

Watters Smith Memorial State Park
Nature Observations by Andy Bennett, Superintendent

<i>Species</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Behavior</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>
Wild Turkey	Burr Smith Trail	Gobbled	3-30-17	2017
Yellow Throated Warbler	Historical Area	Calling FOS	3-30-17	2017
L. Waterthrush	Scales House	Calling FOS	3-28-17	2017
Brown Thrasher	Historical Area	Flying	3-25-17	2017
Red winged Blackbird	Activity Building parking area	3 males calling	3-25-17	2017
E Cottontail Rabbit	Activity Building grounds	Feeding	3-12-17	2017
A. Woodcock	Historical area	Calling	3-8-17	2017
E Phoebe	Fawn Trail	Calling	3-7-17	2017
Red winged Blackbird	Pond	Calling	3-7-17	2017
Spring Peepers	Dogwood	Calling	3-7-17	2017
Spring Peepers	Dogwood	Calling	3-1-17	2017
Red Shouldered Hawk	Duck Creek Road	Hit by vehicle	2-26-17	2017
Wood Frogs!!	Dogwood	Calling	2-21-17	2017
Red Shouldered Hawk	Dogwood	Hunting	2-14-17	2017
Red tailed Hawk	Duck Creek Road – Field	Hunting	2-5-17	2017
Red Shouldered Hawk	Historical Area	Flying	1-31-17	2017
3 Ravens	Roosting in pines by Smith Home	Roosting and foraging	Seen everyday	2017
Golden Crowned Kinglets	Dogwood	Mixed flock of winter birds	1-24-17	2017
Bald Eagle	Near Pond	Hunting	1-16-17	2017
2 Bald Eagles	Flying above park	Early mating	1-4-17	2017
Brown Creeper	Burr Smith	Feeding	12-20-16	2016

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White tailed Deer	Historical Area	Eating lichens off the bark of Black Cherry	12-16-16	2016
Red shouldered Hawk	Activity Building Parking Lot	Hunting	12-7-16	2016
Red tailed Hawk	Burr Smith	Hunting	12-5-16	2016
Golden Crowned Kinglet	Dogwood	Feeding	12-5-16	2016
Red-tailed Hawk	Residence	After moles, almost tame behavior	11-30-16	2016
3, 8-point bucks	Fields	Gun season week	11-20-16	2016
Golden Crowned Kinglet	Dog Wood	Feeding	11-15-16	2016
Northern Red Salamander	Hickory Loop	Leaf Liter Hibernating	10-30-16	2016
Box Turtle	Burr Smith		10-26-16	2016
Coopers Hawk	Maintenacne shop pines	Calling	10-26-16	2016
Raccoons	Historical Area	Late Evening	10-25-16	2016
Puff ball Mushroom	White Oak Trail		10-23-16	2016
Grackles	Dogwood	Large flock moving through the woods	10-23-16	2016
Wood Frog	R. Hershey Trail	Pool of water	10-15-16	2016
Coopers Hawk	Pioneer Shelter	Flying	10-14-16	2016
Grackles	Burr Smith	Large flock moving through woods	10-9-16	2016
Robins	Throughout park	Large Flocks migrating	10-6-16	2016
Scarlet Tanager	Activity Building	Feeding	10-1-16	2016
Bee Tree	Duck Creek Road		9-22-116	2016
Ring neck Snake	Historical Area	Grass	9-16-16	2016
Silver Fox	Pioneer		9-10-16	2016

