

West Virginia Master Naturalists
Kanawha Valley Chapter
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2025 Calendar of Classes

Date	Class	Location
Friday, March 14, 2025, 6:00 pm	Orientation Becky Linger, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Friday, March 21, 2025, 6:00 pm	Recording and Preserving What You Learn Core Class, 3 credit hours Barry Curry, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Friday, April 4, 2025, 6:00 pm	Orienteering Elective, 3 credit hours Sheldon Owen, Instructor Michelle Platt, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Saturday, April 5, 2025, 9:00 am	Fishes Core Class, 3 credit hours Mike Vernon, Instructor Brenda Klindt, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Fri. April 11, 2025, 6:00 pm	Nature Interpretation and Teaching Core Class, 3 credit hours Barry Curry, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sun. April 13, 2025, 1:00 pm	Terrestrial Habitats Core Class, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Bill & David Minear, Class Coordinators	Woodscape (Doug Wood's Property)
Friday, April 18, 2025, 6:00 pm	Names, Classification, & Identification Core Class, 1 credit hours Steve Beckelhimer, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Wed. April 23, 2025, 6:00 pm	Old Growth Forests Elective, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Bill & David Minear, Class Coordinators	KSF Nature Center

Fri. April 25, 2025, 6:00 pm	Birds Core Class, 3 credit hours Jim Waggy, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. April 26, 2025, 9:00 am	Field Work	TBD
Friday, May 9, 2025, 6:00 pm	Aquatic Habitats Core Class 3 credit hours Garrett Hoover, Instructor Bill & David Minear, Class Coordinators	KSF Nature Center
Sat. May 10, 2025, 9:00 am	Field Work	TBD
Friday, May 16, 2025, 6:00 pm	Wetland Habitats Core Class, 3 credit hours Barry Curry, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. May 17, 2025, TBD	Fieldwork	TBD
Friday, May 23, 2025, 6:00 pm	Reptiles Core Class, 3 credit hours Andy McKee, Instructor Gerry Stover, Class Coordinator	Zoology Zone Valley Park Hurricane, WV
Sat., May 24, 2025, 9:00 am	Fieldwork	Meeks Mountain Trails Hurricane, WV
Friday, May 30, 2025, 6:00 pm	Wildflowers Core Class, 3 credit hours Mark Watson, Instructor Mark Songer, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat., May 31, 2025, 9:00 am	Fieldwork	
Friday, June 6, 2025, 6:00 pm	Medicinal Plants Elective, 3 credit hours Becky Linger, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. June 7, 2025, 9:00 am	Fieldwork	Johnson Hollow, KSF
Fri. June 20, 2025, 6:00 pm	Habitat Improvement for Wildlife Core Class, 3 credit hours Sheldon Owen, Instructor Michelle Platt, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center

Friday, June 27 to Sunday, June 29, 2025	WVMN State Conference	Blackwater Falls State Park
Fri. July 11, 2025, 6:00 pm	Mushrooms Elective, 3 credit hours Shawn Means & Amy McLaughlin, Instructors Mark Songer, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. July 12, 2025, 9:00 am	Fieldwork	TBD
Fri. July 18, 2025, 6:00 pm	Bat Ecology & Conservation Elective, 3 credit hours Doug Wood, Instructor Michelle Platt, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. July 19, 2025, 7:00 pm	National Moth Week Celebration Elective, 2 credit hours Shelby Fulton, Instructor Gerry Stover, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Friday, July 25, 2025, 6:00 pm	Insects Core Class, 3 credit hours Laura Miller, Instructor Jamie Chambers, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. July 26, 2025, 9:00 am	Fieldwork	TBD
Friday, August 1, 2025, 6:00 pm	General Ecology Core Class, 3 credit hours Becky Linger & Barry Curry, Instructors Mark Songer, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Fri. August 8, 2025, 6:00 pm	Trees, Shrubs, and Woody Vines Core Class, 3 credit hours Liz Moss, Instructor Kenneth Wright, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. August 9, 2025, 9:00 am	Fieldwork	TBD
Sat. August 23, 2025, 11 am	Kanawha Valley Master Naturalists Chapter Picnic Pot Luck / Pitch In: Plan to bring a covered dish	KSF Shelter 4 in the Nature Center Area
Sat. Sept. 6, 2025, 9:00 am	Invasive Species Elective Class, 3 credit hours Karen Kish, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	WV Technology Park in South Charleston, Building 2000, 4th Floor

Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, 6:00 pm	Amphibians Core Class, 3 credit hours Mark Watson, Instructor Mark Songer, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. Sept. 13, 2025, 9:00 am	Fieldwork	TBD
Fri. Sept. 19, 2025, 6:00 pm	Mammals Core Class, 3 credit hours Sheldon Owen, Instructor Michelle Platt, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Fri. October 3, 2025, 6:00 pm	Geology Core Class, 3 credit hours Claudette Simard, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Sat. October 4, 2025, 9:00 am	Fieldwork	TBD
Thurs. October 9, 2025, 6:00 pm	Invasive Insects Elective Class, 3 credit hours Karen Kish, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Fri. October 10, 2025, 6:00 pm	Owl Pellet Dissection Elective, 3 credit hours Barb Koster, Instructor Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	KSF Nature Center
Fri. March 6, 2026 to Sun. March 8, 2026	Woodlore Weekend at Twin Falls State Park Tracking, Nature in Winter, & Useful Plants Electives, 3 credit hours each Doug Wood & Dianne Anestis, Instructors Barry Curry, Class Coordinator	Twin Falls State Park WV-97 Mullens, WV 25882 (304) 294-4000 <i>Additional fees associated with these classes</i>

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.

WV Technology Park, Building 2000, 2020 Union Carbide Drive, South Charleston, 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

MEEKS MOUNTAIN TRAILS, 3511 WV-34, Hurricane, WV 25526

From Charleston: Drive west on I-64 for 18 miles. Take exit 39 and turn left onto WV-34 South. Drive 3 miles to Hurricane City Park on your left.