Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail

Come explore this East Central Alabama birding trail found in Autauga, Chambers, Chilton, Clay, Coosa, Elmore, Lee, Randolph, Tallapoosa counties.

You may spot an endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker, a soaring Bald Eagle or a host of visiting warblers. The shorelines of our lakes are filled with herons, egrets and other waders. Our mountain vistas thrill with soaring raptors. Osprey and ducks enjoy our deep waters.

The Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail has 34 sites, from Cheaha State Park, atop Alabama’s highest mountain, to the shores of Lake Martin, the state’s first Treasured Alabama Lake.

The bird habitat found here is as varied as the scenery. From a paved walking trail in the middle of a city park to an adventurous float down a scenic river or exploring historic forts and battlefields, you’ll find an activity that fits your interest.

Get out and explore!

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34 Sites in 9 Counties = Great Alabama Birding

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From the mountains in the north to the nearly endless lakes and rivers found throughout, discover East Alabama’s many natural resources.

Jones Bluff Powerhouse / Robert F. Henry Dam (Autauga County) has surprisingly good birding due to the variety of habitats. This is excellent for wading birds, shorebirds, gulls and terns in the wetland areas.

The Parks of West Point Dam (Chambers County) offer panoramic lake views. Look for loons and other waterfowl in colder months, swallows & Purple Martins in summer. Bald Eagles & Ospreys nest nearby.

Confederate Memorial Park (Chilton County) is a secluded 102 acres with excellent diversity of bird life. The mature, open canopy of hardwood trees in the upper portion of the park rings with the songs of flycatchers and woodpeckers, including Pileateds and Red-heads. The cemetery area affords open sky views for soaring birds.

Cheaha State Park (Clay & Cleburne County) sits atop Mount Cheaha, Alabama’s highest point, and is one of the southernmost locations to find some of the state’s breeding birds, including Blue-headed Vireos, Cedar Waxwings, and Sharp-shinned Hawks. Located in the midst of Talladega National Forest, the park offers deep wilderness and stunning views.

The Coosa Wildlife Management Area / Double Bridges (Coosa County) on Hatchet Creek at Lake Mitchell includes an 11 mile trail. The thick woods have multiple opportunities to see songbirds, raptors & game birds.

Fort Toulouse-Jackson National Historic Park (Elmore County) preserves relics of over 6,000 years of human history in its 165 acres of woodlands & fields bordering two rivers. The park is a haven for spring & fall migrants.

Chewacla State Park’s (Lee County) 696 scenic acres offer a 26-acre lake, swimming area, playgrounds, hiking trails, a modern campground, picnic areas with tables, grills and shelters, & newly renovated cabins. The woods in the park are good for a variety of woodland songbirds.

Wedowee Kiwanis Park (Randolph County) offers several distinctly different habitats in a relatively compact site. The park is heavily wooded, predominately in hardwoods.

Wind Creek State Park (Tallapoosa County) is on a wooded promontory overlooking Lake Martin. Ospreys and Bald Eagles nest on the lake and both species may be seen year round. The lake attracts rafts of wintering ducks, Warblers in spring and woodpeckers all year.

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