

You are cordially invited to attend the 46th Annual Nature Wonder (Wild Foods) Weekend September 20-22, 2013

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EVENTS INCLUDE

- Featured speakers for the weekend include Deaonna Crowe and Bill Beatty
- Choose from several Wild Plant Hikes and a Walking Exposition.
- Wild Foods Contest
- Wild Foods Social Hour



Nature Wonder Wild Foods Weekend is North America's premiere and longest running wild foods event, revered for forming the foundation of wild foods culture and events nationwide. The highly anticipated annual event has continually fueled the passion for wild foods through quality and varied programs including highly acclaimed speakers, nature walks and special wild food offerings. During this year's event we will be continuing those high standards of wild foods education and appreciation while "Remembering Our Roots" with a look back at the history of the weekend.

Nature Wonder Weekend is honored to have two outstanding West Virginia authors as featured event speakers in 2013. Deaonna Crowe of Stonewood, West Virginia, will speak on Saturday evening and Bill Beatty of Wellsburg, WV will be the Friday evening speaker. Deaonna is a frequent speaker and educator about the wonders of wild foods. At a young age, Deaonna began nurturing her desire to learn all she could from her grandparents and preserve that information unique to older generations at risk of being lost forever. She is now sharing her passion with others as a National Wild Foods Hall of Fame member, has served as a judge for the Wild Foods Contests several years and is the author of a wild foods cook book, *It's All Wild*, with a second cook book in the works. Bill Beatty, who made his first appearance as a weekend speaker in 1987, represents the many West Virginia specialists whose knowledge helped form the roots of this long running weekend. As a Master Naturalist instructor with 40 years of experience and author of three books and numerous magazine articles, he will be joining the weekend to share his vast knowledge of edible and medicinal plants. In addition to presenting our Friday evening program he will be leading an informative wild plant hike on Saturday. Also lending their expertise to the array of wild plant hikes to choose from will be Emily Grafton, a certified instructor of master naturalist curriculum, Ken Zebo, North Bend State Park Naturalist, Kathy Metz, Assistant Superintendent North Bend State Park and Don and Loretta Gartman, members of the National Wild Foods Association.

As always, the event includes a variety of participants who range from novice to expert in wild food knowledge and usage. While many of the participants return year after year, new faces are always welcomed and participants are excited to pass along the wild foods passion.

The weekend begins with registration on Friday at the park lodge lobby from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. At 3:00 p.m. there will be an informative tour of the park and surrounding area. A buffet dinner will be served in the lodge restaurant starting at 6:30 p.m. Be sure and enter the 27th Annual Wood-Faust sponsored Wild Foods Cooking Contest before the 8:00 p.m. Friday night meeting to try and win one of three \$50 cash prizes awarded for outstanding wild food entries. The awards continue to be provided through the generosity of Edlene Wood, Ira Wood and Bill Faust. A registration form for the wild food contest is attached.

After breakfast on Saturday, small groups under the leadership of guest naturalists and park staff will hike or tour the area looking for edible wild foods. Following Saturday's luncheon, these groups will gather to prepare wild foods to be shared during the afternoon's wild food social hour.

Sunday morning includes a morning worship service followed by a wild foods workshop. The featured leaders presenting this workshop are Don Gartman and Ron Boone.

Reservation Information

When making reservations you may choose between a room in the lodge or a stay in a more private cabin. Lodge rooms include television, telephone, a mini-fridge and coffee pot. Cabins are completely equipped for housekeeping with a full kitchen and bath, telephone and fireplace. North Bend State Park also offers several camping choices from basic sites to sites that include water and electric. Although wild foods are featured throughout the weekend, five (5) conventional meals will be provided by North Bend Lodge Restaurant.

Lodge and cabin reservations may be made along with event registration via the provided form.

Please contact (304) 558-2754 prior to submitting payment for campground reservations. Your rates will be provided at that time. Additionally, if you wish to be accompanied by a pet, please contact the park directly at (304) 643-2931 regarding pet-friendly cabins and the additional fees associated with this accommodation. If you plan to arrive on Thursday, please contact the North Bend Lodge in advance to make your reservation for that night.

Refunds will be honored until September 6, 2013. After September 6th, you are only eligible for a refund if your accommodations can be rented.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Emily Fleming or Wendy Greene at 304-558-2754 or via email at Emily.J.Fleming@wv.gov and Wendy.L.Greene@wv.gov.



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Reservation Form

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Reservations are being made for the following persons. List name as you wish it to appear on the name tag.

NAME	CITY/STATE

- _____ **All Weekend Activities and Double Occupancy Lodge Room** - \$162.00 per person
- _____ **All Weekend Activities and Single Occupancy Lodge Room** - \$225.00 per person
- _____ **All Weekend Activities and Full Occupancy Cabin Lodging** - \$166.00 per person
Full cabin occupancy based on 3-5 people in a cabin. If less/more please call 304-558-2754 for cabin rate.
- _____ **All Weekend Activities and Lodging - CHILDREN (ages 7-11)** - \$73.00 each
- _____ **All Weekend Activities, Including 5 Meals and No Lodging** - \$98.00 per person
- _____ **Saturday Activities Only, Lunch & Dinner and Wild Foods Tasting Event** - \$61.00 per person
- _____ **Saturday Activities Only, Including Wild Foods Tasting Event - No Meals** - \$30.00 per person

- _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Checks and credit cards are accepted. If paying by check, make check payable to "WV Division of Natural Resources" and mail with reservation form to address below. If paying by credit card, please call 304-558-2754 to pay over the phone. Payment will be returned if reservations are not available.

WV Division of Natural Resources
324 4th Avenue
South Charleston, WV 25303

27th Annual Wood-Faust
National Wild Foods Association
Wild Foods Contest

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please indicate which contest you are entering:

_____ **HAZEL WOOD COMMEMORATIVE WILD FOODS CONTEST**

Edelene Wood and her brother, Ira, will provide two \$50 prizes for the best wild food cooks. You must have your entry prepared by 8:00 p.m. for the Friday evening program. You may submit your entry in the designated area of the lodge lobby.

NAME OF ENTRY:

_____ **BEST WILD CAKE**

Bill Faust of Warsaw, North Carolina, will provide a \$50 prize for the best wild cake. Bill is also the longtime judge of these contests. You must have your entry prepared by 8:00 p.m. for the Friday evening program. You may submit your entry in the designated area of the lodge lobby.

NAME OF ENTRY:

_____ **MAXINE SCARBRO WILD FRIENDSHIP CUP**

The cup will be awarded to the person making the best wild drink. Your drink must be prepared for the Saturday afternoon Wild Foods Party on the Lodge Patio.

NAME OF ENTRY:

I will prepare the following foods for the Saturday Social:

