



Welcome Birders!

Oak Openings Preserve is the largest of the Metroparks and also part of the Oak Openings Region. This unique region consists of a five-mile-wide, post-glacial beach ridge that stretches 22 miles from southern Monroe County, Michigan, through western Lucas County, small areas of Fulton and Henry Counties.

Oak Openings Region is home to more rare and endangered plants and animals than anywhere else in Ohio and is also considered a premier birding destination. An impressive diversity of birds are attracted to the Oak Openings for breeding and important migratory stopover habitat.

Enjoy your birding experience in the Oak Openings...”One of America’s last great places.” (*The Nature Conservancy*).

Birding Tips

1. Please stay on the trails.
2. Pay attention to informational signs that note natural areas where there are ground-nesting birds. Plan to view these birds from the side of the road or nearest designated trail during the nesting season (April 15–July 30).
3. Do not approach a bird’s nest or handle the adjacent foliage for a closer look or a photo. Keep your distance.
4. Please leave valuables at home or place them in the trunk of your car before arriving at your destination. Keep your vehicle locked.
5. Park parallel to the roads when pulling off to view birds. Do not block fire lanes or other park access routes.



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