



Rockfish Valley Foundation

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SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER - Pictorial

NATURAL HISTORY CENTER IS OPEN

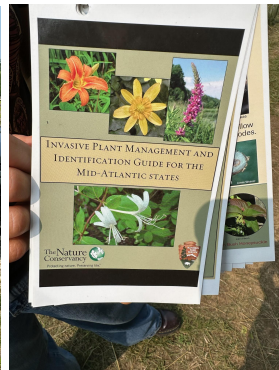
Open SAT and SUN 12-4; also when flags are flying and for groups by special request. Send email to contact@rockfishvalley.org. Have a birthday party in Spruce Creek Park.



RVF Program and Event Schedule:

In collaboration with **Blue Ridge PRISM**, RVF is hosting an ***Invasive Species Workshop*** on August 10th, from 10 am -1 pm at the Camille Memorial Trail Head. Tickets required. Invasive book package at RVF shop is available at \$40. Nature Conservancy also has an excellent booklet.

RVF would like to recognize the Master Naturalist chapters of Rivanna and Central Blue Ridge, with special gratitude towards Linda Hughes and Mary Vorhees for the efforts in organizing the event. Also Tom Saielli, PRISM, pictured with tools for the workshop.



Visit Nelson County Book Bus July 12th from 9 am-noon at RVF parking, 1368 Rockfish Valley Highway; ask for books for your kids. See WDBJ7 video about it [HERE](#). Parents can drive up to the book bus and ask for books for their kids - free. The Natural History Center will be open.

ENLIT (Environmental Literacy Trails)

It's all about QR Codes, WiFi and content modules supporting environmental knowledge.



STORYWALKS , Collaboration with NELSON LIBRARY

Enjoy the newly installed Storywalks: Birds Build a Nest along the Rockfish Valley Trails, and Baby Bird at the SCP Children's Nature trail have just been installed. A copy of every nature StoryWalk book is also available in the RVF Lending Library. We have new signs.



ROCKFISH VALLEY TRAILS AND SPRUCE CREEK PARK,

PARKING & ENTRANCE ROADS ARE IMPROVED



TRASH ISSUE PLEASE PACK IT IN - CARRY IT OUT. PET WASTE ONLY!

Please support us as we support you. We don't want to have to remove our waste stations.



SPRUCE CREEK PARK is a place to hold your event



NATURAL HISTORY CENTER exhibits: water, rocks, plants and animals

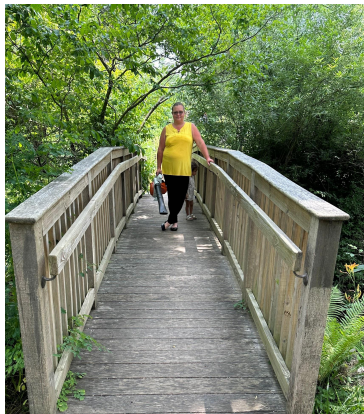


A Turkey taxidermy and 150 million years old Diplodocus femur join the NHC exhibits.
[Watch exhibit tour video with Betsy Agelasto](#) and follow our numbered self guided tour.

VOLUNTEERS are needed as trail monitors, hosts, landscape tasks. history center

Wendy, Monica and Norm are some of the super volunteers. Thanks a lot!

Are you a person who wants to learn more about Nelson County's ecosystems, culture, and History? Become an **RVF VOLUNTEER**. Spend time with an experienced host to acclimate and then start to help. To volunteer, learn More [HERE](#)



NELSON CULTURE AND HISTORY

Culture and history is a major focus of RVF created the Nelson Scenic Loop, the South Rockfish Valley Historic District and created a video of Nelson Culture and History program on Feb 26. We seek to preserve and promote the Wintergreen Community. It is with great sadness that we mention the recent demolition of the Hawes Coleman Wintergreen House. It had fallen into disrepair and could not be saved. The namesake of our community and the resort will be missed.



[PLEASE DONATE HERE](#) or SNAP THIS QR CODE

RVF is behind in donors and dollars for our 2023 budget, please consider your help and support.