

**Keep your distance.** This applies to any wildlife. Binoculars and scopes allow visitors good views without getting too close. Approach wildlife slowly, quietly and indirectly. Always leave animals an avenue for retreat. If your presence causes animals to change their behavior, you are too close.

*The Red-cockaded Woodpecker and the Ivory-billed Woodpecker are endangered species. Please remain at a sufficient distance from their nesting/roosting trees so as not to interfere with their activities.*

**Respect nesting sites and dens.** Well-meaning but intrusive visitors may cause parents to flee, leaving young animals vulnerable to the elements or predators. Stay on designated trails.

**Leave young animals alone.** Although they appear to be alone, parents are usually waiting nearby.

**Leave pets at home.** They may chase, startle or even kill wildlife.

**Don't feed animals.** Animals survive best on their natural foods. Animals that get hooked on handouts may eventually lose their fear of campers or even poachers.

**Respect the rights of landowners.** Many of the sites in this guide are adjacent to private land. Pull as far off roadways as you can and remain in your vehicle. Don't venture onto private property unless you have obtained permission from the landowner. Don't damage fences and leave gates as you find them.

**Respect the rights of other viewers.** Keep quiet. If other people are viewing, allow them to enjoy a high-quality experience, too. Leave places in better condition than you found them. If you find litter, pick it up and dispose of it properly.

### BIRDS OF ARKANSAS CHECKLIST

For an Arkansas Audubon Society Field Checklist of the birds of Arkansas, visit [www.arbirds.org](http://www.arbirds.org) or call 501-225-6589 for information about ordering copies printed on cardstock.

### WINGS OVER ARKANSAS

An award-based program recognizing bird watchers' contributions to Arkansas's outdoors. Start a checklist of birds you've seen and receive a decorative pin and certificate identifying your level of birding experience. Visit [www.agfc.com/wildlife-conservation/birds/wingsoverark.aspx](http://www.agfc.com/wildlife-conservation/birds/wingsoverark.aspx) or call 501-223-6351 for more information.



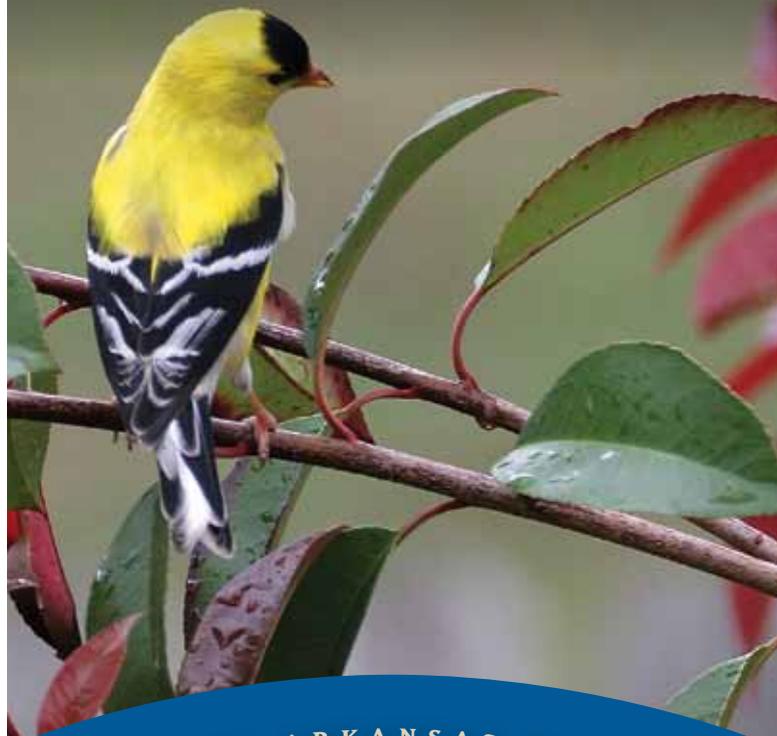
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## BIRDING & WATCHABLE WILDLIFE



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[www.arkansas.com](http://www.arkansas.com)

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION  
[www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

Two centuries ago, pioneers of European descent began arriving in force in Arkansas, and thus began a great altering of the state's diverse landscape to suit human purposes. Yet, as the 21st century begins, there remains in Arkansas a vast amount of federal, state and private lands where native and migratory creatures still dwell in unspoiled environments.

The success of habitat preservation efforts in The Natural State is evident in the amazing rediscovery of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in the wetlands of eastern Arkansas, in the growing herd of elk reintroduced along the Buffalo National River in the northern Ozark Mountains and in the increasing numbers of black bears across the state.

*Plum Bayou near England*



## BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER

The first national river in the United States, the Buffalo National River is roughly 150 miles long and includes nearly 95,000 acres of public land along its corridor. Because of early conservation efforts, the Buffalo remains a pristine example of Arkansas's environmental heritage. The river and its surrounding lands provide the perfect setting for canoeing, fishing, hiking, wildlife watching, birding and other outdoor activities.

## OUACHITA AND OZARK NATIONAL FORESTS

Covering 1.8 million acres, the Ouachita National Forest offers a unique environment to visitors. As one of only two mountain ranges in the United States with ridges running east to west, its plant communities differ strongly from those elsewhere in the country. Thanks to its mature pine forest, the Ouachita area is home to rare species such as the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. The Ozark National Forest is one of the most geographically distinct areas of the state, especially under the surface. Horizontal layers of limestone have formed caves that are home to many kinds of wildlife including three species of endangered bats. The beautiful forests of the Ozarks are favored by Wild Turkeys, white-tailed deer, elk and black bears.

## MOUNT MAGAZINE

With majestic vistas of the Petit Jean River Valley and the Arkansas River, it's no wonder that Mount Magazine has attracted visitors since the early 1800s. A 60-room lodge and conference center, plus 13 cabins have been constructed on a bluff of 2,753-foot Mount Magazine, the highest point in the state. The mountain is home to a number of rare and endangered species of wildlife and butterflies. It represents a microcosm of various ecosystems found in The Natural State.

*Buffalo National River*

*Mount Magazine*



## VIEWING TIPS



*American Alligator*

*Mallard*

*Barred Owl*

*White-tailed Deer*

*Wildlife watching is an uncertain activity. You're never sure what you're going to see. But there are things you can do to increase your chances of seeing a variety of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians in their natural settings.*

**Be prepared.** Before you visit, review site descriptions and viewing information for services. Call to confirm area access; many areas are open on a scheduled basis or may have limited access in some seasons. Use maps; the USDA Forest Service, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission or other public agencies might have the information you need. Carry water year-round, pay attention to the weather forecast and wear appropriate clothing.

**Pick your season.** Some wildlife species are active or present only in certain seasons. For example, the best season for viewing waterfowl in Arkansas is winter, when millions of ducks and geese arrive from their northern nesting grounds. Other birds are seen only during spring and fall migrations. Some wildlife species are found year-round but are much easier to see when the leaves are off the trees. Check the information in field guides or call site managers to get detailed information regarding seasonal opportunities.

**Pick the time of day.** The best way to increase your chances of seeing most wildlife is to view at either dawn or dusk. However, some species, such as turtles, lizards and many birds, may be seen during the mid-day heat of summer.

**Use field guides.** Even the most experienced wildlife watchers depend on field guides for positive identification of animals and plants. Many guidebooks can help by identifying preferred habitats and habits of different species.

