

The Great Washington State Birding Trail

CASCADE LOOP

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INFO KEY

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- Best seasons for birding** (spring, summer, fall, winter)
- Developed camping** available, including restrooms; fee required
- Restroom** available at day-use site
- Handicapped restroom** and handicapped trail or viewing access
- Site located in an **Important Bird Area**
- Fee required.** Passes best obtained prior to travel.
Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and state parks require Discover Pass 866-320-9933, www.discoverpass.wa.gov;
USFS and USFWS 888-275-8747, www.nps.gov/passes

ABBREVIATIONS

- USFS (FS) – US Forest Service
- USFWS – US Fish and Wildlife Service
- WDFW – Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- NPS – National Park Service
- BuRec – US Bureau of Reclamation

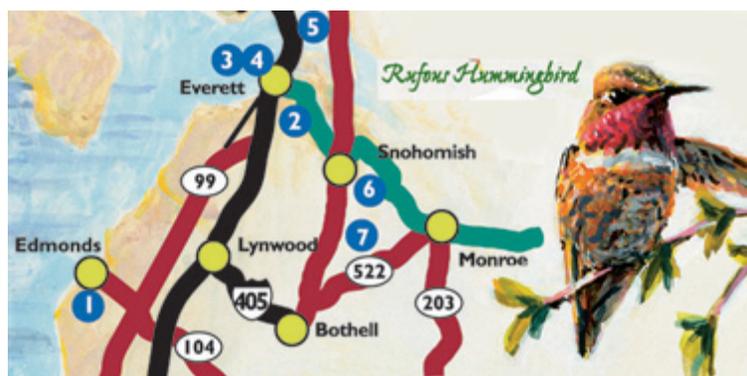
LOCAL SERVICES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Washington visitor information: www.experiencewashington.com
 Cascade Loop Scenic Byway, 509-662-3888, www.cascadeloop.com
 Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival, first weekend of Feb., www.skagiteagle.org
 Port Susan Snow Goose Festival, last weekend of Feb., www.snowgoosefest.org
 Washington Brant Festival, last weekend of March, www.washingtonbrant.org
 Leavenworth Spring BirdFest, mid-May, www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.com
 Puget Sound Bird Fest, mid-September, www.pugetsoundbirdfest.com
 Sites 1-9 and 67: Snohomish County (888) 338-0976 www.snohomish.org
 10-16: Leavenworth (509) 548-5807 www.leavenworth.org
 17-23: Wenatchee Valley (509) 663-3723 www.wenatcheevalley.org
 24-29: Lake Chelan (800) 682-3503 www.lakechelan.com
 30-31: Twisp (800) 565-7863 www.twispinfo.com
 32-43: Winthrop (888) 463-8469 www.winthropwashington.com
 44-51: Concrete (360) 853-7042 www.concrete-wa.com
 52-53: Sedro-Woolley (888) 225-8365 www.sedro-woolley.com
 54-59: Bellingham/Whatcom County (360) 671-3990 www.bellingham.org
 60-61: Burlington (360) 757-0994 www.burlington-chamber.com
 62-63: Anacortes (360) 293-3832 www.anacortes.org
 64-66: LaConner (888) 642-9284 www.laconnerchamber.com
 Mount Vernon (360) 428-8547 www.mountvernonchamber.com



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Use Birding Trail map along with a state highway map.
- Driving directions may list mileage plus a fraction, e.g., “milepost 37.5”, which means continue 0.5 mile beyond milepost 37.0. Mileage markers are on east or south side of state highways; mileage goes south to north, and west to east.
- Many WDFW and wildlife refuge sites allow hunting fall-winter. Check dates at www.wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/seasons.htm. Use caution.
- Disclaimer: Hiking and birding can be dangerous. Audubon does not warrant conditions on or safety of any site, and assumes no liability for injuries suffered as a result of travel or other activities associated with this map.



1 Edmonds Marsh and Waterfront

HABITAT: City's 23-acre marsh, Puget Sound waterfront.

BIRDING: At marsh spring and fall, see Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Western and Solitary Sandpipers, Long-billed and Short-billed Dowitchers, American and Eurasian Wigeons. Eurasian Green-winged Teal may come in winter. At waterfront, Rhinoceros Auklets visit in spring, Heermann's Gulls in late summer, Common Terns in fall, Ancient Murrelets in November. Fall-winter visitors include Common Murres, Brant, and White-winged, Black, and Surf Scoters. Year-round, look for Marbled Murrelets, Pigeon Guillemots, Harlequin Ducks, Pelagic Cormorants.

VIEWING: Take marsh boardwalk; view waterfront from fishing pier and beach north to ferry terminal.

ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 177 (West Hwy 104/Edmonds/Kingston Ferry). Turn west onto Hwy 104/NE 205th St. Drive 3.4 miles. At Y, veer right toward “Ferry.” Drive 1 mile. Turn left onto Dayton St. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn left at 2nd driveway, drive 1 block, veer right, park at Edmonds Marsh sign. Walk 1 block west to pier, beach.

2 Lowell Riverfront Trail

HABITAT: City's 7 acres along Snohomish River.

BIRDING: Pine Siskins migrate through spring and fall. Find Ruby-crowned Kinglets fall-spring. Glimpse uncommon sparrows: Fox, Harris's, White-crowned. Watch Yellow-rumped Warblers and Hermit Thrushes in winter. Bald Eagles and Red-tailed, Sharp-shinned, and Cooper's Hawks stay all year.

VIEWING: Take 1.5-mile trail. Check cottonwood trees for Bullock's Oriole nests, across river by old barn for Great-Horned Owls, in water for Double-crested Cormorants, Barrow's Goldeneyes. Bonus: Harbor seals, river otters, beavers.

ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 192 (41st St/Evergreen Wy) onto E 41st. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right onto S 3rd Ave. Drive 1.1 miles. Veer left on Lenora St toward Lowell River Rd. Drive 0.2 mile to trail parking.

3 Jetty Island



HABITAT: City's sand island park 0.5-mile wide by 2 miles long.

BIRDING: Island features nesting Caspian Terns, Glaucous-winged Gulls. Shorebirds include Killdeers, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers, Short-billed Dowitchers; Least, Spotted, and Western Sandpipers. Spot Pigeon Guillemots offshore.

VIEWING: Island open July 4th-Labor Day, Wed-Sun via free, 10-minute ferry ride. Best birding on west sand beach, middle tidal lagoon. Bonus: Ranger-guided walks.

ACCESS: From I-5 northbound, take exit 195 (Marine View Dr). Turn west onto E Marine View Dr. Drive 3.3 miles. Turn right onto 10th St. Drive 0.3 mile to end of marina parking lot. From I-5 southbound, take exit 194 (Hwy 2/Wenatchee/Everett Ave.) Turn west onto Everett Ave. Drive 1 block. Turn right onto Walnut Ave/E Marine View Dr. Drive 3.9 miles. Turn right onto 10th St. Drive 0.3 mile to end of marina parking lot near ferry kiosk.

4 North and South View Parks

HABITAT: Adjacent 2.25-acre city parks by tidal mud flats, shallow bay.

BIRDING: Doves of Ospreys arrive in spring to nest on offshore pilings. Purple Martins use nest boxes on southern pilings. Many Jetty Island summer species forage in bay. Fall-winter visitors include Red-necked Grebes, American Wigeons, Brant, Gadwalls, Northern Pintails, Red-breasted Mergansers, Buffleheads, Mew Gulls. Bald Eagles and Merlins stay year-round.

VIEWING: Take paved path through both parks. Best birding at low/incoming tide.

ACCESS: From I-5 northbound, take exit 195 (Marine View Dr). Turn west onto E Marine View Dr. Drive 3.0 miles. Turn right into parking lot. From I-5 southbound, take exit 194 (Hwy 2/Wenatchee/Everett Ave.) Turn west onto Everett Ave. Drive 1 block. Turn right onto Walnut Ave/E Marine View Dr. Drive 3.6 miles. Turn right into parking lot.x

5 Spencer Island



HABITAT: WDFW and county's 412-acre island in tidal estuary.

