



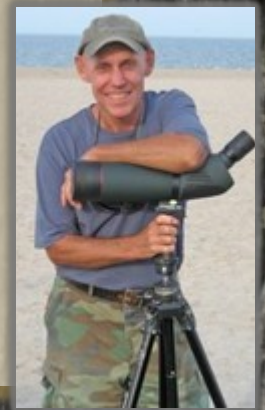
Mountain State Bird Discovery Weekend

The birding weekend for advanced and beginning birders!
Opportunities to see and listen to birds in scenic mountain habitats
with well-known naturalist/guide Bill Beatty [*Bill Beatty Nature*]
and Janice Runyan of Wellsburg WV.

Field trips may include Canaan Valley State Park, Canaan Valley Wildlife
Refuge, Dolly Sods and Otter Creek wilderness areas
and Blackwater Falls State Park.

Arguably West Virginia's best birdwatching region.

Programs presentations about raptors, thrushes and birding skills are
open to the public, *however, field trips are limited and fee based.*
\$40 per person.



Blackwater Falls State Park — June 3 - 5, 2022

www.blackwaterfalls.com

Advance registration for field trips is necessary. Please call 304-259-5216

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Fee includes activities. Please see form for registration info and fee.

FRIDAY—June 3, 2022

2:00 P.M. REGISTRATION OPEN IN BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE

3:00 P.M. BIRDING ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP - Birding is one of those special activities that can be enjoyed by anyone at any skill level. Whether you are an experienced birder or a beginner, this class will help you expand and improve your birding abilities.

We will explore appearance, behavior, location, sound, equipment and other topics. These insights and techniques will help you expand your birding skills and enjoyment.

7:00 p.m. THRUSHES OF WEST VIRGINIA—Learn the identification, by sight and sound, of this sometimes difficult bird group. The thrushes are among the most amazing songsters of all the North American birds. West Virginia has the highest average elevation of any state east of the Mississippi River allowing us to be the nesting home of several of these special birds.

SATURDAY—June 4, 2022

Field Trip—6:00 a.m.

Olson Fire Tower/Fernow Experimental Forest Field Trip

A host of warblers can be expected at the two outstanding areas we will visit on this field trip, including: Northern Parula, Black-throated Green, Bland and White, Black-throated Blue, Magnolia, Yellow-rumped, Canada, Chestnut-sided, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, Louisiana Waterthrush and Ovenbird. Also possible are Northern Waterthrush, Mourning Warbler and several others. Expect to hear the beautiful songs of the Wood Thrush, Hermit Thrush and Veery, as well as, many other birds.

7:00 p.m. Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia in Blackwater Falls Lodge. The Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia's mission is to conserve our region's wild birds through research, education, and rehabilitation. This interactive presentation, featuring several live, non-releasable birds. We will discuss the important role birds play in healthy ecosystems as well as the natural histories of the educational birds. Bring your cameras and questions!

SUNDAY—June 5, 2022

Field Trip—6:30 a.m.

Canaan Loop Road Field Trip

A high elevation road atop Canaan Mountain. Expect to stop along the road and take short walks as we explore the many interesting habitats the road travels through. Several trails transect the road and we will explore short sections of these trails. Many interesting high elevation plants and some that are unique to wetlands can be seen. A wide variety of birds can be expected along this road. In past trips we have seen or heard Swainson's Thrush, Northern Waterthrush, Red Crossbill, Winter Wren, Mourning Warbler and other bird species. This is an out and back trip.

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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 Bird Discovery

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 = _____

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE: _____

All travel is by personal vehicle. Please, make sure you have enough gas prior to departure time and bring a packed lunch.