**Use binoculars or a spotting scope.** Binoculars come in many sizes; 7x35, 8x40 and 10x50 are most common. The first number refers to the magnification - how many times larger an object will appear than it does to the naked eye. The second number refers to the diameter of the objective lenses - the binoculars' two big lenses. The larger the lenses, the more light will enter. Wildlife viewing often takes place in low-light situations. So the bigger the lens you can bear to lug around, the more you will be able to see.

**Move slowly and quietly.** Try to blend into the surroundings, either by using a blind or by wearing neutral-colored clothing and keeping still. Walk slowly, stopping often to look and listen. Use trees and other vegetation for concealment.

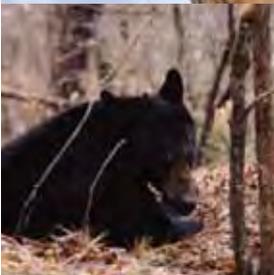


## HIGHLIGHTED SPECIES



### BIRDING

There are year-round opportunities for viewing approximately 400 species of birds in Arkansas, including rarely seen coastal, oceanic and western birds straying from their normal ranges. To catch a glimpse of a Bald Eagle, a Red-cockaded Woodpecker or a King Rail, look no further than Arkansas.



### BLACK BEAR

The bear population of Arkansas is thriving all over the state, creating more opportunities to observe them. Although bears are plentiful, they are notoriously reclusive, especially in winter, when they den. When looking for bears, keep an eye out for tell-tale signs of bear activity such as tracks and overturned rocks or rotten logs.



### WATERFOWL

Arkansas offers numerous environments in which to view waterfowl of many varieties, from the Mallard to the Mottled Duck. Birders are sure to find plenty of interesting species, especially in Bayou Meto Wildlife Management Area, Lake Dardanelle, Millwood Lake, Lake Maumelle and Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge.



### MAMMALS

Arkansas is known for its wild animal populations. Sightings of white-tailed deer, swamp rabbits or even bobcats are almost commonplace in The Natural State. Throughout Arkansas's various wildlife management areas, visitors have ample opportunities to get close to many of nature's most amazing creatures.



### BUTTERFLIES

Mount Magazine and Rich Mountain offer the highest relief between the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachian Mountains. They are known not only for natural beauty but also for magnificent populations of butterflies. Host of the International Butterfly Festival each June, Mount Magazine is home to more than 90 species of butterflies, including the Diana Fritillary, a rare and declining species that is still plentiful in Arkansas.



### ELK

After reintroduction in the 1980s, the elk population in Arkansas has rebounded with a herd of about 450. The Arkansas herd is known to appear late in the day in fields near the Buffalo National River. Nearby in Ponca, the Elk Education Center provides information on the elk's journey back into Arkansas, as well as on other species in the area.

## ENDANGERED SPECIES



*Piping Plover*



*Cave Crayfish*



*Pallid Sturgeon*



*Winged Mapleleaf Mussel*



*Ozark Big-eared Bat*

More than 20 endangered and threatened species of animals live in Arkansas. It is always important to take special care to protect these rare creatures. With continued vigilance, we may be able to create a supportive environment in which they can re-emerge from the brink of extinction. Arkansas's endangered and threatened species include the following:

American Burying Beetle  
Arkansas Fatmucket  
Arkansas River Shiner  
Cave crayfish (two species)  
Curtis Pearlymussel  
Fat Pocketbook  
Gray Bat  
Indiana Bat

Ivory-billed Woodpecker  
Least Tern (interior population)  
Leopard Darter  
Magazine Mountain Shagreen  
Ouachita Rock Pocketbook  
Ozark Big-eared Bat  
Ozark Cavefish  
Pallid Sturgeon

Pink Mucket  
Piping Plover  
Red-cockaded Woodpecker  
Scaleshell Mussel  
Speckled Pocketbook  
Winged Mapleleaf Mussel

*Least Tern*





The Little Rock Audubon Center was developed through a partnership between Audubon Arkansas and the City of Little Rock. The 440 acres managed by Audubon include the oak savanna and woodland, oxbow lake and globally rare nepheline syenite glades of Granite Mountain and Gillam Park.

The Center offers hiking and wildlife watching, as well as a “lab” for young people to learn about nature, conservation and science.

Reliable wildlife include Wood Duck, Cooper’s Hawk, Chimney Swift and a variety of Neotropical migrant songbirds. Rarities include Merlin and Black-billed Cuckoo.

4500 Springer Blvd., Little Rock, AR 72206 • 501-244-2229  
[ar.audubon.org](http://ar.audubon.org)



Wood Duck



**FORREST L. WOOD CROWLEY'S  
 RIDGE NATURE CENTER 97**

Visit this nature center and get a bird's-eye view of the landscape from the Crow's Nest on the upper level. Explore the area's topography, natural history and wildlife. See Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, white-tailed deer, Neotropical songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl (bird list includes 231 species), dozens of species of reptiles, amphibians, mammals and fish. Map recommended.

600 E. Lawson Rd., Jonesboro. 870-933-6787. [www.crowleysridge.org](http://www.crowleysridge.org)



**GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE DELTA  
 RIVERS NATURE CENTER 98**

Learn about the Arkansas Delta, the value of the wetlands and how the constant change of its rivers affects the fauna. See the state's largest aquarium, Mallard, Northern Pintail, mergansers, teal, Wood Duck, Canada Goose, Snow Goose and woodland birds.

1400 Black Dog Rd., Pine Bluff. 870-534-0011. [www.deltarivers.com](http://www.deltarivers.com)



**JANET HUCKABEE ARKANSAS RIVER  
 VALLEY NATURE CENTER 99**

This Fort Smith nature center highlights the Ozark Plateaus and the Ouachita Mountains. Interactive displays explain how the mountains and valleys were formed. Watch for raccoons, beavers, deer and more than 140 species of birds. Several species of fish reside in the lake.

8300 Wells Lake Rd., Fort Smith. 479-452-3993.  
[www.rivervalleynaturecenter.com](http://www.rivervalleynaturecenter.com)



**WITT STEPHENS JR. CENTRAL  
 ARKANSAS NATURE CENTER 100**

This nature center in Little Rock is in the downtown River Market District. Learn about conservation and view a living habitat exhibit. See Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, migrating American White Pelican, turtles and butterflies.

602 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock. 501-907-0636.  
[www.centralarkansasnaturecenter.com](http://www.centralarkansasnaturecenter.com)



## IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER

Sometimes called the “Lord God Bird,” the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, which was once thought to be extinct, was confirmed and documented in the Cache River and

White River forests of eastern Arkansas in 2004. Prior to this, it had been over 60 years since the last confirmed sighting. Averaging about 20 inches long, Ivory-billed Woodpeckers are often mistaken for the smaller but similarly marked Pileated Woodpecker. The distinguishing feature is the white patch in the Ivory-billed’s trailing wing feathers. Ivory-billed Woodpeckers are believed to mate for life. They excavate trees to make nest holes, typically oval-shaped openings between four and six inches in size and extending 20 inches or more down into the tree.

**Possible Viewing Locations:** Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA (#40), Cache River National Wildlife Refuge (#23) and Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA (#37).



## RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER

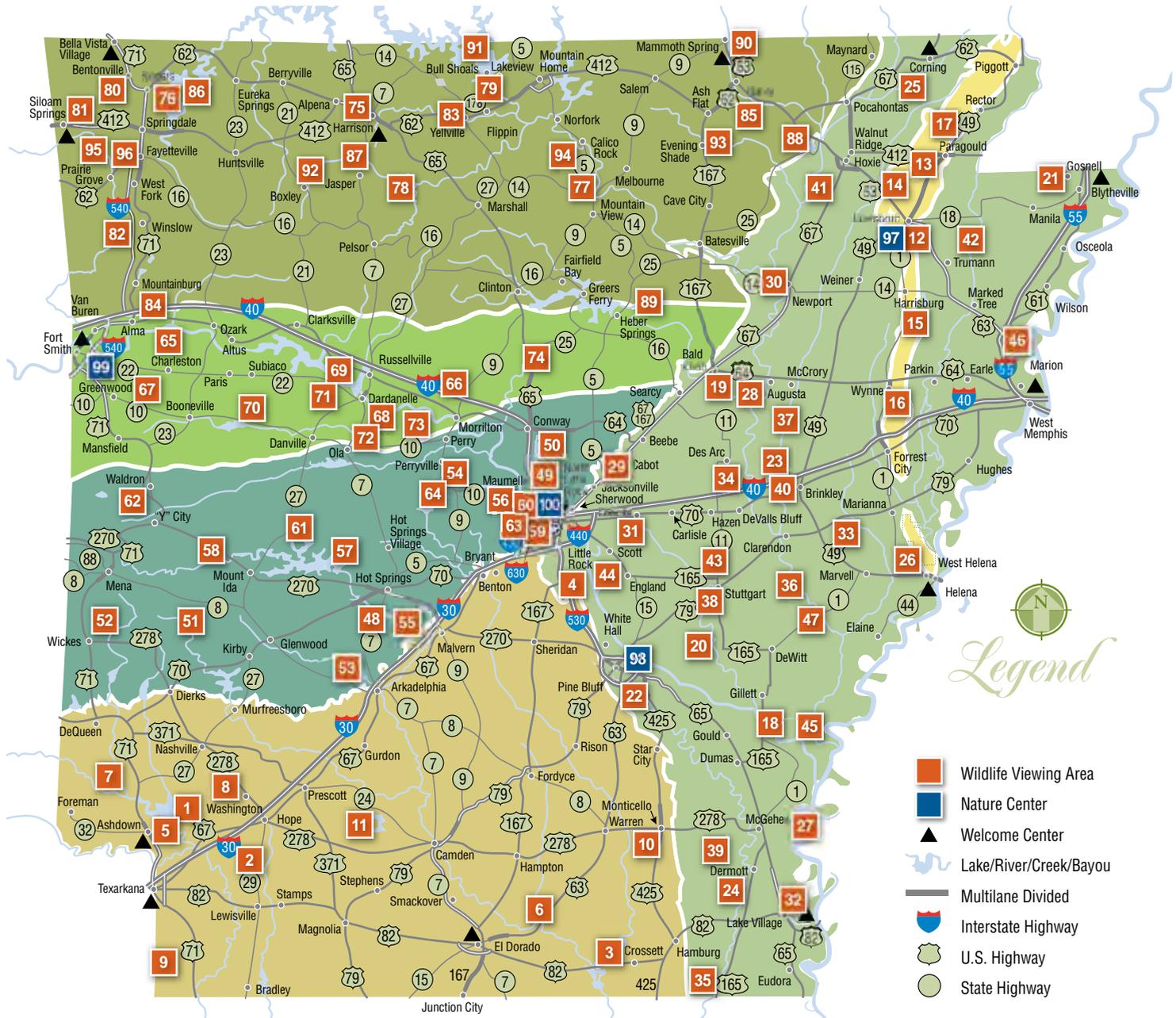
The Red-cockaded Woodpecker ranks as one of Arkansas’s major attractions among birders. It has been listed as an endangered species since 1970, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that between 10,000 and 12,000 birds remain. Approximately the

size of a Northern Cardinal, the Red-cockaded Woodpecker has black and white horizontal stripes on its back. Its cheeks and under parts are white. Both males and females have a black-capped head, but only males have the small red feathers known as cockades. These cockades are so small they are rarely visible in the field. Roost and nest cavities of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker are found in live shortleaf, loblolly or other species of pine trees more than 60 years old. It is partial to trees infected with a fungus known as red-heart disease that softens the wood and thereby eases the bird’s excavation of cavities. Their decline is attributed primarily to the reduction of pine trees of sufficient age for nesting.

**Possible Viewing Locations:** Arkansas’s largest population of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers can be found in the Ouachita National Forest near Waldron. Stop by the U.S. Forest Service district visitor center at the intersection of Hwy. 71 and Hwy. 248 W., Waldron. 479-637-4174 (#62). Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge: Consult refuge staff regarding current locations. 5531 Hwy. 82, Crossett. 870-364-3167 (#3).

- **Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism**  
1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201,  
501-682-7777, 800-628-8725, [www.arkansas.com](http://www.arkansas.com)
- **Arkansas Game and Fish Commission**  
2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas  
72205, 501-223-6300, 800-364-4263, [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)
- **Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission**  
1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street, Little Rock,  
Arkansas 72201, 501-324-9619, [www.naturalheritage.org](http://www.naturalheritage.org)
- **Arkansas Wildlife Federation, Inc.**  
9700 Rodney Parham, Suite I-2, Little Rock, Arkansas 72227,  
501-224-9200, 877-224-9299, [www.arkansaswildlifefederation.org](http://www.arkansaswildlifefederation.org)
- **Audubon Arkansas**  
4500 Springer Blvd., Little Rock, Arkansas 72206, 501-244-2229,  
[ar.audubon.org](http://ar.audubon.org)
- **Cornell Lab of Ornithology**  
159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850,  
607-254-2473, 800-843-2473, [www.birds.cornell.edu](http://www.birds.cornell.edu)
- **Ducks Unlimited**  
One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, Tennessee 38120,  
901-758-3825, 800-453-8257, [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org)
- **The Nature Conservancy**  
601 North University, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205,  
501-663-6699, [www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/arkansas](http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/arkansas)
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service**  
Room 3416, Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue,  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3225, 501-301-3100,  
[www.ar.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ar.nrcs.usda.gov)
- **The Trust for Public Land**  
116 New Montgomery St., Fourth Floor, San Francisco,  
California 94105, 415-495-4014, 800-714-5263, [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**  
Little Rock District, 700 West Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 867,  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, 501-324-5551,  
[www.sw.usace.army.mil](http://www.sw.usace.army.mil)
- **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
Southeast Region, Central Arkansas Refuge, 26320 Hwy.  
33 S., Augusta, Arkansas 72006, 870-347-2614, [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)
- **USDA Forest Service**  
Ouachita National Forest  
P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71902,  
501-321-5202, [www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ouachita](http://www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ouachita)  
  
Ozark-St. Francis National Forests  
605 W. Main St., Russellville, Arkansas 72801,  
479-968-2354, [www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ozark](http://www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ozark)

# 100 REASONS TO EXPLORE THE NATURAL STATE



*The map is color-coded by region, and viewing locations are listed in alphabetical order within each region.*



