

A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

LAKE VENITA (IN CITY OF ODESSA DYER PARK)-UPDATED 12/16/08

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18 acres Lafayette Co. DeLorme 35, A-6

Directions: From I-70 just west of Odessa, take Exit #37 and follow the frontage road east toward town, turn right (south) on 4th Street, then go 2 blocks. The lake is just west of 4th street.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Anytime. Lake may have waterfowl in migration and before freezing in winter. Passerines may be seen from walkway in migration and during nesting season.

Features of interest to birders: One-half mile asphalt walkway provides easy access to the east side of the lake. Southeast/south end of lake has some large trees and greenery offering shelter to several species.

Park has mature trees and manicured grass (savanna-like habitat) to the east of the lake.

Lake built in 1903; dam broke and lake emptied in 1983; lake rebuilt in 2003.

Toilets: 1 outhouse

Camping: None

Hazards/Limitations: Two pavillions, swimming pool, sports fields indicate heavy use. Non-weekend, early morning birding is best.

Nearby Birding Sites: Odessa and Upper Odessa Lakes, Maple Leaf Lake CA