BIRDING: A cornucopia of species! Come year-round for Bald Eagles, Great Horned Owls, Northern Harriers, Belted Kingfishers – and woodpeckers: Pileated, Downy, and Hairy, plus Northern Flickers and Red-breasted Sapsuckers. Spring-summer find Tree and Violet-green Swallows, plus Ospreys, Wood Ducks, Blue-winged Teal, Western Tanagers, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Band-tailed Pigeons, Red-eyed Vireos, Common Yellowthroats. Long-billed and Short-billed Dowitchers migrate through in fall. Look for Merlins, Peregrine Falcons, Orange-crowned Warblers, Lincoln's Sparrows in winter.

VIEWING: Explore short boardwalk and 3.6 miles of trails. Take cross-island dike for shorebirds, American Bitterns. Vireos and warblers like foliage on River Trail.

ACCESS: From I-5 northbound, take exit 195 (Marine View Dr). Turn west on E Marine View Dr. Drive 1.4 miles. Turn left onto Hwy 529N (Marysville). From I-5 southbound, take exit 194 (Hwy 2/Wenatchee/Everett Ave.) Turn west onto Everett Ave.

Drive 1 block. Turn right onto Walnut Ave/E Marine View Dr. Drive 2.0 miles. Turn left onto Hwy 529N (Marysville.) Once on Hwy 529N, drive 0.9 mile over bridge. Turn right onto 28th Pl NE, drive 1 block. Turn right onto 35th Ave NE. Drive 0.3 mile. Turn left onto Ross Ave. Drive 0.9 mile, bearing right at Y onto Smith Island Rd/4th St. Drive 1.3 miles. Park, walk 0.3 mile, cross bridge.

6 Ferguson Park

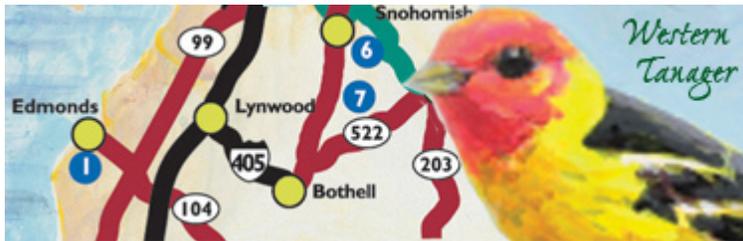


HABITAT: City's family-friendly 13 acres by Blackman Lake, conifers, wetlands.

BIRDING: Watch water for Northern Shovelers, Hooded Mergansers, Northern Pintails, American Wigeons, Ring-necked Ducks, Lesser Scaups, Western Grebes, Double-crested Cormorants. Check shrubs and trees for Dark-eyed Juncos, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Spotted Towhees, Red-breasted Nuthatches.

VIEWING: Walk paved road to water's edge and onto small dock.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 4.9, take Hwy 9 south. Drive 1.1 miles, turn left onto Bickford Ave. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn left onto Ave D. Drive 1 block. Turn left onto Ferguson Park Rd. Drive 0.1 mile; left into parking.



7 Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve



(Closed in Winter)

HABITAT: County's 343 acres on hillside, riparian areas, wetlands, fields.

BIRDING: Winter features Trumpeter Swans, plus Ring-necked Ducks, Green-winged Teal, and Ruby- and Golden-crowned Kinglets. Raptor highlights include Bald Eagles, American Kestrels, Red-tailed Hawks, Northern Harriers. Spot Hairy Woodpeckers in woods, Great Blue Herons along shore, Belted Kingfishers by river.

VIEWING: In winter set scope by picnic tables to view waterfowl down on ponds and shoreline. Walk old road to river and 0.5 mile to oxbow.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 4.9, turn south on Hwy 9. Drive 5 miles. Turn left onto Broadway Ave. Drive 0.8 mile. Turn left onto Connelly Rd. Drive 0.7 mile to preserve.

8 Index Cliff

HABITAT: State-owned 400-foot granite wall; mixed forest, Skykomish River.

BIRDING: Peregrine Falcon parents come and go from cliffside nests April through early August.

VIEWING: From base of cliffs, watch peregrines and Cliff Swallows. Check river for Harlequin Ducks, Hooded Mergansers.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 35.5, turn north toward town of Index. Drive 0.9 mile, turn left, Drive across bridge onto 5th Ave. Drive two blocks, Turn left onto Index Ave/2nd St and drive 0.3 mile. Turn right onto Ave A. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn right into gravel parking area.

9 Iron Goat Trail



HABITAT: USFS's alder wetlands, cedar-and-fir forest.

BIRDING: Hone birding-by-ear skills as migrants move north to summer homes. Listen for Western Tanagers; Wilson's, Yellow-rumped, MacGillivray's, Orange-crowned, and Townsend's Warblers; Varied, Swainson's,



and Hermit Thrushes; Black-headed Grosbeaks and Chestnut-backed Chickadees. Spot Sooty Grouse and occasionally abundant Evening Grosbeaks, Red Crossbills.

VIEWING: Walk or bike gentle 2-mile section of Rails-to-Trails route of Great Northern Railroad over Stevens Pass.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 55, turn north onto Old Cascade Hwy. Drive 2.2 miles. Turn left onto FS Rd 6710. Drive 1.4 miles to trail parking.

10 Fish Lake



HABITAT: USFS 500-acre lake, cattail marsh, mixed coniferous-deciduous forest.

BIRDING: Spring-summer, a "baker's dozen" of Ospreys fish the lake. Spring brings Wilson's Phalaropes, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Common Yellowthroats. Sharp-shinned Hawks dive on flocks of Violet-green Swallows, Brewer's Blackbirds. Fall highlights are American Coots, Common Loons, Ring-necked ducks, Barrow's Goldeneyes.

VIEWING: Bird by boat, and by foot in campground. Weekdays best.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 84.7, turn north onto Hwy 207. Drive 4.3 miles. Stay right at Y onto Chiwawa Loop Rd. Drive 0.9 mile. Park at Cove Resort. Boat rental available.

11 Upper Meadow Creek



HABITAT: USFS site of thick riparian willows and coniferous forest.

BIRDING: Neotropicals migrate in from southern climes: Rufous and Calliope Hummingbirds; Olive-sided, Hammond's, Willow, and Dusky Flycatchers; Western Wood-Pewees. Warblers abound! MacGillivray's, Nashville, Yellow, Yellow-rumped, and Townsend's Warblers, plus Cassin's and Warbling Vireos. See Winter Wrens, Fox Sparrows, Varied Thrushes. Check conifers for Red-breasted and Red-naped Sapsuckers.

VIEWING: Take path between boulders to wooden bridge; trail continues up through forest. Watch for feathers flitting through foliage.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 84.7, turn north onto Hwy 207. Drive 4.3 miles. Stay right at Y onto Chiwawa Loop Rd. Drive 1.1 miles. Turn left onto Chiwawa River Rd/FS Rd 62. Drive 2.3 miles. Turn left onto FS Rd 6300. Drive 3.0 miles. At Y, take left fork at to Upper Meadow Creek Rd. Drive 4.3 miles to gate. Park at turnout on left.

12 Swiftwater Picnic Area



HABITAT: Views of Tumwater Canyon and Wenatchee River.

BIRDING: Ospreys come in April. Typically, two chicks hatch the end of May and remain in nests for two months. Males brings fish to females and chicks.

VIEWING: Note Osprey nest in burned snag directly across river. Walk 0.2-mile trail by river where American Dippers float and feed.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 92.5, turn south into parking lot.



13 Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery



HABITAT: USFWS riparian and wetland sloughs along Icicle Creek, meadows with ponderosa pines, soaring hillsides scarred by 1994 forest fire.

BIRDING: Lots of birds of lots of species! Common Mergansers and American Dippers paddle on creek while swallows forage above: Violet-green, Tree, Bank, Barn, Cliff, Northern Rough-winged. Gaze high for Ospreys, Bald Eagles. Check brush and pines for Western Tanagers; White-headed, Pileated, and Hairy Woodpeckers; Red Crossbills, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Rufous Hummingbirds, Cassin's Finches, Swainson's Thrushes, Gray Catbirds, Veeries, Yellow and Yellow-rumped Warblers.

VIEWING: Walk east 0.1 mile to river and 1-mile loop trail. Morning birding is especially excellent. Bonus: Interpretive signs, September Salmon Festival.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 99, turn south onto Icicle Rd. Drive 2.2 miles. Turn east onto Hatchery Rd. Drive 0.2 mile to parking area.

14 Icicle Gorge Loop Trail



HABITAT: USFS trail by tumbling creek, mixed deciduous-coniferous forest, wetlands, meadows.

