



Public Interpretive Programs
Plateau Interpretive Area
Milepost 106-248
May-October 2009
For more information call 540-745-9680 or 540-745-9674
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Roanoke Area

Roanoke Mountain Campground

Milepost 120.4

Roanoke Mountain Music Program

Sundays, May 31-August 30 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Sundays, September 6 -October 11 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Bring your own lawn chair and enjoy an hour of local music. With a different group performing each week there will be a variety of old-time, bluegrass, country ballads, Celtic and more throughout the season.

May 31	Blue Ridge Mountain String Band
June 7	Jezreel
June 14	Orchard Grass
June 21	The McKenzies
June 28	Bluegrass Combination
July 5	The Happy Mountain Boys
July 12	Olen and Frances Gardner and Friends
July 19	Appalachian Heritage
July 26	Judy, Henry, and Jack
August 2	New River Rock Skippers
August 09	Poison Bottom Boys
August 16	Roanoke Valley Bluegrass Pickers
August 23	American Roots
August 30	Mountain Fling
September 6	The Flying Cowboys
September 13	The Moor Hounds
September 20	Heaven's Mountain Band
September 27	Virginia Carolina Band
October 4	Virginia Mule Jumpers
October 11	Mac and Jennie Traynham

Sunday, May 31-August 30 performances: 7:00-8:00 pm, Sunday, September 6-October 11 performances: 5:00-6:00 pm. All performances are free of charge. Bring chairs and blankets. Picnic fair permitted but alcohol is not.

Rocky Knob Area

Rocky Knob Campground

Milepost 167

Campfire Programs

Fridays and Saturdays, May 22-August 22 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Fridays and Saturdays, August 28-Sept 12 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, Sept 19-October 31 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Gather around the campfire for a traditional ranger program in a traditional setting. Get involved in learning about the plants, animals, and history that make the Blue Ridge such a unique place.

Rock Castle Gorge Hikes

Every other Saturday, starting May 23 – September 26 9:30 am – 2:00 p.m.

May 23, June 6, 20, July 4, 18, Aug 1, 15, 29, Sept 12, 26

Meet at the Rocky Knob Cabins off of Woodberry Rd. Join a ranger on a three-mile hike and learn about the history of the community that existed in this area from the late 1700s until the 1930s. Wear good hiking boots and bring water. The hike will end at the lower end of the Rock Castle Gorge Trail at the CC Camp Road off of Route 8. Shuttle back to cars will be available for drivers, or you may set up your own shuttle ahead of time, or hike back to the starting point. Call ahead (540-745-9662) to verify dates, or for directions or information about shuttle.

Mabry Mill Area

Milepost 176.1

Daily cultural demonstrations

Visit Mabry Mill to learn about mountain trades and crafts that the Mabrys and their neighbors performed in this area from the late 1800s through the 1930s. Daily demonstrations may include blacksmithing, wainwrighting, weaving, spinning, chair bottoming, and woodworking and more.

Corn Grinding and Mill Talks

Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 22-Nov 1 11:00 am, 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Building a water-powered mill was Ed Mabry's dream and he accomplished it in innovative ways. Learn about this icon of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the role the mill and the Mabrys played in the community.

Mabry Mill Bands

Sundays, May 24-October 26 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Enjoy traditional string band music of the Carroll/Patrick/Floyd county area. Bring a lawn chair and your flat footin' shoes.

May 24 Mountain Ivy

May 31 Olen Gardner and Friends



June 7	South Fork Ramblers
June 14	Mountain Ivy
June 21	Judy, Henry, and Jack
June 28	Mountain Ivy
July 5	South Fork Ramblers
July 12	Mountain Ivy
July 19	Giles Mountain String Band
July 27	Mountain Ivy
August 2	South Fork Ramblers
August 09	Mountain Ivy
August 16	Virginia Mule Jumpers
August 23	Mountain Ivy
August 30	Olen Gardner and Friends
September 6	South Fork Ramblers
September 13	Mountain Ivy
September 20	Judy, Henry, and Jack
September 27	Mountain Ivy
October 4	South Fork Ramblers
October 11	Mountain Ivy
October 18	Giles Mountain Sting Band
October 25	Mountain Ivy

Bring a folding chair.

Traditional Appalachian Craft Workshops

Hands-On Craft Workshops

Try your hand at one of these workshops. Learn a new skill and help keep these traditions alive!

Basket Making Workshop at Mabry Mill

Saturdays June 27 and August 22, 1-4 pm

Learn how to make an egg basket. Fee includes materials for a basket that you will make and take home.

Fee: \$20 FRIENDS members/\$25 non-members

Chair Bottoming Workshop at Mabry Mill

Saturdays June 13, and July 11, 1-4 pm

Weave a split bottom seat for a wooden chair. We provide the reed. You bring a wooden chair without a seat to finish in class.

Fee: \$10 FRIENDS Members/\$15 non-members

Basic Blacksmithing at Mabry Mill

Fridays July 17, Aug 14, and Sept 18 1-4 pm

Explore the mystical world of blacksmithing in a century old shop. Learn the fundamentals of the trade and take home your own hand-forged wall hook.

