Birding on the Buckeye Trail

Have you ever seen a cerulean warbler flitting through treetops in the Hocking Hills? Been lucky enough to glimpse a LeConte's sparrow scouring through the reeds at Mentor Marsh? Or had the pleasure of witnessing a swarm of bobolinks in display over the vast grasslands of the AEP ReCreation Lands? If you haven't, then maybe you have never been birding on the Buckeye Trail! At 1400+ miles encircling the entire state of Ohio, the BT is by far the longest birding trail in the state. Along its route it passes through some of the most popular parks and natural areas, but also hidden gems all across rural Ohio. These areas include nearly every habitat type that exists in the state: Appalachian Forests, Farmland, Coastal Marshes, Reclaimed Mine Land, Riparian Corridors, Pastures, Prairies, Wetlands, Woodlots, Beaches, and Backyards.

At the Buckeye Trail Association it's our mission to build, maintain, protect, and promote Ohio's largest hiking trail, but the way we see it, hiking and birding go hand in hand. By providing excellent hiking opportunities all across the state, the Buckeye Trail also preserves a green corridor that provides habitat and resources for birds. There are over 60 eBird "Hotspots" and Audubon "Important Bird Areas" along the Buckeye Trail. Check out our BT Birding Locations Map to see which ones are close to you!

The Buckeye Trail is broken down into 26 sections and our detailed Section Maps are a great way to experience the trail! Also available are our Hiker-on-the-Go series maps which detail shorter day-hikes with excellent birding opportunities. You can learn more about, and purchase Buckeye Trail Maps at buckeyetrail.org/overview.php. When you think about all the places the BT goes and all the ecosystems it encompasses, is there a species of bird that hasn't been on the Buckeye Trail? If they're here, why not you?! Take a hike on the BT and see all the fantastic birding you have been missing!

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1 AEP ReCreation Lands	31 Independence Dam State Park
2 Avoca Park	32 Jackson Bog State Nature Preserve
3 Beall Farmstead Buckeye Trail Association	33 Kendrick Woods State Nature Preserve
4 Bedford ReservationHemlock Creek Picnic Area	34 Leesville LakeAutumn Rd.
5 Bellevue Reservoir #3	35 Little Miami Scenic Trail
6 Broughton Nature and Wildlife Education Area	36 Lockington Reserve & Lockington Locks
7 Burr Oak State Park	37 Mentor Marsh State Nature PreserveWake Robin Boardwalk
8 Caesar's Creek State Park	38 North Chagrin Nature Center Trails
9 Caldwell Lake	Norwalk City ReservoirsLower Reservoir
10 Cuyahoga Valley National ParkJaite to Blue Hen Falls	40 Ottoville Quarry Wildlife Area
11 Cuyahoga Valley National ParkIra Rd. Beaver Marsh	41 PembervillePortage River Trail
12 Davis Memorial State Nature Preserve	Piedmont LakePiedmont Marina
13 Delphos-Gillmor Reservoir	43 Pike Lake State Park
14 Eagle Creek Wildlife Area	Pretty Run PreserveBuckeye Trail Association
15 East Fork State ParkBethel Concord Rd. Area	45 Richfield Heritage Preserve
16 East Fork State ParkSouth Side	46 Ritter Park & Meyerholtz Wildlife Area
17 Edge of Appalachia Nature Preserve	47 Salt Fork State ParkRd. 54
18 Farnsworth Metropark	48 Schedel Arboretum & Gardens
19 Farrington Reserve	49 Scioto Trail State Park
20 Findley State Park	50 Seneca Lake & Senecaville Fish Hatchery
Fort Hill Earthworks and Nature Preserve	51 Shawnee State ParkTurkey Creek Lake and Lodge
22 Forty Acre Pond Bridge	52 Tar Hollow State Park
23 Girdled Road Reservation	53 Taylorsville Metropark
Q4 Glen Helen Nature Preserve	54 Vorwerk Park
25 Grand Lake St Mary's	55 Wakeman Community Park
Grant Lake Wildlife Area	56 Walsh Park, Fremont
27 Headwaters Park	57 Wayne National ForestLamping Homestead Recreation Area
28 Hinckley Reservation	58 Wayne National ForestTecumseh Lake Bird Trail
29 Hocking Hills State Park	59 West Branch State ParkKirwan Reservoir
30 Huffman Metropark	60 Zoar Wetland Arboretum

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