

The Great Washington State Birding Trail

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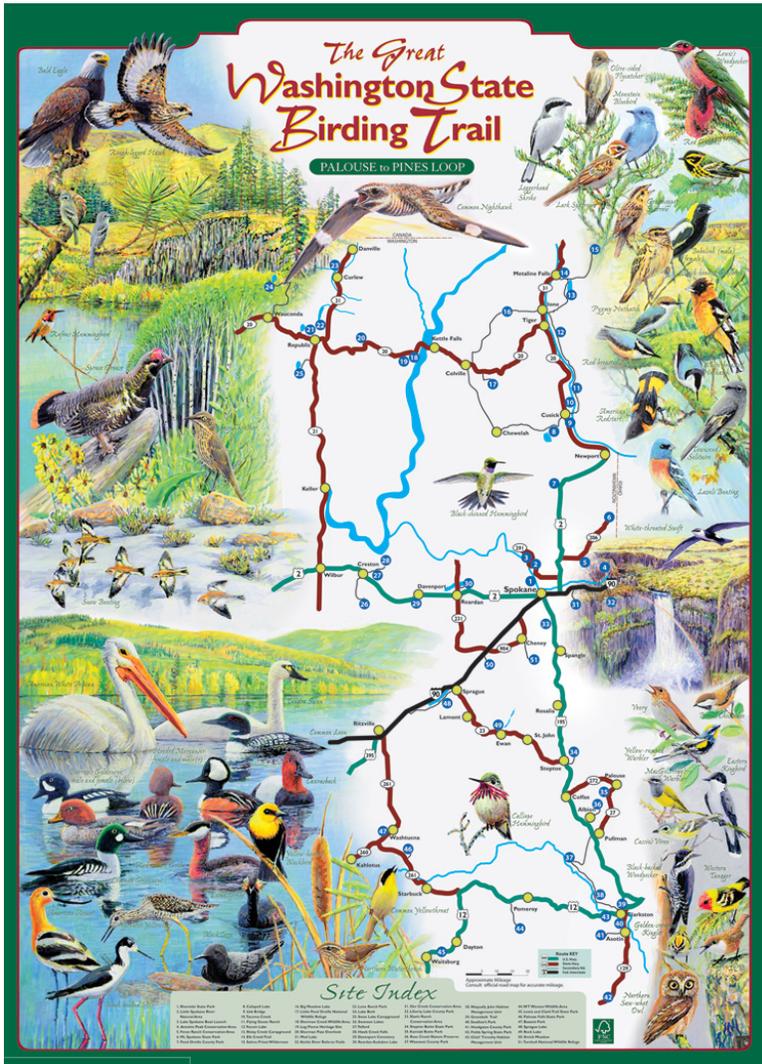
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White-headed Woodpecker

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Mission

To conserve and restore natural ecosystems – focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats – for the benefit of humanity and earth’s biological diversity.

Important Bird Areas

The worldwide Important Bird Areas (IBA) program identifies sites essential to healthy, long-term bird populations, and works for conservation of these sites. Audubon is the lead U.S. organization for the IBA program.

Bird Information

- Audubon Washington, wa.audubon.org with links to Palouse and Spokane Audubon societies.
- Washington Ornithological Society, Rare Bird Alert– www.wos.org
- *A Birder’s Guide to Washington*, by Hal Opperman, 2003, American Birding Assn, Colorado Springs, CO, www.americanbirding.org
- *Birds of the Inland Northwest and Northern Rockies*, by Harry Nehls, Mike Denny, and Dave Trochlell, 2008, RW Morse Company, www.rwmorse.com
- Online discussions: Tweeters, U of WA www.scn.org/earth/tweeters; Inland NW Birders, birdingonthe.net/maillinglists/INNWW.html
- *BirdWeb*, Seattle Audubon’s online WA bird guide, www.birdweb.org
- *BirdNote!* Audio bird portraits, www.BirdNote.org

INFO KEY

MAP ICONS

- 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.

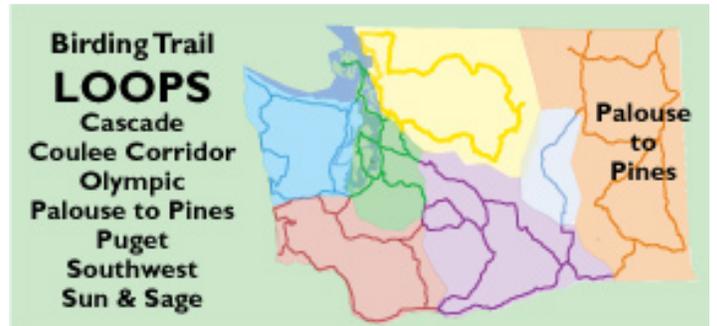
Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and state parks require Discover Pass 866-320-9933, www.discoverpasswa.gov; USFS, USFWS, BLM and national parks, 888-275-8747, www.nps.gov/passes

ABBREVIATIONS

- BLM – US Bureau of Land Management
- Corps – US Army Corps of Engineers
- NPS – National Parks Service
- USFS (FS) – US Forest Service
- USFWS – US Fish and Wildlife Service
- WDFW – Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

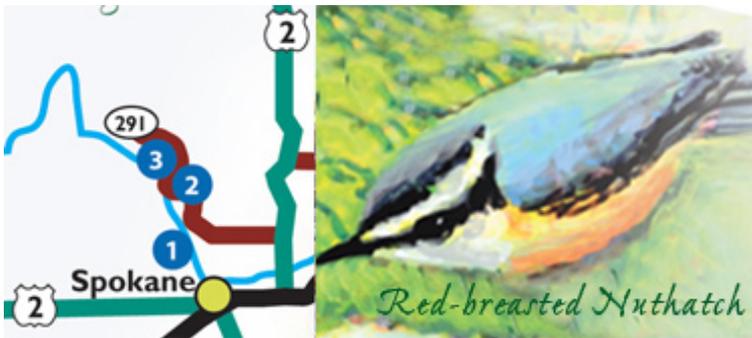
LOCAL SERVICES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Washington Visitor Information: www.experiencewashington.com
- Tundra Swan Festival: 3rd weekend in March, www.porta-us.com
- Sites 1-6, 31-33, 48-51: Spokane Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau 888-SPOKANE or 509-747-3230 www.visitspokane.com
- Sites 7-16: Pend Oreille River Tourism Alliance 509-447-5286 www.porta-us.com
- Sites 17-19: Colville Chamber of Commerce 509-684-5973 www.colville.com
- Sites 20-25: Republic Regional Visitors and Convention Bureau www.republicwa.com
- Sites 26-30: Lincoln County Visitors & Convention Bureau 877-417-9362 www.visitlincolncountywashington.com
- Sites 34-37: Pullman Chamber of Commerce 509-334-3565 www.pullmanchamber.com
- Sites 38-43: Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau 877-774-7248; www.hellscanyonvisitor.com; Clarkston Chamber of Commerce 800-933-2128 www.clarkstonchamber.org
- Sites 44-47: Dayton Chamber of Commerce 800-882-6289 www.historicdayton.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: <http://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 Riverside State Park

HABITAT: 10,000 acres, Spokane River, dry forested hills, basalt cliffs.

BIRDING: Rich and varied year-round! Find American Dippers on river; Pileated Woodpeckers and Pygmy, White- and Red-breasted Nuthatches in woods; Ospreys soar. Spot Canyon Wrens, Common Ravens, Black-billed Magpies. Spring-summer highlights include Nashville, Yellow, and Yellow-rumped Warblers; Gray Flycatchers, Cassin's Vireos, Cassin's Finches. Winter brings mixed flocks of Brown Creepers, Black-capped and Mountain Chickadees, Golden-crowned Kinglets.

VIEWING: Bowl and Pitcher – Take suspension bridge over river. Walk or drive 0.1 mile back up to overlook for White-throated Swifts, Common Nighthawks spring-summer. Hairy Woodpeckers feed nestlings. **Deep Creek Overlook** – Spring-summer take 0.5-mile path for Mountain Chickadees, Chipping Sparrows; at overlook spot Bald Eagle nest in tree across canyon. **Pine Bluff** – Past gate, walk on fire road 100 feet. Turn right onto 2nd road. Walk 100 feet. Turn left onto Trail 25. Walk 0.3 mile to cliff for view of Spokane River Valley, Mt. Spokane. Check woods spring-summer for Lark Sparrows, Gray Flycatchers. In fall watch open skies for Northern Goshawks. **Carlson Road Trailhead** – From parking, walk across Carlson Rd to path behind Centennial Trail sign. Find nesting Cooper's Hawks spring-summer, Red Crossbills year-round.

