

# Lane County, Oregon



## Lane County Birding Locations

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***\*IMPORTANT SUGGESTION: When birding the Oregon Coast, consider birding from north to south. Entering and exiting the coast highways will be considerably safer with this strategy and will reduce the need to cross traffic when visiting coastal birding sites.***

If you have only a short time in our county, try these locations first! [Fern Ridge Reservoir](#) is a great place to bird in any season. If you can only visit one Lane County coastal location, you should check out [South Jetty Siuslaw River](#). For more birding hotspots, check out the recommended locations below. Each season has one coastal suggestion and two inland suggestions.

SPRING	<a href="#">Bray Point/Tokatee Klookchman St. Nat. Site</a>	<a href="#">Skinner Butte</a>	<a href="#">Mt Pisgah Arboretum</a>
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**County Seat:** Eugene

**County Size:** 4,722 sq. miles

**High Elevation :** South Sister (10,358 ft)

**Rarities :** Falcated Duck, American Black Duck, Baikal Teal, Steller's Eider, King Eider, Arctic Loon, Yellow-billed Loon, Short-tailed Albatross, Hawaiian Petrel, Mottled Petrel, Streaked Shearwater, Red-billed Tropicbird, Magnificent Frigatebird, Cattle Egret, Wood Sandpiper, Eurasian Dotterel, Spotted Redshank, Bar-tailed Godwit, Red-necked Stint, Jack Snipe, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Least Tern, Parakeet Auklet, White-winged Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Yellow Wagtail, White Wagtail, Prairie Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Smith's Longspur, Rustic Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Dickcissel, Rusty Blackbird, Brambling, Lawrence's Goldfinch

**Top County Lister :** Paul Sherrill (353)

**Year List Record :** Dave Irons 2007 (289)

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Along with Douglas County, Lane is one of only two Oregon counties that come in contact with the Pacific Ocean to the west and the Cascade mountain range on its eastern boundary. Lane County has three unique climate zones: the Willamette Valley, Coast, and Cascade mountains. The "Valley" has a moderate climate with cool winters and warm summers. High temperatures in the summer average in the 80's and the average low temperatures stay above freezing. Valley rainfall is about 40 inches per year. The Coast has the mildest temperatures, summers are in the high 60's, winters in the low 40's and rainfall is about 60 inches a year. The Cascades often receive more than 70 inches of snow per winter and mountain passes frequently sport packed snow and sometimes require chains.

For an in-depth treatment of Lane County birds, you may want to obtain a copy of "Birds of Lane County, Oregon", edited by Alan Contreras and published by Oregon State University Press. It's available at many retail outlets including Amazon.com (<http://www.amazon.com/Birds-Lane-County-Oregon-Contreras/dp/0870711806>). This book provides seasonal abundance and comments on every bird known to exist in the county. In addition to bird information, the text offers far more detail on the best birding locations in the county. Dozens of maps and other graphics create a complete picture of the birding possibilities in Lane County. It's an essential read for anyone visiting or living in the Eugene/Lane County area.

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## **COASTAL SITES**

### **Strawberry Hill** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 44°15'13.9"N 124°06'41.6"W  
([44.253871, -124.111564](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Strawberry Hill](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Travel about 4.5 miles south of Yachats and about a half mile south of Neptune State Park. Coming from the south, this location is about 18 miles north of Florence. This is on the northern border of Lane County on the coast.

Rocky area that juts out into the ocean attracts seals and sea lions as well as Black Oystercatcher and Black Turnstone. A nice pullout for a sea watch.

### **Bob Creek** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 44°14'39.5"N 124°06'44.2"W  
([44.244315, -124.112269](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Bob Creek](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** The pullout is about 0.6 miles downhill and south from Strawberry Hill. The parking area is in an open grassy area. Offshore rocks attract "Rockpipers" as well as Harlequin Duck (both are

possible in late fall, winter, early spring). The creek-side habitat next to parking lot has attracted rare passerines.

