



Birds of Warriors' Path State Park

490 Hemlock Road, Kingsport, Tennessee 37663 / 423-239-8531

Warriors' Path is a busy park, with nearly two million visitors each year. Yet there are still many corners of quiet beauty and wildlife discovery. Thanks to a great diversity of natural habitats, you can find a wide variety of common woodland, wetland and old field bird species. Waterfowl frequent Fort Patrick Henry Lake and the forests in the park are home to many songbirds. Nearly 120 species of birds have been observed throughout the year.



Yellow-breasted Chat

Responsible Birding

- Do not endanger the welfare of birds.
- Do not harm the natural environment.
- Tread lightly and respect bird habitat.
- Silence is golden.
- Take extra care when in a nesting area.
- Always respect the law and the rights of others.
- 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.
- Enjoy yourself!

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

David Crockett Birthplace– Campground - Limestone, TN 37681 / 423-257-2167
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/davy-crockett-birthplace

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

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

Sycamore Shoals – Interpretive Museum - Elizabethton, TN 37643 / 423-543-5808
www.tnstateparks.com/parks/about/sycamore-shoals

Birding Locations In and Around Warriors' Path State Park

A hiking trail map and checklist to the Birds of Warriors' Path State Park are available at the park.

Shoreline Past Marina: 36.49140, -82.47858 1.0 Mile – Paved and Gravel Surface – Easy – Year-round

A stroll along the shoreline and through nearby meadows and woodlands offer casual bird observation.

Featured Birds: killdeer, great blue heron, green heron, belted kingfisher, kingbird, osprey, barn swallow, tree swallow, black vulture, red-tailed hawk, American coot, eastern phoebe, northern flicker, orchard oriole, and Baltimore oriole.

Lake Hollow Trail: 36.49688, -82.48413 1.0 Mile - Natural Surface – Moderate – Year-round

Roam through diverse woodlands supporting wildlife and plant life and wander along the water's edge enjoying fine views of the lake.

Featured Birds: black-crowned night-heron, spotted sandpiper, pileated woodpecker, brown creeper, white-breasted nuthatch, warblers, Carolina chickadee, screech owl, winter wren, eastern wood-pewee, golden-crowned kinglet, ruby-crowned kinglet, and red-eyed vireo.

Sinking Waters Trail: 3.0 Miles - Natural Surface and Boardwalk - Moderate – Year-round

Discover wildlife along this trail with three loops through varied back-country habitats enjoying deciduous forests, old fields, and a boardwalk through the marsh.

Featured Birds: yellow-breasted chat, great crested flycatcher, red-bellied woodpecker, yellow-bellied sapsucker, ruby-throated hummingbird, eastern bluebird, barred owl, wild turkey, and yellow-billed cuckoo.

Fall Creek Area: 36.50411, -82.46720 1.5 Miles – Natural and Gravel Surface – Easy – Year-round

Enjoy clear views of the creek valley on trails as well as gravel roadside which pass by reminders of the farm once here, forested stream bottoms, shaded ponds, and sunny meadows with many woodland, wetland and field bird species.

Featured Birds: wood duck, red-winged blackbird, white-eyed vireo, hermit thrush, wood thrush, great horned owl, and sharp-shinned hawk.

Nearby Birding Locations

Bays Mountain Park and Natural Area: Parking Area: 36.508838, -82.611475

www.baysmountain.com - 423-229-9447 – Spring, Summer, Fall

Bays Mountain is a 3,000-acre natural area managed by the City of Kingsport containing mostly rugged upland forests with over 35 miles of hiking trails, a 44-acre lake which is good for viewing waterfowl, and scenic overlooks. Site on the Kingsport Birding Trail, www.kingsportbirdingtrail.com. Nearly 100 species of birds identified.

Featured Birds: warblers, vireos, thrushes, flycatchers, yellow-billed cuckoo, scarlet tanager, ovenbird, broad-winged hawk, red-shouldered hawk, great-horned owl, barred owl, pileated woodpecker, wild turkey, indigo bunting, wood duck, and mallard.

Fort Patrick Henry Dam: Visitor Center Parking Area: 36.50005, -82.50846

www.tva.gov/Environment/Recreation/Recreational-Areas - 800-882-5263 – Year-round

The visitor center and overlook are located adjacent to the dam and offer picturesque views over Fort Patrick Henry Reservoir and the South Fork Holston River. Site on the Kingsport Birding Trail, www.kingsportbirdingtrail.com. Over 100 species of birds have been identified.

Featured Birds: red-tailed hawk, black-crowned night-heron, ring-billed gull, ruby-throated hummingbird, belted kingfisher, red-bellied woodpecker, blue jay, eastern bluebird, northern cardinal, American goldfinch.

Kingsport Greenbelt, Centennial Boat Yard Park: Parking Area: 36.55110, -82.59615

www.kingsportgreenbelt.com - 423-229-9457 – Year-round

The Kingsport Greenbelt is an eight mile trail that runs east to west in the City of Kingsport meandering along streams, through marshlands, open meadows and by sites of local historical value including the Kings Boat Yard along the banks of the South Fork Holston River. Nearly 115 species of birds have been identified.

Featured Birds: great blue heron, killdeer, downy woodpecker, blue jay, Carolina chickadee, eastern bluebird, northern cardinal, American goldfinch, mallard, double-crested cormorant, belted kingfisher, Carolina wren, song sparrow, and yellow-rumped warbler.