ACCESS: Bowl and Pitcher – From Hwy 291 at milepost 3.9, turn west onto Rifle Club Rd. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn left onto Aubrey L. White Pkwy. Drive 1.6 mi. Turn right into Bowl and Pitcher. Veer left to picnic area. Drive 0.2 mi. Turn right at swinging bridge sign, park in lot. **Deep Creek Overlook** – From Hwy 291 at milepost

5.2, turn west onto Seven Mile Rd. Drive 2.2 miles. Turn right onto State Park Dr. Drive 0.3 mile to parking. **Pine Bluff** – From Deep Creek Overlook, return to Seven Mile Rd, turn right. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn right onto Pine Bluff Rd. Drive 1 mile. Turn right into pulloff by white gate #16 (do not block gate). **Carlson Road Trailhead** – From Hwy 291 at milepost 9.2, turn west onto Charles Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn left onto Carlson Rd. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn right into parking.

2 Little Spokane River Natural Area



HABITAT: State-county's 1,993 acres, river, wetlands, mixed forest.

BIRDING: Check riversides for nesting Veeries, Gray Catbirds, Bullock's Orioles, Western Tangers, Western Wood-Pewees, American Goldfinches, Willow Flycatchers, Common Yellowthroats, Black-headed Grosbeaks. American Dippers ply river. On Valley Trail in spring, find Clark's Nutcrackers, Wild Turkeys, Nashville Warblers, Spotted Towhees, House Wrens. Ospreys and Common Mergansers fish in summer. Northern Pygmy-Owls stay all year.

VIEWING: Painted Rocks – Trail to Indian Painted Rocks leads 1.7 miles through meadow, riparian forest to **3 More Birding**. Valley Trail connects in 0.2 mile to 8-mile Knothead Trail to **3 More Birding**. Walk 0.2 mile across bridge to unnamed trail on left through riparian foliage to wet meadow. **Birding by boat** – 3-hour float spring-fall. At upriver boat launch, watch Northern Rough-winged, Violet-green, Cliff, and Barn Swallows, plus Eastern Kingbirds, Cedar Waxwings, Calliope Hummingbirds. Take out at 3.

ACCESS: Painted Rocks – From Hwy 291 at milepost 8.7, turn east onto W Rutter Pkwy. Drive 3.2 miles, curving left at stop sign. Park on left. **Birding by Boat** – From Painted Rocks, turn left onto W Rutter Pkwy/N Waikiki Rd. Drive 3.0 miles. (Waikiki Rd turns left.) Turn right at Spokane Natural Area sign and immediately veer left onto unnamed road. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn right at Little Spokane Natural Area sign. Drive 0.2 mile down hill to boat launch parking.

3 Lake Spokane Boat Launch



HABITAT: Spokane and Little Spokane rivers within Riverside State Park.

BIRDING: Winter wonderland: on river see dozens-to-hundreds of American Wigeons, Hooded and Common Mergansers, Ring-necked Ducks, Buffleheads, and Gadwalls – plus abundant Bald Eagles. Check fields and shrubs for Northern Shrikes, Varied Thrushes, flocks of Bohemian Waxwings, Common Redpolls.

VIEWING: Walk 0.2 mile path through meadow to confluence of rivers.

ACCESS: From Hwy 291 at milepost 9.9, turn west at “Take Out Site” sign. Drive 0.5 mile to boat launch parking.

MORE BIRDING: West end of **2 Little Spokane River Natural Area**. In winter see Pine Grosbeaks, Bewick's Wrens. Spring-summer find Swainson's Thrushes, Red-eyed Vireos. Year-round, watch Downy Woodpeckers, Red-breasted and Pygmy Nuthatches. From Hwy 291 at milepost 10, turn east after bridge onto Riverpark Lane. Park on right. Walk on paved road less than 0.1 mile to 1.7-mile Indian Painted Rocks Trail; or uphill to 8-mile Knothead Trail; both paths lead to **2 Little Spokane River Natural Area**.



4 Antoine Peak Conservation Area

HABITAT: County's 1,066 acres of mixed forest, meadows, cattail pond.

BIRDING: Northern Goshawks, Vaux's Swifts soar above home of woodland birds: Olive-sided and Dusky Flycatchers, Townsend's Solitaires, Yellow-rumped Warblers, Northern Flickers, Red Crossbills, Sharp-shinned Hawks, Black-capped Chickadees, Western Wood-Pewees, Chipping Sparrows, Western Bluebirds, Lazuli Buntings; Red-breasted, White-breasted and Pygmy Nuthatches; House and Rock Wrens, Pine Siskins, Tree Swallows, House Finches.

VIEWING: **East entrance** – Walk through gate, take old road to right 1 mile to pond. **West entrance** – Cross Robbins Rd. Past gate take old road 1.8 miles to peak.

ACCESS: From I-90 exit 289 (Hwy 27/Pines Rd), turn north onto Hwy 27/Pines Rd. Drive 1.0 mile. Turn right onto Hwy 290/Trent Ave. **East Entrance** – Drive 5.1 miles (at 4.1 miles stay straight at Y). Turn left onto Campbell Rd. Drive 1.6 miles. Turn left onto Lincoln Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Park on left by gate. **West Entrance** – Drive 1.0 mile. Turn left onto N Evergreen Rd/Forker Rd. Drive 2.3 miles. Turn right onto Brevier Rd. Drive 0.7 mile. At Y veer right onto Robbins Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Park at pullout on right.

5 Feryn Ranch Conservation Area

HABITAT: County's 168 acres of wetland, meadow, fields, ponderosa pine.

BIRDING: Tundra Swans and shorebirds – Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Black-necked Stilts, Wilson's Phalaropes – fly through in April. Waterfowl stay to nest: Pied-billed Grebes, Gadwalls, American Coots, Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shovelers, Redheads, Ring-necked and Ruddy Ducks. Other nesters include: Killdeer, Wilson's Snipes, Western Bluebirds, Savannah Sparrows, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, American Bittern. Fall-winter find Bald Eagles, Rough-legged and Red-tailed Hawks, Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, plus occasional Golden Eagles, Prairie Falcons.

VIEWING: Walk 0.4 mile cross-country to scope wetlands.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 297.2, turn east onto Hwy 206 E/Mt Spokane Park Dr. Drive 3.4 miles. Turn right onto unmarked gravel road at #9226. Drive 0.7 mile. Park on left.

6 Mt. Spokane State Park



HABITAT: 13,919 acres with granite peak, subalpine old-growth forest.

BIRDING: Best in mornings mid-June-Aug. Spot Turkey Vultures, Vaux's Swifts, Rufous Hummingbirds, Red Crossbills, Veeries, Warbling and Cassin's Vireos, Western Tanagers, Fox Sparrows, and warblers – Orange-crowned, Yellow-rumped, Townsend's, MacGillvray's, and Wilson's. Watch Pine Siskins and rare Evening Grosbeaks. Late fall-winter, see Pine Grosbeaks, White-winged Crossbills, Snow Buntings, Gray-crowned Rosy Finches. Year-round find Northern Pygmy-Owls, Pileated Woodpeckers, Brown Creepers, Chestnut-backed Chickadees.

VIEWING: **Selkirk Lodge** – Hike any distance April 15-Dec 1 on 8 miles of Nordic ski trails for Ruffed Grouse, Hammond's Flycatchers, Vesper Sparrows. **Bald Knob Campground** – Walk through campground, meadow for Black-headed Grosbeaks, Lazuli Buntings; Trail #130 connects to Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) cabin. **CCC Cabin** – Walk up Summit Rd 1 block to white gate entrance to 0.5-mile cabin loop for Dusky Grouse, Olive-sided Flycatchers. **Summit/Vista House** – Take short path to 1934 stone building and overlook; walk 0.1 mile up road to summit for Mountain Bluebirds, Rock Wrens. Bonus: Marmots, pikas.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 297.2, turn east onto Hwy 206 E/Mt Spokane Park Dr. Drive 15.5 miles to park entrance. Continue 3.1 miles. **Selkirk Lodge** (Open all year) – Turn right. Drive 0.2 mile to parking. (Summit Road closed late October – mid-June.) **Bald Knob Campground** – Turn left onto Summit Rd. Drive 1.1 miles to picnic parking. **CCC Cabin** – Continue on Summit Rd. 0.6 mile. Park on right. **Summit/Vista House** – Continue on Summit Rd 2.3 miles to Vista House parking on right.

7 Pend Oreille County Park



HABITAT: 400-acre forest of cedar, fir, pine, granite ridge.

BIRDING: Favorite hangout of Pileated and Hairy Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers. Tree trunks host Red-breasted Nuthatches and Brown Creepers while Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees forage on branches. Spot Winter Wrens, Townsend's Warblers, Pacific-slope Flycatchers. Find Cooper's Hawks, Barred and Great Horned Owls in forest, Nashville Warblers at ridgeline.

VIEWING: 7 miles of looping trails: Pathfinder, Big Sky for best birding.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 318.2, turn west into park. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn right. Drive 0.2 mile to picnic parking.

