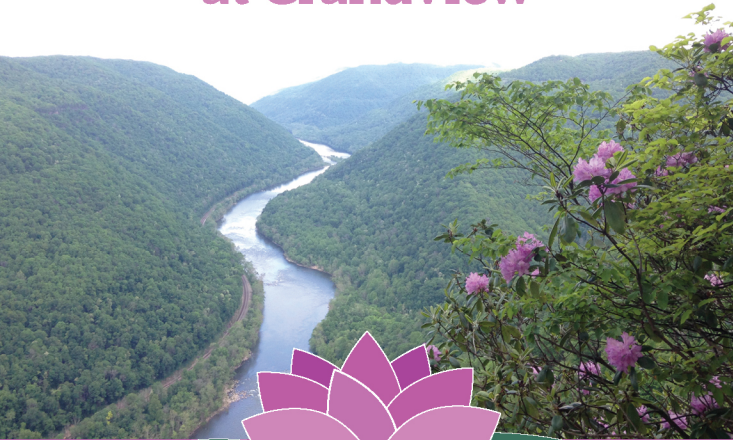


Rhododendron Walks at Grandview



Join a National Park Service park ranger for a walk to see rhododendron blooms & learn about the diversity of plant life at the park. The easy one-mile walk includes outstanding views at the Main Overlook & North Overlook. Visit the park anytime during the month of May to explore on your own.

Rhododendron walk with a park ranger - Meet at Grandview Visitor Center at 3 pm on Sunday, May 20.



Rhododendron Festival & Event Info:

Beckley Events
304-256-1776
Websites: Beckley.org
or www.beckleyevents.com



Festival Partners:

City of Beckley Parks & Recreation, Beckley Exhibition Mine, Youth Museum & Wildwood
304-256-1747 • beckley.org

National Park Service
304-465-6511; nps.gov

Beckley Art Center
304-253-9226; 600 Johnstown Road;
beckleyartcenter.org

110 Marshall
304-634-8367, on Facebook

Active Southern WV
304-254-8488; activeswv.org

Raleigh County Recreation (Lake Stephens)
304-934-5323; lakestephenswv.com

The Rhododendron Festival is a member of the WV Association of Fairs & Festivals



Visitor Info & Brochure Sponsor:



— May 5 - 26 —

Over 20 events including:

Art Shows & Classes

Music Concerts

Sweet Treats Dessert Event

Fashion Show

Founders Day History Event

Recreation

Scenic Walks at Grandview

Lodging and Visitor Information
800-847-4898 or 304-252-2244

RaleighCountyEvents.com

Schedule of Events

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May 5 & 6 – Pre-festival

- **Children's Pageant** Saturday, May 5 at the Beckley Woman's Club; Details: 304-252-4769
- **Miss, Teen & Mrs. Pageants** Sunday, May 6 (location TBA); Details: 304-252-4769

May 7 – June 1:

Beckley Art Center Exhibit – Members Exhibit, open Wed-Sat

Saturday, May 12:

- **eNeRGy Community Walk/Run** by Active SWV, Kids Run 9 am, 5k walk/run at 10 am, WWHS track.
- **Sweet Treats / Raleigh County Schools Day of Arts & Music**, with the **Southern WV Preparedness Fair**, Beckley Intermodal Gateway (B.I.G.) Plaza, music starts at 11 am; dessert-tasting 11:30 am–2:30 pm, \$5 for 5 samples, supports the United Way of SWV
- May-August – **Clifford, The Big Red Dog** exhibit at the Youth Museum, \$
- May 12-26 – **Rhododendron Coloring Contest** sponsored by Coloring Club at the Raleigh County Library, pick up coloring sheet at the library & turn in by May 26. Coloring sheets also available at McFamily Nights at McDonalds.

Sunday, May 13 – Sunday, May 27:

Active Southern WV Facebook Photo Contest - take a hike on one of the trails near Beckley & submit your photo of WV's State Flower to the 2018 Rhododendron Festival event page with hashtag #WVRhodofest18 by May 27 for a chance to win a prize with the most likes – the contest is for amateur photographers only.

Thursday, May 17:

Beckley Beautification Commission rhododendron planting, 10 am photo, McManus Trail near Prince Street



Thanks to Independence Middle School students & DBBA for painting this rhododendron mural! Thanks to all schools and organizations who have helped with murals.

Friday, May 18:

- **Friday in the Park** concert series opens at Word Park, Neville Street, 11:30 am–1 pm, music by Thomas Danley; food vendors
- **Painting class** – Rhododendron-themed, 110 Marshall, 6–9 pm, \$35

Saturday, May 19:

- **Founder's Day at Wildwood House Museum**, 11 am–3 pm, hosted by the Raleigh County Historical Society
- **Shade Tree Car Show** at Plaza McDonald's, 1–5 pm

Sunday, May 20:

View Rhododendrons at Grandview / Join a park ranger for 1-mile walk to see rhododendron blooms, learn about plant life at the park, & take in views at Main & North Overlooks, 3 pm at Grandview Visitor Center

Monday, May 21:

Beckley Art Center – **Spring into Summer Fashion Show**, (Johnstown Road) on May 21 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm; admission by ticket (\$), seating limited.



Friday, May 25:

Friday in the Park, 11 am–1 pm, Word Park, music by: Park Middle School Choir at 11 am and the Chris Oxley Quartet 11:45 am

Saturday, May 26:

- New River Park Pool opens for the season
- Lake Stephens Sprinkler Splash Pad & Aqua Water Park & beach area opens – Beach Blast
- **RhodoBoogie Car & Bike Show**, Beckley Intermodal Gateway, 5–8 pm, music by Randy Gilkey 6–7 pm, & DJ-dance music; Car Show registration from 5–6pm (vehicle fee \$10); awards & door prizes

Sunday, May 27:

- View Rhododendrons at Grandview
- Final day to submit photos for the Active SWV Rhododendron photo contest

Monday, May 28:

- Memorial Day Holiday
- Winner of the Active SWV Rhododendron Photo Contest announced on Facebook



*Taylor Stewart,
Miss Rhododendron 2017*

