

## A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

### **LITTLE LOST CREEK CONSERVATION AREA--Updated: 8/16/2008**

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**2,899 acres Warren Co. DeLorme 39, D-9**

Directions: From I-70, Exit 188 (Pendleton). To access the west side, go about 5 miles south on Rt. B; to reach the east side, go about 5 miles south on Rt. EE.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Early spring. This may be the best site in the state (as of 2007) to find remnant population of Ruffed Grouse. Spring, early summer and early autumn visits should produce good mix of expected east central Missouri species of both early and late successional forest.

Features of interest to birders: Mostly oak-hickory forest with small, scattered glades, this area is being managed to provide habitat for Ruffed Grouse. Clearing, edge feathering and other forest management techniques to favor grouse also favor songbirds such as Blue-winged Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, and White-eyed Vireo.

Two trails, a 1.3 mile nature trail, and a 5.8 multi-use trail (open from the end of spring turkey season to the beginning of fall turkey season) provide good access to the interior. Trails may be reached from the two southern-most parking areas on the east, or from the two on the west side. Old gravel roads extending from the trails lead to clay pits. A half-mile old gravel road runs from the northern lot on the east side.

A small pond is near the southmost west side parking area.

Toilets: None

Camping: Four primitive sites with picnic tables at parking areas.

Hazards/Limitations: Some rugged areas with rock outcrops.

Nearby Birding Sites: Reifsnider (Frank) SF, Daniel Boone CA