

A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

OSAGE-TAVERN ACCESS-UPDATED 5/3/2010

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27 acres Miller Co. DeLorme 45, A/B-10

MDC owned; for information call 573-346-2210

Directions: From St. Elizabeth, go north on Rt. E to its end and continue north on Hoecker Rd. about 1 mile.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: The open campground area is a productive place for spring migration viewing and for seeking summer nesters. The riparian habitat may hold water-loving nesting warblers. Grassland species may be seen on the perimeter, and waterfowl may be seen in the fall and winter.

Features of interest to birders: Figure-eight road through a savanna-like campground gives good viewing opportunities for the center area and the wilder grassy and wooded perimeter.

Toilets: 1 privy

Camping: 17 campsites

Hazards/Limitations: The access is at the confluence of Tavern Creek and the Osage River, so is subject to flooding. It is a popular place on summer weekends; bird it on weekdays.

Nearby Birding Sites: Painted Rock CA, Saline Valley CA, Wilson Camp Access