

BIRD WATCHING AREAS

Monongahela National Forest Area

Area	Location	Featured Species
Dolly Sods Recreation Area	Off Route 28, west of Petersburg Grant/Tucker Counties	Migrating raptors, high-elevation warblers, thrushes, fall banding station
Smokehole Recreation Area	Off Route 28, 7 miles south of Petersburg	Bald eagles, kingfishers, sandpipers, osprey, field birds
Cranberry Glades Botanical Area	Routes 150 & 55, west of Marlinton, Pocahontas County	Flycatchers, northern warblers (check at visitors center)
Gaudineer Knob Recreation Area	Route 250 near Cheat Bridge, Randolph County	High elevation warblers, thrushes, vireos, grosbeaks
Mower Tract	U.S. Forest Service Road 92 south from Route 250, near Cheat Bridge	Sparrows, field birds, raptors (harriers), northern warblers,
Odey Bog	Back Mountain Road, near Durbin, Pocahontas County	High elevation warblers, flycatchers
Fernow Experimental Forest	Off Route 219, Parsons, Tucker County	Wood warblers, thrushes, early successional species including mourning and golden-winged warblers
Big Run Bog	Off Route 219, 5 miles north of Parsons	Waterfowl, flycatchers, northern species
Canaan Valley State Park	Route 32 south of Davis, Tucker County	Flycatchers, Nashville warblers, field birds, raptors (check with naturalist at Nature Center for specifics)
Blackwater Falls State Park	Route 32, Davis	Northern warblers, thrushes, vireos, woodcock
Mill Creek Municipal Ponds	Back Road, off Route. 219, Mill Creek, Randolph County	Waterfowl, wading birds

Northern West Virginia

Area	Location	Featured Species
Northern Panhandle		
Ogleby Park	Route 88, just outside Wheeling	Good representation of wintering waterfowl and land birds
Hillcrest Wildlife Management Area	Route 8, north of Weirton	Ring-necked pheasants, sparrows, field species, winter raptors
North/Central		
WV University Arboretum	WVU Campus, Morgantown	Spring and fall warblers, winter waterfowl
Tygart Lake S.P./Pleasant Creek WMA	Route 119 near Grafton, Taylor County	Night herons, wading birds, other waterfowl, woodland spp.
Valley Falls State Park	Route 310 north of Grafton	Mature woodland species
Cranesville Swamp, TNC Preserve	Cranesville (near Oakland, MD), Preston County	Flycatchers, northern breeders, wetland associates

Eastern Panhandle

Area	Location	Featured Species
Altona Piedmont Marsh, TNC Preserve	Route 51 near Charles Town, Jefferson County	Many interesting marsh species
Shannondale Springs WMA	Route 9 southeast of Charles Town	Spring warblers, winter waterfowl
Shenandoah River	Route 9, Route 340, Eastern Jefferson County	Fall through Spring waterfowl and associated species
Sleepy Creek WMA	South of Route 9, Jefferson and Berkeley Counties	Spring and fall migrations, winter waterfowl, osprey, woodland birds--tanagers, cuckoos, etc.
Short Mountain WMA	Off Route 29, Hampshire County	Wetland species, late spring breeders

Central West Virginia/Ohio River

Area	Location	Featured Species
Central Counties		
Jackson's Mill 4-H State Camp	Off Route 19, north of Weston, Lewis County, exit 105 or 99 off I-79	Warblers, woodpeckers, owls, thrushes, orioles, tanagers Bobolinks, sparrows, meadowlarks, raptors, waterfowl
Stonecoal Lake WMA	Off Route 33, west of Buckhannon, in Upshur/Lewis Counties	Ducks, wading birds, gulls, sparrows, meadowlarks, blackbirds, killdeer, bluebirds
Stonewall Jackson Lake S.P./WMA	Off I-79, south of Weston, Lewis County	Waterfowl, osprey, field and scrub species
North Bend State Park	Off US 50 near Harrisville, Richie County	Cerulean and other lowland warblers
Cedar Creek State Park	Route 33, Glenville, Gilmer County	Cerulean and other lowland warblers
Calhoun County Park	Route 5 & 16, Grantsville, Calhoun County	Cerulean and other lowland warblers
Stumptown WMA	Route 33, Stumptown, Gilmer County	Cerulean and other lowland warblers
Wallback WMA	Off I-79, Roane and Clay Counties	Wood Warblers, sparrows, grassland species
Sutton Lake/Elk River WMA	Off I-79, East of Sutton, Braxton County	Raptors, turkey, bluebirds, tanagers, waterfowl, herons, orioles, thrushes, warblers and other woodland species. Also indigo buntings, kinglets, woodpeckers, common loon and bald eagles.
Ohio River Corridor		
Byrd Locks (Gallipolis Locks & Dam)	Route 2, Gallipolis Ferry, Mason County	Bank swallows, waterfowl, pipits, sparrows other field spp.
Greenbottom WMA	Route 2, Greenbottom, Cabell County	Shorebirds, waterfowl, flycatchers, tree swallows, prothonotary warblers, blue grosbeaks, harriers
Clifton F. McClintic WMA	Route 2, near Point Pleasant, Mason County	Waterfowl, rails, bitterns, prothonotary warblers; winter: Palm warblers, savannah and swamp sparrows
Mountwood Park	East of Parkersburg	Wood warblers, other forest species

Southern West Virginia

Area	Location	Featured Species
<i>Near Charleston</i>		
Coonskin Park (outside the city of Charleston)	Off Route 114, near Charleston airport	Bufflehead, osprey flycatchers, swallows, woodpeckers, kinglets, vireos, 30 warbler spp., tanagers, thrushes, orioles
Kanawha State Forest	Off Route 119, 4 miles south of Charleston	"Warbler waves," red-shouldered hawks, thrushes, Acadian flycatchers, redstarts, cerulean and hooded warblers
Kanawha Falls Area	Route 60 near Glen Ferris, Fayette County	Seasonal waterfowl (mergansers, buffleheads, goldeneye, mallards), several species of swallows
<i>New River Gorge Area (visitor center located near New River Bridge)</i>		
Bluestone Lake/WMA	Route 20 near Hinton, Summers County	Turkeys, sandpipers, herons, waterfowl, osprey (winter)
Hanging Rock Raptor Observatory	Off County Route 15 near Waiteville, Monroe County	Migrating raptors (spring/fall) For more information go to www.hangingrocktower.org
Sandstone Falls	New River Gorge, north of Hinton	Waterfowl, vireos, tanagers; kinglets, purple finches, red-breasted nuthatches during migrations
Pipestem State Park	Off Route 20, Pipestem, Summers County	Wood warblers, thrushes, buntings, vireos, ravens, hawks; winter: nuthatches, kinglets (map available at visitor ctr.)
<i>Southern Coal Region</i>		
Glenwood Park	Route 20, south of Princeton, Mercer County	Migrating gulls, terns, sandpipers, spring warblers
Camp Creek State Park	Off I-77, Camp Creek, Mercer County	Woodland birds: warblers, thrushes, tanagers
East River Mountain Hawk Watch Area	Off Route 460, WV/VA, line, Mercer County	Migrating raptors
R.D. Bailey Lake, Reservation	Route 32, Justice, Mingo and Wyoming Counties	Most field, woodland and waterfowl species