### **Bray Point** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 32 C-2 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 38 C-1  
**geographic coordinates** 44°14'21.2"N 124°06'42.1"W  
([44.239225, -124.111693](#))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Drive 5.0 miles south of Yachats to a pull-off viewing area. This is a great location to do sea watches since it is a bit elevated and gives a nice view of the ocean on a clear day. Alcids, tubenoses and sea ducks are usually present.

### **Tokatee Klootchman State Natural Site** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 32 C-2 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 38 C-1  
**geographic coordinates** 44°12'29.7"N 124°06'52.7"W  
([44.208238, -124.114649](#))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Drive 7.0 miles south of Yachats to a pull-off viewing area. It's 17.6 miles north of the junction of Hwys 126 and 101 in Florence. This is a great point for sea watching & one of the better spots for Harlequin Duck, scoters, Black Oystercatcher, etc. This is the best place in Lane Co. to find Black Scoter, normally mixed in the large scoter flocks.

### **Heceta Head Lighthouse Scenic Viewpoint** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 44°08'14.2"N 124°07'41.6"W  
([44.13727, -124.12823](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Heceta Head Lighthouse](#)

[Heceta Head Lighthouse website](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Oregon Coast Birding Trail. Click on the Central Coast tab and go to section 90.

### **Sea Lion Caves** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 44°07'18.3"N 124°07'35.4"W at an elev. of 252'  
([44.121745, -124.126485](#))

One of the best places to bird is the large pull-off area just north of the caves administration building which is at 44 07' 32"N, 124 07' 32"W and elev. of 253'. ([44.121745, -124.126485](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Sea Lion Caves](#)

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[Oregon Sea Lion Caves website](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Oregon Coast Birding Trail. Click on the Central Coast tab and go to section 91. Birding the rocky areas from the headlands above the cave can be very productive. The best place to find birds is from the large pulloff area north of the Sea Lion Caves administration building. The same birds that can be found from the caves can also be found from the pull-off by scanning the rocks and ocean with a scope. Check the rocks and surf for Rhinoceros Auklet, Brandt's Cormorant, Pigeon Guillemot, and Tufted Puffin. If you have a scope, you might be able to find Marbled Murrelets a little farther out. Since this location is high on a headland, a scope is handy for seeing almost all of the birds here. Rhinoceros Auklet nests inside the caves and, when present, may be viewed by paying the entrance fee and descending into the caves. Brandt's Cormorant nests on the grassy slope below the pullout. A Common/King Eider was spotted here in December 2000.

## **Baker Beach Road** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** 44°05'19.1"N 124°06'33.1"W  
([44.088637, -124.109201](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Baker Beach Road](#)

**Location:** Travel 7.5 miles north of Florence and turn left (west) on Baker Beach Road.

**Habitat and Birds:** Bird the small marsh about a quarter mile from the highway. This is a reliable spot to find Marsh Wren at any season. Continue on to the campground, less than a half mile further down the road at a dead end. The campground area can be very birdy, and a hike through the dunes to the beach can yield some interesting birds, as well. Near the

top of the hill on the way to the campground, a hiking trail leads to Lily Lake, which can yield typical coast species that inhabit shrubs and open water. Be aware that horseback riding is a popular activity on the road and on the beach, so use caution both when driving and walking near the horseback riders.

## **South Jetty Siuslaw River** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** The parking lot at the base of the jetty is at 44°00'47.8"N 124°08'00.1"W at an elev. of 3' ([44.013279, -124.133347](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for South Jetty Siuslaw River](#)

