

A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

CLIFTY CREEK CONSERVATION (AND NATURAL AREA)

486 acres Maries Co. DeLorme 46, F-3

Part (286 acres) owned by MDC, part (200-acre Natural Area) leased from the L-A-D Foundation; for information call 573-884-6861

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Directions: From Vienna, go south on MO 28 beyond Big Bend to Rt. W. From Dixon (about 6 miles), go north on MO 28 to Rt. W. Go east on Rt. W to its end (road becomes Maries CR 511). The area's one parking lot is on the left.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Anytime. Nesting birds include swallows, nightjars, Ovenbirds and Kentucky Warblers, and woodpeckers.

Features of interest to birders: A 2.5 mile loop trail is reached a tenth of a mile from the parking lot. Turn right onto the 1 mile southern route to the 40-foot natural arch, or left onto the northern 1.4 mile route to the arch. The trail leads through dense oak-hickory and bottomland forest, limestone and sandstone glades and along cliffs.

Toilets: None

Camping: A small primitive site at the parking lot; walk-in, backpack camping is permitted

Hazards/Limitations: Rugged terrain (trail rated moderately difficult).

Nearby Birding Sites: Bell Chute Access, Spring Gap CA, Rinquelin Trail Lake CA, Dixon Towersite