Fee: \$10 FRIENDS Members/\$15 non-members

Storytelling Workshop at Mabry Mill

Saturday July 25, 1-4 pm

Participate in exercises that Storyteller Evelyn Beamer will present as you learn techniques to be a good story teller. Bring a story you are working on.

Fee: \$10 FRIENDS members/\$15 non-members

Reservations required for all workshops

Call 540-745-9662, Rocky Knob Visitor Center, to reserve a place. Spaces are limited.

Fee is payable at the time of the workshop. Cash or checks made out to FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway. (no credit cards). Fees are for materials and to support FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Fall Gathering Days

Saturdays, October 10, 17, and 24 10:00 am – 4:00 p.m.

Wood smoke and the smell of apple butter boiling signal fall. Come help with the chores associated with the fall season—apple butter making, cider pressing, drying fruits and vegetables, husking corn, and quilt making; and enjoy some music and story telling while you're here.

Puckett Cabin

Milepost 190

Sundays June 28, July 19, August 30 and September 27 2-4 pm.

They Call Me Aunt Orlene

Actress Phyllis Stump presents this one-woman show about the life of Southwest Virginia midwife, Orlene Puckett, at the site of the midwife's cabin. Living to over 100 years old, Puckett is known for delivering over 1000 babies in the late 1800's and early 1900s. Bring your own chair for this special presentation.

Blue Ridge Music Center

Milepost 212.5

Music in the Breezeway

There's music in the breezeway Sundays through Thursdays, 11 AM until 3 PM. Mid-Day music is sometimes subject to change. Call ahead (276-236-5309 ext 110) to make sure the folks you want to hear will be playing.

Mondays: The Buck Mountain Band and Friends. This old-time band bears the name of a revered Grayson County mountain, and it plays many Grayson County tunes. But you are welcome to suggest others.

Tuesdays: Bobby Patterson and Willard Gayheart. They can play old-time, bluegrass, or whatever. Bobby traveled with the famed Round Peakers, Tommy Jarrell and Fred Cockerham, on their national tours and knows much about the history of local music. Willard is a noted pencil artist as well as a singer in some highly respected bands.

Wednesdays: **Bill and Maggie Anderson.** Both are great singers, and Maggie plays the dobro guitar. Bill plays all instruments, and is a noted instrument maker. He is retired from the Martin Company, but is a certified Martin repairman. He can tell you what that old instrument is – and what it is worth.

Thursdays: **Scott Freeman and friends.** Scott plays bluegrass, old-time, or whatever you choose. He is a fine session musician. He plays an array of instruments, writes and sings, and teaches. He'd like to play with you, so bring your instrument.

Sundays: **Stu Shenk.** Stu plays banjo and fiddle and leans to old-time, but is also broad-minded. Come join in this Sunday afternoon jam.

Saturday Concerts at the Amphitheater

*** More to Come! See Blue Ridge Music Center website.

Doughton Park Area

Brinegar Cabin

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Visit the original cabin and site of Martin and Caroline Brinegar's homeplace. Whether by location or choice, the Brinegars probably lived a more self-sufficient lifestyle than many well into the 1900s.

From Field to Fabric

Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

10 am-4 pm

Caroline Brinegar was known to spin and weave her own fabric from flax that she grew and sheep that she raised. See flax growing in the garden and help process it into fiber that can be spun into linen thread. See linsey-woolsey fabric woven on the loom.

A Woman's Work Day

Saturday, July 18, 10 am – 4 pm

A Woman's Work..is never done! See spinning, dyeing, weaving, gardening and other skills that were a part of Caroline Brinegar's day-to-day life.

Twenty second Annual Brinegar Days Festival

Preserving Your Family History

Saturday, August 8, 10 am-4 pm

When we preserve the story of an individual family like the Brinegars we preserve an important part of a larger story. Recording our individual family stories is the first step toward preserving the history of a larger community. During this special day programs, workshops and demonstrations will focus on the lives and history of the Brinegars and their local community and ways to preserve your own family history. There will be workshops on how to do oral history interviews, journaling, scrapbooking, photo preservation, and shape note singing.

You will also learn about traditional farming and homesteading skills practiced by the Brinegars including fiber arts, food preservation, and woodworking. Call 540-745-9680 or 336-372-8568 for workshop and demonstration information.

Weaving and Spinning Workshop

Saturday August 8, 1-4 pm, Brinegars Cabin at Doughton Park

Use a drop spindle to spin wool into yarn, and learn how to warp and weave a tabby weave using a small frame loom. Take the drop spindle, frame loom, and some wool home to practice with.

Fee: \$30 FRIENDS members/ \$35 non-members

Harvest Day Festival

Saturday, October 3, 10 am-4 pm

Fall is the time to finish harvesting the crops and plow the garden before winter sets in. Come enjoy apple butter making and other food preservation skills and the putting the garden to bed for the winter.

Doughton Park Campground

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Campfire Programs

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Bluffs Lodge

Milepost 241

Lodge Talks

Fridays May 22- August 21 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Fridays, August 28-October 30 6:00-7:00

Join a park ranger for a program at the lodge patio. Get involved in learning about the plants, animals, and history that make the Blue Ridge such a unique place.