BIRDING: Spot American Dippers, Common Mergansers, and Harlequin Ducks on water. Trees shelter Bullock's Orioles, Townsend's Warblers, Hermit Thrushes, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Pine Siskins, Brown Creepers, Red-naped Sapsuckers, Pileated Woodpeckers. Look in meadows for Calliope and Rufous Hummingbirds, and Red-tailed Hawks.

VIEWING: Walk or bike 2 miles up old road to start of trail. River Trail makes 4-mile loop by creek and meadow; 1.25-mile View Trail leads to vistas of Icicle Canyon. Note: trails are hiking only.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 99, turn south onto Icicle Rd/USFS Rd 7600. Drive 13.5 miles. Park at gate.

15 Waterfront Park



HABITAT: City park along Wenatchee River, Blackbird Island; deciduous and ponderosa pine forest, shrubs.

BIRDING: Woodland dwellers abound: Red-breasted Nuthatches, Downy Woodpeckers, Veeries, Red-eyed Vireos, Swainson's Thrushes, Bullock's Orioles. Also find Western Tanagers, Yellow Warblers, Cedar Waxwings, Gray Catbirds, Rufous and Calliope Hummingbirds. On river, watch for Wood Ducks in spring. Ospreys fish on summer evenings. Bald Eagles feast on salmon in fall.

VIEWING: Mornings are best. 2.5 miles of trail lead along river, around

and though island. Bridge offers good viewpoint for American Dippers. Bonus: Environmental, artistic and cultural programs at Barn Beach Reserve.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 in Leavenworth, turn south onto 9th St. Turn right onto Commercial St. Park at bottom of hill.

16 Devil's Gulch



HABITAT: USFS 25,000 acres with large, old ponderosa pines and Douglas firs on hillsides; cottonwoods and willows in ravines.

BIRDING: Varied landscape hosts wealth of songbirds and raptors. Summer brings Warbling Vireos, Townsend's Warblers, Dusky Flycatchers, Cassin's Finches, Vaux's Swifts, and Gray Catbirds. Common Ravens are, well, common. Owls include Northern Pygmy, Northern Saw-whet, and Flam-mulated. Check conifers for White-headed Woodpecker, White-breasted Nuthatches, and Hermit Thrushes.

VIEWING: Take trail #1220 by creek; at 0.5 mile trail goes uphill for 8 miles.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 111, turn south onto Aplets Wy/Division St. Drive 0.6 miles. Veer right at Y onto Pioneer Ave. Drive for 0.1 mile. Turn left onto Mission Creek Rd. Drive 0.5 miles. Turn right on Binder Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn left onto Mission Creek Rd (again). Drive 6.2 miles. At pavement's end, take left fork onto FS Rd 1700. Drive 2.4 miles to parking area.

17 Wenatchee Confluence State Park



HABITAT: 197 family-friendly acres along riparian and wetland complex at confluence of Wenatchee and Columbia Rivers.

BIRDING: Enjoy multitudes of birds and species (220+). Late-summer and fall, noteworthy numbers of warblers visit: Yellow-rumped and Orange-crowned, plus Nashville and MacGillivray's. During migration and winter, savor superb sparrow viewing: Lincoln's, and White- and Golden-crowned. Nesters include Wood Ducks, Common Mergansers, Wilson's Snipes, Gray Catbirds, Bullock's Orioles. Check for uncommon Common Loons, Yellow-crowned Night-herons, Cinnamon and Green-winged Teal, American and Eurasian (winter) Wigeons. Watch Eastern and Western Kingbirds, Downy Woodpeckers, Cedar Waxwings. Violet-green, Barn, and Tree Swallows swoop aloft.

VIEWING: Take 0.1-mile paved trail to right, cross Wenatchee River foot-bridge to 97-acre Horan Natural Area paths. Bike 10-mile loop along Columbia River. Bonus: muskrats, beavers.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2/97 North at milepost 119.3, take exit (east) to WA Apple Visitor Center/Olds Station/State Patrol. Turn right (south) onto Euclid Ave. Drive 0.3 mile. Turn left onto Euclid Ave (again). Drive 0.4 mile. Turn left into park. Drive 0.1 mile to 1st parking lot on right.

18 Entiat Wildlife Area: Swakane Canyon



HABITAT: WDFW 19,200 acres, shrub-steppe canyon with ponderosa pine, narrow band of creekside deciduous foliage.

BIRDING: During early mornings, find Western Wood-Pewees, Say's Phoebes, Eastern and Western Kingbirds, Brewer's Sparrows, Western Meadow-larks. Black-billed Magpies flock, Mourning Doves perch, Golden Eagles soar. Glimpse Chukers in fall.

VIEWING: Walk old road down to creek, or up hill to grove of pines. Bonus: bighorn sheep on canyon walls.

ACCESS: From Hwy 97A at milepost 205, turn west onto Swakane Canyon Rd. Drive 1.7 miles, stay right at Y, continue 1.1 miles on primitive road. Park at old hay barn. Caution: After barn, road is 4-wheel-drive only.



19 Entiat Park

HABITAT: 16-acre city-managed park at confluence of Entiat and Columbia Rivers with willows and cottonwoods.

BIRDING: Check shorelines for Great Blue Herons, Belted Kingfishers, Spotted Sandpipers. Scan waters for Common Mergansers and American Dippers, plus Hooded Mergansers in spring. Survey skies for Bald Eagles and Ospreys. Trees harbor Western Wood-Pewees, Bullock's Orioles, Cedar Waxwings.

VIEWING: Walk left on riverbank, take old road past gate 0.1 mi. to path to river.

ACCESS: From Hwy 97A at milepost 214.2, turn west onto Entiat River Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn left into parking area.

20 Mud Creek

HABITAT: 10-acre USFS area of beaver ponds, wetlands, shrubs, conifers.

BIRDING: Bugs + trees = woodpeckers! Find Hairy, Downy, and White-headed Woodpeckers plus Red-naped Sapsuckers and Northern Flickers. Lazuli Buntings and Yellow Warblers flash color through brush. See plentiful Western Wood-pewees and Mourning Doves, along with Cedar Waxwings, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Chipping Sparrows.

VIEWING: Walk 0.4-mile back down Mud Creek/FS Rd 530.

ACCESS: From Hwy 97A at milepost 214.2, turn west onto Entiat River Rd. Drive 10.8 miles. Turn right onto Mud Creek Rd/FS Rd 5300. Drive 5.4 miles. Turn right onto FS Rd 220, Palmich Canyon, and into parking area.

21 Silver Falls Campground

HABITAT: Family-friendly USFS site with old-growth Douglas fir, ponderosa pine, Sitka spruce, black cottonwoods along Entiat River.

BIRDING: Spring brings Harlequin Ducks, American Dippers to river – and Western Tanagers, Yellow-rumped and Townsend's Warblers, Warbling Vireos, Hermit Thrushes, Cassin's Finches, Bullock's Orioles, and Chipping Sparrows to forest. Hear and see Golden-crowned Kinglets, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Song Sparrows, Pileated Woodpeckers.

VIEWING: Take 1.2-mile ADA Silver Falls Interpretive Trail. Opposite turnoff to campground is parking for 1.4-mile trail to waterfall.

ACCESS: From Hwy 97A at milepost 214.2, turn west onto Entiat River Rd/FS Rd 51. Drive 29.6 miles. Turn left into campground. Drive 0.3 mile to end at interpretive trail parking.

22 Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center

HABITAT: Non-profit foundation's 10 acres of sagebrush, ponderosa pines.

BIRDING: Early morning birders reap rewards, especially in spring. Migrants

include Western Tanagers, Bullock's Orioles, Spotted Towhees, and Yellow-rumped Warblers. Watch for Mountain Chickadees, Say's Phoebes, White-crowned Sparrows, Western Kingbirds, Pine Siskins. Canyon Wrens, Steller's Jays, Black-billed Magpies, and California Quail are resident. Scan hillsides for Bald and Golden Eagles.

VIEWING: "Trail of Fire and Forest Interpretive Walk" follows level gravel paths through rock outcroppings. Avoid summer midday heat.

ACCESS: From Hwy 97A at milepost 216.8, turn west, park at visitor center.

23 Lake Chelan State Park

HABITAT: 127 family-friendly acres along lake with rocky shore, forested foothills.