## WEST GULF COASTAL PLAIN

- 1 Blackland Prairie IBA** - Is composed of three remnant tallgrass prairie patches: Columbus Prairie Preserve, Saratoga Landing Blackland Prairie and Rick Evans Grandview Prairie WMA (#8). In addition to the native grasslands, the area consists of improved pastures, wooded draws and bottomland hardwood forest that provide habitat for Loggerhead Shrike, Henslow's and Le Conte's Sparrows, Painted Bunting, butterflies and dragonflies. To reach Columbus Prairie Preserve, take Hwy. 73 W. to CR 35 N., look for the sign on the left. To reach Saratoga Landing Blackland Prairie, take Hwy. 32 to Chapel Hill Road. 501-324-9619. [www.naturalheritage.com](http://www.naturalheritage.com)
- 2 Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d' Arc WMA** - Consisting primarily of bottomland hardwood forest and a 650-acre lake, this area provides excellent bird watching and fishing opportunities year-round. Swimming is prohibited because of the American alligator population. Purple Gallinule, Common Moorhen, Little Blue Heron and White Ibis may be seen here. Hwy. 355, Hope. 877-777-5580. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)
- 3 Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge (Shugart/Felsenthal IBA)** - This low-lying area is dissected by an intricate system of rivers, creeks, sloughs and lakes. Periodic flooding provides excellent wintering waterfowl habitat. Look for Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Cerulean and Swainson's Warbler, Brown-headed Nuthatch, mink, red and gray foxes, black bear and American alligator. 5531 Hwy. 82 W., Crossett. 870-364-3167. <http://www.fws.gov/felsenthal/>
- 4 Lorance Creek Natural Area** - An easily accessible boardwalk leads into a diverse mosaic of open water, cypress-tupelo swamp and beaver ponds. Green Heron, Pileated Woodpecker, Acadian Flycatcher, Winter Wren, Yellow-throated Vireo, bird-voiced treefrog, turtles and dragonflies have been seen here. Border Ln., Pulaski and Saline counties. 501-324-9619. [www.naturalheritage.com](http://www.naturalheritage.com)
- 5 Millwood Lake IBA** - This 29,260-acre lake is famous for its fishing and wildlife viewing. The lake is really three birding destinations in one: the lake, the spillway and Okay Levee. Over 300 species of birds have been recorded including 11 gulls and 22 warblers. Look for Bald Eagle, Anhinga, Tricolored Heron, Common Moorhen and Purple Gallinule. Rarities include Sooty Tern, Magnificent Frigatebird and Vermilion Flycatcher. Butterflies and dragonflies are abundant. 1564 Hwy. 32 E., Ashdown. 870-898-2800. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)
- 6 Moro Bay State Park** - One of the most popular fishing and water sports areas in south-central Arkansas. Snowy Egret, Prothonotary and Black-and-white Warblers, river otter, bobcat, swamp rabbit, evening bat and American alligator have been seen here. 6071 Hwy. 600, Jersey. 870-463-8555. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)
- 7 Pond Creek National Wildlife Refuge** - Contains abundant rivers, oxbow lakes, sloughs and mature bottomland hardwoods that provide habitat for migrating and wintering waterfowl, breeding Wood Ducks, migrating and breeding songbirds, river otter, muskrat, beaver, mink and turtles. 1958 Central Rd., Lockesburg. 870-289-2126. [www.fws.gov/southeast/PondCreek/](http://www.fws.gov/southeast/PondCreek/)

- 8 Rick Evans Grandview Prairie Conservation Education Center** - Consists of 4,885 acres of woodlands, oak savanna and blackland prairie. The diversity of habitat accounts for a variety of animals year-round. Grassland and shrubland birds include Northern Bobwhite, Bell's Vireo, Henslow's Sparrow and Painted Bunting. Butterflies are attracted to the prairie wildflowers. 1685 CR 35 N., Columbus. 870-983-2790. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)
- 9 Sulphur River WMA** - One of the last large tracts of bottomland hardwood habitat in the Red River Valley includes the Henry Moore Waterfowl Rest Area. American Avocet, American Bittern, Tricolored Heron, White Ibis, Wood Stork, Purple Gallinule, river otter, beaver and mink may be found here. Hwy. 237, Texarkana. 877-777-5580. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)
- 10 Warren Prairie Natural Area IBA** - Located in Bradley and Drew counties, this 2,170-acre site consists of a mosaic of salt slick barrens, saline prairie, saline marsh and bottomland hardwood forest. It supports over three-fourths of the Henslow's Sparrows known to winter in Arkansas. This area also supports Brown-headed Nuthatch, Le Conte's Sparrow and Yellow-throated Vireo. Hwy. 8, Warren. 501-324-9619. [www.naturalheritage.com](http://www.naturalheritage.com), [ar.audubon.org](http://ar.audubon.org)
- 11 White Oak Lake State Park** - Nature trails wind through a variety of habitats from marshland to beech-covered ridges. Look for migrating warblers, wading birds, red bat, plains pocket gopher and American alligator. 563 Hwy. 387, Bluff City. 870-685-2748. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)



## CROWLEY'S RIDGE

- 12 Craighead Forest Park** - This 692-acre city park offers many recreational opportunities. The 60-acre Craighead Forest Lake is stocked with bass, bream, crappie and tilapia. The forest around the park hosts an abundance of spring and fall migrants including Blackburnian, Cape May and Golden-winged Warblers, Yellow-throated Vireo and Veery. 4910 S. Culberhouse Rd., Jonesboro. 870-933-4604. [www.jonesborosports.org](http://www.jonesborosports.org)
- 13 Crowley's Ridge State Park** - An erosional remnant from the natural forces of rivers 40 million years ago features four and a half miles of hiking trails that meander through the forest. Some of the most interesting flora and fauna in the state can be found here. Look for Great Horned and Barred Owls, Rusty Blackbird and red and gray foxes. 2092 Hwy. 168 N., Paragould. 870-573-6751. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)
- 14 Lake Frierson State Park** - Known for its year-round fishing and spring blaze of wild dogwoods, this area supports waterfowl, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Belted Kingfisher, eastern box turtle and frogs. 7904 Hwy. 141, Jonesboro. 870-932-2615. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)
- 15 Lake Poinsett State Park** - A 640-acre impoundment provides fishing for bass, crappie, bream and catfish. The park also supports a wide variety of wildlife including Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, herons, striped skunk, red-eared slider, skinks and dragonflies. 5752 State Park Ln., Harrisburg. 870-578-2064. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**16** **Village Creek State Park** - Enjoy the unique geology of Crowley's Ridge, rolling hills covered with lush hardwood forest featuring oak, sugar maple, butternut and tulip poplar. A list of over 200 species of birds includes Chuck-will's-widow, Yellow-throated Vireo and Mississippi Kite. Other species include butterflies, dragonflies, southern flying squirrel, bass and crappie. 201 County Rd. 754, Wynne. 870-238-9406. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**17** **W.E. Brewer Scatter Creek WMA** - Named for the many natural springs that merge into the Scatter Creek Watershed, this area features steep side slopes, narrow valleys and old fields. Species recorded here include Barred Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, Wild Turkey, a wide variety of warblers and eastern cottontail. Hwy. 34, Paragould. 870-586-9735. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)



## MISSISSIPPI DELTA

**18** **Arkansas Post National Memorial** - Prairie grasses, lowland hardwood forests and wetland marshes near bayous and the Arkansas River provide habitat for Purple Gallinule, Common Moorhen, Anhinga, Least Bittern, Wood Stork, beaver and American alligator. 1741 Old Post Rd., Gillett. 877-972-5438. [www.nps.gov/arpo](http://www.nps.gov/arpo)

**19** **Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge IBA** - A wetland complex that provides habitat for large numbers of wintering waterfowl and migrating shorebirds. Wood Stork, Roseate Spoonbill, Black-bellied and Piping Plovers, Upland Sandpiper, river otter, butterflies, dragonflies, turtles and coyote have been seen here. 1439 Coal Chute Rd., Bald Knob. 501-724-2458. [www.fws.gov/baldknob/](http://www.fws.gov/baldknob/)

