training Volunteer Training Session Michelle Fonda, Instructor	Claudia Workman Wildlife Education Center
Friday, July 12, 2024, 6:00 pm	Amphibians, Classwork Core Class, 1.5 credit hours Mark Watson, Instructor Bill Minear, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. July 13, 2024, 9:00 am	Amphibians, Fieldwork (Must be completed for credit)	TBD

Friday, July 19 to Sunday, July 21, 2024	WVMN State Conference	Cacapon State Park & Resort
Saturday, July 27, 2024, 6:00 pm NOTE TIME DIFFERENCE	Moth Night Elective Class, 3 credit hours Shelby Fulton, Instructor Gerry Stover, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Fri. August 2, 2024, 6:00 pm	Reptiles Core Class, 1.5 credit hours Andy McKee, Instructor Gerry Stover, Class Coordinator	Zoology Zone Science Center Valley Park 3 Valley Park Dr, Hurricane, WV 25526
	Reptiles Fieldwork (Must be completed for credit)	KSF (TBD)
Saturday, Aug.17, 2024, 9:00 am	Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines Core Class, 3 credit hours Joe Perdue, Instructor Becky Linger, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Fri. August 23, 2024, 6:00 pm	Nature Interpretation and Teaching Core Class, 3 credit hours Barry Curry, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Thurs. August 29, 2024, 5:00 pm NOTE TIME DIFFERENCE	Mussels Elective Class, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	Riverside Pavillion Coonskin Park (Park closes at 7:30 pm)
Fri. August 30, 2024, 6:00 pm	Insects, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Laura Miller, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	Shelter #4 KSF
Sat. August 31, 2024, 9:00 am	Insects, Fieldwork (Must be completed for credit)	
Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, 6:00 pm	Wild Edibles & Medicinal Plants Classwork Elective Class, 3 credit hours Becky Linger, Instructor & Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. Sept. 7, 2024, 9:00 am	Wild Edibles & Medicinal Plants Fieldwork (Must be completed for credit)	Johnson Hollow KSF

Fri. Sept. 20, 2024, 6:00 pm	Mammals Core Class, 3 credit hours Sheldon Owen, Instructor Michelle Platt, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Fri. Sept. 27, 2024, 6:00 pm	Geology, Classwork Core Class, 3 credit hours Clo Simard, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. Sept. 28, 2024, 9:00 am	Geology, Fieldwork (Must be completed for full credit)	Start at KSF Nature Center Area
Sat. Oct. 5, 2024, 9:00 am	Invasive Plants Elective Class, 3 credit hours Karen Kish, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	Ward Hollow Wildlife Habitat
Fri. Oct. 11, 2024, 6:00 pm	Habitat Improvement for Wildlife Core Class, 3 credit hours Sheldon Owen, Instructor Michelle Platt, Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Tues. Oct. 22, 2024, 6:00 pm	WV's Invasive Insects for 2024 Elective Class, 3 credit hours Karen Kish, Instructor Becky Linger, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center

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.

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 Kanawha Terrace. Turn right onto Observatory Dr. Observatory Dr. turns slightly right and becomes City Park Rd. Destination will be on the left.

From Charleston: 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.

WARD HOLLOW WILDLIFE HABITAT, 2020 Union Carbide Drive, South Charleston, WV 25303

From I-64 West: Take Exit 55 in South Charleston. for Kanawha Turnpike toward Jefferson Road WV-601. Turn left onto Union Carbide Drive. Follow Union Carbide Drive for 0.8 miles, continuing past Bridge Valley CTC. Behind Bridge Valley, there will be a parking lot to your right, next to a red brick building. Drive to the end of that parking lot. The gated entrance to Ward Hollow will be to your right.

From I-64 East: Take Exit 54 in South Charleston. for Kanawha Turnpike toward Jefferson Road WV-601. Turn right onto the first cross street (Jefferson Road). Turn left onto Kanawha Turnpike. Turn right onto Union Carbide Drive. Follow Union Carbide Drive for 0.8 miles, continuing past Bridge Valley CTC. Behind Bridge Valley, there will be a parking lot to your right, next to a red brick building. Drive to the end of that parking lot. The gated entrance to Ward Hollow will be to your right.

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

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CLAUDIA WORKMAN WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER, 301 Forks of Coal Way, Alum Creek, WV 25003

From Charleston: Drive south on Corridor G for 11 miles. Turn right on Forks of Coal Way. Turn right immediately and drive to the Center.

ZOOLOGY ZONE SCIENCE CENTER, 3 Valley Park Dr, Hurricane, WV 25526

From Charleston: Drive west on I-64 for 18 miles. Take exit 39 and turn left onto WV-34 South. Drive 4 miles to Valley Park on your right.