

## Lewis Fork Overlook

**Location:** Milepost 270.2 on the Blue Ridge Parkway  
(GPS 36.262110, -81.440482)

### Species of Interest

#### Spring/Summer

Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Wood Thrush
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Blackburnian Warbler
Downy Woodpecker	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Hairy Woodpecker	Cerulean Warbler
Northern Flicker	Black-throated Green Warbler
Pileated Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler
Eastern Wood-Pewee	American Redstart
Acadian Flycatcher	Worm-eating Warbler
Eastern Phoebe	Kentucky Warbler
Red-eyed Vireo	Ovenbird
Yellow-throated Vireo	Hooded Warbler
Blue-headed Vireo	Scarlet Tanager
Common Raven	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
White-breasted Nuthatch	

#### Migration

Great-crested Flycatcher	Pine Warbler
Tennessee Warbler	Blackpoll Warbler
Magnolia Warbler	Bay-breasted Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Louisiana Waterthrush

**Species List:** <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1158095>

**eBird Bar Chart:** <https://ebird.org/barchart?r=L1158095&yr=all&m=>

**Habitats:** northern hardwood/cove forest

**Access and Parking** open year-round, weather permitting

**Parking:** space for about 15 cars in paved lot; parking allowed along the Parkway if car is pulled completely off the road

**Drinking water:** no

**Restrooms:** no, but available 2 miles south at Jeffress Park

**Accessibility:** birding from the parking lot is accessible and can be quite good, and it is possible to walk along the parkway, which is not too steep at this point

## **Site Description**

**Property ownership:** owned and managed by the National Park Service as part of the Blue Ridge Parkway

**Likely spots for species of interest:** this stretch of the Parkway excellent for warblers in spring and summer; may find Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanagers and several species of vireos and woodpeckers; can walk .3 mile north from the overlook along the Parkway to a large rock escarpment at Milepost 270.5 where Cerulean Warblers have been reported

## **Special Considerations**

Traffic may be issue, especially on weekends; the Parkway also popular with cyclists - and you don't always hear them coming!

**Directions:** from Boone head east on US 421 S 9.5 miles. Take exit onto the Blue Ridge Parkway and travel north for 6.8 miles to the overlook