

Pricketts Fort



2024 Calendar of Events



ALL PROGRAMS PRESENTED BY THE
PRICKETTS FORT MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
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FEBRUARY 23-24

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

Friday noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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. Show Admission \$3 at the door. Visitor Center.

MARCH 16

✿ **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER**

Saturday 5:30 social time 6 p.m. 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.

APRIL 11-APRIL 14

✿ **SCHOOL OF THE LONGHUNTER**

Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon

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 on-line at prickettsfort.org/register or call 304.363.3030.

APRIL 18

✿ **WOOD DUCK DAY WITH JOEY HERRON**

Thursday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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. Free and open to the public. Visitors Center.

APRIL 22

✿ **2024 OPENING DAY AT PRICKETTS FORT**

APRIL 27

✿ PRICKETTS FORT ANNUAL BIRD WALKS

Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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 27

✿ 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF PRICKETTS FORT

Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come join in the celebration of the founding of Pricketts Fort.

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MAY 4

✿ HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE

Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

MAY 8 AND 15

✿ PRICKETTS FORT ANNUAL BIRD WALKS

Wednesday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Come join us as renowned birder Joey Herron continues his educational journey, leading the public throughout Pricketts Fort State Park in search of the varied species of migratory birds that inhabit the park in both spring and summer. Please wear sturdy walking shoes and bring binoculars if you have them. Free and open to the public.

MAY 12

✿ MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.

Half-off admission for all mothers.

MAY 17-19

✿ PRIMITIVE TRADE FAIR

Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.



Come out and talk to the many 18th century trade vendors as they demonstrate and discuss their trade while you shop for your favorite trade items. Whether it's knives, horn work, iron work, or a new custom rifle you just can't live without, you will find it all in one place. Regular admission applies.



MAY 25

✿ HEARTH COOKING DEMO

Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

MAY 27

✿ MEMORIAL DAY

Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free admission for all veterans.



JUNE 15

✿ APPALACHIAN BLACKSMITH ASSOCIATION HAMMER-IN

Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 16

✿ FATHER'S DAY

Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.

Half-off admission for all fathers.

JUNE 21

✿ FREE CONCERT: WEST SIDE RHYTHM AND BLUES BAND

Friday 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come out and help us welcome The West Side Rhythm and Blues Band. The band is based in Fairmont, WV and is made up of some of the best musicians from Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The band covers R&B and Classic Rock from the 70s and 80s. Free and open to the public. Pricketts Fort Amphitheater.

JUNE 21-23

✿ ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WITH MICHAEL DRAGOO

Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.



Come out and help us welcome back Michael Dragoo as he collaborates with Pricketts Fort's own hearth cooks. They will explore recipes from the colonial era. From one and two course meals as well as breads and pastries. Recipes are available upon request.

Regular admission applies.

JUNE 26

☼ COLONIAL KID'S DAY

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 crafts in the Visitor Center. Children must be accompanied by an adult and regular admission applies.

JUNE 28

☼ FREE CONCERT: BUCKSHOT

Friday 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come out and help us welcome The Buckshot Band. The band is made up of five musicians from North Central West Virginia playing a variety of country music hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s. The band is influenced by the likes of Travis Tritt, Marty Stuart, and Chris Stapleton. Free and open to the public. Pricketts Fort State Park Amphitheater.

JULY 4

☼ INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reading of the Declaration of Independence at noon. Half price admission for all U.S. veterans and active military. Come out and hear the reading of one of the greatest documents ever written, second only to the United States Constitution. Regular admission applies.

JULY 10 AND 24

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JULY 12 AND 13

☼ INTRODUCTION TO SPINNING FOR ADULTS

Friday and Saturday, Call to Register

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. Please register by contacting the Foundation Office at 304.363.3030 to set up a date and time. Admission to the fort is included. Spaces fill up fast, so make sure to register early.

JULY 12

✿ FREE CONCERT: TOP SHELF BAND

Friday 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come out and help us welcome the band Top Shelf. Top Shelf has been entertaining North Central West Virginia for many years. Known for playing music from the 60s, 70s, and 80s, Top Shelf will have you singing along to all of your favorite tunes. From the Temptations to Def Leppard, there's something for everyone! Free and open to the public. Pricketts Fort State Park Amphitheater.

JULY 16

✿ HEARTH COOKING DEMO

Tuesday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 history. Recipes are available upon request. Regular admission applies.

