

Earth Day at Peaks of Otter Lodge

Sun, April 22, 2018



11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NPS Guided Walk: 'Peak' at Birds

Join a NPS Ranger for a leisurely stroll looking for, and learning about the rich diversity of bird life of Appalachia. Meet at the lodge entrance. (Easy 1 Hour, 1 Mile Loop Walk)

11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Sunday Brunch at the Lodge

12:30 - 1:30 PM

NPS Guided Walk: History of Abbott Lake

Learn the stories of past peoples who have come to the Peaks of Otter over the past 8,000 years! Meet at the lodge entrance. (Easy 1 Hour, 1 Mile Loop Walk)

12:00 - 4:00 PM

NPS Interactive Nature Table at the Lodge Entrance

Tables with animal pelts and replica skulls representing the tremendous biodiversity of the Parkway's wildlife.

1:00 PM

Succulents and Sips at the Lodge

\$35.00 per person includes:

- 9 inch long rectangular clear glass container
- 5 succulents, soil, moss, rocks
- Instructions on how to create your own succulent master piece!

Food and drinks will be available for purchase on site at the lodge. Advance reservations required.

Book online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/earth-day-succulents-and-sips-at-the-peaks-of-otter-tickets-43799855547>

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Volunteer Clean-up of Sharp Top Mountain and Surrounding Areas

Participants receive free goodie bag as “Thank You” while supplies last. Meet at Sharp Top Store.

2:00 PM

Bicycle Rack Dedication at Sharp Top Store

2:30 - 3:30 PM

NPS Guided Walk: Nature of the Peaks

Explore the various habitats around the Peaks of Otter Lodge while learning about the Parkway’s rich varieties of plants and animals. Meet at the lodge entrance.

4:30 - 9:00 PM

Special Earth Day Dinner Menu at the Lodge

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, NPS talks will be offered inside the lodge in lieu of outdoor NPS guided hikes.

NPS FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

Become a Blue Ridge Parkway Junior Ranger

At 469 miles long, the Blue Ridge Parkway needs as many caring owners as possible. Pick up a Junior Ranger folder to complete a few, fun activities while earning your Junior Ranger badge, patch, and pin. (No Cost to Participate – Ages 6+)

TRACK Trails Adventurer

Complete any/all of the TRACK Trail scavenger hunts and activities to earn free prizes when you go online and “TRACK” your adventure at www.kidsinparks.com. There are 6 activity brochures to enjoy including Birds, Nature, Trees, Animal Athletes, and 2 about life at the Johnson Farm. Free completion rewards include a nature journal, bandana, patch, and much more.

Appalachian Trail Junior Ranger

At 2,180+ miles long, the Appalachian Trail stretches from Georgia to Maine along the crest of the Appalachian Mountains. Complete the plans for an overnight trip while learning about this life-changing journey that is the AT. Download your free activity guide from: www.nps.gov/appa/learn/kidsyouth/upload/Blue-Ridge-Parkway-Teen-Activity-Guide.pdf. (No Cost to Participate – Ages 11+)

Every Kid in a Park Pass – Free to all 4th Graders

4th Graders nationwide can receive a FREE National Parks passes through the Every Kid in a Park program. This \$80 pass is free to current 4th grade students and allows free entrance for everyone in the vehicle with the 4th grader to National Parks and other Federal Public Lands. Ask a Ranger or visit www.everykidinapark.gov for more details about how you can get your pass.