BIRDING: Winter is best with Common Loons, Buffleheads, Horned and Pied-billed Grebes, Buffleheads on lake, and White-headed Woodpeckers in woods by water. Spring and fall, find Varied Thrushes, White- and Red-breasted Nuthatches, Spotted Towhees, Brown Creepers, Song Sparrows, Chestnut-backed and Mountain Chickadees. Listen for Great Horned Owls.

VIEWING: From park entrance, drive 0.1 mile to intersection. 1st area:

Continue straight, park at concession building. Walk west down to boat launch. From pier, view winter waterfowl. Walk up creekside path for American Dippers, continue 0.2 mile to bridge for forest birds. 2nd area (winter): from concession parking, walk east on shoreline path; or, at intersection, turn right (east), drive 0.4 mile to turnaround, park, walk down to lake and piers.

ACCESS: From Hwy 97A at milepost 223.1, turn west onto Hwy 971/Navarre Coulee Rd. Drive 9.1 miles. Turn right at T, drive 1 block, turn left into park.

24 Stehekin/Lake Chelan National Recreation Area

HABITAT: Breathtaking mountains and waterfalls, forest and riparian areas.

BIRDING: Spring-summer forests feature Calliope Hummingbirds, Hammond's Flycatchers, Red-eyed Vireos, Veeries, Yellow-rumped and MacGillivray's Warblers, Western Tanagers, Swainson's Thrushes, Common Nighthawks. Check for Barrow's Goldeneyes, Harlequin Ducks on water. In fall, see resident Sooty Grouse, Pileated Woodpeckers.

VIEWING: Ride National Park Service shuttle bus or bike between birding sites: 1.3-mile trail from High Bridge to Coon Lake; 4-mile Stehekin River Trail; 4.4-mile Rainbow Loop Trail; 3-mile Bullion Loop Trail.

ACCESS: Accessible only by boat or floatplane. From Hwy 97A/W Woodin Ave at milepost 233, turn north into Lady of the Lake ferry and Chelan Airways.

25 Chelan Riverwalk Park

HABITAT: Family-friendly city park where Chelan River exits Lake Chelan.

BIRDING: Spring-summer, spot Eastern Kingbirds, American Goldfinches, Yellow-rumped Warblers. Cliff Swallows nest under bridges and join Barn, Tree, and Violet-green Swallows in aerial ballet. Townsend's Solitaires migrate through spring and fall. Fall-winter, look for Common Loons, Belted Kingfishers; Pied-billed, Horned, and Western Grebes.

VIEWING: Paved trail extends 0.5 mile on both sides of river.

ACCESS: From Hwy 97A at milepost 233.5 (City Center sign), turn north onto W Woodin Ave, Drive 0.5 mile. Turn right onto S Emerson St. Drive 1 block.

26 Wapato Lake Park

HABITAT: BuRec's family-friendly 1-acre park, 285-acre lake with riparian edge.

BIRDING: In winter, water birds crowd together into ice-free patches of lake: 30+ species include Gadwalls, Canvasbacks, Buffleheads, Ring-

necked and Ruddy Ducks. Spring and fall feature Eastern and Western Kingbirds, Western Wood-Pewees, Great Blue Herons, Spotted Sandpipers, California Quail.

VIEWING: View lake and cattail marsh from dock. Short trail behind picnic shelter leads to tiny sand beach with driftwood logs. Bird by boat in fall.

ACCESS: From Hwy 97A at milepost 233.5 (City Center sign), turn north onto W Woodin Ave. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn left onto N Columbia St. Drive 1 block, turn left onto E Johnson Ave/Hwy W150. Drive 6.4 miles. Turn right onto Wapato Lake Rd. Drive 2.4 miles. Turn right onto East Wapato Lake Rd. Drive 0.1 mile, turn left into park.

27 Wells Wildlife Area: Bridgeport Bar



HABITAT: WDFW 502 acres along Columbia River, with grasslands and fields.

BIRDING: River sustains winter abundance: Lesser and Greater Scaups, Redheads, Canvasbacks. Thousands of American Coots attract Bald Eagles. Also find American Tree and White-crowned Sparrows. Spring water highlights include American White Pelicans, Gadwalls, American Wigeons, Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal. Check cattails for Yellow-headed Blackbirds, brush for Say's Phoebe and Loggerhead Shrikes. Spring brings Common Yellowthroats, Yellow Warblers, Savannah Sparrows, Eastern and Western Kingbirds. Fox Sparrows migrate though spring and fall. See Bohemian Waxwings in winter, Cedar Waxwings anytime.

VIEWING: Past gate, walk old road on left 0.1 mile to river. Spot Wood Duck box above pond and Osprey nesting platform above field. Scan shoreline, river, gravel bars.

ACCESS: From Hwy 97 at milepost 260.4 in Brewster, turn south onto Hwy 173/N Bridge St. Drive 3.9 miles. Turn left onto Grange Rd. Drive 1.5 miles to intersection of Grange and Moe Rd. Park on gravel pullout east of corner.

MORE BIRDING: Just east of intersection of Hwy 173 and Grange Rd, turn left into gravel parking area. Walk north on sandy road 0.4 mile to river; continue east on road or shoreline.

28 Cassimer Bar Wildlife Area



HABITAT: Douglas County Public Utility District's wetlands at confluence of Okanogan and Columbia Rivers.

BIRDING: Come for singing and courting in spring; see fledglings and parents out and about in fall. Watch water for Double-crested Cormorants, Ospreys, and Caspian Terns. Spotted Sandpipers feed at shoreline. Turkey Vultures and Northern Harriers soar over riparian areas hosting Western Wood-Pewees, Eastern Kingbirds, Western Tangers, Willow Flycatchers, Wilson's Warblers, Black-headed Grosbeaks.

VIEWING: From south end of parking area, walk 0.1-mile path through trees to dike by cattail marshes, and 0.2-mile path by Okanogan River dike toward Columbia River.

ACCESS: From Hwy 97 at milepost 264.2, turn south at end of guardrail onto unmarked gravel road, drive 0.1 mile, taking middle road at 3-way intersection, to parking area.

29 Alta Lake State Park



HABITAT: 180 lakeside acres in dry pine forest amid high rock cliffs.

BIRDING: Spring brings Ruddy, Ring-necked, and Wood Ducks; Greater and Lesser Scaups; and Bonaparte's, California, and Glaucous-winged Gulls to lake. Check shoreline shrubs for Dusky and Hammond's Flycatchers, Western Wood-Pewees, Say's Phoebe, Eastern and Western Kingbirds,



Cassin's Finches. Glimpse California Quail on ground, Calliope and Rufous Hummingbirds in flowers, Pygmy Nuthatches and Hairy Woodpeckers in pines. Golden Eagles and White-throated Swifts soar by cliffs. Common Poorwills call in evenings.

VIEWING: Stroll through campground and by lake in early morning. Hardy hikers: take steep 1.2-mile trail up slope to scenic plateau. Caution: summer crowds, jet skis.

ACCESS: From Hwy 153 at milepost 1.5, turn west onto Alta Lake Rd. Drive 2.2 miles to day-use parking.

30 Big Buck Wildlife Area: Shaw Lake



HABITAT: WDFW 5,600 acres with lake, shrub-steppe, riparian, agricultural areas.

BIRDING: Spring and fall feature migrating water birds: Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal, Ring-necked and Ruddy Ducks, Redheads, Canvasbacks, Lesser Scaups, Barrow's Goldeneyes, and American Coots. Find Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Western Meadowlarks, Lazuli Buntings, Gray Flycatchers, and Western Kingbirds in spring. Spot Golden Eagles, Rough-legged Hawks in fall.

VIEWING: Cross to lake to scope water, shoreline, and wider landscape.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 201.5 in Twisp, turn west onto Twisp River Rd/Second Ave. Drive 2.6 miles. Turn right (north) onto Frost Rd. Drive 1.3 miles and park at Shaw Lake.

31 War Creek Campground



HABITAT: USFS site with riparian area and coniferous forest.

BIRDING: Look and listen in trees and shrubs for Mountain Chickadees, Townsend's and McGillivray's Warblers; Hammond's Flycatchers; Sooty and Ruffed Grouse; Hermit Thrushes; Red-breasted/White-breasted Nuthatches.

VIEWING: Explore gravel river bed along flood channels, and riparian area.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 201.5 in Twisp, turn west onto Twisp River Rd/Second Ave. Drive 13.8 miles. Turn left into campground/FS Rd 44. Drive 0.1 mile to day-use parking. Campground open May-early September.