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Silver Fox	Pioneer	Young kit, no fear humans	9-9-16	2016
Raven	Historical Area	Flying	9-5-16	2016
Blue-headed Vireo	Activity Building	Feeding	9-4-16	2016
Red-eyed Vireo	Activity Building	Feeding	9-4-16	2016
Black and white Warbler	Activity Building	Feeding	9-4-16	2016
<i>Coyote</i>	<i>Pioneer Gart</i>	<i>Black body white tip on tail; 7:00 a.m.</i>	<i>8-29-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Box Turtle</i>	<i>White Oak</i>	<i>Eating Fungi</i>	<i>8-24-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Coyote</i>	<i>Pasture along Duck C reek across historical area</i>	<i>Hunting, 3:00 p.m.</i>	<i>8-24-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Broadwing Hawk</i>	<i>Hidden Vallye Road</i>	<i>Caught frog from ditch line</i>	<i>8-19-2016</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Dogbane Beetle</i>	<i>Field historical area</i>		<i>8-17-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>E. Wood PeeWee</i>	<i>Activitiy Building</i>	<i>Calling</i>	<i>8-12-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Box Turtle</i>	<i>Dogwood</i>		<i>8-7-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Copperhead</i>	<i>Duck Creek Road</i>		<i>8-5-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Broad wing, Red shouldered and red tailed Hawks</i>	<i>Historical</i>	<i>Same place all at the same time</i>	<i>7-30-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Wood Frog</i>	<i>Hickory Loop</i>	<i>Moving</i>	<i>7-17-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Juvenile Coyotes</i>	<i>Calling at Dark</i>	<i>Dogwood</i>	<i>7-16-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Broad winged Hawk</i>	<i>Dogwood Trail</i>	<i>Calling</i>	<i>7-16-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>White-eyed Vireo</i>	<i>Hickory Loop</i>	<i>Calling</i>	<i>7-16-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Canada Darner Dragonfly</i>	<i>Pond</i>	<i>Beautiful Insect!</i>	<i>7-13-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>E. PeeWee</i>	<i>Activity Bulding Parking Lot</i>	<i>Calling</i>	<i>7-13-16</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Violet Rove Beetle</i>	<i>Dogwood</i>		<i>7-11-16</i>	<i>2016</i>

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<i>Blue Spangled Dragon Fly</i>	Pond	Hunting	7-11-16	2016
<i>Garder Snake</i>	Duck Creek Road		7-11-16	2016
<i>Corn Snake</i>	Duck Creek Road	Juvenile	7-5-16	2016
<i>Jumping Spider</i>	Pioneer Shelter	Killing cicada	6-22-16	2016
<i>Hooded Warbler</i>	Activity Building	Calling	6-22-16	2016
<i>Mole Cricket</i>	Hidden Valley Road	Rain flooded it from burrows	6-22-16	2016
<i>Ruby-throated Hummingbird</i>	Burr Smith	Robbing spider webs for food	6-18-16	2016
<i>Wood Thrush</i>	Burr Smith	Calling	6-18-16	2016
<i>White-tailed Dragonfly</i>	Rachel Hershey Rtrail	Several individuals flying	6-15-16	2016
<i>Copperhead</i>	Duck Creek Road	Vehicle	6-10-16	2016
<i>Corn Snake</i>	Duck Creek Road	Killed by vehicle; cicadas in body (sad to find the snake dead)	6-5-16	2016
<i>Cicadas</i>	Throughout	LOUD calling	5-27-16	2016
<i>Garder Snake</i>	Residence		5-28-2016	2016
<i>Copperhead</i>	Pineer Roadway	Hit by a car	5-28-16	2016
<i>Stink horn mushroom</i>	Duck Creek Road	Growing in ditchline	5-27-16	2016
<i>Yellow Warbler</i>	Duck Creek Road	Caught cicada	5-25-16	2016
<i>Cedar Waxwings</i>	Fawn	Eating cicadas	5-16-16	2016
<i>Cerulean Warbler</i>	White Oak	Calling	5-16-16	2016
<i>Broad wined Hawks (4)</i>	Acitivity Bldg/residence		5-16-16	2016
<i>Luna Moth</i>	Activity Bldg	Vegetation near light pole	5-13-16	2016

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<i>Broad winged Hawk</i>	Roadway to Office	Hunting	5-10-16	2016
<i>Summer Tanager</i>	Office/Activity Bldg	Feeding	5-8-16	2016
<i>E Wood Pee Wee</i>	Dogwood Trail	Calling	5-8-16	2016
<i>17 yr Cicada</i>	Activity Bldg	Emerging from ground	5-6-16	2016
<i>G. Crested Flycatcher</i>	Pioneer Shelter	Calling	5-1-16	2016
<i>Black throated Green Warbler</i>	Dogwood	Singing	4-29-16	2016
<i>Eastern Box Turtle</i>	Black Cherry	Eating	4-28-16	2016
<i>Yellow throated Warbler</i>	Black Cherry	Singing	4-28-16	2016
<i>Yellow Warbler</i>	Black Cherry	Singing	4-28-16	2016
<i>Hooded Warbler</i>	Black Cherry	Singing	4-28-16	2016
<i>Oven Bird</i>	Black Cherry	Singing	4-28-16	2016
<i>Blue headed Vireo</i>	Black Cherry	Singing	4-28-16	2016
<i>Northern Parula</i>	Burr Smith			2016
<i>Morels</i>	Black Cherry Trail	Not many; poor conditions	4-24-16	2016
<i>Wood Thrush</i>	Burr Smith Trail	Singing	4-24-16	2016
<i>Oven Bird</i>	Fawn Trail	Singing	4-17-16	2016
<i>Blue Gray Gnatcatcher</i>	Dogwood Trail	Feeding	4-15-16	2016
<i>Yellow throated Warbler</i>	Historical Area	Singing	4-9-16	2016
<i>Yellow throated Warbler</i>	Maintenance Shop	Singing probably same male that was recorded 3-31-16	4-4-16	2016
<i>Yellow throated Warbler</i>	Maintenance Shop	Only 1 bird calling; probably more cold weather on the way	3-31-16	2016

