

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	Kump Education Center 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	DNR ☒ Field Bring a pair of binoculars.	3C
	1 – 4:30 pm	Wildflowers & Weeds	John Burkhart	Meet at DNR at 12:30 for directions. Wear hiking shoes & bring water & walking stick	3C
Sat. May 2	8:30 am - Noon	Recording, Sharing, & Preserving	Dr. Michelle Mabry	DNR ☒ Field Add: “Seek” & “iNaturalist” to your phone apps.	3C
	1 – 4:30 pm	General Ecology	Kay Hart	DNR ☒ Field	3C
Th. May 7 ☒ Sun. May 10		WV Wildflower Pilgrimage	Various Elective Field Trips & Classes	Blackwater Falls State Park Lodge 1584 Blackwater Lodge Rd, Davis, WV Need to pre-register for trips & classes.	Varies E*
Sat. May 30	8:30 am – Noon	Habitat Improvement for Wildlife	Dr. Sheldon Owen	DNR	3C
	1 – 4:30 pm	Trees, Shrubs, & Woody Vines	Brian Streets	DNR -> Fox Forest Wear hiking shoes	3C
Sat. June 13	8:30 am – Noon	Wetlands Habitats	Alyssa Hanna	DNR ☒ Will drive as a group to the Wetland area . Wear appropriate shoes	3C
	1 - 4:30 pm	Amphibians & Reptiles	Michelle Fonda	DNR ☒Fox Forest	3C
Sat. July 11	8:30 am – Noon	Aquatic Habitats	Jessica Brysek	Meet at DNR at 8:20am for directions. Water shoes Class at Izaak Walton League 59 Darwin Dr. Beverly, WV	3C
	1 – 4:30 pm	WV Fish	Chase Garvey	DNR	3C
		Only Sat. March 28 classes are	being held at the	Kump Center.	

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