



## "Cheat Mountain Salamander"

Jul 2, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

The History of the Cheat Mountain Salamander" Tuesday, July 2 at 6:30 pm Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Chris Clower Room Dr. Tom Pauley has been studying amphibians and reptiles in West Virginia since 1966. His major research species in high elevations is the Cheat Mountain Salamander (*Plethodon nettingi*), surveying over 1,300 sites. A soon to be published paper on his 40-year career relating to this species will be published by the West Virginia Academy of Science. Dr. Pauley has also authored numerous other publications and notably co-authored "Amphibians and Reptiles in West Virginia", the only book on amphibians and reptiles in the state of West Virginia. In his long career as an educator, researcher, and professor, Dr. Pauley taught 21 years at Salem College (WV), and University of Pittsburgh (at Bradford, PA) before becoming a professor of biology at Marshall University from 1987 to 2013. At Marshall University, he was the major advising professor of 90 graduate students whose research dealt with amphibians and reptiles of West Virginia and Ohio. Dr. Tom Pauley presently holds the rank of Professor Emeritus at Marshall University.