**20** **Bayou Meto WMA** - This natural woodlands/wetlands complex provides diverse habitat for a unique wildlife community. Each fall, about 13,000 acres are flooded to attract ducks. Look for Blue-winged and Green-winged Teal, Bald Eagle, Osprey, White Ibis, Acadian Flycatcher, Orchard Oriole, beaver, mink and nutria. 31 Hallowell Rd., Humphrey. 877-367-3559. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**21** **Big Lake WMA and Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge IBA** - Cypress-tupelo swamp and bottomland hardwood forest provide excellent habitat for migrating songbirds, as well as wintering habitat for American Black Duck, Common Merganser, Bald Eagle and over 80,000 Mallards. Observe bobcat, beaver, muskrat and alligator snapping turtle. 2274 Hwy. 18 E., Manilla. 877-972-5438. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com), [www.fws.gov/biglake](http://www.fws.gov/biglake)

**22** **Byrd Lake Natural Area** - A half-mile-long shallow body of water covered with duckweed and fringed by bald cypress and buttonbush. This old oxbow of Bayou Bartholomew supports Wood Duck, Mississippi Kite, Red-shouldered Hawk, Barred Owl, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Blue Grosbeak, river otter and beaver. 52nd St., Pine Bluff. 501-324-9619. [www.naturalheritage.com](http://www.naturalheritage.com)

**23** **Cache River National Wildlife Refuge IBA** - This refuge was established in 1986 to protect significant wetland habitats and provide feeding and resting areas for migrating waterfowl. Look for Wood Duck, Bald Eagle, Acadian Flycatcher, Wood Thrush, Hooded Warbler, Pileated Woodpecker, butterflies, dragonflies, 50 species of mammals, 45 species of reptiles and amphibians. 26320 Hwy. 33 S., Augusta. 870-347-2614. [www.fws.gov/cacheriver](http://www.fws.gov/cacheriver)



Great Egret



Great Horned Owl

**24** **Cut-Off Creek WMA** - Consisting primarily of bottomland hardwood with some upland sites. Trees include willow oak, overcup oak, white oaks and hickories. Wildlife include Mallard, Gadwall, Bufflehead, white-tailed deer, red fox and mink. Hwy. 35 to CR 51, Drew County. 877-367-3559. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**25** **Dave Donaldson Black River WMA** - Represents a significant portion of the remaining bottomland hardwood habitat in eastern Arkansas. Look for wintering waterfowl, Bald and Golden Eagles, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Wild Turkey, Bell's Vireo, Prothonotary Warbler, beaver, muskrat, mink, turtles, catfish and crappie. 3587 Hwy. 67 W., Corning. 877-972-5438. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**26** **Delta Heritage Trail State Park** - A rails-to-trails conversion developed along the 73-mile former Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way. Wintering waterfowl, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Mississippi Kite, white-tailed deer, black bear, beaver, coyote and bobcat may be seen here. 5539 Hwy. 49, Barton. 870-572-2352. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**27** **Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA Deer Research Area** - Contains excellent examples of bottomland hardwood forest, riverfront forest and sandbars. This area provides stopover habitat for migratory shorebirds and landbirds. Least Tern, Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork and White Ibis can be seen here. Hwy. 4, Arkansas City. 877-367-3559. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**28** **Henry Gray Hurricane Lake WMA** - Prime bottomland hardwood forest with numerous sloughs and flats provides habitat for waterfowl, Great Blue and Green Herons, vireos, warblers, mink, beaver, swamp rabbit and black bear. Hwy. 64, Bald Knob. 877-734-4581. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**29** **Holland Bottoms WMA** - A bottomland hardwood forest containing mature stands of willow oak mixed with other hardwood species. Look for Green Heron, Great Egret, Barred Owl, songbirds, muskrat and turtles. S. Holland Bottoms Rd., Jacksonville. 877-470-3650. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**30** **Jacksonport State Park** - At the confluence of the Black and White rivers, this area provides habitat for Belted Kingfisher, Eastern Bluebird, woodland songbirds, eastern cottontail, woodchuck and numerous butterflies including zebra swallowtail and monarch. 205 Avenue St., Newport. 870-523-2143. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**31** **Joe Hogan State Fish Hatchery** - One of the world's largest fish hatcheries. Popular for its wintering waterfowl and migrating shorebirds such as Dunlin, Spotted and Solitary Sandpipers, Sanderling, Black-bellied Whistling-duck, Blue- and Green-winged Teal. 23 Joe Hogan Ln., Lonoke. 501-912-6843. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)



Wild Turkey

**32 Lake Chicot IBA** - The largest natural oxbow lake in North America. It provides important stopover habitat along the Mississippi Flyway for shorebirds, waterfowl and songbirds. Hundreds of Wood Storks gather here, as well as river otter, beaver and American alligator. 2542 Hwy. 257, Lake Village. 870-265-5480. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**33 Louisiana Purchase State Park** -

The point from which land surveys of the Louisiana Territory were numbered in 1815. Bottomland hardwood forest supports Wood Duck, Barred Owl, Mississippi Kite, Pileated Woodpecker, Yellow-billed Cuckoo and bird-voiced treefrog. Hwy. 362, Brinkley. 888-287-2757. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**34 Mike Freeze Wattensaw WMA** - Beaver ponds, old fields and oak forests managed for Bald Eagle, Northern Bobwhite, American Woodcock, white-tailed deer, swamp rabbit, red fox and bobcat. Hwy. 11, Hazen. 877-734-4581. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**35 Overflow National Wildlife Refuge IBA** - This roadless refuge provides high-quality floodplain habitat and thousands of acres of impoundment managed especially for ducks and shorebirds. Mottled Duck, Black-necked Stilts and Roseate Spoonbills are among the thousands of birds that use the refuge, as well as white-tailed deer, beaver, black bear, reptiles and amphibians. Hwy. 8 E., Parkdale. 870-364-3167. [library.fws.gov/Refuges/Overflow.pdf](http://library.fws.gov/Refuges/Overflow.pdf)

**36 Potlatch Conservation Education Center at Cook's Lake** - An indoor/outdoor conservation education facility that includes viewing blinds and food plots used to increase wildlife observation opportunities. Look for waterfowl, wading birds and white-tailed deer. 625 Cook's Lake Rd., Casscoe. 870-241-3373. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**37 Rex Hancock Black Swamp WMA** - Bottomland hardwood forest and cypress-tupelo swamp that run along the Cache River support waterfowl, vireos, tanagers, orioles, warblers, white-tailed deer, swamp rabbit and black bear. Hwy. 33 to CR 752, Augusta. 877-734-4581. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**38 Roth Prairie Natural Area** - Tallgrass prairie formerly managed for hay production is dominated by grass species such as big bluestem and Indian grass. Short-eared Owl, American Pipit, Savannah Sparrow and Horned Lark have been seen here. Roth Prairie Rd., Stuttgart. 501-324-9619. [www.naturalheritage.org](http://www.naturalheritage.org)

**39 Seven Devils WMA** - Composed almost totally of cypress, tupelo, buttonbush, locust and willow trees, this area supports wintering waterfowl, Great Blue Heron, Anhinga, Prothonotary Warbler, white-tailed deer, black bear and amphibians. Hwy. 35, Monticello. 877-367-3559. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com), [www.naturalheritage.com](http://www.naturalheritage.com)

