



# Birds of Chickasaw State Park

20 Cabin Lane, Henderson, Tennessee 38340 / 800-458-1752

The park offers a variety of recreational opportunities and has a campground and cabins for overnight guests. Mixed hardwood and pine forests cover the majority of the park. Year-round residents include owls, woodpeckers, Carolina chickadee, tufted titmouse, white-breasted nuthatch, Carolina wren, and eastern towhee. Nesting migrants such as orchard oriole, red-eyed vireo, woodthrush, and warblers are common in the forest and forest edges. Placid Lake offers views of Canada geese, mallards, barn swallows, and herons. Open areas are good for robins, bluebirds and killdeer. 100 species of birds have been recorded in the park.



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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](http://www.tnbirdingtrail.org)  
Field Checklist of Tennessee Birds  
[www.tnwatchablewildlife.org](http://www.tnwatchablewildlife.org)  
eBird Hotspots and Sightings  
[www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org)  
Tennessee Ornithological Society  
[www.tnbirds.org](http://www.tnbirds.org)  
Tennessee State Parks Birding  
[www.tnstateparks.com/activities/birding](http://www.tnstateparks.com/activities/birding)



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**State Parks**  
[www.tnstateparks.com](http://www.tnstateparks.com)

## Additional Nearby State Park Birding Opportunities

Meeman-Shelby Forest – Cabins, Campground - Millington, TN 38053 / 800-471-5293  
[www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/meeman-shelby-forest](http://www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/meeman-shelby-forest)

Natchez Trace – Inn, Cabins, Campground, Restaurant - Wildersville, TN 38388 / 800-250-8616  
[www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/natchez-trace](http://www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/natchez-trace)

Pickwick Landing – Inn, Cabins, Campground, Restaurant - Pickwick Dam, TN 38365 / 800-250-8615  
[www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/pickwick-landing](http://www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/pickwick-landing)

T.O. Fuller – Campground - Memphis, TN 38109 / 901-543-7581  
[www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/t-o-fuller](http://www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/t-o-fuller)

# Birding Locations In and Around Chickasaw State Park

A hiking trail map is available at the park.

**Lakeshore Trail:** 35.39032, -88.76978 - 1.5 Miles – Natural Surface – Easy - Spring, Summer, Fall.  
This trail follows the forested banks of Lake Placid providing a combining woodland and lakeside birding.  
**Featured Birds:** red-shouldered hawk, ruby-throated hummingbird, woodpeckers, Acadian flycatcher, vireos, wood thrush, warblers and other songbirds.

**Friend's Trail:** 35.39376, -88.76913 - 1.5 Miles – Natural Surface – Moderate - Spring, Summer, Fall.  
The trail runs along the ridges and ravines of the upland hardwood and hardwood-pine mixed forest.  
**Featured Birds:** Acadian and great crested flycatchers, wood thrush, Louisiana waterthrush, pine warbler, hooded warbler, summer tanager.

**Lake Lajoie Trail:** 35.34624, -88.88239 - 1.3 Miles – Natural Surface – Easy - Spring, Summer, Fall.  
The trail follows the shoreline of the 54-acre Lake Lajoie.  
**Featured Birds:** Canada goose, tree swallow, common yellowthroat, yellow-throated warbler and other songbirds.

**Fern Creek Trail:** 35.39314, -88.77478 - 0.8 Miles – Natural Surface – Easy - Spring, Summer, Fall.  
This trail traverses along a hardwood-pine mixed forested bluff.  
**Featured Birds:** pine warbler, woodpeckers, white-breasted nuthatch, red-eyed vireo, summer tanager and other songbirds.

## Nearby Birding Locations

**Cypress Grove Nature Park: Jackson: Parking Area:** 35.614903, -88.87335  
[www.jacksonrecandparks.com](http://www.jacksonrecandparks.com) - 731-425-8316 - Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall.  
The park offers over a mile of boardwalk through cypress swamp. Over 140 species of birds identified.  
**Featured Birds:** red-shouldered hawk, barred owl, woodpeckers, prothonotary warbler and other songbirds.

**Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park: Visitor's Center and Museum:** 35.49826, -88.68263  
[www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/pinson-mounds](http://www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/pinson-mounds) - 731-988-5614 - Spring, Summer, Fall.  
The park contains old fields, upland and bottomland forest and contains at least 15 Native American mounds. Over 64 species of birds have been identified.  
**Featured Birds:** red-tailed hawk, northern bobwhite, barred owl, Acadian flycatcher, summer tanager, indigo bunting and dickcissel.

**Big Hill Pond State Park: Park Office:** 35.06333, -88.71953  
[www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/big-hill-pond](http://www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/big-hill-pond) - 731-645-7967 - Spring, Summer, Fall.  
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:** waterfowl, bald eagle, osprey, barred owl, woodpeckers, warblers and other songbirds.