

Pricketts Fort

STATE PARK



*2023 Calendar of Events and
Historic Arts Education Workshops*



ALL PROGRAMS PRESENTED BY THE
PRICKETTS FORT MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
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FEBRUARY 24 - 25

✧ **PRICKETTS FORT 18TH C. FIREARMS AND ACCOUTREMENTS SHOW**

Friday, 12 pm to 6 pm, and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm

Come join us for a fun and educational buying experience with some of the best contemporary craftsmen of 18th century firearms and accoutrements in WV, VA, PA, OH and NY. From the 18th century reenactor to the serious collector, there will be something for everyone. Visitor Center. Show Admission \$3 at the door.

MARCH 18

✧ **MEMBERSHIP DINNER**

Saturday, 5:30 social time 6 pm dinner

Annual membership dinner which includes the business meeting, annual report, and meal. Visitor Center. Reservations required. Reservations can be made by calling the Foundation Office at (304) 363-3030.

MARCH 30 - APRIL 2

✧ **SCHOOL OF THE LONGHUNTER**

Thursday, pm to Sunday, 12 noon

This is an intense weekend of instruction, exploring the role of early frontiersmen on the American frontier. Speakers will focus on the frontier skills of the longhunter. Space is limited and registration required. Fort (Max 100). PFMF Members \$40, Non-members \$45. Register online at www.prickettsfort.org/register or call (304) 363-3030.

APRIL 13

✧ **WOOD DUCK DAY WITH JOEY HERRON**



Thursday, 2 pm to 7 pm

Come out and enjoy the day welcoming the return of the Wood Ducks to Pricketts Fort State Park. There will be opportunities to take photographs of the many species of birds and wildlife the park has to offer, so bring

your camera, binoculars, or spotting scope with a snack and a folding chair to witness the return of one of the most spectacular birds in North America. Visitor Center. For more information visit our website at www.prickettsfort.org or call (304) 363-3030. Free and open to the public.

APRIL 22 AND 29

✧ **PRICKETTS FORT ANNUAL BIRD WALKS**

Saturdays, 8 am to 10 am

Come celebrate the joys of spring with a Saturday morning bird walk. Renowned birder Joey Herron will lead the public on this annual rite of passage. Please wear sturdy walking shoes and bring binoculars if you have them. Free and open to the public.

APRIL 24

✧ **2023 OPENING DAY AT PRICKETTS FORT**

MAY 3 AND 10

✧ **PRICKETTS FORT ANNUAL BIRD WALKS**

Wednesdays 8 am to 10 am

Come celebrate the joys of spring with a Wednesday morning bird walk. Renowned birder Joey Herron will lead the public on this annual rite of passage. Please wear sturdy walking shoes and bring binoculars if you have them. Free and open to the public.

MAY 6

✧ **HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE**

Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm

This program is provided by the Marion County Master Gardeners. All proceeds go to maintaining the gardens at Pricketts Fort State Park. Visitor Center. Free and open to the public. Regular admission to enter the fort.

MAY 13

✧ **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WITH JOEY HERRON**

Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm

Come out and visit with renowned birder and photographer Joey Herron. He will have some of his best photography for sale, along with his book and wildlife photos. Visitor Center. Free and open to the public.

MAY 14

✧ **MOTHER'S DAY**

Sunday, 12 noon to 4 pm

Half off admission for all mothers.

MAY 20

✧ **HEARTH COOKING DEMO**

Saturday, 11 am to 2 pm

Come out and tour the fort and smell the food cooking over an open hearth, the way food was prepared during the colonial period of our history. Recipes will be available upon request. Regular admission applies.

MAY 29

✧ **MEMORIAL DAY**

Monday, 10 am to 4 pm

Free admission for all veterans.



JUNE 10

✿ **APPALACHIAN BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION HAMMER - IN**

Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm

Come out and watch some of the best blacksmiths in North Central West Virginia apply their skills. There will be demonstrations throughout the day on many aspects of traditional and modern blacksmithing. Regular admission applies.

JUNE 13

✿ **HEARTH COOKING DEMO**

Tuesday, 11 am to 2 pm

Come out and tour the fort and smell the food cooking over an open hearth, the way food was prepared during the colonial period of our history. Recipes will be available upon request. Regular admission applies.

JUNE 18

✿ **FATHER'S DAY**

Sunday, 12 noon to 4 pm

Half off admission for all fathers.

JUNE 20

✿ **WEST VIRGINIA DAY**

Monday, 10 am to 4 pm

Half off admission.

JUNE 21 - 25

✿ **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WITH JOEL DUGAN**



Wednesday - Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, 12 pm to 4 pm

Come out and help us once again in welcoming Joel Dugan as part of our Artist in Residence program. Joel currently resides in Fairmont, West Virginia with his family and serves as the Chair for the Department of Architecture Art and Design at Fairmont State

University. Joel will be painting his interpretation of different scenes throughout the park as well as a hands-on project during our Colonial Kids Day on the 21st.