32 Beaver Pond



HABITAT: 5-acre USFS wetland surrounded by alders, maples, cottonwoods; hillsides of grassland, ponderosa pines, firs.

BIRDING: Blue-chip birding! Check pond for migrating Blue-winged Teal, Northern Pintails, Barrow's Goldeneyes, Redheads and Ruddy Ducks. Watch water's edge for Virginia Rails, Soras, and Spotted Sandpipers. Find Veeries, House Wrens, Orange-crowned Warblers, and Rufous Hummingbirds in deciduous forest. Tree Swallows dart over fields. Lucky

birders spy White-headed Woodpeckers plus common delights: Pileated and Downy Woodpeckers, Red-naped Sapsuckers, Cassin's Finches, Ruffed Grouse. Owls, including rare Flammulated Owl, frequent woods.

VIEWING: Walk 0.1 mile back down parking access road to Beaver Pond Trail. Path loops through forest where Pygmy Nuthatches nest in pines, then over ridge and around pond.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 196, turn west onto Twin Lakes Rd. Drive 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Patterson Lake Rd. Drive 5.2 miles. Turn left into Chickadee Trail Parking/FS Rd 4410.



33 Methow Wildlife Area: Pipestone Canyon



HABITAT: WDFW ribbon of mixed forest in 1-mile gorge.

BIRDING: Center-stage highlights are Golden and Bald Eagles, American Kestrels, Canyon Wrens, and Sooty Grouse. Also spot Cliff and Violet-green Swallows, White-breasted Nuthatches, Nashville Warblers, Lazuli Buntings.

VIEWING: Walk or bike old dirt road. Western Tanagers perch in firs, eagles nest on canyon walls, White-throated Swifts soar by cliffs. Caution: Rattlesnakes common.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 193.4 in Winthrop, turn south at T onto Eastside Winthrop-Twisp Rd. Drive 1.9 miles. Turn left onto Bear Creek Rd. Drive 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Lester Rd. (Pavement ends.) Drive 4.0 miles, staying right at each Y. Park at gate.

34 Mac Lloyd Park



HABITAT: Family-friendly, 20-acre city park.

BIRDING: Calling beginning birders! Spring-summer, see American Goldfinches, Yellow-rumped Warblers, Violet-green Swallows, and Harlequin Ducks. Spring and fall, watch for Pine Siskins.

VIEWING: Walk paved path left to river, turn right, wind through riparian area on loop trail. Bonus: Signs interpret local history.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 191.5 in Winthrop, turn left (west) into parking lot at big Red Barn.

35 Methow Wildlife Area: Riser Lake



HABITAT: WDFW 3,180 acres of wetland, riparian woodland and gentle hills.

BIRDING: Spring-summer, view Eastern Kingbirds, Tree Swallows, Western Meadowlarks, Western Bluebirds, Bullock's Orioles, House and Winter Wrens, Lazuli Buntings, and Spotted Sandpipers. Spring and fall migrants include Cinnamon Teal, Barrow's Goldeneyes, Pied-billed Grebes.

VIEWING: Past gate, walk 0.5-mile trail down to lake; circle lake on deer path. Morning birding is best.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 191.5 in Winthrop, turn north (across from Red Barn) onto W Chewuch Rd. Drive 0.9 mile. Turn left onto Rendezvous Rd. Drive 1 mile. Turn left onto Gunn Ranch Rd. Drive 0.8 mile. Turn left on unmarked road. Drive 0.1 mile to parking.

36 Pearrygin Lake State Park



HABITAT: 962-acre park with 204-acre lake, sandy beach, riparian eastern shoreline; dry, rolling uplands with groves of ponderosa pines.

BIRDING: Golden and Bald Eagles almost guaranteed. Spot Red-tailed, Sharp-shinned, and Cooper's Hawks plus Northern Harriers. Listen for Great Horned, Pygmy, Northern Saw-whet, and Screech Owls. Water-loving warblers abound: Orange-crowned, Wilson's, and Yellow-rumped, plus Yellowthroats and Veeries. Glimpse American Redstarts and Lazuli Buntings.

VIEWING: Past campsite #45, walk or bike 0.7-mile dirt road to group camping. Mornings are best. Bird lake's west side by boat. Caution: summer crowds, jet skis.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at stop sign in Winthrop, go north onto Riverside Ave/Bluff St/E Chewuch Rd. Drive 1.6 miles. Turn right onto Bear Creek Rd. Drive 1.6 miles (again), turn right into East Campground of Pearrygin Lake State Park. Drive 1.2 miles to intersection in campground. Turn left to day-use parking.

37 Methow Wildlife Area: Sullivan Pond



HABITAT: WDFW 100 acres of coniferous forest, riparian area, 30-acre pond.

BIRDING: Site specialties are Dusky Flycatchers, Yellow Warblers, Vesper Sparrows, and Red-naped Sapsuckers. Cattails host plentiful Yellow-headed Blackbirds.

VIEWING: Seasonal pond attracts Ruddy Ducks. Warblers flit through foliage.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at stop sign in Winthrop, continue straight (north) onto Riverside Ave/Bluff St/E Chewuch Rd. Drive 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Bear Creek Rd. Drive 1.6 miles. At Y, veer left onto unmarked dirt road. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn left onto FS Rd 100. Drive 2 miles to pullouts.

38 Big Valley Wildlife Area



HABITAT: WDFW 847 acres of riparian area, deciduous and coniferous forest.

BIRDING: In spring, look for colorful Lazuli Buntings and Wood Ducks, plus Red-eyed and Warbling Vireos, Veeries, Swainson's Thrushes, Cassin's Finches, Cedar Waxwings. It's Woodpecker Central in riverside trees: Downy, Hairy, Pileated and White-headed, along with Williamson's and Red-naped Sapsuckers. Barn, Violet-green, Tree, and Northern Rough-winged Swallows glide overhead.

VIEWING: Walk or bike 3 miles along Methow River on Main, Veery, and Redstart trails. Bank Swallows nest at Main Trail's southern end.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 185.8, turn south onto Dripping Springs Rd. Drive 0.2 mile, keeping left at Y, to parking lot.

39 Tawls-Foster Suspension Bridge



HABITAT: Fast-flowing part of Methow River, tree-sheltered shoreline.

BIRDING: Spring charmers are American Redstarts and Harlequin Ducks. Spring-summer, watch for Rufous and Calliope Hummingbirds, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Cassin's Finches, occasional Red Crossbills. See Common Mergansers, American Dippers on water. Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatches, Mountain Chickadees, Dark-eyed Juncos stay through fall.

VIEWING: Walk or bike 1 mile on old road to Methow Valley Sport Trails Assn's bridge. Bonus: Students' ceramic wildlife mural by river.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 184.8, turn north onto Goat Creek Rd. Drive 3.5 miles. Turn left at trailhead sign into parking area.



40 North Cascades Lodge/Audubon Trails



HABITAT: 22 acres of giant cedars, beaver ponds, and Methow River. Privately owned but open to birders.

BIRDING: Spring-summer, find Swainson's Thrushes, MacGillivray's and Townsend's Warblers, Red-eyed and Warbling Vireos, Veeries, and Ruffed Grouse. Spot Red-naped Sapsuckers, plus Pileated, Downy, and Hairy Woodpeckers. Check for Mountain Chickadees, Northern Pygmy-Owls, Brown Creepers, Pine Grosbeaks through fall.

VIEWING: Make loop of 0.3-mile Tractor Trail to Methow River and 0.2-mile Beaver Trail by ponds. Early morning birders: please be respectful of late-sleeping lodge guests. Lodge restroom open to public. Bonus: guided morning birdwalks.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 179.5 in Mazama, turn east onto Lost River Rd. Drive 2.5 miles. Turn left into lodge parking.

41 Klipchuck Campground



HABITAT: USFS coniferous forest beside Early Winters Creek.

BIRDING: When snow disappears, migrants appear. Highlights include Caliope Hummingbirds, Townsend's and MacGillivray's Warblers, Swainson's Thrushes, Cassin's Vireos, Dusky and Hammond's Flycatchers, and occasional Williamson's Sapsuckers.

VIEWING: Take Early Winters Trail by campsite #7 and Creekside Loop Trail by campsite #15, both 0.2 mile long. For Vaux's Swifts and Sooty Grouse, hike 4-mile Butte Trail (exposed and hot during summer days.)

