

## Tygart Valley Master Naturalist 2026 Schedule

Date	Time	Class	Instructor	Notes	Core or Elective
Sat. March 28	8:30 – 10:00 am	*Names, Classification, & Identification	Kay Hart	<b>Kump Education Center *</b> 401 Randolph Ave, Elkins, WV	1C
	10:30 – Noon	*Hands-on Grafting Techniques	Dave Proudfoot	How to graft fruit trees Backyard Fruit Growers Association	1.5E
	1 – 4:30 pm	*How to Create a Pollinator Garden	Gabrielle Lawringer	1.Site Prep 2. Choosing Plants & Planting 3. Site Management	3E
Sat. April 11	8:30 am - Noon	Birds	Katie Garst	<b>DNR</b> ☒ Field Bring a pair of binoculars.	3C
	1 – 4:30 pm	Wildflowers & Weeds	John Burkhart	<b>Meet at DNR at 12:30</b> for directions. Wear hiking shoes & bring water & walking stick	3C
Sat. May 2	8:30 am - Noon	Recording, Sharing, & Preserving	Dr. Michelle Mabry	<b>DNR</b> ☒ Field Add: “Seek” & “iNaturalist” to your phone apps.	3C
	1 – 4:30 pm	General Ecology	Kay Hart	<b>DNR</b> ☒ Field	3C
Th. May 7 ☒ Sun. May 10		<b>WV Wildflower Pilgrimage</b>	<b>Various Elective Field Trips &amp; Classes</b>	<b>Blackwater Falls State Park Lodge</b> <b>1584 Blackwater Lodge Rd, Davis, WV</b> <b>Need to pre-register for trips &amp; classes.</b>	<b>Varies E*</b>
Sat. May 30	8:30 am – Noon	Habitat Improvement for Wildlife	Dr. Sheldon Owen	<b>DNR</b>	3C
	1 – 4:30 pm	Trees, Shrubs, & Woody Vines	Brian Streets	<b>DNR -&gt; Fox Forest</b> Wear hiking shoes	3C
Sun. June 13	8:30 am – Noon	Wetlands Habitats	Alyssa Hanna	<b>DNR</b> ☒ Will drive as a group to the Wetland area . Wear appropriate shoes	3C
	1 - 4:30 pm	Amphibians & Reptiles	Michelle Fonda	<b>DNR</b> ☒Fox Forest	3C
Sat. July 11	8:30 am – Noon	Aquatic Habitats	Jessica Brysek	<b>Meet at DNR at 8:20am</b> for directions. <b>Water shoes</b> <b>Class at Izaak Walton League</b> 59 Darwin Dr. Beverly, WV	3C
	1 – 4:30 pm	WV Fish	Chase Garvey	<b>DNR</b>	3C
<b>*</b>		<b>Only Sat. March 28 classes are</b>	<b>being held at the</b>	<b>Kump Center.</b>	

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Fri. July 24 ☒ Sun. July 26		<b>WVMN State Conference</b>	Various Elective Classes & Field Trips	Camp Dawson Kingwood, WV (Registration & Lodging information will be sent to your email ) Also check (mnofwv.org)	Varies E*
<b>Sat. August 8</b>	<b>8:30 am – Noon</b>	Insects, Spiders, & Such	Jakob Goldner	<b>DNR</b> ☒ Field Nets provided.	3C
	<b>1 – 4:30 pm</b>	Plan for the Worst & Hope for the Best Wilderness Skills	Brian Potter	<b>DNR</b> ☒ Fox Forest	<b>3E</b>
<b>Sat. Aug. 29</b>	<b>8:30 – 10:00 am</b>	Elective - To be determined			<b>E</b>
	<b>10:00 - Noon</b>	Elective - To be determined			<b>E</b>
	<b>1 – 4:30 pm</b>	Elective - To be determined			<b>E</b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 12</b>	<b>8:30 am – Noon</b>	Nature Interpretation & Teaching	Kate Reed Valerie Hart	<b>DNR</b> ☒ Field	3C
	<b>1 – 4:30 pm</b>	Geology	Clo Simard	<b>Will leave from DNR at 12:30</b> as a group. Field trip all afternoon. Wear hiking shoes with good soles.	3C
<b>Sat. Oct. 17</b>	<b>8:30 am – Noon</b>	Mammals	Kacey Shiflett	<b>DNR</b>	3C
	<b>1 – 4:30 pm</b>	Terrestrial Habitats	Kay Hart	<b>DNR</b>	3C
<b>Sat. Nov. 7</b>	<b>8:30 am - Noon</b>	To be determined			<b>E</b>
	<b>Noon – 1 pm</b>	Group potluck Lunch & activities			_____
	<b>1 – 4:30 pm</b>	To be determined			<b>E</b>
	<b>*****</b>	<b>** Most classes held at Elkins DNR at 738 Ward Road.</b>  <b><u>Alternate Class Sites</u> will be noted on the Class Schedule.</b>	<b>kaylhart24@gmail.com</b>	<b>Kay Hart, Chapter Coordinator (mnofwv.org)</b>	