JULY 19 AND 20

✿ INTRODUCTION TO WEAVING FOR ADULTS

Friday and Saturday, Call to Register

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. Please register by contacting the Foundation Office at 304.363.3030 to set up a date and time. Admission to the fort is included. Spaces fill up fast, so make sure to register early.

JULY 19

✿ FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT: SODA POP GYPSIES

Friday 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come join us in welcoming the Soda Pop Gypsies to the Prickett's Fort State Park Amphitheater. The Soda Pop Gypsies play an eclectic mix of all genres. 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.

JULY 26

✿ FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT: GRKMANIA

Friday 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come out and enjoy an evening of entertainment with the ever popular Polka band, GRKMANIA. The Joe Grkman band includes three generations of the Grkman family. The group features traditional Slovenian polkas and waltzes along with their original GRKMANIA style Slovenian button-box accordion music. Free and open to the public. Prickett's Fort State Park Amphitheater.

JULY 27

✿ MORGAN FAMILY REUNION

Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AUGUST 2

✿ FREE CONCERT: BAND OF BROTHERS

Friday 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

AUGUST 7

✿ COLONIAL KIDS DAY

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AUGUST 10

✿ PRICKETTS FORT ELIMINATION DINNER

Saturday 6 p.m.

Tickets for dinner required, only 200 tickets available. Visitor Center. Call 304.363.3030 for more information.

AUGUST 16 AND 17

✿ INTRODUCTION TO WEAVING

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AUGUST 20

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SEPTEMBER 7

✿ TRADITIONAL MUSIC DAY

Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy a full day of traditional music with musicians scheduled to perform at the visitor center with informal jamming in the park. There is no charge for the entertainment. Tours of the fort and Job Prickett House require a ticket.

SEPTEMBER 28

✿ SOAP MAKING DEMO

Saturday 11 a.m.

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

SEPTEMBER 28

✿ FALL BIRD WALK

Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Come out and join Joey Herron as he guides you throughout the park to see some spectacular birds during the fall migration. This will be a great time to maybe spot some birds that are not often seen in our location. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring binoculars if you have them. Free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 5-6

✿ THE VIRGINIA 13TH REGIMENT

Saturday and Sunday

Will have a muster, inspection, and demonstrations throughout the weekend. The Virginia 13th Regiment was formed in 1777 at Fort Pitt. Companies recruited men from Yohogania and Monongahela Counties and the West Augusta District.

OCTOBER 19 AND 20

✿ HEARTH COOKING DEMO WITH MICHAEL DRAGOO

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OCTOBER 26

✿ CANDLE MAKING DEMO

Saturday 11 a.m.

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



NOVEMBER 30

❁ 18TH CENTURY CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS TOUR

Saturday 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



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 the tour will be sold at 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 1

❁ 18TH CENTURY CHRISTMAS TOUR

Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.

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 6

❁ CHRISTMAS TOUR AND HEARTH COOKING DEMO

Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 7

❁ WREATH WORKSHOP

Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

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 the workshop is \$20 and includes all materials. Bring gloves, pruners and wire cutters. Register with the Marion County Extension Office 304.367.2772.

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DECEMBER 14

❖ BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Get into the holiday spirit while having Breakfast with Santa. Bring the kids to visit and talk to Santa before he and Mrs. Claus head back to the North Pole. To RSVP for breakfast and to meet Santa, please contact the office 304.363.3030. Visitor Center.

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.



Stop by and enjoy delicious food as you visit the park for the day. Bike and kayak rentals are available. Hours are on the foundation website prickettsfort.org or follow us on Facebook at "The Junction at Pricketts Fort"

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Historic Attractions Open April 22-October 31, 2024

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.

How To Get Here

Pricketts Fort

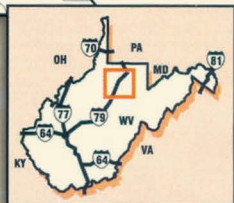
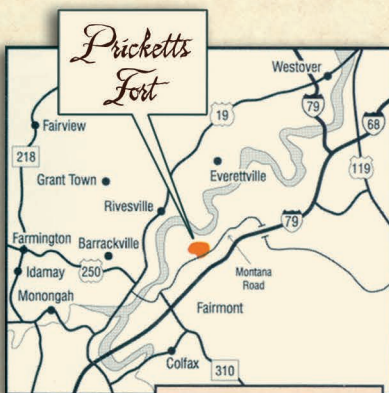
State Park is three miles from I-79 at Exit 139, north of Fairmont.

Follow signs to the park.

For more

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visitor info, see

www.marioncvb.com.



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