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<i>Rufous sided Towhee</i>	Activity Building	Bird feeder	3-26-16	2016
<i>Eastern Phoebe</i>	Throughout the park	Calling	3-14-2016	2016
<i>Louisiana Waterthrush</i>	Duck Creek	Calling	3-14-2016	2016
<i>American Woodcock</i>	Historical Area	Feeding	3-14-2016	2016
<i>Junco's</i>	R Hershey	Feeding	3-3-2016	2016
<i>Wood Frog</i>	Activity Building Area	Calling	3-1-2016	2016
<i>Brown Creeper</i>	Burr Smith	Feeding	2-28-16	2016
<i>Spring Peepers</i>	Act. Building	Wet Area	2-20-16	2016
<i>Brown Creeper</i>	Activity Building Parking Lot	Bird Fedded	2-17-16	2016
<i>Ravens</i>	Throughout	Flying	Everyday	2016
<i>Rabbit, Coyote, Raccoon</i>	Hershey Trail	Track in snow	2-17-16	2016
<i>Robins</i>	Historical area	Over 100 birds feeding; most Robins I've seen together in years	2-17-16	2016
<i>Bald Eagle</i>	Duck Creek Road	Hunting	2-16-16	2016
<i>White-throated Sparrow</i>	Throughout area		2-12-16	2016
<i>Red-tailed Hawk</i>	Duck Creek Road	Hunting	2-10-16	2016
<i>Red-shouldered Hawk</i>	Dogwood	Hunting	2-8-16	2016
<i>White-throated Sparrow</i>	Office/Activity building feeder	Feeding	1-29-16	2016
<i>Red shouldered Hawk</i>	Burr Smith Trail		1-28-16	2016
<i>Sharp-shinned Hawk</i>	Office/Activity building	Hunting at the bird feeder	1-28-16	2016
<i>Flock of Easter Meadowlarks</i>	Duck Creek Road	Feeding	1-25-16	2016

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<i>Juvenile Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</i>	Office/Activity building feeder		1-15-16	2016
<i>Coopers Hawk</i>	Duck Creek Road	Hunting	1-9-16	2016
<i>Snowy Owls</i>	None sighted this January			
<i>Snow Buntings</i>	None sighted this January			
<i>Slimy Salamander</i>	Residence		12-24-15	2015
<i>Salamander Sp (orange</i>	Duck Creek Pond		12-23-15	2015
<i>Ravens</i>	Throughout	Feed and flying deer kills	11-23-15	2015
<i>Robins</i>	All over the park	Feeding	Almost everyday	2015
<i>Red-shouldered hawk</i>	Barn Yard Trail	Hunting	11-12-15	2015
<i>Assassin Bug</i>	Duck Creek Loop	Hiding in vegetation	11-9-15	2015
<i>Robins and Bluebirds</i>	Activity Building Area	Feeding	11-8-15	2015
<i>Coyotes</i>	Burr Smith Trail	Calling 4:00 a.m.	11-8-15	2015
<i>Juncos</i>	Activity Building (bird feeders)		11-7-15	2015
<i>Cooper's Hawk</i>	Dogwood Trail	Squirrel hunting	11-5-15	2015
<i>Blue Birds and Yellow-rumped Warbler</i>	Duck Creek, near Smith home	Flocked together	10-27-15	2015
<i>Cooper Hawks</i>	Activity Bldg Area	Attempted mobbing by crows	10-19-15	2015
<i>Monarch</i>	Duck Creek Road	Flying very slow	10-15-15	2015
<i>Mole</i>		Traveling in daylight out in the open	10-15-15	2015
<i>Katydid</i>		Dying off for the seasons	10-8-15	2015
<i>Juvenile Black Snake</i>	Residence		10-8-15	2015
<i>Black Snake</i>	Activity Building	Sunning	10-6-15	2015