[Florence City Information](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Oregon Coast Birding Trail. Click on the Central Coast tab and go to section 92. To access this area, go south of Florence, cross the Siuslaw River, and turn right on South Jetty Road. This road will go west for a while but just before it bends to the right, turn off at the dog pond and park. Especially if no one else is in the area, this can be a good place to find interesting shorebirds, passerines, and raptors. After the road turns north, pull into the 3rd parking lot on your left (the one with the restrooms). The deflation plain to the east of here is a hotspot for fall shorebirds. A dike across the deflation plain, just south of the parking lot, will provide you access to the portion of the deflation plain that's most productive for shorebirding – the area of sand and very short vegetation next to the dunes along the east edge of the plain on the north side of the dike. From the restrooms, walk back south a short distance along the South Jetty Road and find the dike trail. The most productive area for shorebirds is usually to the north (a left turn at the sand dunes) in the deflation plain. When the area is wet, **watch out for quicksand**. In winter, this area may be too flooded for pedestrian use. High tide during the spring and fall migration seasons is often the best time to look for shorebirds at this location. This is a huge area where you can make a round trip of several miles before returning to the dike trail. Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Ruff, both golden-plover, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Stilt Sandpiper, and Pectoral Sandpipers have all been found here. Return to your car and stop frequently along the rest of the Jetty Road. It ends at the jetty itself. There are areas near the crab dock that can be good for shorebirds at mid to low tides. The beach may also host shorebirds. Scan the water carefully, as unusual species may be found floating on it or flying over it. King Eider, Yellow-billed Loon, Horned Puffin, and Elegant Tern are a few species that have been spotted in this area.

## **Woahink Lake** [return to the top](#)

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43°55'44.3"N 124°06'06.4"W A-6 **geographic coordinates** The parking lot is at 43 55' 36"N, 124 05' 56"W at an elev. of 81'.  
([43.928965, -124.101769](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Woahink Lake](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Oregon Coast Birding Trail. Click on the Central Coast tab and go to section 96.

## **Siltcoos River Estuary and Siltcoos Lagoon Trail** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** The parking lot for the trail is at 43°52'39.3"N 124°08'43.8"W at an elev. of 23'. ([43.877574, -124.145501](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Siltcoos River Estuary](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Oregon Coast Birding Trail. Click on the Central Coast tab and go to section 98. To access the Siltcoos River Estuary, turn west from Highway 101 onto the road leading to Siltcoos Beach. Stop at Lodgepole Campground on the way to the beach to see what is there. Red Crossbills are often in the area. The habitat around the campground often contains a sizeable mixed flock of passerines. Continue down the road to Lagoon Campground. There is a trail that goes all the way around the campground. It is accessible from a day use parking lot that is just past the entrance to the campground, on the right side of the road. This trail is one of the best places in Lane County to find Wrentit. At the beach parking lot at the end of the road, park and climb over the dune to the beach. This is one of the best locations in the state to find Snowy Plovers which may be found here in any season. There is a protected nesting area to the east of the beach, south of the parking lot area. Gulls and shorebirds may often be found congregating along the river mouth. There is another beach access trail from Waxmyrtle Campground, across the road from Lagoon Campground. Park along the campground access road and find the beginning of the trail on the west side of the road. It is a long hike to the beach, which reaches the ocean near the south side of the Siltcoos River mouth.

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**geographic coordinates** 43°53'03.9"N 124°06'51.5"W  
([43.884410, -124.114293](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Siltcoos Lake](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Oregon Coast Birding Trail. Click on the Central Coast tab and go to section 97. The Central Coast birding "trail guide" only talks about the trails from this trail head, but there are many other places to bird the lake. Explore this area and report what you find.

## **EUGENE AREA**

### **Fern Ridge Reservoir - Kirk Park** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 47 D-6 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 39 E-9  
**geographic coordinates** The year around parking lot is at 44°07'15.6"N 123°18'00.8"W at an elev. of 344'. ([44.120992, -123.300211](#))

*Visitors should use extra caution in this area and not leave valuables in their vehicles. Be sure to read the signs at each area you visit to check for access restrictions, especially during hunting season.*

[ODFW's birding guide to Fern Ridge](#)

[Fern Ridge Map](#)

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Kirk Park](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Fern Ridge Loop Guide. Section F-10. A walk through the picnic area can be productive for passerines, especially during migration and in winter. Gulls congregate at the dam's outflow during non-breeding seasons. At times, egrets use the trees northeast of the parking lot as a roosting site. After major coastal storms, the view of the lake from the dam area across the road may yield sightings of such species as jaegers or storm-petrels blown inland by high winds. The park is gated off during the winter. A Falcated Duck was found here in 2004. Check the wigeon flocks for Eurasian Wigeon.

