

Parklands of Floyds Fork

Louisville, KY

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Parklands of Floyds Fork – The parklands is an urban parks project and when completed in 2015 will encompass nearly 4000 acres. As of now there are two sections that are completed – Beckley Creek Park and Pope Lick Park. When the other two sections, Turkey Run and Broad Run Parks, are completed, they will be connected by a scenic drive, a trail system and a water trail. Both sections are very popular so be on the lookout for bicyclists and runners. More information and a map about the parklands can be found at www.theparklands.org

- **Beckley Creek Park**

Louisville, KY 40245

Map Coordinates 38.235807, -85.467551

The entrance to Beckley Creek is off of Shelbyville Road just east of I-265. Since the park is fairly new there are still areas to explore and birds to be found. The park goes through a diverse habitat of fields, forest, wetlands and a riparian area next to Floyds Fork. There are both paved and gravel paths. The wetlands hold promise to lure birds to it. A Sora, Marsh Wren, different sparrows have been seen there. The park is good for migrant species in spring and fall and nesting species in the summer.

- **Pope Lick Park**

4002 S Pope Lick Rd, Louisville, KY 40299

Map coordinates 38.185216, -85.488630

Pope Lick Park is located on Pope Lick Road off of Taylorsville Road just east of I-265. This park is a popular destination for soccer games on weekends during the soccer season. The paved path will lead you away from the fields through forest, open fields and along Floyds Fork. Pope Lick Park is good for spring and fall migrants as well as summer nesting birds.