**40 Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA** - Offers easily accessible birding and canoe trails. Apple Lake Waterfowl Rest Area supports wintering waterfowl and wading birds. Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, Winter Wren, river otter, swamp rabbit, beaver and turtles may be seen. Butterflies such as sulphurs and angelinings are abundant along the roads and trails. Hwy. 70, Brinkley. 877-734-4581, [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**41 Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMA** - Bottomland hardwood forests and old fields support Little Blue Heron, Hooded Merganser, Mallard, shorebirds, wading birds, Barred Owl, Indigo Bunting, white-tailed deer and beaver. Hwy. 25 W., Black Rock. 877-972-5438. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**42 St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA IBA** - The "Sunken Lands" were created by the New Madrid Earthquakes of 1811 and 1812. Bottomland hardwood forest and swamps support migratory and breeding birds such as Mississippi Kite, Red-headed Woodpecker, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Wood Thrush and Swainson's Warbler. Hwy. 412, Trumann. 877-972-5438. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**43 Stuttgart Municipal Airport IBA** - Built as an Air Force training facility, this site protects remnant prairie-shrub habitat. During winter, Lapland and Smith's Longspur can be found in the low-growing *Aristida* grass. Two Barn Owl boxes are located in the southernmost hanger. Sprague's Pipit and Henslow's Sparrow are rare winter visitors. Birders are asked to visit with airport staff before entering the site. Hwy. 63 N., Stuttgart. 870-673-2960. [www.stuttgartarkansas.org](http://www.stuttgartarkansas.org)

**44 Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park** - This area preserves Arkansas's tallest remaining prehistoric American Indian mounds. Look for wintering waterfowl, waterbirds, raptors, Eastern Meadowlark, white-tailed deer, red fox, coyote, reptiles and amphibians. 490 Toltec Mounds Rd., Scott. 501-961-9442. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**45 Trusten Holder WMA** - Bottomland hardwoods on the southern end of The Big Woods support waterfowl, shorebirds, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Mississippi Kite, white-tailed deer and black bear. Nady Rd., DeWitt. 877-367-3559. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**46 Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge IBA** - A diversity of habitat includes agricultural land, bottomland hardwood forest and flooded cypress swamp. The refuge is prime for wintering waterfowl and migrating songbirds. Look for American Avocet, Hooded Merganser, Virginia Rail, over 30 species of warblers, butterflies, river otter, beaver, turtles, frogs and snakes. Hwy. 42 E., Turrell. 870-343-2595. [www.fws.gov/wapanocca/](http://www.fws.gov/wapanocca/)



Young Five-lined Skink

**47 White River National Wildlife Refuge IBA/White River Visitors Center** - This area consists of 160,000 acres along the lower White River. Over 230 bird species have been recorded including the largest concentration of wintering Mallards in the Mississippi Flyway. Bald Eagle, Swallow-tailed and Mississippi Kites, Peregrine Falcon, Hooded and Swainson's Warblers, 10 bat species, 15 turtle species, 29 snake species, 14 frog species and dozens of fish such as sturgeon and paddlefish have been recorded here. 57 S. CC Camp Rd., St. Charles. 870-282-8200. [www.fws.gov/whiteriver](http://www.fws.gov/whiteriver), [www.naturalheritage.org](http://www.naturalheritage.org)

## OUACHITA MOUNTAINS

**48 Andrew H. Hulsey State Fish Hatchery** - Flooded and drained ponds attract a variety of waterbirds such as Northern Shoveler, American Wigeon, Lesser Scaup, Green Heron, Little Blue Heron and Wilson's Snipe. Rarities include Glossy Ibis, Red Phalarope and Arkansas's first-recorded Mountain Bluebird. 350 Fish Hatchery Rd., Hot Springs. 877-525-8606. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**49 Bell Slough WMA IBA** - Marsh, swamp and bottomland hardwood forest support a variety of birds such as Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Orange-crowned and Blue-winged Warblers, Northern Waterthrush, Painted Bunting, beaver, swamp rabbit, turtles, frogs and over 90 species of butterflies including falcate orangetip. Grassy Lake Rd., Mayflower. 877-470-3650. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**50 Camp Robinson Special Use Area IBA** - This area consists of 4,029 acres of oak savanna, prairie and a 60-acre nursery pond. Frequent burning and mowing maintains habitat for Bachman's Sparrow and Bell's Vireo. Northern Bobwhite, Sedge Wren, Common Yellowthroat, butterflies and box turtles can be seen here. 574 Clinton Rd., Mayflower. 877-470-1690. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**51 Caney Creek WMA** - Rugged mountain terrain and narrow valleys covered by upland hardwoods, shortleaf pine and mixed hardwoods support American Woodcock, Wilson's Snipe, Acadian Flycatcher, Scarlet Tanager, Ovenbird, red fox and black bear. Hwy. 375 S., Mena. 877-478-1043. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**52 Cossatot River State Park-Natural Area** - Noted for whitewater kayaking on the Cossatot River. This area preserves several rare, endemic and threatened plant species. Greater Roadrunner, Northern Bobwhite, Belted Kingfisher, Louisiana Waterthrush, Yellow-breasted Chat, river otter and beaver have been observed here. 1980 Hwy. 278 W., Wickes. 870-385-2201. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com), [www.naturalheritage.org](http://www.naturalheritage.org)

**53 DeGray Lake Resort State Park** - This 13,800-acre lake is a fishing and water sports destination. During winter, waterbirds attracted to the lake include Common Loon, Horned Grebe and Bald Eagle. Rarities include Pacific Loon, Western Grebe and Brown Pelican. 2027 State Park Entrance Rd., Bismarck. 501-865-2801. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**54 Harris Brake Lake and WMA** - A popular fishing lake surrounded by bottomland hardwood forest, shrubland and old fields supports Bald Eagle, Osprey, herons, egrets, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Tree Swallow, Kentucky Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, swamp rabbit, turtles and frogs. Hwy. 10, Perryville. 877-470-3650. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**55 Lake Catherine State Park** - Only 11 miles long, this lake covers 1,940 acres, nestled in the narrow valleys of the Ouachita Mountains.



Painted Bunting

Waterfowl, Bald Eagle, Bonaparte's Gull, Osprey, river otter and beaver have been seen here. 1200 Catherine Park Rd., Hot Springs. 501-844-4176. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**56 Lake Maumelle** - This man-made lake attracts a wide variety of waterfowl during winter such as Bonaparte's Gull, Common Loon, Bufflehead, Bald Eagle and Common Goldeneye. Rarities include Pacific and Red-throated Loons, and Red-necked Grebe. Boat tours are offered by Pinnacle Mountain State Park (#60). 11800 Maumelle Harbor Rd., Pulaski County. 501-868-4390. [www.carke.com](http://www.carke.com)

**57 Lake Ouachita State Park** - This 40,000-acre lake offers a variety of recreational opportunities, especially water sports. Look for Common Loon, waterfowl, American Coot, Pine Warbler and red fox. 5451 Mountain Pine Rd., Mountain Pine. 501-767-9366. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**58 Muddy Creek WMA** - Upland hardwoods, shortleaf pine and mixed hardwood provide habitat for American Woodcock, Wilson's Snipe, Scarlet and Summer Tanagers, wood warblers, white-tailed deer, coyote and black bear. Hwy. 28 E., Needmore. 877-478-1043. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**59 Murray Park** - This city-owned park runs along the south bank of the Arkansas River. Large numbers of wintering gulls and American White Pelican can be found near Murray Lock and Dam. Look for Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Rose-breasted and Blue Grosbeak, Baltimore and Orchard Oriole, Warbling Vireo and Yellow Warbler. Rebsamen Park Rd., Little Rock. 501-371-4770. [www.littlerock.org/ParksRecreation/Parks/](http://www.littlerock.org/ParksRecreation/Parks/)