8 Calispell Lake



HABITAT: 1,200 private acres w/500-acre seasonal lake, marsh, fields.

BIRDING: Mid-February to mid-April, 4,000-5,000 Tundra Swans gather joined by Canada Geese, Northern Pintails, and Wood Ducks. Late spring see breeding Cinnamon, Blue- and Green-winged Teal; Hooded Mergansers, Red-necked Grebes, Gadwalls. Find American Bitterns in marsh, Sandhill Cranes, Wilson's Phalaropes in meadows. Black Terns soar above. In summer see American White Pelicans on lake, Greater Yellowlegs on shoreline.

VIEWING: Scan lake from behind fence: respect private property.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 423.3 turn east onto Jared Rd. Drive 0.7 mile. At 4-way intersection cross Hwy 211 to continue on Jared Rd. Drive 0.7 mile. Veer right onto unsigned Bennett Rd. Drive 1.3 miles. Turn left onto McKenzie Rd. Drive 1.1 miles. Turn



left onto W Calispell Rd. **Overlook 1** – Drive 1.2 miles. Park in pullout on right. Cross road to set up scope. **Overlook 2** – Continue 2.7 miles to pullout on left.

9 Usk Bridge



HABITAT: Private 3.5 miles of Pend Oreille River shore, shrubs, trees.

BIRDING: Hundreds of pairs of cliff swallows glue mud nests to bottom of bridge. In trees, spot Red-eyed Vireos, Bullock's Orioles, American Goldfinches, plus nesting American Redstarts and Black-headed Grosbeaks. Ospreys fish river; Double-crested Cormorants perch on pilings. Tundra Swans visit in March.

VIEWING: Check bridge, cottonwoods by river. Walk back up to Kings Lake Rd, cross, continue 0.5 mile on Front St by riparian foliage for Common Yellowthroats, Gray Catbirds, Pygmy Nuthatches.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 421.1, turn east onto Kings Lake Rd. Drive 0.4 mile. Stop at convenience store to pay fee. Behind store take gravel road to left of bridge down hill. Drive 0.1 mile. Park by river.

MORE BIRDING: From bridge turn right onto Kings Lake Rd. Drive 1 block. Turn right onto River Rd/Riverside Ave. Drive 1.7 miles. Turn left onto Timber St. Drive 1 blk. Turn right on to 1st Ave. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right into Cusick City Park. Walk to floating docks and 0.2 mile north to wetland.

10 Tacoma Creek

HABITAT: Kalispel Tribe-Public Utility District's 1230 acres of fields, stream, wetland; trees, shrubs.

BIRDING: Bobolinks come May-mid-July to nest. Hear breeding Ruby and Golden-crowned Kinglets, Western Tanagers, Tree Swallows, Common Yellowthroats, Yellow-breasted Chats, Marsh Wrens, Virginia Rails, Brewer's Blackbirds, Savannah Sparrows, Black Terns. In summer find Spotted Sandpipers, American Avocets, Greater Yellowlegs. See Osprey, Bald and Golden Eagles. Riparian thickets host Mountain Bluebirds, Red-eyed Vireos, American Redstarts, Northern Waterthrushes.

VIEWING: South entrance – Closed April 1-July 1. Go through stile in fence to left. Take 0.5-mile old road through field, along riparian foliage and creek. **North entrance** – To right of gate, take old road 0.3 mile to floodplain meadow.

ACCESS: South entrance – From Hwy 20 at milepost 415.7, turn east onto dirt road and right into parking. **North entrance** – From Hwy 20 at mp 415.1, turn east onto gravel pullout. (Respect tribal regulations; do not drive further.)

11 Flying Goose Ranch

HABITAT: Kalispel Tribe's 600 acres of fields, marsh, shoreline.

BIRDING: Marsh Wrens, Soras, Virginia Rails hide in cattails while Yellow-headed Blackbirds perch on top. Northern Harriers, American Kestrels hunt over fields. Wilson's Snipes nest in wet meadows, Bobolinks and Wilson's Phalaropes in fields. See Willow and possible Least Flycatchers, Warbling Vireos in brush. At river watch American White Pelicans, Pied-billed Grebes, Northern Shovelers; Cinnamon, Blue- and Green-winged Teal. American Avocets and Black-necked Stilts hug shoreline.

VIEWING: Walk on road 0.2 mile, passing kiosk. Continue 0.5 mile straight to river or take old road to left 0.7 mile through field (hardy-birder add-on: go west cross-country to river). Bonus: Beavers, otters.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 421.1, turn east onto Kings Lake Rd. Drive 0.9 mile. Across bridge, turn left onto Leclerc Rd N. Drive 9.2 miles. Turn left onto unnamed gravel road; park on right. (Respect tribal regulations; do not drive further.)

MORE BIRDING: Continue on Leclerc Rd N 0.3 mile. Turn left onto unnamed gravel road. Drive 1 block; park to left of gate. (Respect tribal regulations; do not drive further.) Walk 0.6 mile to river. Look for Bald Eagles and Great Blue Heron rookery in cottonwood grove. Also find Pileated Woodpeckers, Western Tanagers.



12 Yocum Lake



HABITAT: USFS-county's 42-acre lake, riparian shore, conifer forest.

BIRDING: Nesting Common Loons are highlight. Spot Common Goldeneyes on lake; Vaux's Swifts, Violet-green Swallows swoop above. Check trees for Cedar Waxwings, abundant Swainson's Thrushes, plus Warbling Vireos, American Redstarts, Pacific-slope Flycatchers – and Sharp-shinned Hawks. Lucky sighting: Golden Eagles.

VIEWING: Birding by boat.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 421.1, turn east onto Kings Lake Rd. Drive 0.9 mile. Across bridge, turn left onto Leclerc Rd. Drive 23.6 miles. Turn right onto unsigned gravel road. Drive 1.8 miles, veer left down to lake 0.1 mile. Park by informal boat launch. Caution: rough road.

13 Noisy Creek Campground



HABITAT: USFS 1,600-acre mountain lake, hillsides of coniferous forest.

BIRDING: Spring-summer find avian fishermen: Common Loons, Ospreys, Red-necked Grebes. Bald Eagles perch. See Red-eyed, Warbling, and Cassin's Vireos; Hammond's and Pacific Slope

Flycatchers; plus Nashville, Wilson's, and MacGillivray's Warblers. Check trees for Swainson's Thrushes, American Redstarts. Northern Goshawks, Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks hunt in forest. Fall brings Canada Geese plus occasional Tundra Swans.

VIEWING: Walk in campground, along Sullivan Lake. Seasonal creek in spring hosts American Dippers, Belted Kingfishers, Northern Waterthrushes. Lakeshore Trail 504 extends 4.2 miles to **14 Elk Creek Trail**.

ACCESS: From Hwy 31 at milepost 3.1, turn east onto Sullivan Lake Rd. Drive 8.2 miles (veering left after bridge). Turn right into campground. Drive 1 block. Veer left at Y. Drive 0.3 mile to trailhead parking. Bonus: fall salmon.



14 Elk Creek Trail



HABITAT: 250 acres of mixed trees within Colville National Forest.

BIRDING: Green canopy beckons nesters: Cassin's, Warbling, and Red-eyed Vireos; Yellow Warblers, Swainson's Thrushes. Also spot Downy Woodpeckers, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Mountain Bluebirds. Watch shrubs for Rufous and Black-chinned Hummingbirds, forest floor for Spotted Towhees and Ruffed Grouse.

VIEWING: 2.1-mile Elk Creek Trail 560 loops up hill, returns by waterfalls. Walk 0.1 mile to Mill Pond Historic Site; take 0.5-mile trail for Wilson's Snipes in wetland.

ACCESS: From Hwy 31 at milepost 16.4, turn east onto Sullivan Lake Rd. Drive 3.3 miles. Turn right onto FS Rd 2200/234. Drive 0.1 mile. Drive 0.1 mile to parking on left at trailhead.

MORE BIRDING: North Sullivan Lake – Turn right onto Sullivan Lake Rd. Drive 1.5 miles. Turn left onto FS Rd 2200. Drive 0.3 mile. Turn right at East Sullivan Lake campgrounds sign onto FS Rd 2200/241. Drive 0.2 mile. Park on left for 0.6-mile Nature Trail, and 4.2-mile Lakeshore Trail 504 to **13 Noisy Creek Campground**.

15 Salmo Priest Wilderness



HABITAT: USFS 39,937 acres of subalpine forest, mountain peak.

BIRDING: Premier alpine destination! Spot breeding Spruce and Dusky Grouse, Northern Goshawks, White-winged and Red Crossbills, Three-toed and Black-backed Woodpeckers, Clark's Nutcrackers, Boreal Owls, Pine Grosbeaks; plus all four chickadees: Boreal, Mountain, Black-capped, Chestnut-backed.

VIEWING: Salmo Divide Trail – Hike 1st mile on forested Trail 535. **Fire Lookout** – Stunning vistas of Washington, Idaho, British Columbia.

