

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	<i>Meet 8:00</i>			<i>Meet 8:00</i>		
8:30	<i>to 8:15 to 9</i>	<i>travel to PCHS</i>		<i>8:15 to ACCA</i>	<i>Class & Field</i>	<i>Class & Field</i>
9:00 – noon	Geology at Coopers Rock <i>WV Geo Survey</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 &</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
12:30	<i>travel WV Geo Survey</i>	<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, TomWilsoncroft</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

6:30	Yoga - <i>Jamie Chambers</i>						Meet 6:45	
	all day "Peatland -Woodland"	all day "Woodland - Peatland"	all day	all day			7:00 travel to Old Hemlock	
7:30							7:30-10:30AM	
8:15	<i>Meet, carpool</i>	<i>Meet, carpool</i>	<i>Meet, travel</i>			<i>Meet 8:15</i>	From Canopy. to Cut: Old Hemlock's Wild Diversity <i>LeJay Grafious & Cheyenne Carter</i>	
8:30	<i>travel</i> <i>Cranesville</i>	<i>travel</i> <i>Cathedral SP</i>	<i>WVU Forest Research</i>	<i>Dbl Class room & Field</i>	<i>Meet, carpool</i> <i>Nearby sites</i>	<i>travel Old Hemlock</i>		<i>Class</i>
9:00 – 12:00	Peatland at Cranesville Swamp <i>EllaRose Warnick</i>	Forest stand dynamics <i>Dave McGill</i>	Compass & Orienteering <i>Sheldon Owen Ben Spong</i>	Zoophagous Insects: Predators to Parasitoids <i>David Davis</i>	Tour of Acid Mine Drainage Treatment <i>Brad Moore</i>	Dendrology Walk in the Woods <i>Mike Plevich</i>		Intro to WV Moths <i>Tucker Cooley</i>
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
12:30	<i>travel</i> <i>Cathedral SP</i>	<i>travel</i> <i>Cranesville</i>		<i>Travel Up-Top</i>	<i>Carpool travel</i> <i>Rowlesburg</i>		<i>Class Room</i>	<i>Class Room</i>
1:00 – 4:00	Flora of Cathedral <i>John Burkhart</i>	Peatland at Cranesville Swamp <i>EllaRose Warnick</i>	Continue Orienteering	Bug Walk at Up-Top <i>David Davis Tucker Cooley</i>	Geology near Rowlesburg <i>Clo Simard</i>		eBird and iNaturalist <i>Rodney Bartgis</i>	Trout: Who they are, What they eat . . . <i>Mike Vernon</i>
4 - 6								
6 - 7	Banquet							
7:00- 7:30	Business mtg & honors							
8:00 - 9:00	Keynote – Madtoms, Hornyheads, and Darters: Narratives on Central Appalachian Fishes. <i>Stuart A. Welsh, US Geological Survey, West Virginia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit; West Virginia University</i>							

Sunday July 26

6:30	Yoga - Jamie Chambers							
7:00								
7:30								
8:15	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Meet</i>			<i>Meet</i>	
8:30	<i>travel</i> <i>Cathedral SP</i>	<i>travel</i> <i>Old Hemlock</i>	<i>travel</i> <i>Coopers Rock</i>	<i>travel</i> <i>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>	9:30 - 12:30 Tour of the WV Botanic Garden <i>Abigail Waugh Leah Swift</i>	9:00 – 12:30 Hydrology of WV <i>Bernie Howe</i> <i>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.