## **Fern Ridge Reservoir - Perkins Peninsula Park**

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**geographic coordinates** The parking area before the gate, right off Highway 126 is at 44°03'13.4"N 123°17'26.8"W at an elev. of 379'.  
([44.053722, -123.290765](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Perkins Peninsula](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Fern Ridge Loop Guide. Section F-9. Perkins Peninsula Park provides good views of Fern Ridge Lake. The park is closed to vehicles in the winter, so it can be a quiet place to walk and enjoy wintering passerines while checking for birds on the mudflats and channels along the lake. There is a nature trail that starts at the northwest corner of the park. Swamp Sparrow has been detected along this nature trail in appropriate wet and reedy habitat in winter in recent years. Osprey and Purple Martins return to nest in the spring. In summer, the park becomes crowded with picnickers and local people out for a family outing.

## **Fern Ridge Reservoir - East and West Coyote Units**

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**geographic coordinates** (see below) ([44.04145, -123.26694](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for West Coyote Unit](#)

## [eBird Hotspot Checklist for East Coyote Unit](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** There are several access points to this area. Turn south off West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. at Ken Nielsen Road (shows as Kenneth R. Nielsen Rd. on some maps) approximately 2.40 miles west of Belt Line Rd., 44°03'16.6"N 123°13'10.6"W ([44.054603, -123.219603](#)). First stop at the parking lot where the road bends sharply south. This is at 44°03'05.9"N 123°15'00.5"W ([44.051630, -123.250140](#)). From this lot, there is access to ponds and riparian habitat of the East Coyote Unit that are immediately south of West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. across from the Fisher Butte Unit. Then continue driving south, birding the meadows from the road. A Lark Bunting was found in these meadows singing on territory several years back. White-tailed Kites often hunt in these meadows in winter. Turn right onto Cantrell Road at the "T" intersection less than a mile south from the sharp bend in Ken Nielsen Road. A small parking lot on the north side of Cantrell Road at 44°02'30.0"N 123°15'40.1"W ([44.041659, -123.261133](#)) provides access to the southern edge of the pond area reached from the parking lot along Ken Nielsen Road. Then continue west on Cantrell Road to the West Coyote Creek Unit. At the bridge over Coyote Creek, there is a nature trail on the east side and a canoe access point on the west side immediately after crossing the bridge, both on the north side of the road. Wood Ducks nest in this area and can often be found in the trees here. About 0.1 mile further to the west is a gated road at 44°02'29.8"N 123°16'03.9"W ([44.041605, -123.267735](#)). This road leads to a marshy area with ponds that can be productive for shorebirds, especially during migration. The beginning of this trail can be under quite a bit of water during wet winters and springs.

## **Fern Ridge Reservoir - Fisher Butte Unit** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** The parking area along Highway 126 is at 44°03'10.5"N 123°15'22.7"W at an elev of 383'. ([44.05291, -123.2563](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Fisher Butte Unit \(south\)](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Fern Ridge Loop Guide. Section F-8. From Eugene go west on W. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Hwy 126) and turn north into a parking lot approximately 0.25 mile west of the Fisher Road intersection. In winter, species such as Swamp Sparrow and Clay-colored Sparrow have been found in the hedgerow along the road that extends north from the parking lot as well as along the base of Fisher Butte itself, approximately 0.25 mile north of the parking lot. Wilson's Snipe frequently uses this area, especially in the off limits wet meadow along the east side of the road on the walk north toward Fisher Butte. Walking along the dikes in this area can be productive for shorebirds and waterfowl when sufficient water is available. Yellow-headed Blackbird, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, and Purple Martin may be found here during breeding season. Continuing north along the dike trails will provide access to the Royal Avenue area.