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<i>Elegant Stinkhorn</i>	Historical Area	(Mushroom)	9-27-15	2015
<i>Red-shouldered Hawk</i>	Activity Building	Flying	9-19-15	2015
<i>Coyote</i>	White Oak Trail	Very strange call . . almost Bigfoot like	9-15-15	2015
<i>Crow</i>	Maintenance shop and pines	Making owl like calls	9-8-15	2015
<i>Katydid and Tree Crickets</i>	Throughout	Singing	9-3-15	2015
<i>Eastern Box Turtle</i>	Historical area	Face covered with what appeared to be a mushroom	9-2-15	2015
<i>Spring Peeper and Wood Frogs</i>	Near Activity Building	Moving . . . it was raining	9-2-15	2015
<i>Praying Mantis</i>	Duck Creek Rd	6 individuals seen while weedeating	9-1-15	2015
<i>Acadian Flycatcher</i>	Residence	A very young bird that fell out of nest	8-29-15	2015
<i>Black-throated Green Warbler</i>	Duck Creek Loop	Feeding with Chickadees, Downy Woodpecker, Titmouse, Reported by local birders	8-24-15	2015
<i>Acadian Flycatchers</i>	Activity Building	Flying/ feeding	8-24-15	2015
<i>Coyote</i>	Historical Areas	Calling	8-23-15	2015
<i>Garter snake</i>	Hershey Trail	In Autumn Olived	8-17-15	2015
<i>Copper Head Snake</i>	Dogwood		8-15-15	2015
<i>Red-spotted Newt</i>	Scales House		8-10-15	2015
<i>8 Point Buck</i>	Entrance sign	Feeding	8-6-15	2015
<i>Cicada Killer</i>	Smith Home	This specie of bee is commonly seen during Cicada hatches. Cicada 3 and 7 year and the Jar Fly are its prey	7-25-15	2015
<i>Skunks</i>	Throughout	Digging underneath trees for grubs	7-18-15	2015

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<i>Barn Swallow</i>	Museum	2 nd nest	7-14-15	2015
<i>Honey Bee</i>	Barnyard	Heard buzzing in tree tops note sure if swarming or bee tree	7-7-15	2015
<i>Red-shouldered Hawk Juveniles</i>	Throughout	See daily 7/5 – 7/18	7-5-15	2015
<i>Cicada sp</i>	Throughout	Small hatching 7/5-7/18	7-5-15	2015
<i>Yellowbilled Cuckoo</i>	Activity Building	Callin in full moon light	7-3-15	2015
<i>Yellow Poplar Weevil</i>	Throughout	Browning of Yellow Poplars. Never seen anything this bad	7-1-15	2015
Red shouldered Hawks	Seen every day, all over park		6-30-15	2015
Milkweed and Butterfly Weed	Roads/pond		6-30-15	2015
Gray Fox	6pm – residence	Hunting. Den above barn on Hidden Valley Rd	6-26-15	2015
Wood Thrush and Robin		Nests less than 20ft from the other	6-19-15	2015
Squaw Root	Pioneer Shelter		6-14-15	2015
Indian Pipe	Pioneer Shelter		6-14-15	2015
Eastern Box Turtle	Scales House		6-13-15	2015
Milkweed	Throughout	Growing well	6-8-15	2015
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Oak Ridge	Calling	6-7-15	2015
Wood Thrush	Activity Building	Calling	6-7-15	2015
Towhee	Pioneer Picnic Area	Nest	6-7-15	2015
Black Snake	Activity Building	Laying in the sun	6-7-15	2015
Young groundhogs	Entrance Pioneer Shelter/Historical Area		6-2-15	2015
Snapping Turtle	Near Activity Building	Laying eggs	6-1-15	2015