ACCESS: From Hwy 31 at milepost 16.4, turn east onto Sullivan Creek Rd. Drive 4.8 miles. Turn left onto FS Rd 2200. Drive 6.0 miles. Veer left, staying on Rd 2220. Drive 14.2 miles. Turn right into **Salmo Divide Trail** parking. **Fire Lookout** – Return 0.2 mile to primitive FS Rd 270; hike or drive 2.2 miles to old lookout tower.

16 Big Meadow Lake



HABITAT: USFS 72-acre lake; marsh, meadow, mixed evergreens.

BIRDING: Lake hosts nesting Common Loons, Barrow's and Common Goldeneyes, Buffleheads, Red-necked Grebes. Marsh shelters Virginia Rails, Soras, Lincoln's Sparrows, Northern Waterthrushes. Check brush for American Redstarts, Common Yellowthroats in summer. Spot unusual species: Northern Goshawk, Barred Owl, and Three-toed Woodpecker. Listen for Olive-sided and Hammond's Flycatchers, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Brown Creepers, Hermit Thrushes, Townsend's Warblers.

VIEWING: Tower – Across from boat launch, walk 0.3-mile ADA trail to observation tower. **Meadow Creek** – Near campground entrance, 2.0-mile Meadow Creek Trail 125 leads to old cabin on Meadow Rd. **Lakeside** – Behind campsites 12-13, take stile through fence to 2.5-mile loop Lakeside Trail 126. Bonus: moose. Caution: Avoid summer weekend crowds.

ACCESS: From Hwy 31 at milepost 4.1, turn west onto Houghton St. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn left onto 8th Ave. Drive 1 block. Turn right onto Blackwell St/Smackout Pass Rd. Drive 2.6 miles. At Y veer left onto unsigned Meadow Rd/FS Rd 2695. Drive 5.3 miles (staying left at Y). Turn left into campground. Drive 0.1 mile to boat launch parking and kiosk; continue 0.3 mile to pullout on left at campground entrance.

17 Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge



HABITAT: USFWS 41,568 acres: river; lakes, mixed forest.

BIRDING: Best mid-May-June, plus July-Aug mornings. Exquisite refuge harbors forest, marsh, meadow, and water species.

VIEWING: Headquarters – Scan trees for White-headed Woodpeckers, meadow for Wilson's Snipes, Black-chinned Hummingbirds, Common Nighthawks. **Cottonwood Camp** – Check campground deciduous foliage for Western Wood-Pewees, Willow Flycatchers, Red-eyed Vireos, Veeries, American Redstarts, Northern Pygmy-Owls. Listen for Great Horned and Barred Owls, Western Screech-Owls. **Potter's Pond** – Trail leads 0.1 mile to observation platform to see Tree and Northern Rough-winged Swallows above lake with Ruddy Ducks, Common Goldeneyes, Pied-billed Grebes. Spot Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Marsh Wrens in cattails. Bonus: Moose. **Beaver Ponds** – Walk back along road's riparian edges and ponds for Wood Ducks, Northern Waterthrushes, Black-capped Chickadees, Warbling Vireos, Hammond's and Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Swainson's Thrushes, Western Tanagers, Chipping Sparrows, Red Crossbills, Evening Grosbeaks. **River Camp and McDowell Lake** – Take 0.3-mile ADA trail for Nashville Warblers, Common Yellowthroats, Redstarts, Ruby-crowned Kinglets. At lake, watch Ospreys, Bald Eagles, Ring-necked Ducks, Hooded and Common Mergansers, Buffleheads, Red-necked Grebes.



Common Nighthawk

ACCESS: Headquarters – From Hwy 20 at milepost 360.2, turn south onto Artman-Gibson Rd. Drive 1.6 miles. Turn left onto Kitt-Narcisse Rd. Drive 2.2 miles. Turn right onto Bear Ck Rd. Drive 3.2 miles to parking. **Cottonwood Camp** – From headquarters, turn right onto Bear Ck Rd. Drive 0.7 mile. Turn right down into camp. **Potter's Pond** – From Cottonwood Camp return to Bear Ck Rd and turn right. Drive 3.1 miles. At 4-way intersection veer right to Potter's Pond on Bayley Lake Rd. Drive 0.9 mile to day-use parking on right. **Beaver Ponds** – From Potter's Pond return to Bear Ck Rd and turn right. Drive 1.1 miles. At 4-way intersection, take 2nd right at binoculars sign onto Rookery Rd. Drive 2 miles. Park in pullout on left. **River Camp and McDowell Lake** – From Beaver Ponds continue straight on Rookery Rd 1.8 miles to McDowell Lake and Trailhead day-use parking.

18 Sherman Creek Wildlife Area



HABITAT: WDFW 8,762 acres of riparian foliage, fields, shoreline.
BIRDING: Use scope to spot Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes plus Bald Eagles, Common Mergansers on lake. In April listen for Ruffed Grouse drumming; Red-naped Sapsuckers and Hairy Woodpeckers tapping. Early May best for Golden-crowned Kinglets. May-June see Calliope Hummingbirds, American Goldfinches in meadows. See abundant Red Crossbills, Chipping Sparrows, Pine Siskins. Also find Dusky Flycatchers, Western Tanager, Gray Catbirds – plus Pygmy, Red- and White-breasted Nuthatches.
VIEWING: East Gateway – From kiosk walk 0.4-mile old road to right down hill by deciduous trees and pines, to meadow and low-bank view of Lake Roosevelt. **Slide Overlook** – Past gate, walk 1 mile on road through field to see old quarter-mile-wide landslide now lush with foliage; small bay with driftwood shore; 180-degree view of lake.
ACCESS: East Gateway – From Hwy 20 at milepost 339.9, turn east into national scenic byway kiosk parking. **Slide Overlook** – From Hwy 20 at milepost 338.0, turn south onto unmarked Inchelium Hwy/Stevens County Rd 3. Drive 1.7 miles. Turn left onto unmarked dirt road. Drive 0.1 mile to parking area on right.

19 Log Flume Heritage Site



HABITAT: USFS riparian ribbon along Sherman Creek, conifers.
BIRDING: Watch American Dippers, Common Mergansers on fast-flowing stream as Northern Rough-winged Swallows swoop above. Find Willow and Hammond's Flycatchers, Cassin's and Warbling Vireos, Veeries, Swainson's Thrushes, Song Sparrows, plus warblers – Yellow, MacGillivray's, and Orange-crowned.
VIEWING: Take 0.5-mile ADA historical interpretive loop Trail 77 on berm above creek. From west end of parking lot, take 1-mile paved trail upstream to Canyon Creek Campground.
ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 335.1, turn south into national scenic byway site. Park at kiosk.

20 Sherman Pass Overlook



HABITAT: USFS mountain pass; forest of pine, fir, larch.
BIRDING: Alpine species delight: Gray Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, Boreal Owl, Mountain Chickadee, Townsend's Solitaire, Hermit and Varied Thrushes, Red Crossbill, Pine Siskin.
VIEWING: Take 0.2-mile ADA overlook trail. Also walk 0.2 mile to campsite 9 for 0.5-mile Sherman Pass Tie Trail 96 to Sherman Pass summit.
ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 320.4, turn north into national scenic byway overlook. Drive 0.1 mile, veering right to picnic parking.

21 Mud Lake

HABITAT: County's 30-acre lake rimmed by cattail marsh.
BIRDING: Lake hosts Lesser Scaups, Ruddy Ducks, Pied-billed Grebes, plus Cinnamon, Blue-winged, and Green-winged Teal. Spot Northern Harriers, Tree and Barn Swallows.
VIEWING: Walk 0.2 mile by lake and scope far side for Canvasbacks. Check cattails to north for Yellow-headed Blackbirds and Soras, bushes to south for Yellow Warblers, shoreline for Spotted Sandpipers. Downy Woodpeckers, Gray Catbirds favor aspen grove. Bonus: Republic's Stonerose Fossil Site.
ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 302.7, in town of Republic, turn north onto Clark St. Drive 0.1 mile. At T, turn left onto Knob Hill Rd/Republic St. Drive 2.1 miles. Turn left onto Mud Lake Rd. Park on roadside.
MORE BIRDING: Return to Knob Hill Rd and turn left. Drive 1.1 miles. Turn hard left onto unsigned Trout Lake Rd. Drive 0.6 mile. Turn left. Park in pullout. Walk by wetlands for Yellow Warblers galore.

