

# EAST HARBOR STATE PARK

**YOU DRIVE / WE LEAD**

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.



*Blackburnian Warbler*



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# Location Information

## About

East Harbor State Park is the largest park in the Catawba Island / Marblehead Peninsula area. This vast park offers diverse habitat, attracting a great diversity in spring. From dense forested areas to lakefront beaches and rocky islands, you never know what you could find here. The trail running parallel to the coast provides excellent habitat for migrant songbirds and vantage points for lakefront birds.

## Accessibility

This You Drive / We Lead trip will spend the entire duration away from the vehicles. A standard-size portable restroom is located in the parking lot near the meeting location. The birding in the parking lot and nearby trail provides great diversity of migrants. In this trip, the group will stick to that area. Birding in the parking lot is on a paved surface. The flat, out-and-back trail running parallel to the lake is well-packed crushed stone with some side trails being grassy. There are stretches of this trip that will include open areas with little to no shade. Depending on the weather, plan for potentially windy conditions being right along the lakefront.



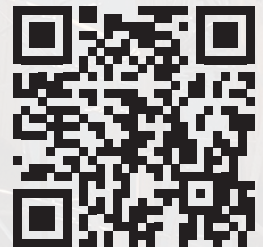
*Red-eyed Vireo*



*Black-throated Blue  
Warbler*

## You Drive / We Lead Information

This is a meet-on-site field trip. You will meet your guide in the parking lot of East Harbor State Park. GPS coordinates and a QR code to scan for directions are listed here. You will meet in the parking lot located at the end of the park, past the Middle and East Harbors. When entering the park, follow signs for the beach until you pass Middle Harbor on your left. Keep right after that towards the meeting location. Once you arrive in the parking lot, look for the Biggest Week in American Birding "Event Site" sign. Field trip leaders will be wearing golden guide caps.



41.5515, -82.7992

**SCAN QR CODE  
FOR DIRECTIONS**

# Birding Information

## Target Species

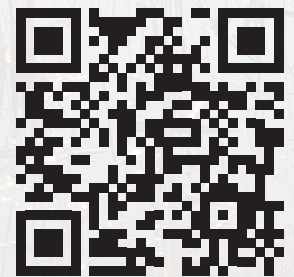
East Harbor State Park's location and habitat provide great opportunities for diverse bird lists. The meeting site allows the group to bird the lakefront, wooded trails, and Middle Harbor. In spring, the parking lot area and nearby trails should have great diversity of warblers, vireos, sparrows, flycatchers, and more. Along the lakefront, Caspian, Common, and Forster's Terns should be passing by along with Ring-billed, Herring, and Bonaparte's Gulls. American White Pelicans can also be seen cruising by overhead. In the area around Middle Harbor, Baltimore Orioles should be singing from the trees lining the road. Depending on the timing, the Middle Harbor could still be holding a number of species of waterfowl that use the area for staging in April. Check for diving duck species such as Greater and Lesser Scaup, Canvasback, and Redhead along with the more common dabbling duck species that may breed in the area.



*Ovenbird*

## eBird Protocol

Your field trip leaders are responsible for eBirding all of The Biggest Week In American Birding field trips. They will be keeping lists during the day for all sites visited. These will become available for participants to add to their eBird accounts. Please be patient as our dedicated festival volunteers sort the checklists that are being submitted and upload them to The Biggest Week In American Birding website. Please allow a few days for this process to take place. You can check the status of your eBird lists by visiting [biggestweekinamericanbirding.com](http://biggestweekinamericanbirding.com) and clicking "*Festival Schedule*" in the top menu and selecting "*Field Trips*" and then "*eBird Checklists*" from the dropdown menu. Select the day of your field trip from our menu, and look for the trip you attended. There you will find all of the links to the different eBird lists submitted by your field trip leader.



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eBird Page

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# East Harbor State Park Hotspot Map



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**MEET HERE**