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 175.1, turn east onto FS Rd 300. Drive 1.1 miles to Driveway Butte Trailhead; or 1.2 miles into campground; park across from fee station.

42 Washington Pass Overlook



HABITAT: 5,477-foot pass, alpine coniferous forest in North Cascades National Park.

BIRDING: Inquisitive Clark's Nutcrackers and Gray Jays appear promptly. Glimpse other forest favorites: Pine Grosbeaks, Red Crossbills, Red-naped Sapsuckers, Mountain and Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Brown Creepers, Dark-eyed Juncos.

VIEWING: Take 0.3-mile Overlook Trail through old-growth Pacific silver fir and mountain hemlock to viewpoint.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 162.3, turn north onto Washington Pass Overlook Rd. Drive 0.5 mile to parking area. Open May/June to Nov/Dec depending on snow.

43 Rainy Pass Picnic Area



HABITAT: 4,855-foot pass, waterfalls, alpine forest in North Cascades National Park.

BIRDING: Find Rufous Hummingbirds, Fox Sparrows, Wilson's Warblers, Pine Siskins, Townsend's Solitaires, Varied and Hermit Thrushes.

VIEWING: Walk around wetland at parking area to paved 1-mile trail to Rainy Lake.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 157.6, turn south into picnic area. Open May/June to Nov/Dec depending on snow.

44 Colonial Creek Campground



(Restroom closed in Winter)

HABITAT: North Cascades

National Park, coniferous and riparian landscape.

BIRDING: Spring-fall, see Red-breasted Nuthatches, Swainson's and Varied Thrushes, Yellow-rumped Warblers, Warbling Vireos. Watch for Western Tanager, Cliff Swallows, Hammond's Flycatchers in summer. Pileated Woodpeckers and Steller's Jays hang around year-round.

VIEWING: Walk 0.8-mile Thunder Arm trail by Diablo Lake. Listen for Barred Owls at night spring-summer. In winter, spot Barrow's Goldeneyes and Common Mergansers on lake, Red Crossbills in firs. Bonus: nearby North Cascades Environmental Learning Center.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 130.2, turn south into main campground. Drive 0.4 miles to Thunder Creek Trailhead parking.

MORE BIRDING: From north campground across Hwy 20, hike steep, windy 1.8-mile Thunder Knob Trail for Black and Vaux's swifts.

45 North Cascades National Park Visitor Center



HABITAT: 6-square-mile site within 684,000-acre national park of mountains, meadows, forests, rivers, lakes.

BIRDING: Spring-summer, find Olive-sided, Pacific Slope, and Hammond's Flycatchers; Townsend's and Wilson's Warblers, Red-eyed Vireos, Black-headed Grosbeaks, and Swainson's Thrushes – all on menu of Sharp-shinned Hawks. Glimpse Common Yellowthroats and American Redstarts. Residents include Pileated Woodpeckers, White-crowned Sparrows, Varied Thrushes, Winter Wrens, Golden-crowned Kinglets, plus American Dippers and Ospreys.

VIEWING: From visitor center, take short interpretive boardwalk to viewing platform for Cedar Waxwings, Bullock's Orioles, Vaux's and Black Swifts; and explore 1.8-mile River Loop and side paths. Bonus: see 1,300-year-old rock shelter used by early Native Americans.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 120, turn south. Drive 0.5 mile to parking.

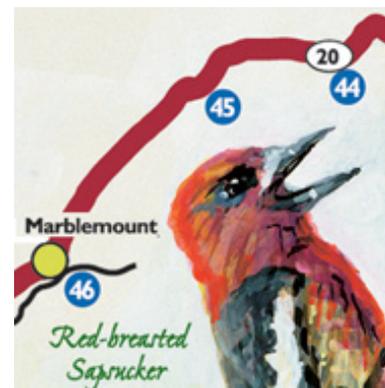
MORE BIRDING: Goodell Creek Campground, 0.5 mile west of visitor center, offers good view of river for Harlequin Ducks, Common Mergansers, Buffleheads, and Spotted Sandpipers on shore.

46 Marblemount Boat Launch



HABITAT: USFS 80 riparian acres along Cascade and Skagit Rivers.

BIRDING: Skagit River is THE place for Bald Eagles in winter when they gather to feast on salmon. Good spot also spring-summer for Common Yellowthroats, Tree Swallows, Spotted Sandpipers, and Turkey Vultures. Year-round, find Belted Kingfishers, Great Blue Herons.



VIEWING: Follow 0.3-mile path to rivers.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 106, turn east, drive 0.1 mile, crossing bridge. Turn right into gravel parking area.



47 Skagit River Bald Eagle Natural Area

HABITAT: WDFW 0.3-mile Skagit River shoreline with towering cottonwoods and Douglas-firs.

BIRDING: Bald Eagle bonanza! Strong runs of salmon attract one of country's largest winter populations of Bald Eagles.

VIEWING: Eagles perch in trees across river and eat salmon carcasses on gravel bars. Shore is closed to foot traffic to protect birds. Bonus: February's Bald Eagle Festival. **ACCESS:** From Hwy 20 at milepost 100, turn south into Sutter Creek Rest Area.

48 Howard Miller Steelhead Park

HABITAT: County's 83 acres along Skagit River, meadow, maples and cottonwoods, fir-covered hillsides.

BIRDING: All about eagles in winter – but fine other seasons, too. Spring-fall, see Ospreys, Red-tailed Hawks, Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Rufous Hummingbirds, Violet-green Swallows, and White-crowned Sparrows. Common Yellowthroats migrate through spring and fall. Belted Kingfishers, American Dippers, Common Mergansers, and Steller's Jays stay all year.

VIEWING: From campground's southwest end, loop trail leads to railroad grade and wetlands. Bonus: Salmon migration Oct-Dec. **ACCESS:** From Hwy 20 at milepost 97.6 in Rockport, turn south onto Hwy 530 for 0.2 mile. Turn right (west) into park, drive 0.2 miles to meadow parking.

49 Rockport State Park

HABITAT: 465 acres of old-growth Douglas-firs, Western Red Cedars, Sitka Spruce, Western Hemlock.

BIRDING: Listen for high-up Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Townsend's and MacGillivray's warblers, Western Tanagers, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creepers, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Swainson's Thrushes. Check trees mid-to-low level for Varied Thrushes, Pine Siskins, and Steller's Jays, and shrubs for Winter Wrens.

VIEWING: Mainly birding-by-ear on 5 miles of trail through ancient forest. Spring visits are best.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 96.5, turn north, then right to parking.

50 Skagit County Cascade Trail

HABITAT: Rails-to-Trails through town of Concrete, grassy fields, shrubs, trees.

BIRDING: Introducing common city birds: American Goldfinches, American Robins, American Crows, Violet-green Swallows, Song and White-crowned Sparrows. **VIEWING:** Walk 1 block back to E St; cross street

to start of trail. First 0.5 mile is level, partially shaded. Mornings are best. Bird by bike several more miles to west.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 89, turn north onto E St. Immediately turn right onto Railroad St. Drive one block. Park at Concrete Senior Center.

51 Rasar State Park

HABITAT: 128 acres along Skagit River, meadow, deciduous and coniferous forest.

BIRDING: Come year-round for Pileated, Hairy, and Downy Woodpeckers; Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Varied Thrushes, Winter Wrens. Spot Belted Kingfishers by water. Spring-summer forest hosts Red-eyed Vireos, Swainson's Thrushes, Western Tanagers, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Winter Wrens, Willow and Pacific-slope Flycatchers; Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Gray, and Wilson's Warblers. Winter features Bald Eagles, Common Goldeneyes.

VIEWING: At parking area's west end, take 0.5 mile loop through forest and meadow to river, return on ADA trail. In winter, avoid gravel bars to avoid disturbing eagles.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 82.9, turn south onto Russell Rd. Drive 0.8 mile. Turn right onto Cape Horn Rd. Drive 1.3 miles. Turn left into park. Drive 0.2 miles to picnic parking.

52 Shadow of the Sentinels

HABITAT: USFS-managed remnant of ancient forest with 700-year-old trees.

BIRDING: Find smallest birds in largest trees: Chestnut-backed Chickadees and Golden-crowned Kinglets in Douglas-firs. Glimpse Rufous Hummingbirds in salmonberry flowers. Listen for Great Horned Owls, and Downy, Hairy and Pileated Woodpeckers.

