

2023 LEAF PEEPER’S FESTIVAL | SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Denotes an event sponsored by Alpine Festival

THURSDAY

8pm

Live Music- Purple Fiddle, in Thomas
Kommuna Lux
Ukraine’s Kommuna Lux perform their own style called “Odessa Gangsta Folk:” thrilling klezmer music and common gangster folk songs from their hometown, all with a dose of rocket fuel. \$20 tickets.
For information call **304-463-4040** www.purplefiddle.com

FRIDAY

9am – 5pm

Fall Foliage Horseback Rides- Mountain Trail Ride Horseback Riding & More, in Canaan Valley.
Enjoy the area’s beautiful fall foliage from horseback. To receive a 10% discount identify yourself as a “Leaf Peeper”. Reservations required. Call **304-866-4652** to reserve your ride. For more information go to mountaintrailrides.com

9am - 7pm

Blackwater Bistro & Business Center Vendors in Davis
Vendors will be set up at the Business Center selling handmade crafts, yard sale items, baked goods and fundraising.

10am

Cherry Lane Hike
Join the naturalist at Sled Run Fire Circle at Blackwater Falls State Park to enter a cathedral-like hardwood forest and earn West Virginia State Park Wonderfall hiking patch. This jaunt is about 1.5 miles. Boots and hiking/walking sticks are recommended.

10am - 4pm

Litter Critters Activity & Craft @ Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge- Visitor Center
Stop by the Refuge Visitor Center to discover why leaves change colors in the fall through an interactive activity and make a craft featuring wildlife that live in the leaf litter (while supplies last)! For more information, call (304) 866-3858 or email william_yarley@fws.gov

11am - Sunset

Scenic Chairlift Rides @ Canaan Valley Resort in Canaan Valley
Get a breathtaking bird’s eye view of the valley and Allegheny Mountains from our chairlift. The picturesque landscape becomes even more so in the fall as the leaves change and surround you in a sea of color. It’s the best seat in the house ! Chairlift Fee: Adult \$10; Jr or Sr: \$8

1pm

Prehistoric Amber/Copal Craft - Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
The amber/copal comes in its natural state (dull and "crusted") and we provide the simple tools to remove the crusty shell and polish the piece into a smooth, lightweight golden gem. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Limited to first come basis. Craft fee: \$3.00

3pm

Pepporoni Rolls & Flames - Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
Join the seasonal naturalist, to have fun with hot sparks, perhaps some Trivia, singing and storytelling. About 1.5 hours.

5pm – 7 pm

Tucker County Community Foundation’s Run For It Registration, Early Bird Registration - Front Bay of DVFD, Davis
Early check-in or registration for the region’s largest community fundraiser, a 2k/5k race. Race is on Saturday morning.
304-478-2930 www.tuckerfoundation.net/run.

5pm – 7pm

Leaf Peepers Festival stage – Davis, WV
Nat Frederick
Nat Frederick has a passion for music rooted in family sing-alongs, CMT music videos, and an old Yamaha 12-String. He writes simple, authentic, and emotional country songs and performs his solo acoustic show all over the Allegheny Mountains and the East Coast.

5pm – 8pm

Farmers Artisan Market – in Davis at 533 Williams Ave.
Come for fresh vegetables, flowers, pottery, felted works, pottery, soap, and botanicals

7pm

Fireman’s Parade-Sponsored by the DVFD, Davis
Enjoy the Leaf Peeper’s Parade sponsored by the DVFD. Participants include; fire trucks, floats, antique cars, etc. Trophies will be awarded and given out at the DVFD Fire Hall directly after the parade. If you would like to participate, line-up is at 6pm, next to the Dollar General. Parade route will start at 2nd Street and end at Henry Ave. on William Ave. (Rte 32) in downtown Davis.