**60 Pinnacle Mountain State Park** - This day-use-only park features a diversity of habitat, from high upland peaks to bottomlands along the Big and Little Maumelle rivers. An impressive list of wildlife includes Black and Turkey Vultures, Barred Owl, Greater Roadrunner, Black-and-white Warbler, Northern Parula, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, eastern chipmunk, reptiles and butterflies. 11901 Pinnacle Valley Rd., Little Rock. 501-868-5806. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**61 Richardson Bottoms Wildlife Viewing Area** - Located in Garland and Montgomery counties and the only designated wildlife viewing area in Arkansas's Ouachita National Forest. The marsh provides habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, songbirds, frogs, turtles and salamanders. Forest Service Rd. 37300, Story. 501-984-5313. [www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/regions/southern/RichardsonBottoms/](http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/regions/southern/RichardsonBottoms/)

**62 Shortleaf Pine-Bluestem Grass Ecosystem Management Area IBA** - Habitat restoration of shortleaf pine forest with a grassy understory provides habitat for dozens of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, Northern Bobwhite, Prairie Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Painted Bunting, gray fox, coyote and butterflies including Diana fritillary. 1541 Hwy. 248, Waldron. 479-637-4174. [www.fs.fed.us/r8/ouachita/natural-resources/shortleafpr.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/ouachita/natural-resources/shortleafpr.shtml)

**63 Two Rivers Park** - A 1,000-acre tract at the confluence of the Arkansas and Little Maumelle rivers. Wooded wetlands, open fields, walking, bicycling and horseback riding trails support a wide variety of wildlife including Golden-crowned Kinglet, Virginia Rail, wintering sparrows, Bobolink, Dickcissel, white-tailed deer, eastern chipmunk and nine-banded armadillo. County Farm Rd., Little Rock. 501-371-4770. [www.littlerock.org/ParksRecreation/Parks/](http://www.littlerock.org/ParksRecreation/Parks/)

**64 Winona WMA** - 160,000 acres of upland hardwoods and shortleaf pine provide habitat for Northern Bobwhite, Scarlet Tanager, Red-

## ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY

- 65 Cherokee Prairie Natural Area IBA** - A 566-acre tract of tallgrass prairie, the largest contiguous remnant in Arkansas. This area supports numerous butterflies and open-country birds such as Northern Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Bell's Vireo, Painted Bunting and Henslow's Sparrow. Hwy. 60, Charleston. 501-324-9619. [www.naturalheritage.com](http://www.naturalheritage.com), [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)
- 66 Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA** - This 8,780-acre WMA includes 1,027 acres of herbaceous wetland waterfowl habitat, bottomland hardwoods and swamps supporting Acadian Flycatcher, White-eyed Vireo, Northern Parula, American Redstart, Yellow-throated Warbler, bird-voiced treefrog and toads. Fish Lake Rd., Morrilton. 877-967-7577. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)
- 67 Fort Chaffee IBA** - An active military training facility of the Arkansas National Guard, this area supports extensive amounts of scrub-shrub, prairie and oak savanna habitat. It is the largest landscape-size conservation area in the Arkansas River Valley. Look for Northern Bobwhite, Bell's Vireo, Prairie Warbler, Painted Bunting, Bachman's Sparrow and Smith's Longspur. 800 Taylor Ave., Fort Smith. 877-478-1043. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)
- 68 Holla Bend NWR** - Bottomland hardwood forest, old fields and an oxbow lake make this site famous for an abundance of wintering Bald Eagles and waterfowl. Trumpeter Swans were introduced to the refuge in 2008. Gadwall, Golden Eagle, Northern Harrier, Merlin, Short-eared Owl, Sedge Wren, Le Conte's Sparrow and Rusty Blackbird can be seen here in winter. 10448 Holla Bend Rd., Dardanelle. 479-229-4300. [library.fws.gov/Refuges/hollabend02.pdf](http://library.fws.gov/Refuges/hollabend02.pdf)
- 69 Lake Dardanelle IBA** - Popular for a variety of recreational activities, this 34,300-acre reservoir on the Arkansas River supports thousands of diving ducks, gulls and pelicans. Rarities include California, Lesser Black-backed, Little and Sabine's Gulls, Western Grebe, Tufted Duck and Pacific Loon. Bald Eagle, Yellow Warbler, Eastern Screech-Owl, red fox and eastern cottontail can be seen here. 100 State Park Dr., Dardanelle. 479-967-5516. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)



*Diana Fritillary*

black bear and over 90 species of butterflies including Diana fritillary, can be seen here. 16878 Hwy. 309 S., Paris. 479-963-8502.

[www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

- 71 Mount Nebo State Park** - This park offers spectacular views of the Arkansas River Valley and 14 miles of trails. Wild Turkey, Northern Bobwhite, Greater Roadrunner, Pine Warbler, four species of falcons, eastern cottontail and red fox may be seen here. 16728 W. Hwy. 155,

Dardanelle. 479-229-3655. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

- 72 Petit Jean River WMA** - This area consists of 15,581 acres of upland and bottomland hardwoods, pine stands, savannas and upland fields which provide excellent habitat for Wood Duck, Wild Turkey, Common Nighthawk, Bald Eagle, waterfowl, wood warblers, white-tailed deer and swamp rabbit. Hwy. 7, Ola. 877-967-7577. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)
- 73 Petit Jean State Park** - Arkansas's first state park provides scenic views of cliffs, woodlands, streams and a waterfall. Look for Bald Eagle, Black and Turkey Vultures, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Greater Roadrunner, Neotropical migrants, white-tailed deer and red fox. 1285 Petit Jean Mountain Rd., Morrilton. 501-727-5441. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)
- 74 Woolly Hollow State Park** - The park preserves "Woolly Cabin," the log home of the area's first settlers. The surrounding woodlands support a wide variety of wildlife such as Northern Parula, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Wood Thrush, Barred Owl, beaver, turtles, frogs and butterflies. 82 Woolly Hollow Rd., Greenbrier. 501-679-2098. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)



## OZARK MOUNTAINS

- 75 Baker Prairie Natural Area** - Distinguished for its limestone and chert substrate, this area supports prairie grasses like big and little bluestem, switchgrass and Indian grass. The prairie is home to species of conservation concern: Grasshopper Sparrow, prairie mole crickets, ornate box turtles, Willow Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo and Painted Bunting. 925 Goblin Dr., Harrison. 501-324-9619. [www.naturalheritage.com](http://www.naturalheritage.com)
- 76 Beaver Lake** - This 8,370-acre lake boasts 487 miles of shoreline highlighted by towering limestone bluffs. Bald Eagle, Surf Scoter, Common Loon, Horned and Western Grebes have been seen here. Fish species include smallmouth, largemouth and striped bass. 2260 N. 2nd St., Rogers. 479-636-1210. [www.svl.usace.army.mil/parks/beaver/](http://www.svl.usace.army.mil/parks/beaver/)
- 77 Blanchard Springs Caverns and Recreation Area** - The caverns form a magnificent limestone cave system starting more than 200 feet underground and considered the most beautiful in the country. Look for bats, salamanders and cave crayfish. 1032 Park Ave., Mountain View. 888-757-2246. [www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ozark/recreation/caverns.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ozark/recreation/caverns.html)
- 78 Buffalo National River** - Designated America's first national river, this area features swift-running rapids, quiet pools, scenic sandstone and limestone bluffs, caves, springs, waterfalls and is home to the state's only elk herd. Species recorded here include 250 birds, 55 mammals, 45 reptiles, 24 amphibians, 59 fish, 128 aquatic macro-invertebrates and 22 mussels. Notable species include Bald Eagle, Trumpeter Swan, Cerulean and Swainson's Warbler, black bear and northern crayfish. The river is located in north central Arkansas. 870-439-2502. [www.nps.gov/buff/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/buff/index.htm)
- 79 Bull Shoals-White River State Park** - Stretching along the riverside and lakeshore where the White River and Bull Shoals Lake join, these waters form one of the nation's finest fishing and boating combinations. It is famous for its record rainbow and brown trout.

