

**Kids Summer Series: Decades of History
Wednesdays in June & July from 10am-2pm**

Please see description on June calendar.

Fourth of July

Stop by the park for a scavenger hunt on your way to the day's festivities! Kids who find all items in the Museum will receive a special treat!

**Lunch on the Lawn
Each Friday in June & July from 12pm-1pm**

Get an early start to the weekend; join us at the Museum for a "brown-bag" lunch on the lawn with entertainment by area musicians. *Bring your own lunch or order a \$5 box lunch from the Museum. Menus vary week to week. Please call for meal options each week. Orders must be received by 9am each Friday.*

**First Saturday Community Coffee House
July 6th & August 3rd from 7-9pm**

The First Saturday Community Coffee House is an open-mic event and is open to all family-friendly performers. All interested musicians, storytellers, and poets should arrive by 6:30pm for sign-up and scheduling. *Admission is free to this program. Refreshments will be available for purchase.*

**Southwest Virginia Museum Artisan Series
July 15th and August 19th**

Enjoy a hands-on craft project with regional artisans on the third Monday of every month from March until December. July: Seasonal Craft (adult/child). August: Seed Bead (adult). *Please contact the Museum for registration and pricing information for these workshops.*

**Adventures in History:
Traveling the Train Tracks Bus Tour
Saturday, July 20th from 8am to 4pm**

Travel in Southwest Virginia wouldn't be complete without passing over a set of train tracks or seeing train cars full of cargo snaking their way through towns and the mountains between them. Don't miss this opportunity to board the park's bus and explore trains and their historical impact in Southwest Virginia with tour leader Ron Flanary. Mr. Flanary's articles, photographs, and paintings have appeared in several nationally

circulated railroad publications. His first major book, *The Louisville & Nashville Railroad in the Appalachians*, was published in 1990. He has since authored four more railroad-related books and has contributed to several more by other authors. *Seating is limited to 15. Cost: \$20 per person. Registration and payment deadline is July 12th. Participants may bring their own lunch or pre-purchase a boxed lunch from the Museum for an additional \$5.*

**Exhibit from the Southwest Virginia Museum
Historical State Park Opens in
Mountain Empire Community College's Slemple Gallery
July 22nd— August 30th**

The park will feature items from its collection in a special summer exhibition at Mountain Empire Community College. *Exhibition will be open to the public based on Wampler Library's schedule. Please check with Mountain Empire Community College for hours of operation.*









**Bus Tour to Fairy Stone State Park & Mabry Mill
Saturday, August 10th from 8am-6pm**

Claim a seat on the park's comfortable tour bus for a special trip to Mabry Mill and Fairy Stone State Park. Tour participants will enjoy a tour and lunch at Mabry Mill, a restored gristmill/sawmill/woodworking shop and blacksmith shop. Old time skills (basket weaving, seat caneing, spinning, and weaving) are demonstrated. The bus will then travel to Fairy Stone State Park, where tour members will search for their own fairy stones and enjoy an afternoon in the park. The bus will leave the Museum at 8am and depart Fairy Stone State Park for the Museum at 2pm, arriving in Big Stone Gap around 5pm. *Seating is limited to 15. Cost: \$20 per person. Registration and payment deadline is August 2nd. Tour fee does not include lunch at Mabry Mill.*


**Adventures in History: The Melungeons Bus Tour
Saturday, August 31st from 8am-5pm**

Join Museum staff for an intriguing journey into the history of an often maligned and misunderstood group of people commonly called "Melungeons." Tour will explore sites of interest related to Melungeon history. *Seating is limited to 14. Cost: \$20 per person. Registration and payment deadline is August 23rd. Participants may bring their own lunch or pre-purchase a boxed lunch from the Museum for an additional \$5.*

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