

A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

MANITO LAKE CONSERVATION AREA--Updated: 8/16/2008

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851 acres Moniteau Co., & Morgan Co., DeLorme 37, G-6

Directions: 4.5 miles south of Tipton on Highway 5, then 1/2 mile west on East Manito Rd. to the junction with Old Five Hwy.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Spring migration; summer and fall for grassland species; winter for waterfowl. Look for Bell's Vireos in shrubs in grassland along road to the lake and near parking area with sheds.

Features of interest to birders: 6 parking areas. 2 are off Manito Lake Rd., on the north side of the area; 3 are off Old Five Hwy.; 1 is in Morgan Co., off Rt. Z.

No designated trails, but a mile-long L-shaped two track (field road) runs through the southern half (mostly grass, but some brush, creek bottom), and a 3/8 mile two-track runs south from the northwest parking area.

Area near boat ramp and jetties (northeast corner) offers good view of lake, mudflats (if water level permits), and has easily accessed small wooded area and grass areas near parking.

Toilets: 1 pit toilet

Camping: by special use permit, only

Hazards/Limitations: None known

Nearby Birding Sites: Lamine River CA, Hlte Prairie CA