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1 Caswell Game Land

Owner: NC Wildlife Resources Commission

NC 62, south of Yanceyville, NC
919-707-0050

Caswell County

www.ncwildlife.org

Site Description: Caswell Game Land spans more than 15,000 acres and includes excellent examples of several Piedmont habitats, including floodplain forest, mature oak forest, and pine savannah. Portions of the Game Land are managed for high-quality early successional habitat under the Cooperative Upland habitat Restoration and Enhancement (CURE) program. From the intersection of US 158 and NC 62 in Yanceyville, go south on NC 62 0.3 miles and turn left at a simple drive marked by signage for a public dove hunting area. Drive 0.6 miles, where the road ends by a large field with opportunities to see grassland birds. There is also a pond in the middle of the field with an interesting wetland community below it. Next, return to NC 62 and turn left (south). Continue south on NC 62 for 3.1 miles and turn left onto Burton Chapel Road. At 0.2 miles turn left onto a gravel drive leading to a large barn. Park out of the way and walk into the mature oak-hickory stand located behind the barn. Next, return to NC 62 and turn left (south). After less than 0.1 mile, turn right onto the gravel road at the "Watchable Wildlife" sign and continue 0.5 miles to the parking area and fishing pier on Rabbit Shuffle Pond. The pier serves as a good observation platform for birds using the pond and adjacent hardwood slopes. Prior to the pond, the entrance road passes through a Hunter Camping Area with several primitive camping sites. When unoccupied, these camping sites offer parking opportunities to explore the adjacent upland hardwoods. After returning to NC 62, turn right (south) and proceed 0.2 miles. Park at the next gravel road on your right (be sure not to block the gate). Walk down this road to view areas managed for early successional habitat.

Species of Interest: Northern Bobwhite, Eastern Kingbird, Kentucky Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting

Habitats: oak forest & mixed hardwoods/pine, early successional, floodplain forest, small wetland communities

Special Concern: Hunting is allowed on Caswell Game Land during certain times of the year. Birders should be aware of current hunting regulations and seasons, and take adequate safety precautions during those times. For more on hunting precautions, see the hunting season information at the beginning of this guide. A Hunter Camping Area is available on Caswell Game Land during hunting season.

Access & Parking: The Game Land can be accessed daily during daylight hours. Parking is available along road shoulders or near gates on the Game Land. During hunting seasons, vehicular access is limited to those roads that are maintained and open for that purpose. Do not block any gates when parking.

Directions: There are multiple access points for good birding on Caswell Game Land. From the intersection of NC 62 and US 158 in Yanceyville, take NC 62 south. Access areas into the Game Land (referenced in the Site Description) are at 0.3, 3.1, 3.2, and 3.4 miles south of this intersection.

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2 Mayo Park

Owner: Person County Recreation, Arts, and Parks Department

599 Neals Store Road, Roxboro, NC 27573
336-597-7806

Person County

<http://mayo.personcounty.net>

Site Description: More than 6 miles of land and paddle trails traverse Mayo Park, including nine distinctly named trails, all marked and color-coded with signs. The park observation decks, docks, and trails all provide nice opportunities throughout the year to watch for a variety of bird life. In spring and summer, watch and listen for Summer Tanager, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Great Crested Flycatcher and a variety of warbler species. Winter brings an array of birds to the lake, including Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Northern Pintail, Gadwall and Ruddy Duck. A paddle trail also leaves from the park, giving visitors an opportunity to explore the sights and sounds of Mayo Lake. Program information and trail maps can be picked up from the ranger station/visitor center.

Species of Interest: Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Summer Tanager, Indigo Bunting, wintering waterfowl

Habitats: oak forest & mixed hardwoods/pine, lake

Access & Parking: The park is open daily during daylight hours.

Directions: From Roxboro, travel 8 miles north on NC 49. Turn left on Neal's Store Road. Continue for 2 miles and watch for the Mayo Park entrance gate on the left.

Coordinates: N 36° 28' 53" W78° 52' 04" DeLorme (NC Gazetteer) Page: 19, 20

