



Birds of Pickett CCC Memorial State Park

4605 Pickett Park Highway, Jamestown, TN 38556 / 931 879-5821

Year-round residents include red-tailed hawk, owls, white-breasted nuthatch, Carolina wren, eastern towhee, and field and song sparrows. In summer, breeding whip-poor-wills can be heard singing at dawn and dusk, while hooded warbler, worm-eating warbler, wood thrush, and ruby-throated hummingbirds can be found during the day. Flycatchers, eastern wood pewee, blue-gray gnatcatcher, vireos, warblers, and tanagers are also found in summer. Northern rough-winged swallows and eastern phoebes nest on rock faces. In winter yellow-bellied sapsucker, red-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper, winter wren, hermit thrush, kinglets, yellow-rumped warbler, purple finch and sparrows can be encountered. Over 100 species of birds have been observed primarily in spring, summer and fall.



Carolina Chickadee

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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www.tnstateparks.com

Additional Nearby State Park Birding Opportunities

Cove Lake – Campground - Caryville, TN 37714 / 423-566-9701
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/cove-lake

Cumberland Mountain – Cabins, Campground, Restaurant - Crossville, TN 38555 / 931-484-6138
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/cumberland-mountain

Frozen Head – Campground - Wartburg, TN 37887 / 423-346-3318
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/frozen-head

Standing Stone – Cabins, Campground - Hilham, TN 38568 / 931-823-6347
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/standing-stone

Birding Locations In and Around Pickett CCC Memorial State Park

A hiking trail map of Pickett is available at the park.

Picnic Area Loop Road: 36.54993, -84.80204 - 0.5 Mile - Paved Surface - Easy - Spring, Summer

This paved road in the picnic area provides a great view of the lake.

Featured Birds: pileated woodpecker, whip-poor-will, eastern wood pewee, eastern towhee, wood thrush, northern rough-winged swallow, eastern phoebe, northern cardinal, eastern bluebird, owls, wood duck, white-breasted nuthatch, Carolina wren, field sparrow and song sparrow.

Hazard Cave Loop Trail: 36.54837, -84.80351 - 1.5 Miles - Natural Surface - Moderate - Spring, Summer

This trail traverses a variety of habitats including oak-hickory forest, hemlock forest, and large rhododendron and mountain laurel shrubs.

Featured Birds: vireos, warblers, tanagers, American robin, white-breasted nuthatch, blue jay, Carolina chickadee, tufted titmouse, wood thrush and Carolina wren.

Ladder Trail: 36.55414, -84.79875 - 1.0 Mile - Natural Surface - Moderate - Winter

This trail includes oak-hickory forests, evergreen shrubs, various rock formations, and a creek crossing over Thompson creek with two ladders.

Featured Birds: yellow-bellied sapsucker, red-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper, winter wren, hermit thrush, kinglets, yellow-rumped warbler, purple finch, sparrows, and dark-eyed junco.

Nearby Birding Locations

Pogue Creek Canyon Trailhead and Loop Trail: 36.52269, -84.81666

1.7 Miles - Natural Surface - Moderate - Spring

This trail is the newest edition to Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area and traverses a variety of habits including oak-hickory forest, open grassland, various rock formations, and a beautiful overlook into the gorge of the natural area.

Featured Birds: American goldfinch, red-eyed vireo, northern bobwhite, wild turkey, red-tailed hawk, cliff swallow, eastern bluebird, wood thrush, indigo bunting, sparrows, warblers and eastern meadowlark.

Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area, Twin Arches Trail: Parking Area: 36.5444, -84.74183

www.nps.gov/biso - 423-569-9778 - Spring, Summer, Fall

Twin Arches is a State Natural Area because its two arches are considered one of the largest natural bridge complexes in the world and the area is rich in Neotropical migrant birds. Over 159 species of birds identified.

Featured Birds: red-eyed vireo, blue-headed vireo, ovenbird, hooded warbler, Swainson's warbler, black-throated green warbler, worm-eating warbler, pine warbler, scarlet tanager, indigo bunting, and sharp-shinned hawk.

Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area, Leatherwood Ford Angel Falls Rapid Trail:

Parking Area: 36.477085, -84.668287 www.nps.gov/biso - 423-569-9778 - Spring, Summer, Fall

This trail parallels the river on the parking lot side and is an easy, level walk on an old roadbed offering continuous views of the river, high cliffs, spring wildflowers and Neotropical migrant birds. Over 160 species of birds have been identified.

Featured Birds: red-eyed vireo, blue-headed vireo, ovenbird, hooded warbler, Swainson's warbler, black-throated green warbler, worm-eating warbler, pine warbler, scarlet tanager, indigo bunting, and sharp-shinned hawk.

Colditz Cove State Natural Area: Parking Area: 36.35772, -84.86886

www.tn.gov/environment/article/na-na-colditz-cove - 931-879-5821 - Spring, Fall

The hiking trail meanders through upland mixed oak-hickory forest and old-growth eastern hemlock-white pine forest in the gorge facilitating encounters with conifer-loving species and migratory songbirds. Over 30 species of birds have been identified.

Featured Birds: warblers, vireos, thrushes, pileated woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, tufted titmouse, Carolina chickadee, white-breasted nuthatch and eastern phoebe.