Look for Bald Eagle, ducks, gulls, warblers, vireos, thrushes, lunger bass, catfish and bream. 153 Dam Overlook Ln., Bull Shoals. 870-445-3629. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**80** **C.B. “Charlie” Craig State Fish Hatchery IBA** - Artificial impoundments for raising game fish also provide habitat for waterfowl, wading birds and shorebirds. Rarities include Eared Grebe, Piping and Snowy Plover, Ruff, Cinnamon Teal, Prairie Falcon, Say’s Phoebe, Nelson’s Sparrow and Yellow-headed Blackbird. 977 W. Fish Hatchery Rd., Centerton. 479-795-2470. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**81** **Chesney Prairie Natural Area** - One of the few unplowed Tallgrass Prairie remnants left of the Springfield Plateau. Its flora and fauna are outstanding. Dickcissel, Painted Bunting, Loggerhead Shrike and Harris’s Sparrow are common. Rarities include American Tree Sparrow and Prairie Falcon. Bill Young Rd., Siloam Springs. 501-324-9619. [www.naturalheritage.com](http://www.naturalheritage.com)

**82** **Devil’s Den State Park** - A picturesque setting made up of ancient sedimentary mountains renowned for their natural beauty and lush oak-hickory forest. This park features hiking trails and caves. Over 170 species of birds have been recorded here including Chuck-will’s-widow, Greater Roadrunner, Neotropical migrants, as well as 10 species of bats, black bear and butterflies. 11333 W. Hwy. 74, West Fork. 479-761-3325. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)



*Red-tailed Hawk*

**83** **Fred Berry Conservation Education Center on Crooked Creek** - Offers indoor and outdoor learning areas, a wet lab, exhibits on native wildlife and an Ozark native plant garden. Look for ducks, geese, songbirds, turtles and frogs. 851 Conservation Ln., Yellville. 870-449-3484. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**84** **Frog Bayou WMA** - This former farm (812 acres) is a wetland restoration that has become a

magnet for secretive marshbirds. Seven moist soil units with low levees are operated as shallow impoundments during late fall and winter to provide habitat for a variety of waterfowl, shorebirds and wading birds. Hwy. 64, Dyer. 877-478-1043. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**85** **Harold E. Alexander Spring River WMA** - Predominantly upland hardwood forest supports Wild Turkey, Northern Bobwhite, woodland songbirds, white-tailed deer, coyote and raccoon. Hwy. 58, Willford. 877-297-4331. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**86** **Hobbs State Park-Conservation Area** - Arkansas’s largest state park (11,705 acres) lies along the southern shores of Beaver Lake (#76). Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Chuck-will’s-widow, Scarlet Tanager, Kentucky and Pine Warblers have been seen here. 20201 E. Hwy. 12, Rogers. 479-789-5000. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**87** **Koen Interpretive Trail** - A short forest walk that is wheelchair accessible. The trail features 25 species of native trees and other plants that can be identified along the way. Look for woodland songbirds, white-tailed deer, frogs, aquatic insects and butterflies. Hwy. 7 N., Jasper. 870-439-2502. <http://www.nps.gov/archive/buff/autotour.htm>

**88** **Lake Charles State Park** - Anglers and nature lovers will enjoy this park on the shore of Lake Charles with 645 acres of spring-fed waters in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains. Park interpretive programs include party barge lake tours and guided kayak tours. Look for Pied-

billed Grebe, Bald Eagle, Barn and Great Horned Owl, white-tailed deer, red fox and southern flying squirrel. 3705 Hwy. 25, Powhatan. 870-878-6595. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)



*Trumpeter Swan*

**89** **Magness Lake IBA** - This privately owned lake is home to the largest wintering population of Trumpeter Swans in the Southeast. The lake is open to the public but you must park in the designated parking area. Other species include Tundra Swan, Ross’s Goose, Ring-necked Duck, Bufflehead, Winter Wren and Chipping Sparrow. Hays Road, Heber Springs. [ar.audubon.org](http://ar.audubon.org)

**90** **Mammoth Spring State Park** - Arkansas’s largest spring situated in rock-and-forest-covered mountains from which flow nine million gallons of water hourly at a constant temperature of 58 degrees F. Look for woodland songbirds, eastern chipmunk, muskrat, mink, beaver and bullfrog. 17 Hwy. 63 N., Mammoth Spring. 870-625-7364. [www.arkansasstateparks.com](http://www.arkansasstateparks.com)

**91** **Ozark Isle** - Heavily wooded island on Bull Shoals Lake with an abundance of wintering Bald Eagles and waterfowl. Look for white-tailed deer, eastern cottontail and raccoon. 324 W. Seventh St., Mountain Home. 870-425-2700. [swl.usace.army.mil/parks/bullshoals/pdf\\_files/parkmaps/ozarkisle.pdf](http://swl.usace.army.mil/parks/bullshoals/pdf_files/parkmaps/ozarkisle.pdf)

**92** **Ponca Elk Education Center and Boxley Valley** - Learn about the elk’s journey back to Arkansas and expand your knowledge of birds, mammals and fish through interpretive exhibits and interactive displays. Explore nearby Mill Pond, where five Trumpeter Swans were released in 2008. Hwy. 43, Ponca. 870-861-2432. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**93** **Strawberry River Nature Preserve and Demonstration Ranch** - The Strawberry River contains one of the greatest concentrations of aquatic biodiversity in North America. This area supports 107 species of fish including the Strawberry River orangethroat darter, which is not found anywhere else in the world. This area also supports 39 freshwater mussels, four species of crayfish, Chuck-will’s-widow, Louisiana Waterthrush, Acadian Flycatcher and an abundance of butterflies. Barnes Rd., Evening Shade. 501-663-6699. [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)

**94** **Sylamore WMA** - Composed mostly of oak-hickory stands, the land is made up of narrow, rolling mountains, fertile valleys and streams. Over 200 species of birds have been seen here, as well as white-tailed deer, bobcat, gray fox, eastern cottontail, black bear and bats. Hwy. 14, Calico Rock. 877-297-4331. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**95** **Wedington WMA** - Mountainous oak forest, bottomland hardwood forest and fields provide habitat for small game and birds. Broad-winged Hawk, Acadian Flycatcher, Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanager, Ovenbird, Worm-eating Warbler and butterflies may be seen here. The lake provides excellent fishing for bass, bream, crappie and catfish. Hwy. 16, Fayetteville. 877-967-7577. [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**96** **Woolsey Wet Prairie Sanctuary** - This wetland mitigation site is a former seasonal wetland associated with Tallgrass Prairie habitat. Native plant diversity is very high, and Osage burrowing crawfish are common. Bird species include Loggerhead Shrike, Least Bittern, Sora and American Tree Sparrow. S. Broyles Rd., Fayetteville. [www.ecoarkansas.com/info/woolseyhistory.html](http://www.ecoarkansas.com/info/woolseyhistory.html)

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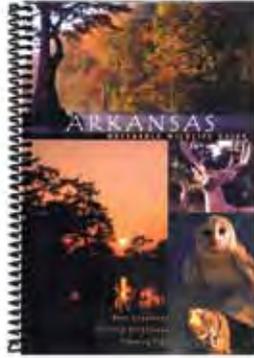
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