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Fawn	Pasture		5/30/2015	2015
Tree Frogs	All over	Mating Calls	5/29/2015	2015
Coyotes	Burr Smith	Calling-maybe pup	5/29/2015	2015
Barred Owl	Burr Smith	Monkey call	5/29/2015	2015
Wood Thrush nest		Near Blue Jay Nest	5/25/2015	2015
Red shouldered Hawk	Activity Building	Mobbed by Crows	5/17/2015	2015
Red shouldered Hawk	Activity Building	Juvenile	5-15-2015	2015
Blue Jay Nest	Scales House		5-11-2015	2015
Yellow throated warbler			5-9-2015	2015
Ovenbird			5-9-2015	2015
Louisiana Waterthrush			5-9-2015	2015
Baltimore Oriole			5-9-2015	2015
Northern Parula	Duck Creek Loop	Singing	5/6/2015	2015
Blue-winged Warbler	Dogwood	Singing	5/5/2015	2015
White Breasted Nuthatch	Activity Building Area	Mating display	5/4/2015	2015
Indigo Bunting	Pond Area	Singing	5/3/2015	2015
N. Parula	Burr Smith	singing	4-27-15	2015
Broad winged Hawk	Activity Bldg parking lot	flying	4-24-15	2015
Scarlet Tanager	Barn Yard	foraging	4-20-15	2015
Apple Trees	Hershey Single Track	Flowering (4/20-25/2015)	4-20-15	2015
Wood Thrush	Duck Creek Loop Trail	singing	4-18-15	2015

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Red Fox	Oak Ridge Shelter	hunting	4-18-15	2015
Black throated Green Warbler	Activity Building	singing	4-18-15	2015
Blue Bird	Field near main entrance	1 egg in nest box, flood probably scared bird away	4-11-15	2015
Yellow Throated Warbler	Maintenance shop	Singing (late returning)	4-7-15	2015
Brown Creeper	Barn Yard	singing	4-6-15	2015
Spring Peepers	Dog Wood	calling	4-1-15	2015
Spring Cress	Throughout		4-1-15	2015
L. Waterthrush	Burr Smith Trail	calling	4-1-15	2015
Golden Ragwort	Scales House	sprouting	4-1-15	2015
E. Towee	Burr Smith	calling	4-1-15	2015
E. Phoebe	Smith Home	calling	3-31-15	2015
Robins!!!!	everywhere		3-24-15	2015
Woodcock	????????? (missing)	No calling, No sign. 3 years ago they were plentiful.	3-16-15	2015
Spring Peppers, Wood Frog	Dogwood Trail	calling	3-14-15	2015
Barred Owl	Burr Smith Trail	calling	3-14-15	2015
Coyotes	Dogwood/Barnyard Trail	howling	3-13-15	2015
Large Red tailed Hawk	Activity Bldg		3-12-15	2015
Honey Bee	Residence		3-10-15	2015
Lots of singing birds			3-9-15	2015
Golden Crowned Kinglet	Dogwood	feeding	3-2-15	2015
3 Ravens	Dogwood and Barn yard trail intersection	Flying, rattling calls	2-22-15	2015
Robin	Activity Bldg	Parking lot	2-21-15	2015
"Baby August" White tailed Deer	Residence /Activity Building area	Young deer born in late August still hanging in there. Still very small one- tough critter	2-20-15	2015

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Large Hawk	Near log barn and pine patch	Could not identify, not Red-tailed or Red shouldered, possibly Coopers	2-18-15	2015
Sharp shinned Hawk	residence	On the hunt	2-17-15	2015
Coyotes	Black Cherry Trail	Calling a little after 6pm	2-8-15	2015
Bluebird, Mourning Dove and Red Shouldered Hawks	Throughout the park	Singing /calling	2-8-15	2015
Hunter Moon, Hunger Moon or Cow Moon	Beautiful at night. Ancestors/settlers often worked or hunted on nights like this		2-4-15	2015
Hunter Moon, Hunger Moon or Cow Moon	Beautiful at night. Ancestors/settlers often worked or hunted on nights like this		2-3-15	2015
Red Tailed and Red shouldered Hawks	Throughout the park	Storm coming in, on the hunt	2-1-15	2015
Saw <u>all</u> WV species of Woodpeckers except for Red Headed	Trees outside office/Activity Building	Break between snows	1-30-15	2015
E. Chipmunk	Dog Wood Trail	Should be hibernating, cold day	1-22-15	2015
Ravens	Activity Building	Feeding on dead deer, conking calls	1-20-15	2015
E. Phoebe	Smith Home	COLD!!	1-16-15	2015