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Cutline: *The tiny cerulean warbler stands out in any forest. (Natural Resource Conservation Service/USDA photo)*

HIKE EVENT: A walk in woods that work for warblers

A cerulean warbler weighs as much as a paperclip. Lately, the tiny yet mighty warblers have been flying more than 4,000 miles from the Andes Mountains, destined for the Pocono forest.

On Saturday, May 18, Brodhead Watershed Association will host a guided hike to show interested bird lovers where to welcome the springtime arrivals.

In a large Special Management Area in Delaware State Forest, the trees are managed for the benefit of cerulean and other warblers. Dr. Jeff Larkin, an expert on forest bird ecology, will lead a hike through the area and explain why the birds call this place their summer home.

On one side of the trail, the woods are tall and dense with saplings and older trees. Far below, beavers have dammed an unnamed creek to form a gleaming pond. On the other side, the woods are open and sunlit. There is a scattering of mature trees and a rich new undergrowth of blackberry and shrubby regrowth sprouting from the stumps of felled oaks, against the backdrop of high rock bluff.

Perfect warbler habitat. And perfect for a springtime Saturday morning hike.

IF YOU GO

Dr. Jeff Larkin will lead a walk-and-talk through warbler habitat in Delaware State Forest.

WHEN: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 18, 2019

WHERE: Delaware State Forest. Register for directions.

NOTE: This hike takes place during spring gobbler/turkey season. Wear orange.

COST: Free; registration is required.

INFORMATION: Call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727; email info@brodheadwatershed.org. For information about this and other hikes in the free Get Outdoors Poconos series, go to brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos. The hike series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.

