

Virginia's Warbler Road: May 5-7, 2023

Itinerary

Friday May 5th

Dinner and meeting at the hotel. If we arrive early, we can go to one of the local parks for a leisurely bird walk. At dinner we will go over the plans for our warbler-filled weekend here in the Mountains. Night near Troutville.

Saturday May 6th

This morning we will head up early into the Blue Ridge. Our destination is one of the finest migration spots in our Mountains, Warbler Road. We'll work from the highest point on the Virginia section of the Parkway along quiet Forest Service roads through a variety of habitats. Reaching the James River Valley, we'll search waterside thickets for orioles, vireos, and flycatchers, then enjoy farm country for open habitat birds. Once all the birding slows down we will head back to Troutville where we will tally the day's list while enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. Night near Troutville.

Sunday May 7th

Today we will start lower in elevation and hit one of the area's best birding hotspots and migrant traps. This maze of forest, open fields, marsh, ponds, and wet thickets can be incredible on a good day. We will then head up once again to the Parkway to enjoy the sights and sounds, enjoy a picnic lunch, and depart once the birding slows in mid-afternoon.

This Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and the birds!