

Program Schedule
Memorial Day Weekend
Roan Mountain State Park



Thursday, May 22

10:30 AM

Gems of the Forest- The Peg Leg Mine Trail tours a beautiful rich cove forest that's rich in history as well. Join Amanda for an easy hike this morning to meet the local flora and fauna. Meet at the Visitor's Center.

2:00 PM

Softball- What better way to kick off the holiday weekend than to meet together to play a friendly game of softball. Meet Joe at the softball fields for some noncompetitive play.

Friday, May 23

9:45 AM

WINGS Helicopter Landing- Roan Mountain State Park Rangers will be securing a Landing Zone for the WINGS Rescue Helicopter in the softball field at the entrance to the Cabin Area. Park guests are invited to observe the landing from a SAFE DISTANCE behind the softball backstop and Cabin Area. The landing is scheduled to take place at approximately 10:00 AM. Cars will not be permitted to drive into the area after the Landing Zone is established, so please plan to arrive no later than 9:45 AM.

11:00 AM

Bicycle Safety – Hey kids, come learn how to keep yourself safe as you enjoy Roan Mountain State Park by bicycle. Bring your bike and a helmet (helmets available for use at Campground Check-in). Meet Joe at the Campground Check-in.

1:00 PM

Raven Rock Hike- Join us for a guided tour of this unique trail that climbs through several natural communities and offers hikers a beautiful view of Roan Mountain State Park. This trail is moderate in difficulty and does have a few steep sections. Please bring water and wear appropriate shoes for hiking. Meet Amanda at Campground Check-in.

3:30 PM

Snakes Alive- Meet and greet some of the park's reptile residents, and learn the truth about these often misunderstood creatures. Meet Amanda at the Visitors' Center.

5:00 PM

Dog Hike- There are few things in this world that are better than hiking with a dog! Come learn some tips and tricks on hiking with dogs. Leashes are mandatory. Bring your furry friend, ready to socialize, and meet Joe at Shelter 2.

7:00 PM

Music @ the Amphitheater: Tommy Shortt- Traditional country music and bluegrass hailing from the mountains of Southwest Virginia. Meet at the Park Amphitheater or Shelter 3 in the Campground Pavilion in case of inclement weather.

8:45 PM

Sounds of the Night- Explore the smells and sounds of a summer evening at the park and see if you have what it takes to be a creature of

the night. Please bring a flashlight and closed toed shoes. Meet Joe at the Tom Gray Trail.

Saturday, May 24

- 11:00 AM **Salamander Hunt** – Come out, flip some rocks and find some of Roan Mountain’s most interesting species. Meet Joe at Shelter 2 and get ready for a good time!
- 12:00 PM **Hike the Balds-** Come out for a hike of unparalleled views and learn about the rare ecosystems that make Roan Mountain such a unique place, all while hiking along the Appalachian Trail! The trail is moderate in difficulty and can be steep in sections. Please bring sturdy shoes, water, a jacket, and a snack. Meet Amanda at Park Headquarters promptly and we’ll carpool up to Carver’s Gap.
- 12:00 PM **@ the Miller Farmstead: Music by Art Lang-**Come on out for some traditional mountain music at the Miller Farmstead.
- 2:00 PM **Wildlife of Roan Mountain–** Can you identify a bear’s fur by touch? Come pet some pelts and learn about some of the many creatures that call the Roan Mountain area home. Meet Joe at Shelter 3.
- 4:00 PM **Creek Walk-** Come cool off in the Doe River as we learn about stream ecology and discover some aquatic life forms in their natural habitat. You may be surprised at what we find! Wear closed toed shoes and be prepared to get in the water. Meet Amanda at Campground Check-In.
- 5:30 PM **10 Essentials-** Do you know the 10 essentials that can help you to survive in the wilderness? Come learn some information that could one day save your life. Meet Joe at Shelter 3.
- 7:00 PM **Music @ the Ampitheater: Roan Mountain Moonshiners-** This local band always provides a toe-tappin’ good time with their old-time music and rousing fiddle tunes. Meet at the Amphitheater, or Shelter 3 at the Campground Pavilion in case of inclement weather.
- 9:00 PM **Campground Campfire-** Come enjoy jokes, riddles, stories and S’mores at the campground fire ring (just past the Tom Gray Trailhead). Meet Amanda, and don’t forget your flashlight!

***** General Announcements*****

-Programs are free of charge, but donations to the park are welcome and greatly appreciated.

-Programs are for all ages unless otherwise noted.

-In case of inclement weather, live music/entertainment will be held at Shelter 3.

Check the campground check-in or Park Headquarters for rainy day alternatives in case of program cancellation.