A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

WAKONDA STATE PARK -- UPDATED: 8/16/2008

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1,054 acres, Lewis Co., DeLorme 25, E-7

Directions: 3 miles south of La Grange on US 61

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Spring and fall migration for passerines, waterfowl, and herons and egrets. Winter for Snow Geese, good variety of ducks.

Features of interest to birders: Paved road leads to several parking areas. Four trails (.3 to 3.5 miles in length) provide easy access throughout.

Six lakes and sand prairie are remnants of mining for glacier-deposited gravel. Agate Lake closed to boaters for waterfowl migration. No hunting in the park increases popularity among waterfowl. Spoil mounds of sand removed to reach the gravel are now rare examples of sand prairie habitat.

Toilets: Pit toilets; modern restroom at campground may be closed off season.

Camping: 79 campsites and 10 RV rentals

Hazards/Limitations: Spotting scope recommended for waterfowl.

Nearby Birding Sites: Sunnyside School Access, Canton Ferry Access, Sunrise Access