

A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

BOHIGIAN (GEORGE) CONSERVATION AREA

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437 acres Phelps Co. DeLorme 46, H-3

MDC owned; for additional information call 417-256-7161

Directions: From I-44 Exit 179 at Doolittle, take Rt. T south to and through Newburg. Cross the Frisco tracks and turn right onto Rt. P, go 5 miles, then turn left onto Rt. AA. You may turn left off Rt. AA at Mill Creek Rd. (CR 7550) and follow it past MDC and private land to a parking area on the right; or you may continue on Rt. AA to a parking lot on the left.

When to Visit/Species to Expect:

This area offers good birding anytime. Waterfowl, waders and rails may be found in season. There are 28 species of warblers and Gray-cheeked and Swainson's Thrush on the checklist, suggesting that a visit here in spring migration may be particularly rewarding. The area has a good selection of sparrows (including Henslow's), representing summer and winter residents, and six species of wren have been reported.

Features of interest to birders: 2 parking areas (one on CR 7550 and one on Rt. AA)

There are 100 acres of old fields, 327 acres of forest and woodland that include bottomland forest along the 1.2 mile stretch of Mill Creek, limestone bluff woods, and a 100-acre fen.

There are no designated trails, but paths leading from parking areas and along the creek provide access to good riparian and wetland habitat.

Toilets: None

Camping: None

Hazards/Limitations: None noted other than the necessity to wade Mill Creek (may be calf deep or more) to reach the very rugged eastern half of the area.

Nearby Birding Sites: Jerome Access, Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Schuman Park Lake (Rolla), Gasconade Hills Conservation Area.