

Ramser Arboretum

Location: 82°17'56.71"W 40°32'10.07"N
State Route 3 north of Mount Vernon approximately 14 miles, turn right on SR 205, and proceed 200 feet to the parking lot on the left.

Habitat:

Ramser Arboretum contains 680 acres of mature woods, reforested old fields and wetlands in the hilly glaciated Allegheny Plateau of northwest Knox County.

Distinct features:

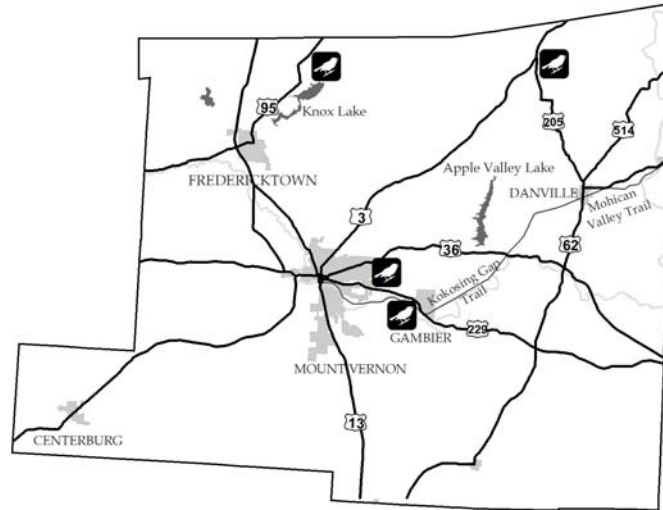
Ramser Arboretum's old fields have been planted with over 150,000 native hardwood trees. The Arboretum has over five miles of hiking trails. Watch for wild turkeys.

Birds to View:

Cedar waxwing, yellow-billed cuckoo, warblers (yellow, cerulean, prairie, black-throated green, black and white, yellow-breasted chat, common yellowthroat, hooded, Kentucky and blue-winged), vireos (red-eyed and white-eyed), rose-breasted grosbeak, scarlet tanager, rufous-sided towhee, blue-gray gnatcatcher, brown thrasher, barred owl, carolina wren, indigo bunting, northern oriole, wood thrush, American woodcock, great crested flycatcher, eastern wood-peewee and red-bellied woodpecker.

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Every year, thousands of people escape the stress of their everyday world to enjoy Knox County greenspace sites, such as the ones described in this brochure. The Knox County Park District works in partnership with organizations such as Ramser Arboretum, Division of Wildlife and Brown Family Environmental Center to enhance our collective system of parks, recreation areas and open spaces— which satisfy the needs of the public, while preserving our cultural and natural heritage.

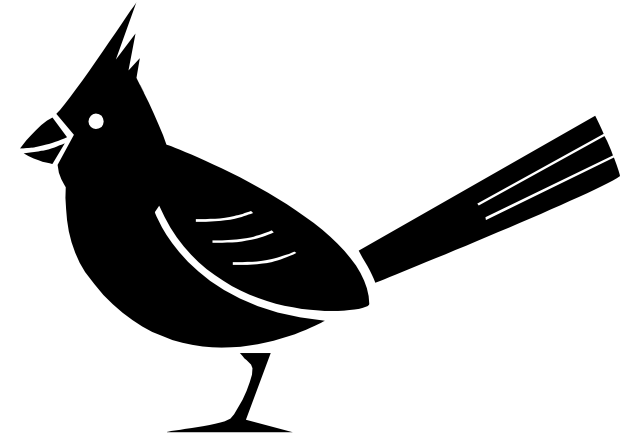
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Knox County Birding Trail



A Guide to Birding in the Heart of Ohio



Knox Lake Wildlife Area

Location: 82°30'9.58"W 40°30'50.32"N
State Route 95 north of Fredericktown. Take Old Mansfield Road and follow signage.

Habitat:
Emergent and scrub-shrub wetland habitat adjacent to a 478 acre lake with 11.4 miles of shoreline.

Distinct features:
Particularly in early spring, this area provides birding opportunities for diving and dabbling species of waterfowl. Watch for bald eagles year round.

Birds to View:
Ducks (ring-necked, lesser scaup, mallard, wood, blue-winged teal, bufflehead), gulls (Bonapartes, ring-billed), coot, Canada goose, great blue heron, belted kingfisher and red-headed woodpecker.

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*** Geographic coordinates: NAD 83, State Plane North.*

Wolf Run Regional Park

Location: 82°25'43.20"W 40°23'49.34"N
U.S. 36 east of Mount Vernon, turn right (south) on Upper Gilchrist Road and left (east) to Yauger Road.

Habitat:
288 acres of rolling topography and contiguous open space featuring mature forest, a pond and grassland and shrub habitat.

Distinct features:
The 30 acre Knox Woods State Nature Preserve is located within the park. Take the Woodland Trail from the parking lot. Signs of the state endangered yellow-bellied sapsucker can be seen on downed logs on the right side of the trail near the bottom of the first hill.

Birds to View:
Blue jay, chickadees, tufted titmouse, white-breasted nuthatch, phoebe, eastern woodpeewee, warblers (yellow, yellow-rumped, common yellowthroat, Blackburnian and ovenbird) woodpeckers (downy, hairy, red-bellied, pileated and yellow-bellied sapsucker), red-tailed hawk, red-eyed vireo, blue-gray gnatcatcher, indigo bunting, eastern bluebird, wood thrush, gray catbird, brown thrasher, northern mockingbird, Baltimore oriole, rose-breasted grosbeak and sparrows (field, song and chipping).

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Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC) & Kokosing Gap Trail

Location: 82°24'21.07"W 40°22'25.01"N
State Route 229 east to the Village of Gambier, turn right (south) on Laymon Road, 0.5 miles.

Habitat:
Old field, grassland, prairie, pine plantation and riparian hardwoods near the Kokosing State Scenic River.

Distinct features:
Explore 380 acres of land which features a visitors center and several gardens. The paved Kokosing Gap Trail lies next to the site. Take the Gap Trail west during spring warbler migration.

Birds to View:
Over 165 species typical of woodlands, fields, wetland and riparian areas have been spotted at the BFEC. Of special interest are nesting species such as pileated woodpecker, white-eyed vireo, cerulean warbler, hooded warbler, yellow-breasted chat and eastern bluebird. A nesting pair of bald eagles is sometimes observed along the Kokosing River at the BFEC. Their nest occurs three miles downstream.

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