JUNE 21

✿ **COLONIAL KIDS DAY**

Wednesdays, 10:30 am to 3 pm

One of our most popular programs, this day focuses on 18th century life through a child's eyes. Bring the kids to the fort to experience a full day of fun and educational activities. Activities will include daily chores in the fort, life in the militia, colonial children's games, and a craft. Child must be accompanied by an adult. Visitor Center. Regular admission applies.

JUNE 30

✿ **FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT: NEW DIESEL TRIO**

Friday, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Come out to Pricketts Fort and help us by welcoming back the popular local group, New Diesel Trio. They love

performing old time folk/blues tunes. This group performs everything from The Carter Family to Woody Guthrie, with some of their own originals thrown in. Pricketts Fort State Park Amphitheater. Free and open to the public.

JULY 4

✿ **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

Monday, 10 am to 4 pm

Reading of the Declaration of Independence, 12 noon

Come out and hear the reading of one of the greatest documents ever written, second only to the United States Constitution. Regular admission applies. Half price admission for all US Veterans and active military.

JULY 7

✿ **FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT: AUTUMN EQUINOX**

Friday, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Please join us for the return of Autumn Equinox who are inspired by Celtic and Eastern European traditions through the sounds of the Hurdy Gurdy and the Nyckelharpa. Free and open to the public. Pricketts Fort State Park Amphitheater.

JULY 7 AND 8

✿ **HISTORICAL ARTS WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO SPINNING FOR ADULTS**

Friday and Saturday

How would you like to try your hand at spinning wool? Participants will receive one hour of personal one-on-one instruction from one of our skilled interpreters. One-hour sessions are \$20 per person and participants must be age 16 and older. One person per session. Admission to the fort is included. Please register by contacting the Foundation Office at (304) 363-3030 to set up a date and time. Spaces fill up fast, so make sure to register early.

JULY 12 AND 26

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Wednesdays

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JULY 14

✿ **FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT: BAND OF BROTHERS**

Friday, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

The Band of Brothers is a classic rock band from Parkersburg, West Virginia covering rock music from the 1950s through the 90s. With eight members, Band of Brothers covers a wide variety of music such as Bob Seger, The Rolling Stones, Bad Company, The Eagles, The Steve Miller Band and many more. Free and open to the public. Pricketts Fort State Park Amphitheater.



JULY 14 AND 15

✿ **HISTORICAL ARTS WORKSHOP:
INTRODUCTION TO WEAVING FOR ADULTS**

Friday and Saturday

How would you like to try your hand at weaving on a tape loom? Participants will receive one hour of personal one-on-one instruction from one of our skilled interpreters. One-hour sessions are \$20 per person and participants must be age 16 and older. One person per session. Admission to the fort is included. Please register by contacting the Foundation Office at (304) 363-3030 to set up a date and time. Spaces fill up fast, so make sure to register early.

JULY 18

✿ **HEARTH COOKING DEMO**

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JULY 21

✿ **FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT:
JACOB'S FERRY STRAGGLERS**

Friday, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Hailing from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland, The Jacob's Ferry Stragglers draw freely from Old-Time, Bluegrass, Rockabilly, and Swing music to create their own brand of high energy Appalachian Bluegrass. Free and open to the public. Pricketts Fort State Park Amphitheater.

JULY 22 AND 23

✿ **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WITH
LINDSEY DUGAN**



*Saturday, 10 pm to 4 pm,
Sunday, 12 noon to 4 pm*

Come out and welcome Lindsey Dugan as part of our continuing Artist in Residence program. Lindsey is a contemporary artisan who lives in Fairmont, West Virginia. A native of Michigan and earning a Fine Arts degree in Communication Design from

the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. Lindsey's hand painted jewelry pays homage to the Appalachia and Great Lakes Regions. Visitor Center.

JULY 28

✿ **FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT:
BRASS, RHYTHM AND SAX ORCHESTRA**

Friday, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

The Brass, Rhythm and Sax Orchestra was formed in 2018 with musicians from Harrison, Marion, and Upshur Counties, making up the core group playing that big band sound from the 1930s through the 1970s. The band is comprised of former band directors and music majors. Pricketts Fort State Park Amphitheater. Free and open to the public.

AUGUST 4

✿ **FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT:
SODA POP GYPSIES**

Friday, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Come join us in welcoming the Soda Pop Gypsies to the Pricketts Fort State Park Amphitheater. The Soda Pop Gypsies play an eclectic mix of all genres of music. They get their inspiration from bands such as Tracy Chapman, Stone Temple Pilots, and Fleetwood Mac. The Soda Pop Gypsies play a mix of music that has a little something for everyone. Free and open to the public. Pricketts Fort State Park Amphitheater.

AUGUST 5 AND 6

✿ **HISTORICAL ARTS WORKSHOP:
INTRODUCTION TO SPINNING FOR ADULTS**

Friday and Saturday

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AUGUST 11 AND 12

✿ **HISTORICAL ARTS WORKSHOP:
INTRODUCTION TO WEAVING FOR ADULTS**

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AUGUST 22

✿ **HEARTH COOKING DEMO**

Tuesday, 11 am to 2 pm

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SEPTEMBER 9

✿ **TRADITIONAL MUSIC DAY**

Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm

Enjoy a full day of traditional music with musicians scheduled to perform at the Visitor Center with informal jamming in the park. Tours of the fort and Job Prickett House require a ticket. Visitor Center. Free and open to the public.

