

May 31—June 2, 2019
Blackwater Falls State Park



Mountain State Bird Discovery Weekend

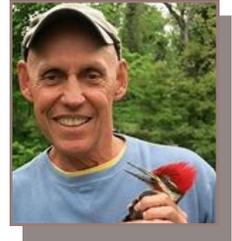
Blackwater Falls State Park is West Virginia's best birdwatching region.

Near Canaan Valley Resort State Park, Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Dolly Sods Wilderness Area and Otter Creek Wilderness Area, plan to attend this new nature event for designed for bird enthusiasts.

Led by birding expert, Bill Beatty of Wellsburg, W. Va., Mountain State Bird Discovery Weekend is designed for both advanced birders and beginning birders with opportunities to see and listen to birds in a variety of scenic mountain habitats.

There will be field trips on Saturday and Sunday, but limited to 30 people.

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Advanced registration is required. Space is limited. Fee includes activities. Meals for field trips optional. Please see form for registration info and fee.

FRIDAY—May 31, 2019

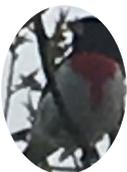
- 2:00 P.M. **REGISTRATION OPEN IN BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE**
- 3:00 P.M. **BIRDING ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP IN BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE.**
- 7:00 p.m. **SPARROWS OF WEST VIRGINIA** -- this program emphasizes identification and highlights the natural history of what some birders consider a difficult group to accurately identify. Meet Bill Beatty and naturalist Paulita Cousin in BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE .

SATURDAY—June 1, 2019

- 6:00 a.m. **Stuart Memorial--** Driving time to Stuart Memorial is approximately 1 hr. each way. This is a West Virginia high elevation specialties trip. Traditionally one of the most popular trips of the festival, it's a wonderful 10-mile drive through mixed hardwood and Red Spruce forests with elevations ranging between 2,500 -4,000 feet. Typically, 15-18 species of warbler are seen/heard which includes the possibility of Golden-winged Warbler and Mourning Warbler. Species which we should also see/hear at the highest elevations include Brown Creeper, Winter Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Swainson's Thrush and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Other species include Least Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, Red-breasted Nuthatch and Purple Finch. We will lunch near/on the observation deck at Bickle Knob which offers a stunning 360 degree panorama of the West Virginia mountains.
- 7:00 p.m. **Eastern Screech-owl Studies-** Bill Beatty studied this owl species for 28 years. Part of the research was early morning surveys in conjunction with the Wheeling, WV Christmas Bird Count which consistently had the highest EASOs numbers in North America. Highlights pertaining to trapping and breeding biology studies will be highlighted. Meet Bill Beatty and naturalist Paulita Cousin in BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE .
- 9:00 P.M. **Owl Prowl-** Join the park naturalist's at SLED RUN to listen for our resident owls. Easy walking.

SUNDAY—June 2, 2019

- 6:30 a.m. **Canaan Valley Field Trip** - areas we will visit include the wetlands of Freeland Trail, the open meadows, wood edges and deciduous forests of Forest Service Road 80, and the Red Spruce woods where the road ends on Dolly Sods. Many bird species will be heard and seen possibly including Bobolink, several sparrow species, Northern Harrier and American Kestrel in the lowlands; forest interior breeders such as Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Ovenbird and Hooded Warbler on the way up; and mountaintop species such as Blackburnian Warbler and Golden-crowned Kinglet at the top. Along the way we will listen for niche birds such as Canada Warbler, Winter Wren and several thrush species including the Swainson's Thrush.



Check Out Time for Lodge is 11:00 a.m. Cabins is 10:00 a.m.

All travel is by personal vehicle. Please, have adequate gasoline in your vehicle prior to departure time.

All tours depart from Blackwater Falls Lodge.

Pack layers of clothing and rain gear. Boots recommended.

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**Blackwater Falls State Park
1584 Blackwater Lodge Road
Davis WV 26260**

NAME: _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RESERVATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS for Mountain State Birding Weekend

NAME	ADDRESS

PAYMENT IN FULL MUST ACCOMPANY THIS RESERVATION FORM. CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO: BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK. CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED BY CALLING 304-259-5216. DEADLINE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS IS MAY 18 OR UNTIL SPACE IS FILLED IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR PRIOR TO MAY 18, 2019.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00 PER PARTICIPANT

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS _____ x \$40.00 = _____

BOX LUNCH-(SATURDAY ONLY) \$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT

HAM/AMERICAN _____ *TURKEY/SWISS* _____ *PB & J* _____

NUMBER OF BOX LUNCH _____ x \$10.00 = _____

GRAB N' GO BREAKFAST (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY): \$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT

NUMBER OF GRAB N' GO BREAKFAST- _____ X \$10.00 = _____

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE: _____