



Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail

Thirty-four Birding Sites in Nine Counties in East Central Alabama!

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The Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail, which launched November 2011, consists of the counties of: **Autauga, Chambers, Chilton, Clay, Coosa, Elmore, Lee, Randolph, and Tallapoosa**. This nine-county group is one of eight regions that comprise the recently completed Alabama Birding Trails, offering 270 sites across the state to go birding, whether you are a seasoned 'birder' or a novice, from the mountains of North Alabama to the beaches of the Gulf Coast. Thirty-four of these sites are in the Piedmont Plateau Birding Trail. The original 2011 team has been meeting to plan and present a series of events during 2014 to coincide with similar events throughout the state. The purpose of this newsletter is to let you know the plans for this state-wide program and what part the Piedmont Plateau Region plays. We will be making contact with site managers, our elected officials, stakeholders and media outlets as we schedule these events.

Contact:

Feel free to contact any of the nine counties:

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Chilton County: [Gay West](#), 205-280-6268*

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Elmore County: [Tex Grier](#), 334-567-1328

Lee County: [Cindy Pugh](#), 334-887-8747

Randolph County: [Cotina Terry](#), 334-863-7243

Tallapoosa County: [Joanne Ninesling](#), 256-786-0541 We welcome your input.

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Our first meeting was January 27, 2014 in Randolph County. Chambers, Clay, Lee, Randolph and Tallapoosa Counties met to put our ideas together and plan several events around the region. The second meeting was February 7, 2014 in Rockford where Elmore, Autauga, Chilton and Coosa Counties knocked around many ideas for regional events. Our ideas were many, inventive and constructive, leading to our first confirmed event during the 2nd Annual Hatchet Creek Canoe Float, May 31-June 1, 2014. Please call Roger Vines for information on the float: 256-377-4713. We are visiting each of our sites and conferring with site managers. The remainder of our road signs are being delivered, along with a supply of trail brochures. Be sure to contact your local trail representative and ask about obtaining some brochures, upcoming event locations or support. In the meantime, please visit Alabama Birding Trails website and Piedmont Plateau Birding Trails Facebook and Flickr pages as we update you on our progress.



Mountain Loop:

- 1-Ashland City Park;
- 2/3Talladega National Forest: Turnipseed Camp and Lake Chinnabee Recreation Area;
- 4-Cheaha State Park;
- 5-Clay County Fishing Lake;
- 6-Crooked Creek Watershed Site #3 Nature Trail;
- 7-Lineville City Park;
- 8-Wedowee Kiwanis Park;
- 9-Fox Creek at Lake Wedowee;
- 10-Southern Union State Community College

Lake Martin Loop:

- 1-Maplesville City Park;
- 2-Confederate Memorial Park;
- 3-Coosa Wildlife Management Area -Double Bridges;
- 4-Chapman's Creek;
- 5-Alex City Outdoor Recreation Network @ the Sportplex;
- 6-Central Alabama Community College;
- 7-Wind Creek State Park;
- 8-Holly Hills @ D.A.R.E. Pwr Pk;
- 9-Cherokee Ridge;
- 10-Horseshoe Bend N.M.Park;
- 11-Coon Creek Nature Preserve
- 12-Chambers Co. Fishing Lake;
- 13-West Point Dam Locations;
- 14-Alligator Creek Nature Trail

Crater Loop:

- 1-Jones Bluff Powerhouse/Dam;
- 2-Jones Bluff Park;
- 3-Swift Creek Park;
- 4-Alabama Nature Center;
- 5-Cooters Pond Park;
- 6-Corn Creek Wilderness Park;
- 7-Gold Star Park;
- 8-Fort Toulouse/Fort Jackson;
- 9-Chewacla State Park;
- 10-Opelika Wood Duck Heritage Preserve & Siddique Nature Park