

Bluestone State Park – Activities Schedule

August 5 - August 8, 2009

Wednesday, August 5

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Open Activities Building

The Activities Building is located in the cabin area and will be open for use. All game equipment will be available on a first come first served basis. Ping pong, basketball, frisbee, croquet, bocci ball, foot ball and horse shoe equipment will all be available for free.

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Youth Fishing

Meet in the pool parking lot for a fun evening of fishing along the Bluestone River. The park has a limited supply of poles available, so bring a rod and reel if you have one. Live bait will be provided by the park. (YPP)

Thursday, August 6

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Trail Tracks

Meet at the iron gate past the Old Mill Camping Area. We will be walking the National Park Service trail and finding the best animal tracks to preserve in plaster castings. Deer, racoon, opossum and possibly black bear tracks can be expected. This is an easy hike for all ages, so bring the whole family. (YPP)

9:00 pm - 9:45 pm

Frog Hike

Meet in the pool parking lot and bring a flashlight if you have one. We will be walking a short portion of the Riverview Trail to search for the largest frog species of the area, green frogs and bullfrogs. All ages are encouraged to participate in this fun and easy activity. (YPP)

Friday, August 7

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Fungus Amongus

Meet in the field behind the Activities Building for a short walk through the fungus kingdom. We will be walking in the immediate vicinity and discovering how a small area can support such a diverse population of molds and fungi. All ages are encouraged to attend and learn how these fungi are essential in every ecosystem. (YPP)

8:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Bats of Bluestone

Meet at the swings behind the pool to view the resident bats exit the day roost. This is an educational and exciting activity that all ages will enjoy. (YPP)

Saturday, August 8

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Birds of Bluestone

Meet in the pool parking lot for a morning hike with the birds. The park's supply of binoculars is limited, so bring a pair if you have them. All ages are encouraged to attend and become familiar with the basics of bird identification. (YPP)

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Boundary Trail Hike

Meet at the Park Office and get ready for a long hike. We will depart towards the campgrounds, hike up the Turnpike Trail and cross the Boundary Trail. This is a challenging hike, so bring plenty of water and wear comfortable shoes.

8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Owl Search

Meet in the field behind the Activities Building. Bring a flashlight if you have one. We will be looking for the wise old owl in the immediate area. Bring along the whole family to learn how the owl got its wisdom and who cooks for you. (YPP)

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