



Birds of David Crockett Birthplace State Park

1245 Davy Crockett Park Road, Limestone, TN 37681 / 423-257-2167

This 105-acre historic park just upstream from the falls of the scenic Nolichucky River is maintained as a memorial to David Crockett. Habitats range from forested limestone bluffs along the river to meadows, forests and adjacent agricultural fields providing exceptional bird, wildlife, and wildflower viewing opportunities. The tall trees along the river's edge attract spring and fall migrants and provide excellent nesting sites during summer. Three hiking trails provide access to beautiful views along the river and ample opportunities for wildlife viewing. Over 90 species of birds have been observed.



Cedar Waxwing

Photo by Scott Somershoe

Responsible Birding

- Do not endanger the welfare of birds.
- Do not harm the natural environment.
- 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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State Parks
www.tnstateparks.com

Additional Nearby State Park Birding Opportunities

Panther Creek – Campground / Morristown, TN 37814 / 423-587-7046
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/panther-creek

Roan Mountain – Campground, Cabins / Roan Mountain, TN 37687 / 423-772-0190
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/roan-mountain

Seven Islands – Hiking, Fishing, Birding / Kodak, TN / 865-407-8335
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/seven-islands

Warriors Path – Campground / Kingsport, TN 37663 / 423-239-8531
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/warriors-path

Birding Locations In and Around David Crockett Birthplace State Park

A hiking trail map is available at the park.

Crockett Shoals Overlook Loop Bluff Trail: 36.21219, -82.65993 – Year-round

0.60 Miles - Natural Surface – Moderate

This loop trail travels along the bluff overlooking the Crockett shoals of the Nolichucky River.

Featured Birds: bald eagles, osprey, red-tailed and cooper's hawks.

Rebecca Hawkins and John Crockett Loop Trails: 36.20848, -82.65814 – Year-round

0.65 Miles and 1.35 Miles- Natural Surface – Easy

The Rebecca Hawkins Trail passes through a meadow and a dense pine forest and connects with the Limestone Creek Trail while the John Crockett Trail travels the perimeter of the meadow.

Featured Birds: wild turkey, sparrows, woodpeckers, warblers and other songbirds.

Limestone Creek Trail: 36.20493, -82.65947 – Year-round

0.55 Mile - Natural Surface – Easy

The trail follows Limestone Creek along bluffs upstream from the boat ramp. The trail connects with the Homestead Loop Trail and Rebecca Hawkins Trail.

Featured Birds: woodpeckers, warblers, vireos, flycatchers and other songbirds, bald eagles and osprey.

Boat Ramp and Homestead Trail: 36.20493, -82.65947 – Year-round

0.50 Mile - Natural Surface – Easy

The trail runs along the Nolichucky River from the boat ramp to the campground area. The trail also connects with the Limestone Creek Trail.

Featured Birds: woodpeckers, warblers, vireos, flycatchers and other songbirds. Mallards, wood ducks and belted kingfishers throughout the summer.

Nearby Birding Locations

Erwin Linear Trail: Parking Area: 36.150858, -82.416623 – Spring, Fall

www.erwintn.org/parks-and-recreation - 423-743-6231

This trail is a 1.50 mile long paved trail that parallels the Nolichucky River. The trail includes wooded areas, ponds, wetlands, and small creeks along the flat river bottom. There are fishing docks and boardwalks over wetlands. The marshes, wetlands, and woods the trail travels through provide for a nice birding opportunity. General woodland birding is good. The ponds and wetlands support waterfowl and shore birds. A variety of migrant passerines may be found here in season. Over 125 species of birds observed.

Featured Birds: palm and yellow-rumped warbler, spotted and solitary sandpiper, wood duck, song sparrow, American crow, red-bellied and downy woodpecker, bald eagle, and Canada goose.

Unaka Mountain: Beauty Spot Gap Overlook: 36.117692, -82.332896 – Spring, Summer, Fall

www.fs.usda.gov/cherokee/ - 423-638-4109

Grassy balds are present at this overlook. On the higher mountain slopes beech-maple and spruce forest communities dominate with grassy balds and rhododendron patches. Over 55 species of birds observed.

Featured Birds: peregrine falcon, common raven, northern saw-whet owl, red crossbill, pine siskin, barred owl, ruffed grouse, eastern towhee, blue-headed vireo, nearly all warblers, vireos, thrushes, and flycatchers during migration.

Rocky Fork State Park: Parking Area: 36.0482, -82.5566 – Year-round

www.tnstateparks.com/parks/rocky-fork - 423-271-1233

Rocky Fork is a relatively new, undeveloped state park. Nearly 20 miles of marked trails within the boundary of the state park provide great views of our Southern Appalachian cove forest, and a direct access to the Appalachian Trail. Ranging from easy to strenuous, Rocky Fork trails offer the highest elevation overlook in any Tennessee State Park. Rocky Fork Road is a narrow, one lane, paved road with pull-offs along the side. The parking area is small with limited spaces, a portable toilet, and bear resistant trash and recycling bins. A visitor center and campground are planned for the future. Nearly 70 species of birds observed.

Featured Birds: ruffed grouse, broad-winged hawk, veery, wood thrush, blue-headed vireo, scarlet tanager, rose-breasted grosbeak, indigo bunting and warblers.