VIEWING: Take 0.5-mile interpretive boardwalk loop.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 82.3, turn north onto Baker Lake Rd. Drive 14.7 miles. Turn right into parking area.

MORE BIRDING: Visit Horseshoe Cove Campground, 0.6-mile north, for riparian birds like Willow Flycatchers; and Puget Sound Energy's lakeside Kulshan Campground, 0.6 mile south, for Bald Eagles, Ospreys, and Common Loons in spring.

53 Skagit Wildlife Area: Johnson/Debay's Swan Reserve

HABITAT: WDFW 295 acres of sloughs, seasonal ponds, wetlands, fields.

BIRDING: Tundra and Trumpeter Swans steal the show November-March. Winter-spring, also see Northern Pintails and American Wigeons. All three seasons feature Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, and Northern Harriers. Spring and fall, glimpse migrating Swainson's Thrushes, Bullock's Orioles, Wood Ducks.

VIEWING: Swans feed in fields and roost in sloughs at dusk.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 64.8 in Sedro-Woolley, turn south onto Hwy 9. Drive 2.6 miles. Turn right onto Francis Rd. Drive 0.8 mile to reserve entrance. Turn right onto Debay's Isle Rd. Drive 0.2 mile to main parking area. If gate is closed, park and walk in.

54 Deming Homestead Eagle Park

HABITAT: County's 100-acre preserve, grassy banks by braided channels of Nooksack River, wetland sloughs, alders and cedars.

BIRDING: Come in winter for Bald Eagles. Come in spring for Spotted Sandpipers, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Harlequin Ducks. Come any season for American Dippers on river; and "landlubbers": Spotted Towhees, Bushtits, Steller's Jays, Dark-eyed Juncos, Evening Grosbeaks.

VIEWING: Explore paths; take riverside trails to see eagles feeding on salmon.
ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 66, turn north onto Hwy 9/Township St. Drive 22.3 miles. At milepost 79.3 at T, turn right (east) toward Mt Baker/Glacier onto Hwy E542. Drive 0.4 mile. At milepost 15, turn right onto Truck Rd. Drive 0.6 mile, turn right into parking.



55 Marine Park

HABITAT: City-owned grasslands, sandy beaches by Drayton Harbor mud flats and saltwater.
BIRDING: Blue-ribbon water-birding in winter! Popular stars include Pacific, Common, and Red-throated Loons; Red-necked, Western and Horned Grebes; Barrow's and Common Goldeneyes; Long-tailed Ducks, Northern Pintails. Also watch for Yellow-billed Loons; Surf, Black, and White-winged scoters, Harlequin Ducks, plus Bald Eagles.
VIEWING: Walk or bike 0.5-mile Marine Park with covered observation decks. Public dock 0.1 mile further overlooks breakwater with large breeding colonies of Double-crested Cormorants and Glaucous-winged Gulls. Best birding is 2-3 hours before incoming tide.
ACCESS: From I-5 northbound, take exit 276 (Blaine City Center). Turn left on Peace Portal Dr. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right onto Marine Dr. From I-5 southbound, take exit 276 (Blaine City Center). Turn right immediately onto Marine Drive. Drive 0.1 mile to parallel parking on street.
MORE BIRDING: Semiahmoo Park. Drive south 2.0 miles on Peace Portal Dr. Turn right onto Bell Rd. Drive 0.9 mile. Turn right onto Drayton Harbor Rd. Drive 3.3 miles, staying right at each Y. Turn right onto Semiahmoo Pkwy. Drive 0.4 mile. Park on left across from park sign. Bird both sides of 1.5-mile sand spit for Short-eared Owls, Savannah Sparrows, Black Oystercatchers; flocks of migrating Black Turnstones, Black-bellied Plovers, Dunlins.

56 Birch Bay State Park

HABITAT: 194 acres of beach on saltwater, freshwater wetland, Terrell Creek.
BIRDING: Main attraction? Winter's marine birds! Common Loons, Brant, Western and Horned Grebes, Ring-billed and Bonaparte's Gulls, plus Harlequin Ducks and Northern Pintails. Also see Wood Ducks and Bald Eagles. Spring-fall, view migrating shorebirds like Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs.
VIEWING: Scope bay, 1.5 mile-shoreline, and wetland across from beach.
ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 266 (Hwy 548/Custer/Grandview Rd). Turn

west onto Hwy 548/Grandview Rd. Drive 7.9 miles. Turn right onto Point Whitehorn Rd. Drive 0.7 mile to picnic parking on right.

57 Tennant Lake Wildlife Area

HABITAT: WDFW family-friendly, 720 acres with 80-acre peat bog, wetlands, forest, old farm fields reverting to meadows.
BIRDING: Year-round, find Pied-billed Grebes, Hooded Mergansers, Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, Northern Harriers, Marsh Wrens, American Bitterns. Tall-grass meadows support breeding Savannah Sparrows. Spring brings Green Herons, Wood Ducks, Common Yellowthroats, Tree Swallows. Virginia Rails and Soras stay through summer. American Wigeons are here fall-spring.
VIEWING: Use 1-mile boardwalk Loop Trail around marshy lake, observation tower. Bonus: Interpretive center, herb-and-flower Fragrance Garden.
ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 262 (Main St/City Center). Turn west onto Main St in Ferndale. Drive 0.4 mile. Under trestle, turn left onto Hovander Dr. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right onto Nielsen Ave. Drive 0.8 mile to Tennant Lake Interpretive Center.

58 Whatcom Falls Park

HABITAT: City's 209 acres of freshwater wetlands, riparian area, conifers.
BIRDING: Watch for American Dippers below falls. Spot forest residents: Steller's Jays, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Barred and Great Horned Owls; Hairy, Downy and Pileated Woodpeckers and Northern Flickers, as well as Yellow-rumped Warblers spring-summer. At Scudder Pond, seek out Green and Great Blue Herons, Black-crowned Night-Herons, Virginia Rails, Soras, Wood Ducks, Hooded Mergansers.
VIEWING: Take short path to Whatcom Falls, continue 0.5 mile to Scudder Pond Preserve. Walk or bike park's 5 miles of trails.
ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 253 (Lakeway Dr). Turn east onto Lakeway Dr. Drive 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Kenoyer Dr/Silver Beach Rd into park. Drive 0.4 mile to end of parking lot.

59 Larrabee State Park

HABITAT: 2,683 acres of lakes, forests, saltwater coves, rocky tidepools.
BIRDING: On bay, check for Harlequin Ducks, Double-crested and Pelagic Cormorants, Glaucous-winged Gulls. Spy Great Blue Herons in shallows, Bald Eagles in snags. Common Loons and Mew Gulls come in winter. Great Horned, Western Screech, Northern Pygmy, and Barred Owls live in uplands all year. Other locals include Red-breasted Sapsuckers and Pileated Woodpeckers.
VIEWING: Walk or bike 15 miles of trails. Bonus: Dramatic scenic byway Chuckanut Dr along Puget Sound.
ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 250 (Hwy 11/Chuckanut Dr/Old Fairhaven Pkwy). Turn west onto Old Fairhaven Pkwy/ Chuckanut Dr. Drive 1.3 miles. Turn left onto 12th St. Drive 0.1 mile. Veer left onto Hwy 511/Chuckanut Dr N. Drive 5.1 miles. Turn right into park. Drive 0.2 mile to beach and day-use parking.

60 Skagit Wildlife Area: Samish Unit

HABITAT: WDFW 409 acres of tidelands, marshes, agricultural fields.
BIRDING: Five-star raptor viewing! Peregrine Falcons, American Kestrels are common; less usual are Gyrfalcons, Merlins, Prairie Falcons. Bald Eagles, Northern Harriers, Red-tailed and Rough-legged Hawks, and Short-eared Owls hunt in fields by day, Barn Owls by night. At shoreline, look for Western Sandpipers in fall, Dunlins and Black-bellied Plovers in winter.
VIEWING: From trail on dike, spot raptors soaring over fields. Peregrines

often perch on utility poles at “T” intersection.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 53.2, turn north onto Bayview-Edison Rd. Drive 8.1 miles. Turn left at “T” onto Samish Island Rd. Drive 0.6 mile to gravel parking area.



61 Bayview State Park  

HABITAT: Part of 10,000-acre Padilla Bay National Estuarine Reserve with firs, gravel beaches, salt marsh, mud flats, offshore eelgrass beds.