SATURDAY

7am – 12pm

100F Breakfast- 100F Building, Davis
– All you can eat until; Hot cakes, eggs sausage, biscuits & sausage gravy, coffee and orange juice. Adults: \$10, Children 12yrs & under: \$5, under 2yrs old eat free

8am

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Opens at 8am; and closes promptly at 9:30 am **304-478-2930** www.tuckerfoundation.net/run

9am – 1:00pm

Moon Rocks Guided Hike - Canaan Valley Resort Main Lodge, in Canaan Valley.
Join us for a 4-mile hike on the Moon Rocks Trail located at the “Yellow Creek Natural Area, an 860-acre public preserve owned and managed by the West Virginia Land Trust” in Davis, WV. This trail includes massive formations of “moon rock” sandstone bedrock some 480 million years old as well as wetland areas that give way to areas of hardwood. Please wear water proof hiking boots or shoes, trail may be wet, muddy with rocks and roots. Shuttle bus will provide transportation to and from. \$15 per person. For more information call Dave at **304-866-2215**, vanced@canaanresort.com

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9am – 5pm

Drones Over Davis - National Youth Science Academy
Drones Over Davis- National Youth Science Academy, Davis. Experience autumn in the mountains from the air. Join FAA certified remote pilots at the National Youth Science Center, at the top of the ski lift at Canaan Valley Resort, and other locations throughout the area for flight demonstrations, stick and rudder flight training, obstacle course challenges, photo ops, and more. For more information call Ryan Sincavage at **303-434-9194**, or visit www.nysacademy.org/drone-week

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10am – 5pm

Oktoberfest Craft and Food Vendors – Davis
Crafters & Food vendors will set up from in downtown Davis on the Blacktop. Wide variety of vendors will be set up selling their wares and providing information. Food vendors include kettle corn, Rotary Chicken, shaved ice and much more. Call **304-259-5315** for additional information. Sponsored by the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce

10am – 5pm

Leaf Peepers Festival Stage - Davis
Sugarfoot Stompers 10am - 12:30pm
Tucker Community Foundation presents Run For It Awards 1pm
EMay 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Family Foundation 5pm - 7pm
Sponsored by the Alpine Festival, TC Parks & Recreation, and the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce

10am – Dark

Inflatable Amusement Rides sponsored by Young Life
Inflatable rides will be set up behind the Davis Firehall in the fenced in grassy area.

10:30am – 7pm

Make Your Own Witch Bottle @ Sister Witches Crafting Company - Davis
All materials provided; herbs, stones, bottle, wax melt for sealing. While Supplies Last.

10:30am

Pickle Ball - Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
Join the staff at Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park, to try and play the fastest-growing sport in the US. About 1 hour.

11:00am

Rainbow Art- Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
Use shaving cream and watercolor to create a tie dye pattern on watercolor paper for your wall. Craft fee: \$1.00

11am

Annual Run For It 2k Walk / 5k Run - Davis
Tucker Community Foundation’s annual Run For It 2k /5k Tour of Davis – is a 2k (1.2M) walk and USATF-certified 5K (3.1M) race around the scenic mountain town of Davis. Awards will be 1pm on the Leaf Peeper’s Stage. www.tuckerfoundation.net/run

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12:30pm

Paracord Fun - Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
Join the staff in Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park, to braid a survival bracelet or perhaps create a critter. Recommended for children ages 9 and up. Craft fee: \$1.00-\$4.00 First Come Basis.

1:30pm

Leaf Suncatcher Craft - Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. Use crayon shavings, wax paper and heat to create a beautiful suncatcher for your window. Includes a short video about trees. Free.

2pm

Invigorating Autumn Hike
Harold Walters Nature Center,Blackwater Falls State Park. Walk along Balsam Fir Trail with short interpretive stops along the way. About 90 minutes. 2 miles.

2:45pm

Snakes Alive! - Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
Learn about our native snakes- how and why they are protected in the state and more. You may even meet one of our ambassador snakes. Fun for all ages. About 1 hour.

