



Birds of Edgar Evins State Park

1630 Edgar Evins State Park Road, Silver Point, TN 38582 / 800-250-8619

The largely forested 6,000 acre Edgar Evins State Park is located on the shores of Center Hill Lake in the steep, hilly Eastern Highland Rim. Wildlife is abundant at nearly any time of the year. Visitors may find at least three species of owl, bald eagles, as well as many forest songbird species including wood thrush and eastern wood-pewee. The cerulean warbler, a summer resident of the park's mixed hardwood forests is uncommon across most of Tennessee but is a common breeder at this park. The best opportunity for viewing this canopy top species is from the observation tower at the visitor's center. The park has cabins and camping. Fishing, boating, hiking and wildlife watching are popular activities.



cerulean warbler

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Responsible Birding

- Do not endanger the welfare of birds.
- Tread lightly and respect bird habitat.
- Silence is golden.
- Do not use electronic sound devices to attract birds during nesting season, May-July.
- Take extra care when in a nesting area.
- Always respect the law and the rights of others, violators subject to prosecution.
- Do not trespass on private property.
- Avoid pointing your binoculars at other people or their homes.
- Limit group sizes in areas that are not conducive to large crowds.

Helpful Links

Tennessee Birding Trails
www.tnbirdingtrail.org
Field Checklist of Tennessee Birds
www.tnwatchablewildlife.org
eBird Hotspots and Sightings
www.ebird.org
Tennessee Ornithological Society
www.tnbirds.org
Tennessee State Parks Birding
www.tnstateparks.com/activities/birding



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Additional Nearby State Park Birding Opportunities

Burgess Falls – Day Use - Trails, Picnic Shelter - Sparta, TN 38583 / 931-432-5312
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/burgess-falls

Fall Creek Falls – Inn, Cabins, Campground, Restaurant - Spencer, TN 38585 / 800-250-8611
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/fall-creek-falls

Rock Island – Cabins, Campground - Rock Island, TN 38581 / 800-713-6065
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/rock-island

Standing Stone – Cabins, Campground - Hilham, TN 38053 / 800-713-5157
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/standing-stone

Birding Locations In and Around Edgar Evins State Park

A hiking trail map and checklist to the Birds of Edgar Evins State Park are available at the park.

Visitor Center/Highland Rim Loop Trail: 36.08746, -85.81267 – 2 Miles – Natural Surface
Moderate-Strenuous - Spring-Summer-Fall The observation tower provides views of the park's steep terrain and hardwood forest. The trail winds from hilltop through cove forest to lakeshore.

Featured birds: cerulean, hooded, Kentucky, worm-eating, prothonotary, bay-breasted, Tennessee, and Cape May warblers, Louisiana waterthrush, red-bellied woodpecker, barred owl, scarlet and summer tanagers, white-breasted nuthatch, wood thrush, Acadian flycatcher.

Park Road from Visitor Center: .5 Miles – Paved/Grass Surface - Easy - Spring-Summer-Fall

The roadside between the visitor center and marina road intersection runs along a ridge, affording ground to treetop level views of resident and migrant songbirds and occasional raptors, especially during migration.

Featured birds: red-eyed and yellow-throated vireos, blackpoll and Nashville warblers, yellow-bellied sapsucker, rose-breasted grosbeak, red-tailed, red-shouldered, and broad-winged hawks, Carolina wren, pileated woodpecker, barred owl.

Millennium Trail: 36.07796, -85.82307 - 2.5 Miles - Natural Surface - Moderate - Spring-Summer-Fall

An old roadbed follows the contour downhill through slope forest to the shoreline. The trail continues through lowland forest and loops below a sandstone ridge.

Featured birds: vireos, Cooper's and sharp-shinned hawks, ovenbird, pine, magnolia, blue-winged warblers, American redstart, Carolina wren, yellow-billed cuckoo, pileated woodpecker, brown thrasher, blue-gray gnatcatcher, swamp sparrow, great-crested flycatcher.

Boat Ramps/Courtesy Dock/Peninsula: 36.07412, -85.83951 – Paved/Natural Surface - Easy

Year-round. Two boat ramps provide the widest open views of Center Hill Lake, the best places to view waterfowl. A treed peninsula provides perches for songbirds, waders and raptors.

Featured birds: wintering waterfowl, bald eagle, osprey, common loon, great blue, green, black-crowned night herons, prairie warbler, yellow-breasted chat, white-eyed vireo, indigo bunting, American goldfinch, orchard and Baltimore orioles, American kestrel, northern flicker, Bonaparte's and ring-billed gulls, Forster's and Caspian tern, pied-billed and horned grebe, belted kingfisher, spotted sandpiper, song, swamp and field sparrow.

Nearby Birding Locations

Catoosa Wildlife Management Area: Genesis Rd Entrance: 36.07356, -84.96071 - www.tnbirdingtrail.org Spring, Summer, Fall There are approximately 3000 acres of managed oak savanna, hardwood forest, and densely vegetated stream sides, with over 90 species of birds identified. The area provides habitat for uncommon birds on the Cumberland Plateau, including red-headed woodpecker and yellow-breasted chat. Stream sides may yield rare Swainson's warbler and Louisiana waterthrush.

Featured Birds: white-eyed vireo, prairie warbler, common yellowthroat.

Cane Creek Park: 36.16514, 85.5383 - www.cookeville-tn.gov/ls - Winter, Spring, Fall

This municipal recreation area consists of open fields, small hardwood lots, and a 56-acre lake, an attraction for wintering and migrating waterfowl. A two mile paved trail circles the lake, offering close-up viewing of aquatic species.

American woodcock may be heard or seen in fields on north side of lake in mid-late February. 216 species of bird have been identified.

Featured Birds: American coot, blue-winged teal, lesser scaup, common nighthawk, orchard oriole, chipping sparrow.

Roaring River Recreation Area: 36.375081, 85.639222 - www.tnbirdingtrail.org - Winter, Spring, Fall

This compact US Army Corps of Engineers park, situated at the confluence of the Roaring and Cumberland Rivers, contains a boat ramp, gravel walking path, grassy fields and wooded edges. Thorough birding of all habitats should yield migrants and residents.

Featured Birds: northern parula, palm, pine, and worm-eating warblers, Acadian flycatcher, swamp and white-crowned sparrows, Cooper's hawk and bald eagle.