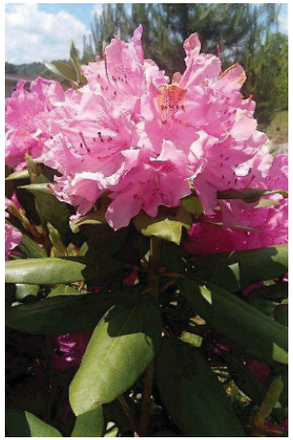
Schedule of Events

Rhododendron Festival
May 2021 • Beckley, West Virginia

May - Ongoing activities:

Youth Museum – Exhibit: Tuesday-Saturday, Thomas & Friends Ride the Rails

Beckley Art Center Exhibits: Thursday-Saturday



Active Southern WV Facebook Photo Contest: Take a hike on one of the trails near Beckley & submit your rhododendron photos to the 2021 Rhododendron Festival event page with hashtag #WVRhodofest21 by May 29 for a chance to win a prize with the most "likes" – amateur photographers only.

2019 photo contest winner Jordyn Guffy's photo

Saturday, May 8:

Neighborhood Cruise: 4 - 4:30pm, Cruise Line-up at Cross Point Church, Crescent Rd. Cruise McLean Addition & Harper Road

Sunday, May 9:

Recognition of Ms. Stroud, Woman Coal Miner: 2 pm, Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine Saturday

Saturday, May 15:

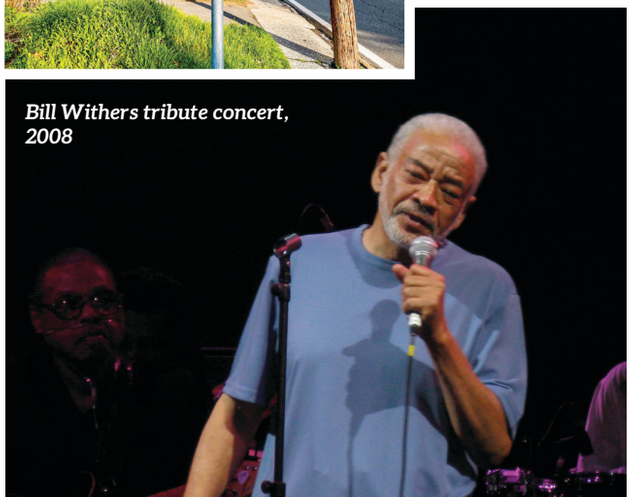
Shade Tree Car Club Car Show: 9am-4pm, Little Beaver State Park

Raleigh County Historical Society Marker Dedication: 11am - Bill Withers Historical Marker located across from Stratton School, 1129 South Fayette St

Concerts celebrating the music of Bill Withers. 12-6pm, Beckley Intermodal Gateway.

Featured artists: Matt Mullins & the Bringdowns, Drew Lawrence, Lady D, The Carpenter Ants, Lords of Lester, Shawn Benfield & The Untrained Professionals. Food Vendors available.

Historical Society Marker



Bill Withers tribute concert, 2008

Saturday, May 22:

Rhododendron Cruise: 4-4:30 pm Cruise Line-up at the Beckley-Raleigh County Memorial Airport. Ride to Grandview to scenic overlooks and rhododendrons in bloom.

Rhododendron Walks: 4 and 5:30pm, Grandview. Walks led by Park Rangers

Rhododendron Festival Pickleball Tournament: Contact: Dave Barksdale 304-673-8390 or 304-763-5885

Coalfield Architecture Tour: 6pm Raleigh Playhouse & Theater. Walking tour & presentation on Alex Mahood, Architect of the Coalfields. $10.
Contact: Scott Worley 304-228-1851

Monday, May 24:

Open Mic: 7pm, The Raleigh Playhouse & Theatre. To reserve a performance slot, message the theatre at facebook.com/TheRaleighWV or email TheRaleighWV@gmail.com.

Wednesday, May 26:

Full Moon Ride/Walk: Group bicycle ride & walk, 8pm, McManus Trail, meet at the Art Park 3rd Ave parking lot

Friday-Saturday, May 28, 29:

WV Miners Home Baseball Games: 6:35pm, Linda K Epling Stadium, Fireworks after the game on the 29th (Saturday)

Saturday, May 29:

Neighborhood Cruise & Concerts: 4 - 4:30 pm, Cruise Line-up at Park Middle School, cruise neighborhood ending at the Beckley Intermodal Gateway Plaza for **Concerts**:

5:30 pm – **Motown Music** by How Great Thou Art
6:30 pm – **80's music** by Quiet Enough

Rhododendrons in Bloom 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 4:00 or 5:30 pm on Saturday, May 22.

Rhododendron Festival & Event Info:

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

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Festival Partners:

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304-256-1747 • beckley.org

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

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

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Shade Tree Car Club

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A Celebration of West Virginia's State Flower

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Beckley, WV

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Over **12 events** including:

Exhibits

Concerts

Cruises

Scenic Walks at Grandview

Recreation

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