4pm

Trees & Plaster of Paris Leaf Craft - Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
Create a plaster of Paris leaf imprint on burlap while learning a little information about trees. Craft fee: \$2.00.

4pm - 7pm

Fall Photography Workshop - Canaan Valley Resort
Did you know Canaan Valley is one of the most photographed places in West Virginia? This workshop will take you through the basics of digital photography, and give you new tips and tricks for capturing a variety of Autumn scenery with your camera. Cameras and equipment will not be provided, please bring your own digital SLR or mirrorless camera. Free. Meet at the Recreation Center followed by a photo hike. Be sure to wear boots for the hike. For more information call Dave at **304-866-2215**, vanced@canaanresort.com

7pm - 9pm

Michael Christopher Band - Blackwater Falls Lodge Harr Conference Center
Michael’s guitar-heavy, rock-edged sound intertwines with invocative lyrical virtuosity and positions him with elite company in the country music scene, ultimately offering a sound that is relevant to fans of all ages, styles, and generations. Call **304-259-5511** for updated information.

8:30pm

Live Music- Purple Fiddle, in Thomas
The Commonheart- “Bringing a potent and purposeful dose of grittily redemptive rock n’ soul. “A brilliant ray of light in dark times, one intended to uplift the soul and inspire acts of kindness.” – Popmatters. \$25 tickets.
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9pm - 11pm

Live Music- Davis Eagles in Davis
Soda Pop Gypsies - Admission is \$5 per person. Must be 21 or older to enter.

SUNDAY

7am - 11am

Leaf Peepers Breakfast Special @ The Breakfast Nook in Canaan Valley
Buy one breakfast and get one half off with your Leaf Peeper brochure. Call **304-642-9070** or facebook.com/breakfastnook

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9:30am

25th Annual Fall Colors Golf Tournament @ Canaan Valley Resort in Canaan Valley
Format includes Best Ball scramble w/ two divisions, open & handicap. Lots of great prizes including cash prizes for open division!! For registration, rules & information call Canaan Valley Resort Golf Course at **304-866-4121**.

10am - 3pm

Car Show @ Across From Davis Fire Hall in Davis
Trophies awarded in various categories! 1st 50 pre-registered cars receive a dash plaque & are eligible for a door prize! 50/50, Door Prizes and much more! \$10 registration fee. Call **304-259-5315** or email jessica@canaanvalley.org for additional information. Registration begins at 8am. Sponsored by Elkins Auto.

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Trail Thinking Saunter - Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
Stroll along nearby trails while listening to some tidbits about the local flora and fauna. About 1.5 miles, 1 hour.

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12:00pm

Cake Walk @ Davis Fire Hall
The cake walk is in support of Tucker County High School Cheerleaders & Rhett for Little Mr. Mt. Lion. Rain or Shine

1pm

Duck Race @ Beaver Creek Bridge (Behind Dollar General) - Davis
800 ducks released into Beaver Creek (Located behind the Dollar General). First, Second, Third & Last Duck to cross the finish line wins \$\$\$. Duck Tickets are \$2.00 each or book of 5 for \$8.00 & can be purchased at Information Center or at Craft Show at the DVFD. Tickets must be purchased before 11am on Sunday. All proceeds help fund the Leaf Peepers Festival!

1pm

Live Music- Purple Fiddle, in Thomas
Shawn Taylor- “A smoky tenor that exudes confidence and authority... & a smooth command of the difficult [country blues] finger-picking style ...weaves his own tunes flawlessly together with folk-revival classics” – New Haven Advocate. FREE Concert. For information call **304-463-4040** www.purplefiddle.com

1pm

Leaf Pounding Craft - Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
Learn the history of the rings of a Hemlock stump and pound a leaf imprint into cloth. About 1 hour. FREE

2pm

Family Movie & Scarecrow Craft - Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park
Use construction paper and imagination to create a scarecrow while watching a Halloween themed movie. About 90 minutes. Rated G movie.

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Thanks for visiting our festival!
See you next year September 27-29, 2024