22 Kettle River Rails-to-Trails

HABITAT: 29-mile old railroad route, river, riparian area, 870-acre lake.
BIRDING: Willows shelter Gray Catbirds, Western Wood-Pewees, flocks of Cedar Waxwings. Watch Yellow-breasted Chats, Yellow Warblers, American Goldfinches, plus Lazuli Buntings, Western Bluebirds. Check trees for Western Kingbirds, Mourning Doves, Great Horned Owls. American Kestrels, Red-tailed Hawks, Golden and Bald Eagles, Ospreys soar overhead. River hosts American Dippers, Common Mergansers.
VIEWING: Wall Street Bridge – Walk south on trail 0.3 mile to view river, shrubs, trees. **Curlew Wetland** – Take path south 0.2

mile for cattails, tall cottonwoods. **Lake Curlew** – Take path 0.3 mile north and 0.5 mile south for lakeside shrubs, pine uplands. At 0.2 mile south, scope lake for waterfowl; continue for meadow, marshes. Bonus: Curlew's Ansgore Hotel Museum. Caution: Avoid summer midday heat.

ACCESS: Wall St Bridge – From Hwy 21 at milepost 190.7, turn east onto E Wall St. Drive 0.2 mile, crossing bridge. Park on right.

Curlew Wetland – From Hwy 21 at milepost 180.9, turn east onto Boulder Ck Rd. Drive 0.1 mile to gravel parking on right.

Lake Curlew – From Hwy 21 at milepost 165.4, turn west onto W Curlew Rd. Drive 0.9 mile to T. Turn right. Drive 1.6 miles to Miyoko Point Rd. Turn right onto Miyoko Point Rd. Drive 0.4 mile. Park in pullout on left by trail.

MORE BIRDING: Bird by boat on Kettle River – Put in at Old Swimming Hole/Brixner Park (Hwy 21 at milepost 181.2 in town of Curlew) and take out at Wall St Bridge.



23 Lone Ranch Park

HABITAT: County's 15 acres by Kettle River, riparian foliage, grassland.

BIRDING: Check trees for Black-headed Grosbeaks and Black-capped Chickadees. Cliff Swallows swoop over river. Great Blue Herons fish at river's edge. Spotted Sandpipers feed on shore.

VIEWING: Walk 0.2-mile picnic loop in spring and early summer mornings.

ACCESS: From Hwy 21 at milepost 188.7, turn east into park.

24 Lake Beth

HABITAT: USFS 32-acre lake, marsh; old-growth pine, fir, spruce.

BIRDING: Short but very birdy season between late-May snow melt and October snow fall. See Common Loons plus nesting Black Terns, Barrow's Goldeneyes, Red-necked Grebes. Spot Bald Eagles in trees, Gray Catbirds in wetlands. Common Nighthawks and Cedar Waxwings forage over water at dusk. Hear Barred Owls at night.

VIEWING: Cross dam at left for 0.5-mile trail around Lake Beth to bridge, or follow campground road to Beaver Lake boat launch. Bird by boat on Lake Beth; avoid reeds until mid-July when birds fledge young.

ACCESS: From Hwy 20 at milepost 282.2, turn north at Bonaparte Recreation Area sign onto unsigned Bonaparte Lake Rd/FS Rd 32. Drive 8.5 miles. At Y veer right toward Beaver Lake, staying on FS Rd 32. Drive 3.3 miles. At T, turn left at Lake Beth sign onto unsigned Chesaw Rd. Drive 1.1 miles. Turn left into Lake Beth campground. Drive less than 0.1 mi. Turn right to Lake Beth boat ramp. Drive 0.1 mile to parking.

25 Swan Lake Campground

HABITAT: USFS 52-acre lake, marsh inlet, pine and fir forest.

BIRDING: A jewel of a spot! See nesting Common Loons, Common Mergansers on lake. Violet-green Swallows skim over water. Brush harbors Swainson's Thrushes, Calliope Hummingbirds, American Redstarts. Hear nighttime hooters: Flammulated and Barred Owls, Northern Pygmy-Owls.

VIEWING: Bird by boat, avoiding reeds until mid-July when loons fledge young. Walk through campground. Take 1.5-mile Swan Lake Trail around lake; trailheads are across FS Rd 53 100 feet before boat trailer parking and at community kitchen.

ACCESS: From Hwy 21 at milepost 153.4, turn west onto FS Rd 53/Scatter Ck Rd. Drive 7.4 miles. Turn left into campground. Park at boat trailer parking.

MORE BIRDING: Long Lake – Return 1.7 miles on FS Rd 53. Turn right onto FS Rd 5300/400. Drive 0.8 mile. Park at boat launch. Trail loops 1.2 miles around lake to campsite 5; walk 0.2 mile back to boat launch.

26 Swanson Lakes

HABITAT: WDFW-BLM saline lakes surrounded by 20,000 shrub-steppe acres.

BIRDING: Super spring shorebird site: American Avocets, Black-necked Stilts, and sandpipers – Western, Least, Solitary, Spotted, Pectoral, Semi-palmated, and Baird's. See Long-billed Dowitchers, Black-bellied and rare Semipalmated Plovers, plus Virginia Rails, Wilson's Snipes. Sage shelters Sage Thrashers and sparrows: Brewer's, Vesper, Savannah, Grasshopper. Find Horned Larks and Western Meadowlarks plus Western Kingbirds. See Loggerhead Shrikes in summer, Northern Shrikes in winter along with Rough-legged Hawks, American Kestrels, Prairie Falcons, Short-eared Owls.

VIEWING: Scope lakes from parking area.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 230.2 in the town of Creston, turn south onto Swanson Lake Rd. Drive 10.5 miles. Veer left at Y to Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area. Drive 0.3 mile. Park at kiosk.

MORE BIRDING: Twin Lakes – Spring birding by boat in coulee for Northern Pintails, Rock and Canyon Wrens. From Swanson Lakes, return to Y and turn right onto Swanson Lake Rd. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn left onto Swanson School Rd. Drive 1 mile. Turn left onto Hatten Rd. Drive 6.3 miles. Veer left at Y onto Highline Rd. Drive 3.8 miles. Turn left at Twin Lake sign onto dirt road. Drive 2.2 miles to boat launch parking.



27 Telford

HABITAT: BLM 5,100 acres of shrub-steppe, pothole lakes, mixed trees.

BIRDING: Trees burned in 2008 host Lewis's Woodpeckers May-Sept. Spring-summer in sage, spy Vesper and Grasshopper Sparrows, Horned Larks, Western Meadowlarks, Mountain Bluebirds. Pines shelter nesting Western Wood-Pewees, Western Bluebirds;

Dusky and Gray Flycatchers, Cassin's Finches. Check aspens for Red-naped Sapsuckers, Willow Flycatchers, and Tree Swallows; cherry trees for House Wrens. See abundant Yellow Warblers plus Lazuli Buntings, possible Red Crossbills.

VIEWING: Best in spring plus summer mornings. **Kiosk** – Hike northeast 0.8 mile cross-country to pothole lakes, burned trees.

Telford Creek – Walk back on road 0.4 mile through riparian area for Black-headed Grosbeaks. (Respect private property beyond creek.)

ACCESS: **Kiosk** – From Hwy 2 at milepost 237.8, turn north onto Telford Rd. Drive 1.9 miles. Park on right. **Telford Creek** – Return to Telford Rd and continue north 1.3 miles. Turn right onto BLM road #32288. Drive 0.6 mile. Park on left.

28 Hawk Creek Falls



HABITAT: Small cove of NPS Lake Roosevelt, waterfall, shrub-steppe.

BIRDING: Check creek for American Dippers, Hooded and Common Mergansers. See Red-necked Grebes on lake, Bullock's Orioles in cottonwoods, Yellow Warblers and American Goldfinches on sagebrush, Canyon Wrens on basalt walls. Peregrine Falcons and Bald Eagles soar overhead.

VIEWING: Take short path to waterfall. Walk 0.3 mile to boat launch, take 0.2-mile path on hillside.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 237.8, turn north onto Telford Rd. Drive 4.5 miles. At T, turn right onto Miles Creston Rd. Drive 6.6 miles. Turn left onto Hawk Creek Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn left into campground, drive 0.1 mile, park at boulders.



29 Davenport Cemetery

HABITAT: City's 13-acre tree grove in midst of wheat fields.

BIRDING: Migrations bring surprises: Varied and Hermit Thrushes, Ruby- and Golden-crowned Kinglets; White-crowned, Lincoln's and Chipping Sparrows. In spring see American Goldfinches and House Finches. Fall brings Bohemian Waxwings. See also Winter Wrens, Brown Creepers, Cedar Waxwings, Great Horned Owls.

VIEWING: Walk through cemetery.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 250.8 in town of Davenport, turn south onto Hwy 28/12th St. Drive 0.8 mile. Turn right onto Mt. View Cemetery Rd. Drive 0.7 mile. Park under trees on right.

30 Reardan Audubon Lake



HABITAT: WDFW 277 acres w/80-acre lake, meadows, shrub-steppe.