SEPTEMBER 12

✿ **HEARTH COOKING DEMO**

Tuesday, 11 am to 2 pm

Come out and tour the fort and smell the food cooking over an open hearth, the way food was prepared during the colonial period of our history. Recipes will be available upon request. Regular admission applies.

SEPTEMBER 16

✿ **HISTORICAL ARTS WORKSHOP:
INTRODUCTION TO BLACKSMITHING
FOR ADULTS**



Friday

How would you like to try your hand at blacksmithing? Participants will receive one hour of personal one-on-one instruction from one of our skilled interpreters. One-hour sessions are \$20 per person and participants must be age 16 and older. One person per session. Admission to the fort is included.

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SEPTEMBER 23

✿ **SOAP MAKING AND BUTTER
CHURNING DEMO**

Saturday, 11 am

Join us at the fort and see the process of soap making and butter churning as it was done in the 18th century. Regular admission applies.

OCTOBER 7 – 8

✿ **AUGUSTA COUNTY MILITIA**

Saturday and Sunday

Join us as the Augusta County Militia explores the life and times of early Appalachian pioneer Joseph Doddridge. They will demonstrate several crafts based on Doddridge's writings as well as conducting militia operations. A militia muster, inspection, and the dispatching of scouts and spies will be discussed and demonstrated throughout the weekend. Regular admission applies.

OCTOBER 21

✿ **HEARTH COOKING DEMO**

Saturday, 11 am to 2 pm

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OCTOBER 28

✿ **CANDLE MAKING AND BUTTER
CHURNING DEMO**

Saturday, 11 am

Come out and see the process of candle making and butter churning in the 18th century. Also learn some of the different methods of lighting as candles are being produced. Regular admission applies.

NOVEMBER 25

✿ **18TH CENTURY CANDLELIGHT
CHRISTMAS TOUR**

Saturday, 5 pm to 8:30 pm

Bring the family and join us for a special interpreter led candlelight tour of the 18th century historic fort and 19th

century Job Prickett House. See how our ancestors celebrated this holy time of year as our staff takes you through many aspects of a colonial Christmas celebration with live period music in the Visitor Center. Last ticket to tour will be sold at 7:30 pm.

NOVEMBER 26

✿ **18TH CENTURY CHRISTMAS TOUR**

Sunday, 12 noon to 4 pm

Join us for an interpreter led tour of the historic 18th century fort and the 19th century Job Prickett House. See how our ancestors celebrated this holy time of year as our interpretive staff takes you through many aspects of a historical colonial Christmas celebration. Regular admission applies.

DECEMBER 1

✿ **CHRISTMAS TOUR AND HEARTH COOKING DEMO**

Friday, 10 am to 4 pm

Come out and tour the fort and smell the food cooking over an open hearth, the way food was prepared during the colonial period of our history. Colonial Christmas recipes will be featured during this day. Recipes will be available upon request. Regular admission applies.

DECEMBER 2

✿ **18TH CENTURY CANDLELIGHT
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Saturday, 5 pm to 8:30 pm

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DECEMBER 2

✿ **WREATH WORKSHOP**

Saturday, 9 am to 12 pm noon

This annual workshop hosted by the Marion County Master Gardeners allows participants to make their own holiday wreath from a wide variety of fresh greens to take home. Cost of workshop \$25 includes all materials. Bring gloves, pruners and wire cutters. Register with the Marion County Extension Office (304) 367-2772.



DECEMBER 3

❖ **18TH CENTURY CHRISTMAS TOUR**

Sunday, 12 noon to 4 pm

Join us for an interpreter led tour of the historic 18th century fort and the 19th century Job Prickett House. See how our ancestors celebrated this holy time of year as our interpretive staff takes you through many aspects of a historical colonial Christmas celebration. Regular admission applies.



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Historic Attractions Open April 24 - October 29

Days and Hours of Operation:

Monday to Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, Sunday 12 pm - 4 pm

Closed Mondays and Tuesdays after Labor Day

Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors (60 and up),

\$4 children 6-12, 5 and under free

PFMF Members receive free admission and a 10% discount on classes and workshops.

Schedule is subject to change.

Please check with the Foundation Office or website.



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ABOUT PRICKETTS FORT STATE PARK

Pricketts Fort State Park was started through a tremendous volunteer initiative in 1974, 200 years after the original Pricketts Fort was built. Today the facilities include a Visitor Center, the reconstructed fort, a restored 1859 home, outdoor amphitheater, and various recreational opportunities.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation is an independent, non-profit historical organization dedicated to preserving and chronicling the history of Pricketts Fort. The historical and educational programs presented at Pricketts Fort are planned, conducted and funded by the Foundation.

How To Get Here
Pricketts Fort State Park is three miles from I-79 at Exit 139, north of Fairmont. Follow signs to the park.

For more Marion County visitor info, see www.marioncvb.com.



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Support for summer concerts and historic programming is gratefully acknowledged from The Marion County Commission, The City of Pleasant Valley, The Town of White Hall and The First Energy Foundation.



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