

WV Master Naturalist Conference 2026

Program at a Glance (PAAG)

2/15/26 *** Subject to Change

Friday, July 24

6:30	Yoga - Jamie Chambers					
8:00						
8:30	<i>Meet 8:00 to 8:15 to 9</i>	<i>travel to PCHS</i>		<i>Meet 8:00 8:15 to ACCA</i>	<i>Class & Field</i>	<i>Class & Field</i>
9:00 – noon	Geology at Coopers Rock WV Geo Survey <i>Elizabeth Rhenberg Kenny Ashton</i>	American Chestnut <i>Mark Double</i>		Avian Conservation up Close <i>Katie Fallon Jesse Fallon</i>	An Overview of Camp Dawson Conservation & Native Grasses <i>Rick Chaney, Ryan Snyder</i>	Small Mammal Species (SGCN) <i>Mack Franz</i>
12:00	<i>Lunch & travel WV Geo Survey</i>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30		<i>travel to PCHS</i>	<i>Carpool to Cheat River</i>	<i>Carpool to Cheat Canyon</i>	<i>Class & Field</i>	<i>Class</i>
1:00 – 4:00	Geology and Paleontology of West Virginia <i>Elizabeth Rhenberg Kenny Ashton</i>	Pollinator Diversity, and Conservation <i>Grace Savoy-Burke</i>	Cheat River Snorkeling & Fish ID <i>Madison Ball, Lisa Maraffa</i>	Tree Identification & Key Characteristics in Cheat Canyon <i>Zach Fowler</i>	Natural Resources Conservation <i>Jeffrey Barr, Alex Lawson, Kyle Aldinger, Tom Wilsoncroft</i>	Bird Conservation in West Virginia <i>Richard Bailey, Katie Garst, Casey Rucker</i>
4:00 – 6:00						
6:00	Barbecue					
7:00						
7:15	Keynote – There is No Place Like Home? The Eastern Asian-Eastern North American Floristic Disjunction <i>Zach Fowler</i>					
8:30	Moth night <i>Tucker Cooley</i>					

Saturday, July 25

Sunday July 26

6:30	Yoga - Jamie Chambers							
7:00								
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8:15	Meet		Meet	Meet	Meet		Meet	
8:30	<i>travel Cathedral SP</i>	<i>travel Old Hemlock</i>	<i>travel Coopers Rock</i>	<i>travel Big Sandy</i>	<i>Dbl Class Room</i>	<i>Classroom</i>	<i>travel WV Botanic Garden</i>	<i>Class & Field</i>
9:00 - noon	Mushrooms of WV <i>Max Dubansky</i>	Dendrology Walk in the Woods <i>Mike Plevich</i>	Geology of Cooper's Rock <i>Clo Simard</i>	A Trip to Wonder Falls on Big Sandy Creek <i>Braden Meyer</i>	Medicinal Plants I have Known and Loved <i>Rebecca Linger</i>	West Virginia Seed Saving Initiative <i>Christine Zawaski</i>	<i>9:30 - 12:30 Tour of the WV Botanic Garden Abigail Waugh Leah Swift</i>	9:00 – 12:30 Hydrology of WV <i>Bernie Howe travel to Alpine Lake</i>
12:30								

Black – mostly set

Green – *Carpool, travel to locations and lunch*

Class & Field means a portion of the timeslot is in class (Usually an hour) and the rest in the field.