BIRDING: See spring migrants – Buffleheads, Canvasbacks, North-

ern Pintails – and nesters: Black-necked Stilts, American Avocets, Northern Shovelers, Redheads, Gadwalls, Ruddy Ducks, plus Cinnamon, Green- and Blue-winged Teal. In fall find migrating sandpipers: Western, Least, Solitary, Spotted, Pectoral, Semipalmated, and Baird's; plus Black-bellied and rare Semipalmated Plovers. Tundra Swans with possible Snow Geese come through March-April and late Sept-Oct. Raptors include Northern Harriers, Bald Eagles.

VIEWING: **South entrance** – Walk 0.1-mile ADA trail to blind.

North entrance – Take 0.3-mile trail to blind.

ACCESS: From Hwy 2 at milepost 261 in the town of Reardan, turn north onto Hwy 231. **South entrance** – Drive 0.1 mile, crossing railroad tracks. Turn right onto unsigned Railroad Ave. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn left onto Audubon Wy. Drive 1 block to parking. **North entrance** – On Hwy 231, drive 1.0 mile. Turn right onto Euclid Rd. Drive 0.3 mile. Turn right into parking.

31 Iller Creek Conservation Area

HABITAT: County's 876 acres, seasonal creek, meadows, mixed forest.

BIRDING: Spring delights with colorful Lazuli Buntings and Mountain Bluebirds. Hear singers: flycatchers – Willow, Hammond's, Dusky, and Pacific-Slope; plus warblers – Orange-crowned, Nashville, Yellow and Yellow-rumped, Townsend's, MacGillivray's, Wilson's. Add in Veeries, Western Tanagers, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Gray Catbirds. Rufous Hummingbirds stay spring-summer. Cedar Waxwings feed on fall berries. Find Red Crossbills, Mountain Chickadees, Pine Siskins, Winter Wrens all year.

VIEWING: Past rail fence, take trail to left up hillside for 2-mile loop, returning down by creek in riparian area. Bonus: Moose, elk.

ACCESS: From I-90, take exit 287 (Argonne Rd). Turn south onto Argonne Rd/Dishman-Mica Rd. Drive 3.5 miles. Turn right onto Schafer Rd. Drive 0.8 mile. At T, turn right onto 44th Ave. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn left onto Farr Rd. Drive 0.3 mile. At T, turn right onto Holman Rd. Drive 0.7 mile to parking.

MORE BIRDING: **Dishman Hills** – Walk trails for American Goldfinches, Black-capped Chickadees, Black-billed Magpies, California Quail, plus Pygmy Nuthatches. Return to Dishman-Mica Rd and turn left. Drive 1.9 miles. Turn left on 8th Ave. Drive 1 block. Turn left onto Dishman Rd. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn right onto 12th. Drive 1 block to parking.

32 Liberty Lake County Park



HABITAT: 3,500 acres by 2,983-acre lake, marsh, ponderosa pines, family-friendly park area.

BIRDING: Red-necked Grebes, up to 20 at a time, arrive in spring to nest. Migrants include Gadwalls, Redheads, Canvasbacks, Ring-necked and Wood Ducks, plus Lesser Scaups and Buffleheads April-May. Common Nighthawks swoop over water June-July. Summer features Cassin's and Red-eyed Vireos, Northern Pygmy-Owls at campground. In fall see migrating Common Loons, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Evening Grosbeaks.

VIEWING: Scan lake. Walk 0.3 mile along grassy edge – watch for Ruffed Grouse – to campground. Take Liberty Lake Creek Trail 0.3 mile, turn right onto Edith Hanson Riding Trail, walk 0.2 mile to wetland and aspens. Bonus: Ancient cedar grove 1.5 miles farther; beaver, moose. Caution: Avoid summer weekend crowds.

ACCESS: From I-90, take exit 296 (Liberty Lake/Otis Orchards). Drive straight onto Appleway Ave. Drive 0.8 mi. Turn right onto Molter Rd. Drive 1.1 mile. Turn left onto Valley Way Ave/Lakeside Rd. Drive 1.5 mile. At Y veer left. Drive 0.8 mile. Turn right onto Zepher Rd at Liberty Lake Park sign. Drive 0.3 mile to gate. Turn right to beach/picnic parking.

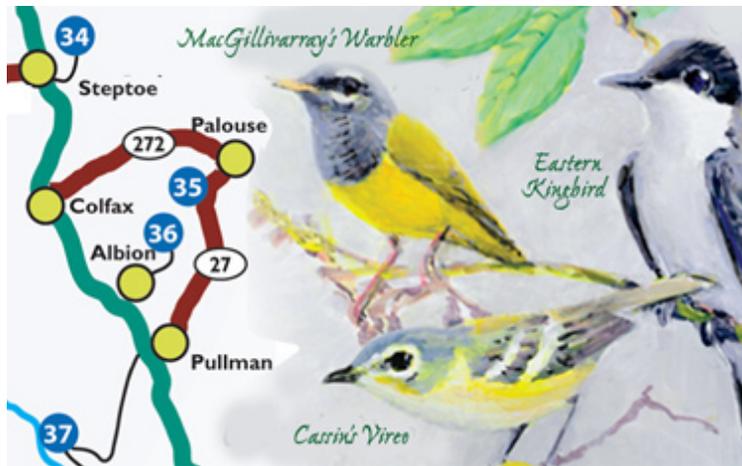
33 Slavin Ranch Conservation Area

HABITAT: County's 628 acres of grassland, mixed forest, lake, ponds.

BIRDING: Super spring birding! Shallow lake hosts breeding Black Terns, Pied-billed Grebes, Gadwalls, American Coots, Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal, Northern Shovelers, Redheads, Ring-necked and Ruddy Ducks. Check marshes for Soras, Common Yellowthroats. Black-necked Stilts, Least Sandpipers, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Wilson's Phalaropes, and Long-billed Dowitchers probe wetland mud. Find Red Crossbills, Orange-crowned Warblers, Chipping Sparrows.

VIEWING: Take main path through meadow 200 feet. **Left Trail** – Walk 0.4 mile through trees, turn right; walk 0.4 mile to hilltop for 270° view of lake, wetlands. **Right Trail** – Walk 3.3 miles around ponds and lake. Bonus: spring wildflowers.

ACCESS: From Hwy 195 at milepost 87.5, turn west onto Washington Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. At T, turn right onto Keeney Rd. Turn left into parking.



34 Steptoe Butte State Park

HABITAT: 120-acre "sky island": ancient butte with rock outcrops, native grasses in shrub-steppe plain, riparian area.

BIRDING: Spring migration features Lincoln's Sparrows. Summer nesters are Lazuli Buntings, Western Wood-Pewees, Yellow-breasted Chats, Western and Eastern Kingbirds. Hardy winter birders brave snow for Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches, Rough-legged Hawks, Northern Shrikes. Horned Larks, Townsend's Solitaires, Red-tailed Hawks, American Kestrels stay year round.

VIEWING: **Picnic Area** – Find House Wrens, Bullock's Orioles, Black-headed Grosbeaks, and Long-eared Owls. **Butte** – At pull-out at 1.3 miles, spot Rock Wrens at rock quarry, Grasshopper and Brewer's Sparrows, plus rare Black-throated Sparrows. At 2.3 miles, scan pine grove for Olive-sided Flycatchers. Bonus: 1.8 billion-year-old geology, marmots, deer.

ACCESS: From Hwy 195 at milepost 45.1, turn east onto Hume Rd. Drive 5.1 miles, staying right at Y. Turn left at state park sign. **Picnic**

Area – Drive 0.9 mile. **Butte** – Hike or drive 3.2-mile road that spirals to top.

35 Kamiak Butte Park

HABITAT: County's 298 forested and shrub-steppe acres on ancient butte.

BIRDING: Campground pines host Red Crossbills plus nuthatches – Pygmy, Red- and White-breasted. Shrubs attract Rufous, Calliope, and Black-chinned Hummingbirds. March offers good owling: Northern Saw-whet, Great Horned, Barred, and Northern Pygmy-Owl. Spring-summer find Yellow, Wilson's, MacGillivray's Warblers on butte's north side; Chipping Sparrows, Dusky Flycatchers on south side. Hermit and Varied Thrushes come through spring and fall; Swainson's stay to nest. Summer features Cassin's Vireos, Western Tanagers.

VIEWING: Walk 0.1 mile on road to campground for Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers. Take 0.5 mile of Pine Ridge Trail to scenic vista.

ACCESS: From Hwy 27 at milepost 11.7, turn west onto Clear Creek Rd. Drive 0.3 mile. At Y veer left onto Fugate Rd. Drive 0.7 mile. Turn left onto Kamiak Butte Park Rd. Drive 0.8 mile to day-use parking.

36 Rose Creek Nature Preserve

HABITAT: Palouse Clearwater-Environmental Institute's 12 acres of riparian wetland, creek, trees.