BIRDING: Savor winter waterbird extravaganza: Brant, Northern Pintails, American and Eurasian Wigeons, Greater and Lesser Scaups, Long-tailed and Harlequin Ducks, Green-winged Teal. There’s more: Horned, Western and Red-necked Grebes; Common, Pacific, and Red-throated Loons, plus marsh-dwelling Green Herons. Dunlins, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Sanderlings, Western Sandpipers migrate through. See Peregrine Falcons in winter.

VIEWING: Scope shore and bay. Bonus: Padilla Bay-Breazeale Interpretive Center, 0.5-mile north of park.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 53.2, turn north onto Bayview-Edison Rd. Drive 3.6 miles. Turn right into park and immediately left to Joe Hamel Beach parking.

MORE BIRDING: Walk or bike 2-mile Padilla Bay Shore Trail. Parking area is 2.8 mile south of state park on Bayview-Edison Rd.

62 Washington Park  

HABITAT: City’s 200, family-friendly acres with cedar, fir, and madrone forest; grassy bluffs, boulder-strewn coastline.

BIRDING: Puget Sound headland offers top-notch winter birding. Find Marbled Murrelets, Pigeon Guillemots, Common Loons, Red-necked and Western Grebes, Double-crested and Pelagic Cormorants, Brant, Surf Scoters, Hooded Mergansers, and Harlequin Ducks. Watch abundant Rhinoceros Auklets spring-summer. Black Oystercatchers and Bald Eagles patrol shoreline. Check trees for Brown Creepers, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Bushtits; Downy, Hairy, and Pileated Woodpeckers.

VIEWING: Walk, bike or drive scenic 2.2-mile Loop Rd; explore other trails. Bonus: Orcas and harbor seals often offshore.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 48, stay right onto Hwy 20 Spur/San Juan Ferry. Drive 2.6 miles. Turn right at sign for San Juan/Victoria BC Ferries onto Hwy 20 Spur/Commercial St in Anacortes. Drive 1.3 miles. Turn left onto on Hwy 20 Spur/12th St. Drive 3.1 miles. At Y at milepost 55S, stay left onto Sunset Ave. Drive 0.6 mile to park entrance, stay left to Loop Rd. Drive 0.2 mile to day-use parking. (Loop reserved for walkers 6-10 am.)

63 Deception Pass State Park/Rosario Picnic Area  

HABITAT: Marine waters, rocky promontory, coniferous forest.

BIRDING: Spring-summer, view Violet-green and Barn Swallows and migrating Brant; see Marbled Murrelets in summer. Fall-winter waters feature

Common and Red-throated Loons, Harlequin Ducks, Buffleheads, Hooded Mergansers, Western and Red-necked Grebes. Spot Golden-crowned Sparrows in trees. All year, but especially in winter, enjoy Bald Eagles, Double-crested and Pelagic Cormorants, White-crowned Sparrows.

VIEWING: Take 0.3-mile forest trail to cliff top to scan open waters. Walk through picnic areas and along beaches. Bonus: Samish Tribe’s Ko-Kwal-awoot totem pole.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 48, turn south onto Hwy 20W toward Oak Harbor/Port Townsend Ferry. At milepost 42.8, turn right (west) onto Rosario Rd. Drive 0.7 mile. Turn left onto Cougar Gap Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn left onto Rosario Beach Rd. Drive 0.2 mile to parking.

64 Skagit Wildlife Area: Headquarters  

HABITAT: WDFW 2,400 acres of tideland marsh, fields.

BIRDING: Winter landscapes turn white with thousands of Snow Geese plus plentiful Trumpeter and Tundra Swans. Also in winter find Golden-Crowned and Lincoln’s Sparrows. 180+ species rely on this major Pacific Flyway stop, including Greater Yellowlegs, Marsh Wrens, White-crowned Sparrows, Rufous Hummingbirds, Tree Swallows, Bewick’s Wrens. Year-round, find Ospreys, Bald Eagles, Red-tailed and Rough-legged Hawks, Short-eared Owls.

VIEWING: 1.3-mile trail leads to Freshwater Slough. In summer, check trees and shrubs along road for Common Yellowthroats, and Yellow-rumped, Wilson’s, and Yellow Warblers. Avoid treacherous mud flats.

ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 221 (Lake McMurray/Conway). Turn west. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right toward Conway/La Conner onto Fir Island Rd. Drive 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Wylie Rd. Drive 1 mile (stay straight at intersection). Turn left into wildlife area. Drive 0.1, turn right, drive 0.1 to parking.

65 Skagit Wildlife Area: Fir Island Farm/Hayton Reserve  

HABITAT: 11,000-acre WDFW refuge with agricultural and riparian lands diked-off from driftwood-covered mud flats.

BIRDING: Peregrine Falcons hunt Dunlins and Black-bellied Plovers along shore. Barn Owls search fields for rodents. Great Horned Owls roost in trees. October-March, great flocks of Trumpeter and Tundra Swans cover fields like snow. Snow Geese and American Wigeons stay October-April.

VIEWING: In winter, close vehicle doors quietly to avoid disturbing geese and swans. Use dike overlook for waterfowl, shorebirds; treacherous mud flats.

ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 221 (Lake McMurray/Conway). Turn west. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right toward Conway/La Conner onto Fir Island Rd. Drive 3.2 mile. Turn left at Reserve sign. Drive 0.3 mile to parking area.

66 Skagit Wildlife Area: Big Ditch  

HABITAT: WDFW 111 acres of diked agricultural fields, mud flats, deciduous trees and shrubs on remnant delta.

BIRDING: Survey visual feast of waterfowl, shorebirds, and raptors, including Trumpeter and Tundra Swans, Snow Geese, Dunlins, Greater Yellowlegs, Peregrine Falcons, Bald Eagles, American Kestrels, Northern Harriers. Also find Northern Pintails, occasional Snowy Owls.

VIEWING: Take 1-mile path along dike to view fields and mud flats; walk south to riparian thickets.

ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 221 (Lake McMurray/Conway/LaConner). Turn west. Drive 0.1 mile. Stay left; road becomes Pioneer Hwy. Drive 4.6 miles. Veer right onto Old Pacific Hwy. Immediately veer right again, continue straight at wildlife area sign. Drive 0.6 mile to parking area.



67 Iverson Spit Preserve



HABITAT: County's 300 acres of Port Susan Bay mud flats and beach; agricultural fields, shrubs, forested hillside.

BIRDING: Varied environment supports multitudes of many species. See year-round residents: Pileated Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers, Bald Eagles, Marsh Wrens. Spring-fall, watch migrating Whimbrels, Kildeers, Black-bellied and Semi-palmated Plovers, and Say's Phoebes. Common Yellowthroats, Rufous Hummingbirds, and Swainson's Thrushes stay spring-fall. Cedar Waxwings and Caspian Terns come for summer. In winter, spot Red-throated Loons, Brant, Peregrine Falcons, Long-tailed Ducks.

VIEWING: 1-mile Loop Trail leads to viewing platforms, through fields and forest. Scan bay with scope; cross dike toward open water. Bonus: February Snow Goose Festival.

ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 212 (Stanwood/Camano Is.) Turn west onto Hwy 532. Drive west 9.7 miles. At Y, veer left onto East Camano Dr. Drive 0.3 mile. Turn left onto Sunrise Blvd. Drive 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Iverson Beach Rd. Drive 0.4 Turn left onto Iverson Rd. Drive 0.7 mile to parking area.

68 Kayak Point County Park



HABITAT: 670 acres with forest and marine areas.

BIRDING: Great getaway for families and beginning birders. Check water for Common Loons, Glaucous-winged Gulls, Double-crested Cormorants, Barrow's Goldeneyes, Horned and Red-necked Grebes. Trees host Song Sparrows, Chestnut-backed and Black-capped Chickadees, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Downy and Pileated Woodpeckers. Bald Eagles perch and soar.

VIEWING: Walk onto pier, explore 0.5-mile driftwood-covered shoreline. Note Pigeon Guillemot nest holes in mud cliffs at south end of beach. Hike hillside trail.

ACCESS: From I-5, take exit 199 (Marysville). Turn west onto 4th St/Marine Dr. Drive 12.9 miles. Turn left onto Kayak Point Rd into park. Drive 0.7 mile to beach, park at waterfront near pier.

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