

A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

GRAND TRACE CONSERVATION AREA--Updated: 8/16/2008

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1,526 acres, Harrison Co., DeLorme 14. I-5

Directions: From Bethany (US 69/US 136 intersection or from I-35, Exit #92). Take Rt. W northwest to Rt. F. Total distance to west side of the area is about 6 miles. Or, stay on W to CR W 280 PL (turn west) to reach the southernmost parking area. Continuing north on Rt. W, then west on CR W 295 St. will bring you to the north parking area.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Winter for Long-eared Owl and/or Saw-whet Owl, wintering raptors, resident woodpeckers. Sparrows and swallows in season; Wild Turkey and Northern Bobwhite are present.

Features of interest to birders: 4 parking areas. The perimeter lots at the north and south ends are at the termini of an old road now serving as a two-track trail through the east portion of the area. One branch of this trail connects with the trail to the 2 parking areas on the west side.

2 ponds: 1 is easily accessible from the west parking lot to the north of the T after entering the area; the second is nearly a half-mile from the north parking lot, on a spur off the north/south two-track.

More than 25 wildlife water holes are indicated on the area map; only 3 are close to a trail.

100 acres of native prairie, 300 acres grass (non-prairie), 100 acres savanna, 200 acres old field, more than 800 acres forest and woodland

Toilets: None

Camping: Primitive camping at 2 parking lots. Parking lot on west side has gravel pads.

Hazards/Limitations: Rugged terrain. Plan to walk--trail connecting north and south parking areas is about 2 miles; spur connecting west end is about 1.5 miles.

Nearby Birding Sites: Seat (Emmett & Leah) Mem. CA, Pawnee Prairie NA, Dunn Ranch