BIRDING: 100+ species rely on green oasis. In spring see Wilson's Warblers, Western Bluebirds, Bullock's Orioles, Gray Catbirds. Calliope Hummingbirds display at wet meadow. Spot Downy Woodpeckers, Bewick's Wrens, Northern Harriers. Into fall find Eastern Kingbirds and Great Horned Owls. American Goldfinches stay all year.

VIEWING: Walk 0.5-mile loop trail in preserve. Bonus: 250+ species of plants.

ACCESS: On Hwy 195 at milepost 30.8, turn east onto Albion Rd. Drive 3.6 miles. Turn right onto Front St. Drive 1 block, Turn left onto Main St/Palouse Albion Rd. Drive 2.8 miles. Veer left onto Shawnee Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn left at Y, staying on Shawnee; drive 0.3 mile. Park on right.

MORE BIRDING: May-August, walk north on Shawnee Rd for 0.8-mile Palouse Audubon bluebird trail; nest boxes used also by House Wrens, White-breasted Nuthatches, Tree and Violet-green Swallows.

37 Wawawai County Park

HABITAT: 49 acres, Snake River lagoon, wetland, trees, shrub-steppe.

BIRDING: Common Nighthawks forage for insects in summer dusk and dawn. See spring migrants: Yellow-breasted Chats, Lazuli Buntings, Black-headed Grosbeaks, House Wrens. Cinnamon Teal, Western Grebes migrate through in fall. Pied-billed Grebes stay. See Bald Eagles in winter. Winter-spring find California, Ring-billed, and Herring Gulls. Great Horned Owls, Red-tailed Hawks, American Goldfinches are resident.

VIEWING: Take 0.2-mile trail to lakeside platform. Walk 0.5 mile to sage bluff for Western Meadowlarks. Bonus: spring wildflowers.

ACCESS: From Hwy 195 at milepost 21.6, turn west onto W Hwy 194. Drive 2.6 miles. Stay straight onto Wawawai-Pullman Rd. Drive 7.4 miles. At T, turn right onto Wawawai Rd. Drive 5.4 miles. Turn right into park. Drive 0.2 mile to day-use parking.



38 Nisqually John Habitat Management Unit

HABITAT: Corps' creek; canyon, shrub-steppe uplands and pillow lava.

BIRDING: Hear and see American Goldfinches, Bullock's Orioles, and wrens: Rock, Canyon, House, and Bewick's. Scan cliff walls for Cliff and Bank Swallows. Mourning Doves coo in shrubs. Golden Eagles soar.

VIEWING: Hike 0.3 mile up old road into canyon.

ACCESS: From Hwy 12 at milepost 432.6, turn north at 15th St onto Hwy 128. Drive 0.5 mile (crossing bridge). Turn left onto Hwy 193 N/Wawawai River Rd. Drive 13.3 miles. Turn right onto unnamed gravel road. Cross railroad tracks. Drive 0.1 mile to parking.

39 Greenbelt Trail

HABITAT: Corps' riparian shoreline along Snake & Clearwater rivers.

BIRDING: Winter waterbird gala: Barrow's and Common Goldeneyes, Green-winged Teal, Buffleheads, Cackling Geese, Ring-billed and California Gulls. In spring Greater White-fronted, Ross's, and Snow geese plus Horned Grebes migrate through. Summer brings American White Pelicans.

VIEWING: Walk to rivers' confluence for swallows – Barn, Violet-green, Tree, Bank, Northern Rough-wing. Hike or bike upriver 2 miles on Lower Granite Lake Greenbelt Trail to **40 Swallow's Park**.

ACCESS: From Hwy 12/Bridge St at milepost 433.8 in Clarkston, turn north onto 5th St. Drive 1 block. Turn right onto Fair St. Drive 0.1 mile, continue straight and down to boat ramp parking.

40 Swallow's Park

HABITAT: Corps' riparian shoreline of Snake River, slough, islands.

BIRDING: American and Eurasian Wigeons, American Coots paddle in slough fall-spring. Ruddy Ducks, Cinnamon and Blue-winged Teal come in spring. See Pied-billed Grebes in winter. Double-crested Cormorants fish in river. Check firs for Great Horned, Barred, and Barn Owls.

VIEWING: Walk shoreline 0.1 mile downriver and 0.4 mile upriver to see slough and islands. Spring's low water bares mudflats for migrants: Black-necked Stilts, American Avocets, Western Sandpipers, Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs, Semipalmated Plovers. Paved trail connects 2 miles downriver to **39 Greenbelt Trail**.

ACCESS: From Hwy 12/Bridge St at milepost 433.7 in town of

Clarkston, turn south onto Hwy 129/6th St. Drive 2.3 miles. Turn left (second access) into park.

MORE BIRDING: Asotin Creek – Continue 3.5 miles south on Hwy 129. Turn left down into parking. Yellow Warblers, Bewick's Wrens nest in shrubs, Western Screech Owls in Wood Duck boxes, Ospreys on platforms. Spot Cooper's Hawks fall-winter; White-crowned Sparrows in winter.

41 Headgates County Park

HABITAT: 30 acres of mixed deciduous and pine trees, shrubs, creek.

BIRDING: Spring features nesting flycatchers: Least, Willow, Dusky, and Hammond's. Add Eastern and Western Kingbirds, Western Wood-Pewees. Glimpse Black-headed Grosbeaks, Bullock's Orioles high in canopy. Find Lark Sparrows in spring, Chipping Sparrows spring and fall; Lewis's Woodpeckers spring-summer. Golden Eagles soar over canyon, Prairie Falcons by cliffs.

VIEWING: Go through stile to creek; 0.4-mile path to right to pond.

ACCESS: From Hwy 129 at milepost 36.6, turn west onto Asotin Ck Rd/Baumiester Dr. Drive 2.8 miles. At Y veer right onto Asotin Ck Rd/Asotin County Rd 110. Drive 5.1 miles. Turn left into park. Drive 0.1 mile. Park at boulders.

42 Fields Spring State Park

HABITAT: 792 forested acres in Blue Mountains, spectacular vistas.

BIRDING: Savor mountain species: Great Gray Owls, Williamson's Sapsuckers, White-headed Woodpeckers, Mountain Chickadees. Cassin's and Warbling Vireos, Wilson's and MacGillivray's Warblers arrive in spring; Ruffed and Dusky Grouse drum in meadows. Gray and Steller's Jays favor campground. Conifers support Great Horned Owls, Red-naped Sapsuckers; Pileated, Hairy, and Downy Woodpeckers; Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Brown Creepers, White-breasted Nuthatches.

VIEWING: Walk through campground; hike or bike 6 miles of trails.

ACCESS: From Hwy 129 at milepost 13.8, turn east onto Park Rd. Drive 0.6 mile; veer right to parking or continue straight 0.4 mile to overlook trail.

MORE BIRDING: North of state park, Hwy 129 crosses Asotin Grade; watch for Short-eared and Snowy Owls, Horned Larks, Snow Buntings.

43 Chief Timothy Habitat Management Unit

HABITAT: Corps' ribbon of deciduous trees, shrubs along Snake R.

BIRDING: Spot Great Blue Herons in noisy spring rookery. Quiet nesters include Western Tanagers, Bullock's Orioles, Yellow-breasted Chats, Yellow Warblers. Caspian Terns and Gray Catbirds come spring-summer; American Goldfinches in summer. Lazuli Buntings migrate through in fall. Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks, Bald Eagles, Green-winged Teal come in winter. Hundreds of White-crowned and Song Sparrows stay winter-spring. See Golden Eagles, Great Horned Owls, Mourning Doves all year.

VIEWING: Take path through thicket to river and east 0.1 mile for view of heron rookery across slough. Continue on mowed path to midway parking; then 0.3 mile over field by trees, shrubs. Bonus: summer butterflies, dragonflies.

ACCESS: From Hwy 12 at milepost 426.9, turn north into parking.

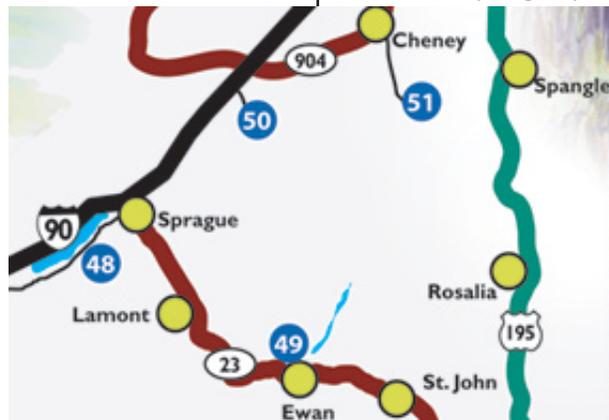


44 WT Wooten Wildlife Area   

HABITAT: WDFW 16,273 acres of fire-scarred forest; deciduous trees, shrubs; Tucannon River, creeks, ponds, wetlands.
BIRDING: Spring singers become quiet nesters in summer: Cassin's and Warbling Vireos, Western Tanagers, Gray Catbirds; MacGillivray's, Yellow- and Orange-crowned Warblers. Golden-crowned Kinglets migrate through; Ruby-crowns linger. Violet-green and Tree Swallows swoop over ponds. Spot Chipping and Fox Sparrows in shrubs. Count on Western Wood-Pewees, Willow's and Dusky's Flycatchers plus Eastern Kingbirds.
VIEWING: Circle Rainbow Lake. Walk 0.4 mile on road by creek. Find Soras in marshes, American Dippers in river, American Kestrels and Golden Eagles overhead.
ACCESS: From Hwy 12 at milepost 380.6, turn east onto Tucannon Rd. Drive 22.7 miles. Turn left into Tucannon Fish Hatchery/Rainbow Lake. Drive 0.2 mile. Veer right toward Rainbow Lake. Drive 0.3 mile to day-use parking on left.
MORE BIRDING: Return to Tucannon Rd. Turn left. Drive 2.6 miles up canyon to Beaver and Watson's Lake parking on left. Vaux's Swifts nest in snags. Large trees host Red-naped Sapsuckers; Lewis's, Pileated, Downy, and Hairy Woodpeckers.

