



# Pipestem State Park

## Weekly Activities Schedule





### December 15 – 25, 2016

**Wog the Golf Courses:** Each morning (6:00 am – 8:20 am) and evening (4:30 pm – 10:00 pm) park guests are invited to walk/jog (wog) our golf courses. This is an unguided activity so we ask that woggers remain on cart paths while they enjoy the sights and sounds of the courses. Pets are welcome, however, we ask that they be leashed and all waste collected. Woggers are also encouraged to carry a flashlight.





**Run or walk a marked and measured course:** 5K and 10K routes have been marked on the park for your enjoyment. Maps are available at our website, [www.pipestemresort.com](http://www.pipestemresort.com) under Maps/Locate, Walk/Run 5K/10K Guide; or ask at the McKeever Lodge front desk.

#### Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 am   **Barney Law Orchard Walk** – Meet at the Nature Center for a short hike to the home site and orchard of former park resident, Barney Law. (1 hour)
- 2:00 pm   **Country Roads Walk** - Meet at Park Headquarters for a walking introduction to some of Pipestem's pre-park history. We will walk along the road and go into the woods to look for old farms and home foundations. (1 ½ hours)

#### Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 am  **Bird Count**- Stop by the Nature Center to observe and count the birds at the feeders. We will count the highest number of each species seen at a time. Data collected will be submitted on eBird.org and will provide information for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society. (1 hour)
- 12:30 pm  **The Nature Center will be open until 4:30 pm**


#### Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>




CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

**9:00 am**     **45<sup>th</sup> Pipestem Christmas Bird Count**- Meet in the lobby of McKeever Lodge. We will walk through the Arboretum, along part of the Lake Shore Trail, the Cottage Trail, and follow the road back to the lodge. Data gathered will be given to the area compiler and submitted to the Audubon society. (1 ½ - 2 hrs.)


**12:30 pm**      **The Nature Center will be open until 4:30 pm**

**2:00 pm**      **Nature Hunt** – Come to the Nature Center for a nature scavenger hunt. The naturalist will hand out a list of things to find outside around the nature center. A prize will be given for finding them all. (½ - 1 hour)


**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**


**8:30 am**      **Sunday Service** – Join us in the Dogwood room of McKeever Lodge for Sunday service. (1 hour)

**10:30 am**      **The Nature Center will be open until 2:30 pm**



**2:30 pm**      **American Eagle** – Come by the Nature center to view this riveting documentary that takes an unprecedented look at this remarkable bird and its surprisingly tough struggle to survive in the wild. Back from the brink of extinction, the bald eagle is one of America's triumphant comeback stories. It is the continent's most recognizable aerial predator yet most people know little about the bald eagle beyond its distinctive appearance. **Rated PG.** (1 hour)

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

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**2:00 pm**      **Dogwood Hike** – Meet at the Nature Center for a walk along the Dogwood Trail. This relatively easy trail strolls through the woods and passes by an old farm pond before returning to the Nature Center. (1 hour)



## Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 10:00 am**  **Bird Count**- Stop by the Nature Center to observe and count the birds at the feeders. We will count the highest number of each species seen at a time. Data collected will be submitted to Project FeederWatch for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and to the West Virginia Winter Bird Count for the WV Wildlife Diversity Program. (1-2 hours)
- 2:00 pm**  **Country Roads Walk** - Meet at Park Headquarters for a walking introduction to some of Pipestem's pre-park history. We will walk along the road and go into the woods to look for old farms and home foundations. (1 ½ hours)

## Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 12:30 pm**  **The Nature Center will be open until 4:30 pm**

## Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 am**  **Lake Shore Walk** – Meet in the lobby of McKeever Lodge for this hike along the Lakeshore Trail, and up the Cottage Trail to an overlook for an excellent view of the Bluestone Gorge. We will return to the lodge along the main road. (1 ½ - 2 hours)
- 12:30 pm**  **The Nature Center will be open until 4:30 pm**

## Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>




- 8:30 am**  **Sunday Service** – Join us in the Dogwood room of McKeever Lodge for this Christmas service led by Mike Frank with special music guest Tina Smith. (1 hour)
- 11:30 am**  **Christmas Buffet** – The Bluestone Dining Room will be serving their Christmas buffet until 7:00 pm today. Reservations can be made by calling 304-466-1800 ext. 368, reservations are recommended but not required.
- 2:00 pm**  **Sounds of the Season** Stop by the McKeever Lodge lobby and listen to sounds of the season as performed by Tina Smith. (2 hours)



## DARK in the PARK

Pick-up your hang tag at the Front Desk of McKeever Lodge  
then head out on the park.



Be on the lookout for the  Symbol at designated areas throughout the park (Arboretum, Long Branch Lake, 18 hole Golf Course, Par 3 Short Course, Tram/ Mountain Creek & the Bolar Observation Tower) then get out and experience the wonders of the night! Bring your Dark in the Park card by the Nature Center to talk about your experience and we'll stamp it for you to keep as a special memory of your visit to Pipestem. This is an unguided activity. Please stay on marked paths and trails, carry a flashlight, dress for the weather and most importantly.....

**HAVE FUN!!!**