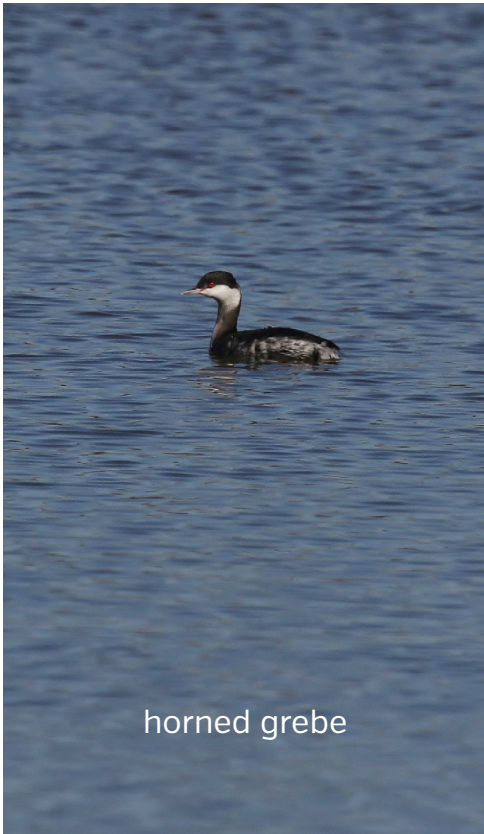




Birds of Pickwick Landing State Park

116 State Park Road, Pickwick Dam, Tennessee 38365

Pickwick Landing is one of the best state parks in west Tennessee for winter birding. With a spotting scope, scan the reservoir for grebes, loons, gulls and ducks. Hundreds to thousands of ring-billed gulls and American coots are a common site. Common loons, pied-billed and horned grebes are also commonly seen. The park is one of the best places in west Tennessee to find brown-headed nuthatches throughout the year. In spring and fall, songbird migration can be excellent along the woodland edges and along the 2.8-mile Island Loop hiking trail. Many nesting birds are present in the summer. Over 145 species of birds have been identified in the park.



horned grebe

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

David Crockett – Cabins, Campground, Restaurant - Lawrenceburg, TN 38464 / 931-762-9408
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/david-crockett

Henry Horton – Inn, Cabins, Campground, Restaurant – Chapel Hill, TN 37034 / 931-364-2222
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/henry-horton

Montgomery Bell – Inn, Cabins, Campground, Restaurant - Burns, TN 37029 / 615-797-9052
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/montgomery-bell

Natchez Trace – Inn, Cabins, Campground, Restaurant - Wildersville, TN 38388 / 731-968-3742
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/natchez-trace

Birding Locations In and Around Pickwick Landing State Park

A hiking trail map and checklist to the Birds of Pickwick Landing Park are available at the park.

Reservoir Below the Inn: 35.05834, -88.23726 – Winter

This area is best scanned with a birding scope. The reservoir can be excellent for waterfowl. Check the state park map for additional areas for lake access.

Featured Birds: bufflehead, mallard, ruddy duck and other waterfowl, common loon, pied-billed and horned grebes, ring-billed gull, double-crested cormorant, great blue heron, bald eagle, and American coot.

Inn Walking Trail: 35.05598, -88.23699 - 1.2 Miles – Paved Surface – Easy – Year-round

This short trail takes you through lawns, planted pines, woodland and edge habitats.

Featured Birds: red-headed woodpecker, eastern phoebe, white-breasted and brown-headed nuthatches, eastern bluebird, American robin, brown thrasher, pine warbler, chipping sparrow, and orchard orioles.

Island Loop Trail: 35.05121, -88.23092 - 2.8 Miles – Natural Surface – Easy – Year-round

This trail offers the best option for woodland birding in the park.

Featured Birds: woodpeckers, Carolina chickadee, tufted titmouse, white-breasted nuthatch, pine warbler, northern cardinal, and American goldfinch.

Bruton Branch: 35.07053, -88.192483 – Winter, Spring, Fall

This area is separated from the main section of the park, but is worth visiting especially in winter. The location offers extensive views of the lake.

Featured Birds: In winter scan the reservoir for waterfowl, common loon, pied-billed and horned grebes, ring-billed gull, and bald eagle and search the wooded areas for songbirds any time of year.

Nearby Birding Locations

Pickwick Dam: Parking Area: 35.07076, -88.252709

www.tva.gov/sites/pickwick.htm 865-632-2101 - Winter

Scan the lake for waterfowl and gulls from the dam and for gulls and great blue herons from below the dam. A number of rare gulls have been reported from this area. Just west of the dam is a TVA campground that is great for songbirds. Over 180 species of birds have been identified from this location.

Featured Birds: ring-billed gull, herring gull, waterfowl, common loon, pied-billed and horned grebes, great blue heron, bald eagle, American coot, brown-headed nuthatch, pine warbler and other songbirds.

Shiloh National Military Park: Visitor's Center: 35.15106, -88.32235

www.nps.gov/shil/index.htm 731-689-5696 - Spring, Summer, Fall

This Civil War park includes upland forest and managed fields. Over 115 species of birds identified.

Featured Birds: hawks, yellow-billed cuckoo, woodpeckers, and both migrating and resident songbirds.

Big Hill Pond State Park: Park Office: 35.06333, -88.71953

www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/big-hill-pond - 731-645-7967 - Year-round

The park encompasses approximately 5,000 acres of mixed pine and hardwood forests and some bottomland forests and wetlands. Over 140 species of birds identified.

Featured Birds: great blue heron, red-shouldered hawk, barred owl, woodpeckers, and both migrating and resident songbirds.