45 Lewis and Clark Trail State Park      (spring-fall)

HABITAT: 37 acres of deciduous shrubs, trees; Touchet River.
BIRDING: Listen for Great Horned Owls, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers. Black-capped Chickadees nest here. Spring ponds sustain Ruddy Ducks, American Coots, Northern Shovelers. Common Mergansers, Ospreys fish river in summer. Come in fall for Steller's Jays; in winter for Northern Saw-whet Owls, Northern Pygmy Owls.
VIEWING: 0.8-mile interpretive loop trail starts behind restroom. Bonus: Ranger presentations.
ACCESS: From Hwy 12 at milepost 362, turn north into state park. Drive 0.2 mile, park by restroom. In winter



46 Palouse Falls State Park     

HABITAT: 105 acres of basalt canyon, shrub-steppe plateau, waterfall.
BIRDING: White-throated Swifts and swallows – Violet-green, Cliff, Barn, and Bank – join forces to consume bugs. Peregrine and Prairie Falcons nest on cliffs. Check cottonwoods for Bullock's Orioles and Yellow Warblers, sagebrush for Horned Larks, Western Meadowlarks, Eastern and Western Kingbirds. Find Brewer's Blackbirds, Common Ravens everywhere. Watch soaring Golden Eagles, Ferruginous Hawks.
VIEWING: Walk to overlooks of spectacular Palouse River cascade.
ACCESS: From Hwy 261 at milepost 20.7, turn east onto Palouse Falls Rd. Drive 2.5 miles to overlook parking.

47 Bassett Park  

HABITAT: City 2.5 acres of tall trees, stream, grass; basalt mesa.
BIRDING: A complete anomaly! May-mid-June and mid-August-September, tiny area attracts migrants: Common Nighthawks, Townsend's Solitaires, Western Tanagers, Lincoln's and White-crowned Sparrows, flycatchers – Hammond's, Dusky, Gray, and Olive-sided – plus warblers: Nashville, Orange-crowned, and Townsend's. Eurasian Collared and Mourning Doves coo in trees. Rock and Canyon Wrens call from cliffs. Spot American Kestrels, Red-tailed Hawks, Wild Turkeys and California Quail.
VIEWING: Scan leafy canopy, grassy area, mesa with sage.
ACCESS: From Hwy 260 at milepost 38.7 in the town of Wash-tucna, turn west onto Willow St. Drive 1 block. Turn right onto Clearwater Ln. Drive 0.1 mile to parking.

48 Sprague Lake     

HABITAT: WDFW 1,840-acre lake and marsh in Columbia Basin Wildlife Area.
BIRDING: Waterbird extravaganza: 1000+ pairs of Ring-billed Gulls and 800+ pairs of California Gulls nest on Harper's Island at lake's west end. Add Bonaparte's Gulls and Caspian Terns plus American White Pelicans, Clark's and Western Grebes, Cinnamon Teal, Common Mergansers, Double-crested Cormorants. Osprey fish in summer. Peregrine Falcons hunt ducks in fall.
VIEWING: At kiosk, scope island and lake. Take 0.2-mile ADA path to shoreside gazebo. Bird by boat.
ACCESS: From I-90 take exit 245 (Sprague/Harrington). Turn east onto Hwy 23. Drive 0.8 mile. At milepost 43, turn right onto Fourth St (unsigned). Drive 1 block. Turn right onto B St. Drive 0.1

mile. Turn left onto First St. Drive 0.4 mile. At Y veer left onto Max Harder Rd/Danekas Rd. Drive 6.2 miles. Turn right onto Sprague Lake Rd. Drive 0.4 mile to Fishing Access parking.

49 Rock Lake



HABITAT: WDFW deep, 7-mile-long lake with granite walls; creek, meadow.

BIRDING: In spring find Black-necked Stilts, Spotted Sandpipers, Long-billed Dowitchers on shoreline. California and Ring-billed Gulls haggle. Canyon and Rock Wrens, Cliff Swallows nest on rock walls. Northern Rough-winged Swallows/White-throated Swifts forage over waters.

VIEWING: Bird by boat or set up scope in parking area.

ACCESS: From I-90 take exit 245 (Sprague/Harrington). Turn east onto Hwy 23 S. Drive 22 miles. From Hwy 23 at milepost 22.1 in the town of Ewan, turn left onto Rock Lake Rd. Drive 2.1 miles. Turn right into parking.

MORE BIRDING: Escure Ranch – From Hwy 23 at milepost 31.3 turn west onto Davis Rd. Drive 7 miles. Turn left onto Jordan-Knott Rd. Drive 2.2 miles. Turn right onto unnamed road at Rock Creek Management Area sign. Drive 2.5 miles. Park at kiosk. Explore old ranch site. Northern Rough-winged and Bank Swallows nest by creek; 3-mile waterfall trail goes by basalt cliffs with White-throated Swifts and Swainson's Hawks. (See also birds of **50 Smick Meadow.**)

50 Smick Meadow



HABITAT: BLM 640 acres of channeled scabland; wetland restoration in partnership with Ducks Unlimited.

BIRDING: Golden Eagles, Northern Harriers, and hawks – Swainson's and Red-tailed – soar over shrub-steppe. Find Sage Thrashers. Tree Swallows use bluebird houses; American Kestrels nest in old shed. Check trees for Lewis's Woodpeckers and Great Horned Owls. Fields host Western Meadowlarks, Horned Larks, and sparrows – Grasshopper, Brewer's, and Savannah. Find Marsh Wrens, Soras, Yellow-headed

Blackbirds in cattails. (Also see waterbirds of **33 Slavin Ranch.**)

VIEWING: From kiosk, go in gate to right, take 0.2-mile trail to lake/covered platform. Return to hilltop near old barn. Bonus: Historic buildings, interpretive signs. Caution: Avoid summer midday heat.

ACCESS: From I-90 take exit 254 (Fishtrap Lake). Turn east toward Fishtrap onto Sprague Hwy/Hwy 23. Drive 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Fishtrap Rd. Drive 0.8 mile. Turn left onto unsigned road. Pass through gate. Drive 0.4 mile to parking.

51 Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge



HABITAT: 17,000 acres of grassland, restored wetlands, mixed forest.

BIRDING: Spring = Ducks! Ready for mates and nests are Redheads, Gadwalls, Cinnamon and Blue-winged Teal, Buffleheads, Hooded Mergansers, Ruddy and Ring-necked Ducks. Others include Black Terns, Eared and Pied-billed Grebes, Eastern Kingbirds, Black-headed Grosbeaks, plus Ospreys. Late April-May find Wilson's Snipes in wet meadows, Say's Phoebes and Western Bluebirds in dry meadows, Yellow-headed Blackbirds in cattails, Willow Flycatchers in brush. In summer find Black-chinned Hummingbirds. Fall brings migrating Lesser Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpipers, Long-billed Dowitchers, followed by hundreds of Tundra Swans. Check trees for Red-naped Sapsuckers, Hairy Woodpeckers, White-breasted and Pygmy Nuthatches, Western Wood-Pewees, Great Horned Owls.

VIEWING: Take 2-mile Headquarters Trail by ponds to Cheever Lake for Trumpeter Swans spring-fall, American White Pelicans in August. Walk gravel path 0.2 mile to 1.2-mile ADA Pine Lake Trail. Drive back on Smith Rd 1 block, turn right for 5.5-mile driving tour. Bonus: spring wildflowers, elk, moose.

ACCESS: From I-90 take exit 270 (Hwy 904/Four Lakes/Cheney). Turn south onto Hwy 904/1st St. Drive 6.3 miles. Turn left onto Cheney-Plaza Rd. Drive 4.2 miles. Turn left onto unsigned Smith Rd. Drive 1.8 miles to refuge headquarters parking.

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