

**The
National Wild Foods Association
Welcomes you to**

**NATURE WONDER WEEKEND
2017**

50th
Anniversary

It Wonders Me . . . Does it wonder you how Nature Wonder Weekend came to be? Maybe you've wondered how North Bend State Park became the home of Nature Wonder Weekend or perhaps you've wondered how Euell Gibbons was chosen to be the inaugural speaker. You've possibly even wondered how wild foods became the focus of the weekend. If you've ever found yourself wondering about Nature Wonder Weekend, the place to be for those answers is the 50th anniversary celebration held September 15-17, 2017, at North Bend State Park. During our anniversary celebration, we will feature foragers from all over the United States who love to share their passion for wild edible food education as well as revisit how it all started. You'll get the chance to learn how Edelene Wood, President of the National Wild Foods Association, overcame numerous challenges and criticisms in planning the first event and you'll see how her vision enabled Nature Wonder Weekend to persevere and become the longstanding success it has become today. With recognition of Euell Gibbons' influence throughout the weekend you'll see how the foundational theme "It Wonders Me" has continued in Nature Wonder Weekend all these decades. This year's anniversary program will focus on the evolution of foraging in our culture over the last 50 years as well as the many ways nature and its wild food offerings are appreciated by foragers and nature lovers nationwide.

Our featured speakers and other experienced naturalists are ready to help participants expand their foraging knowledge and skills through your choice of hikes, workshops and programs throughout the weekend. Other highlights include a welcoming tour of the park on Friday and opening dinner followed by the Hazel Wood National Wild Food Cooking Contest and the Bill Faust Wild Cake Contest with three cash prizes of \$50 each. The contests are open to all registrants and awards will be presented in categories of main dish wild meat, dessert, and wild food cake. The Wild Drink Contest winner is awarded the honorary Maxine Scarbro Friendship Cup. Saturday is overflowing with an early morning bird walk, morning hikes, workshops and the wild food social hour. Sunday morning provides a morning service led by Dr. Don Gartman as well as the Wild Foods Workshop, featuring several members of the Wild Foods Hall of Fame to discuss and answer questions about wild foods will end the information packed weekend.

September 15th—17th

North Bend State Park

EVENT SPONSORED BY

*National Wild Foods
Association*

*West Virginia Division of
Natural Resources*

North Bend State Park

Events Include:

- Guest speakers—author and teacher Mike Krebill of Iowa and author and foraging instructor Sam Thayer of Forager's Harvest in Wisconsin.
- Special recognition of Edelene Wood and Euell Gibbons
- Your choice of several workshops
- Choose from Wild Plant Hikes and a Walking Exposition
- Wild Foods Contest
- Wild Foods Social Hour

In celebration of the 50th anniversary, Nature Wonder Weekend will be packed full of even more special opportunities to learn and share foraging knowledge. The weekend begins with registration on Friday at the park lodge lobby from 2-8 pm. The afternoon will include a wild food workshop on the lodge lawn and then at 3 pm there will be an informative driving tour of the park and surrounding area. The first of the weekend's Appalachian style buffets will be served in the lodge restaurant starting at 6:30 pm. Friday night's speaker will be a special guest in honor of the 50th anniversary year. Be sure and enter the 31st Annual Wood-Faust sponsored Wild Foods Cooking Contest before the 8 pm 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, the late Ira Wood and Bill Faust. A registration form for the wild food contest is attached.

Begin your day Saturday with an early morning bird walk, followed with breakfast. Afterwards, small groups under the leadership of guest naturalists and park staff will hike or stroll the area looking for edible wild foods. Additional wild food and foraging workshops will be available for those who do not wish to hike. A wild food table talk will be held following Saturday's special "It Wonders Me" luncheon. Then groups will gather to prepare wild foods to be shared during the afternoon's wild food social hour. A buffet dinner will be available in the lodge restaurant on Saturday evening. Sunday morning the restaurant offers a buffet breakfast followed by a morning service and a wild foods workshop.

Reservation Information

When making reservations you may choose from a room in the lodge, a stay in a deluxe vacation cabin or an outdoor experience in one of three campgrounds. Lodge rooms include television, telephone, a mini-fridge, coffee pot, iron and ironing board. 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) traditional Appalachian style buffet meals will be provided by North Bend Lodge Restaurant.

Lodge, cabin and campground reservations may be made along with event registration via the provided form. Please note the reservation form has changed this year. If you have any questions, please call (304) 558-2754. 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 4, 2017. After September 4th, 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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PLEASE NOTE REGISTRATION FORM HAS CHANGED

Mark the total number of each lodging, registration and meal option needed.
Total at the bottom and submit payment.

I. REGISTRATION

(Must be registered to participate in weekend activities including wild foods tasting events)

REGISTRATION - \$30.00 PER PARTICIPANT:

of participants _____ x \$30.00 = _____

II. LODGING

TWO NIGHTS LODGE ROOM PER PERSON

Double Occupancy - \$ 74.00

of participants _____ x \$74.00 = _____

Single Occupancy - \$148.00

of participants _____ x \$148.00 = _____

TWO NIGHTS CABIN PER PERSON

4 person cabin, full occupancy - \$60.00

of participants _____ x \$60.00 = _____

6 person cabin, full occupancy - \$45.00

of participants _____ x \$45.00 = _____

8 person cabin, full occupancy - \$42.00

of participants _____ x \$42.00 = _____

If less/more than full occupancy numbers listed above please call 304-558-2754 for cabin rate.
No lodging charge for children's lodging for ages 12 and under.

TWO NIGHTS CAMPGROUND—UP TO 6 PEOPLE PER CAMPSITE

Cokeley — Electric and Water - \$56.00 per site

of sites _____ x \$56.00 = _____

River Run — Electric Only - \$50.00 per site

of sites _____ x \$46.00 = _____

River Run — Non-Electric - \$44.00 per site

of sites _____ x \$40.00 = _____

Layfield — Primitive - \$34.00 per site

of sites _____ x \$34.00 = _____

If more than 6 campers per site, please call 304-558-2754 for campsite rate.

III. MEALS

Full Weekend Meal Package - \$80.00

of participants _____ x \$80.00 = _____

(5 lodge restaurant meals)

Saturday Lunch and Dinner Only - \$36.00

of participants _____ x \$36.00 = _____

Children's Full Weekend Meal Package (ages 7-11) - \$67.00

of participants _____ x \$67.00 = _____

Children's Meals for ages 6 and under - no charge with adult package

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE

Grand Total = _____

Checks and money orders are to be made payable to WV Division of Natural Resources and must accompany this reservation form. Credit card payments are accepted over the phone. Mail reservation form with payment to the address below. Payment will be returned if requested reservations are not available.

MAIL TO: WV Division of Natural Resources
324 4th Avenue
Room 328
South Charleston, WV 25303
304-558-2754



NATURE WONDER WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2017

31th 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, the late Ira Wood, will provide two \$50 prizes for the best wild food cooks in the categories of main dish wild meat and dessert. 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 in the lodge conference room..

NAME OF ENTRY:

I will prepare the following foods for the Saturday Social:

** Preregistration for the contest is not required. Please do not put your name on your entries when delivered at the lodge.*