

Birding at Sandy Lee Watkins Park,
Henderson County, KY
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Google Map coordinates

37.780711, -87.389393

Habitats

- Several hundred acres of open land with wide spread trees and copses; dense growth along the drainage ditch
- Four ponds/lakes

Birds and birder comments:

A paved walkway near the entrance follows along a drainage ditch that connects 3 ponds/lakes. The walkway is about 1.25 miles long making for a 2.5 mile round trip.

A county park that is under development. This location has been consistently good for Short-eared Owls, Northern Harriers, Prairie Warblers and Bell's Vireos in their respective seasons.

There is a 4th lake at the far south end that is up a hill. Future plans include more paved walking paths and horse facilities. Picnic shelters are present as well as new playground equipment. Fishing is permitted in all ponds/lakes. 4 benches are along the walking path. It appears that the whole area is reclaimed strip-mined land. Fire hydrants are installed but at present there is no running water. Port-a-john facilities are available.