



Birds of Johnsonville State Historic Park

90 Nell Beard Road, New Johnsonville, Tennessee 37134 / 931-535-2789

This 1,075-acre park, located in Humphreys County, commemorates the site of the Johnsonville Depot, the Battle of Johnsonville and the historic town site of Johnsonville that existed from 1864-1944 prior to the formation of Kentucky Lake. A wooded trail begins at the entrance and includes an observation deck, providing opportunities to see gulls and occasional bald eagles in winter. When the mudflats are exposed, sandpipers may also be seen. Hilltops with open forest near Civil War earthworks are ideal for seeing white-breasted nuthatches and all of Tennessee's woodpeckers. During migration and in winter, bay ducks and ring-billed gulls may be seen in the open water.



Wood Duck

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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State Parks
www.tnstateparks.com

Additional Nearby State Park Birding Opportunities

Mousetail Landing – Campground, Swimming, Biking – Linden, TN 37096 / 731-847-0841
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/mousetail-landing

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

Nathan Bedford Forrest – Cabins, Campground, Swimming – Eva, TN 38333 / 731-584-6356
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/nathan-bedford-forrest

Paris Landing – Cabins, Campground, Restaurant – Buchanan, TN 38222 / 731-641-4465
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/paris-landing

Birding Locations In and Around Johnsonville State Historic Park

A hiking trail map is available at the park.

Historic Johnsonville Trail: 36.060372, -87.960346

8.0 Miles – Natural Surface – Moderate – Winter, Spring

This trail passes through mature forest and skirts along the Tennessee River bank.

Featured Birds: American white pelican, pie-billed grebe, ring-billed gull, mallard, wood duck, double-crested cormorant, American coot, killdeer, bald eagle, Forster's tern, orchard oriole, and a variety of woodpeckers.

African-American Cemetery Loop Trail: 36.060372, -87.960346

0.5 Miles – Gravel Surface – Easy – Winter, Spring, Summer

This short trail offers great historical sites as well as an interesting peninsula.

Featured Birds: osprey, great blue heron, green heron, great egret, killdeer, red-tailed hawk, barred owl, indigo bunting, swallows, prothonotary warblers, and wild turkey.

Civil War Forts Trail: 36.062844, -87.965401

2.0 Miles - Natural Surface – Difficult – Spring, Summer, Fall

This trail has quite a few gains in elevation but you can see historic rifle pits along the way.

Featured Birds: pileated woodpecker, vireos, eastern phoebe, ovenbird, cedar waxwing, eastern towhee, northern parula, and yellow-billed cuckoo. Yellow-bellied sapsucker may be seen in winter.

Visitor Center: 36.031889, -87.948484

0.1 Miles – Paved Surface – Easy – Winter, Spring, Summer

The lush landscaping attracts insects and birds alike.

Featured Birds: eastern bluebird, northern mockingbird, brown thrasher, American goldfinch, American robin, purple finch, Carolina wren, tufted titmouse, Carolina chickadee, purple martin, and a variety of warblers.

Nearby Birding Locations

Tennessee NWR – Duck River Unit: Refuge Road: 35.972356, -87.945581

www.fws.gov/refuge/Tennessee/visit/plan_your_visit.html, 731-642-2091 - Winter Spring Fall

Established in 1945, the refuge, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was created primarily for migratory birds. Two hundred and two species of birds have been identified.

Featured Birds: cattle egret, great egret, wood duck, hooded merganser, greater yellowlegs, American white pelican, ring-billed gull, northern shoveler, caspian tern, cackling goose, sandhill crane, dickcissel, and bobolink.

Tennessee NWR – Big Sandy Unit: Observation Deck: 36.377502, -88.045214

www.fws.gov/refuge/Tennessee/visit/plan_your_visit.html, 731-642-2091 - Winter, Spring, Fall

Established in 1945, the refuge, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was created primarily for migratory birds. So far, 255 species of birds have been identified.

Featured Birds: Bonaparte's gull, herring gull, Forster's tern, double-crested cormorant, bufflehead, American wigeon, greater white-fronted goose, green-winged teal, ring-necked duck, common goldeneye, and northern pintail.

Lady's Bluff: Parking Area/Trail Head: 35.688318, - 88.013135

www.tva.gov/Environment/Recreation/TVA-Trails, 800-882-5263 - Year-round

A 2.7-mile round trip hike with great views of the Tennessee River. So far, 137 species of birds identified.

Featured Birds: bald eagle, wood duck, gadwall, great egret, red-breasted merganser, Wilson's snipe, yellow-rumped warbler, red-winged blackbird, northern parula, summer tanager, barred owl, and yellow-billed cuckoo.