



The New River Flows – Giving Voice and Expression to Long-term Transformation

A contextual program of Emerging Ecology

October 1-3, 2021

A weekend along the New River and its Gorge in
New River Gorge National Park, WV

Touch the Past, Encounter the Present, Enliven the Future				
Schedule of Events				
October 1	Saturday, October 2			Sunday, October 3
7:30 – 9:00 pm	10:00 am – 12:00	12:00 – 6:00 pm	7:30 – 9:00 pm	9:00 am – noon
Gather at Days Inn by Wyndham in Mt. Hope (presentation by Steven Powell and Nelson Stover)	Explore the New River Gorge National Park and environs	Travel and lunch Visit other parts of the New River Gorge	Creating Expressions of Natural Wisdom Gather around a campfire near Mt. Hope, WV	Sharing Motivating Songs, Images and Stories Gather at Days Inn by Wyndham in Mt. Hope

The New River was flowing on the eastern shores of the early North American Continent before the uplifting and folding which formed the Appalachian Mountains. To this day, the New River, which begins on the eastern slopes of the mountains in North Carolina flows through the New River Gorge where it eventually meets the Ohio River and heads to the Gulf of Mexico. This weekend trip, sponsored by Emerging Ecology, provides a way to directly experience the river and mountains and to reflect on the emerging Universe in which we all live and thrive. Saturday evening and Sunday morning will be dedicated to creating our own versions of stories that recount the past and point to the human role in joining with the rocks and rivers to create the future in which the human and the non-human realms both flourish.



On Friday evening, we will be briefed by Steven Powell, an Emerging Ecology board member and a trained geologist with a passion for rocks. He will help us understand their stories in ways that evoke imagination for the future. We will also have opportunities to meet with US National Park rangers. On Saturday, individuals will choose among a variety of options for how they want to experience the river, the mountains and the gorge.

This outing is being organized by Emerging Ecology as a part of its contextual program series. By walking through the ancient rock formations, participants will encounter the world as it was before humans trod over the hills. During the evenings, the group will work together to give voice to the rocks, the river, and the trees. These epic narratives will enliven the present planetary issues and help point the way into a future fostering mutually enhancing relationships between people and Planet.

The registration fee for this trip is \$30 (scholarships will be considered upon request). The fee includes workshop expenses and materials. Each person will be responsible for their own food, lodging and travel. Carpooling will be coordinated as needed. For additional information, or to register, visit the Emerging Ecology website (www.EmergingEcology.org/reimagining) or contact Nelson Stover (NStover@EmergingEcology.org).

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Practical Details

River exploration: Individuals will have opportunities to choose among a variety of guided or unguided ways to explore the New River and the gorge it has created. Choices will vary from hiking to white water rafting to driving (or walking) across the New River Gorge Bridge. People may also explore the history of coal mining in the area or trace the impact of the gorge on the human civilization in the area.

Creativity workshops: After visiting the New River Gorge, the group will gather on Saturday evening and Sunday morning to create poems, prose and songs to give voice to the rocks and rivers. Nelson Stover will guide the process. Rudy Gordh will assist with musical accompaniment where needed.

Workshop facilities: The songwriting and story creation workshop on Sunday morning will be held at the Days Inn by Wyndham in Mt. Hope, West Virginia. Saturday evening, we will gather around a campfire in a nearby campground.

Weekend cost: The registration fee for the weekend is \$30 (scholarships for registration and lodging may be available on request). This covers workshop expenses and materials. Individuals are responsible for their meals, lodging and travel expenses.

Food arrangements: We will stop at local restaurants for lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. Each person will be responsible for their own food expenses. Breakfast is included in the room rates.

Overnight accommodations: Reservations have been made at the Days Inn by Wyndham in Mt. Hope, WV. Rooms with two twin beds cost \$151 for two nights. Emerging Ecology will make the bookings and people can pay for the rooms upon arrival. Cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance. People wishing to camp in either the National Park or the State Park may make their own arrangements.

Cell phone connectivity: During the trip Nelson will be contactable by cell phone at 336-609-2154. However, be advised that cell phone service in this area may be sporadic and/or non-existent.

Registration process: People wishing to attend this week-end program should contact Nelson Stover (NStover@EmergingEcology.org). Payment can be made in check or cash to Emerging Ecology, 5911 Western Trail, Greensboro, NC 27410. Electronic payments and registration can be completed on the Emerging Ecology website at: <http://www.emergingecology.org/reimagining>.

Additional information: For additional information, phone Nelson Stover at 336-605-0143 or visit the Emerging Ecology website (www.EmergingEcology.org/reimagining). The QR scan at the right will take you directly to the Emerging Ecology website to register for the event.



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