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# Celebrate West Virginia Day Weekend June 20-22, 2014

# at West Virginia State Parks

 SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. – West Virginia Day, June 20, falls on a Friday in 2014, opening up the whole weekend to a variety of outdoors activities at West Virginia’s state parks. Planned events include a Civil War encampment, concerts and birthday parties. Here is a list of planned activities for West Virginia Day weekend, June 20-22, but check [www.wvstateparks.com](http://www.wvstateparks.com) frequently as new events are being added.

**Happy Birthday West Virginia! June 20 at** [**Blennerhassett Island State Park**](http://www.blennerhassettislandstatepark.com/calendar.html)

 Board the Island Belle sternwheeler, visit the island and enjoy birthday cake. It's West Virginia's 151st birthday Friday, June 20, 2014. Free cake served at 1:30 p.m. as long as it lasts. 304-420-4800

**Civil War Encampment and Battle Reenactment June 20-22 at** [**Blennerhassett Island State Park**](http://www.blennerhassettislandstatepark.com/calendar.html)

 To celebrate the state's birthday, visit with reenactors, historians and encampments on the island. The camps are open to the public during the entire weekend. Blennerhassett Island also will be the setting for a re-enacted Civil War battle each day, June 21 and 22. 304-420-4800

**West Virginia Day June 20 at** [**Prickett’s Fort State Park**](http://www.prickettsfortstatepark.com/events.html)

 On June 20, 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state to enter the Union. Come to Pricket’s Fort State Park to help celebrate West Virginia statehood. Half price fort admission June 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 304-363-3030

**West Virginia Day Weekend Celebration June 21-22 at** [**Camp Creek State Park**](http://www.campcreekstatepark.com/packages.html)

 A statehood birthday weekend celebration at Camp Creek State Park's amphitheater! Bluegrass Music Saturday from 1 - 6 p.m. and gospel music Sunday from 1 - 6 p.m. Food concessions will be sold on both days by the Camp Creek State Park & Forest Foundation. Free admission. 304-425-9481

 Other activities are scheduled at state parks this weekend, including storytelling at [Pipestem Resort State Park](http://www.pipestemresort.com/special.html), a dinner train at [Cass Scenic Railroad State Park](http://www.cassrailroad.com/dinner.html), a 5K run at [Cacapon Resort State Park](http://www.cacaponresort.com/events.htm), a Halloween party at [Tomlinson Run State Park’s](http://www.tomlinsonrunsp.com/events.html) campground, and a bluegrass concert at the [Pipestem Resort State Park](http://www.pipestemresort.com/special.html) amphitheater. For details on these and other events, visit [www.wvstateparks.com](http://www.wvstateparks.com) or call 1-800-CALL-WVA.

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*A Civil War encampment and battle reenactment will be part of the West Virginia Day celebration on Blennerhassett Island State Park June 20.*