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**geographic coordinates** The parking area at the gate on Royal Ave is at 44°04'14.4"N 123°15'27.3"W at an elev. of 381'. ([44.070681, -123.257578](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Royal Avenue Access](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** On Royal Avenue just west of the intersection with Fisher Butte Road, check the stand of oaks on the north side of the road for Acorn Woodpecker. Then continue to the parking lot at the gate. The Royal Avenue access point provides a hike to a viewing platform to the west, with views over the lake. This access point is currently open year-round. Black Terns have established a nesting colony in an area along the reservoir to the south and west of the viewing platform. Marsh Wren, Virginia Rail, American Bittern, and secretive Swamp Sparrows (in winter) inhabit the area along the trail. White-tailed Kites roost in this area

during the winter months. When access is not restricted, hiking around on the dikes in the area provides opportunities to find many species of ducks and shorebirds. The area has yielded some rarities, including Wood Sandpiper in 2008. Loggerhead Shrike and Tufted Duck, rarities in the Willamette Valley, have been found here more than once.

A hiking trail entrance is found just east of the private home site that is adjacent to and east of the parking lot. This trail heads north from Royal Avenue toward another portion of the reservoir. In recent years Grasshopper Sparrow has been found in the grassy meadow north of the private home site during nesting season.

### **Meadowlark Prairie - Green Hill Overlook** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** The parking lot along Green Hill Road is at 44°03'50.8"N 123°12'28.2"W at an elev. of 384' ([44.064119, -123.207836](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Meadowlark Prairie](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Fern Ridge Loop Guide. Section F-5.

### **Meadowlark Prairie - Checkermallow Access** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** The parking lot along Royal Ave is at 44°04'07.9"N 123°12'00.0"W at an elev. of 379".  
([44.068855, -123.200004](#))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Fern Ridge Loop Guide. Section F-6.

### **Stewart Pond** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** The parking area is at 44°03'01.4"N 123°09'17.4"W at an elev. of 400'. ([44.050379, -123.154844](#))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Fern Ridge Loop Guide. Section F-4.

### **Delta Ponds** [return to the top](#)

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**geographic coordinates** The parking lot along Goodpasture Island Rd. is at 44°04'56.3"N 123°06'41.0"W at an elev. of 402'.  
([44.082312, -123.111404](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Delta Ponds](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Fern Ridge Loop Guide. Section F-2.

### **Skinner Butte** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 47 D-7 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 39 E-10  
**geographic coordinates** The parking lot at the top of the butte is at 44°03'28.8"N 123°05'33.2"W ([44.058010, -123.092568](#)) at an elev. of 636'. The parking lot at the base of the butte between the butte and the river is at 44°03'39.6"N 123°05'45.2"W at an elev. of 431'. ([44.061003, -123.095887](#))

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[Skinner Butte website](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Fern Ridge Loop Guide. Section F-1.

### **Spencer Butte** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 41 A-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 40 F-1  
**geographic coordinates** The park parking lot just off Willamette St is at 43°59'45.0"N 123°05'59.4"W ([43.995828, -123.099823](#)) at an elev. of 1297'. The top of the butte is at 43°58'59.3"N 123°05'44.7"W ([43.983145, -123.095740](#)) at an elev. of 2021'. Willamette St parking for the Ridgeline Trail with trail access to the top of the butte is at 43°59'44.7"N 123°05'59.5"W ([43.995756, -123.099846](#)) at an elev. of 963'. Fox Hollow Road parking for the Ridgeline Trail with trail access to the top of the butte is at 43°59'14.9"N 123°04'42.5"W ([43.987469, -123.078467](#)) at an elev. of

982'. This is the parking area for the [Ridgeline Trail and Cascades Raptor Center](#) site.

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Spencer Butte](#)

[Spencer Butte website](#)

**Location:** - From I-5, take exit 194 to I-105 westbound. Proceed on I-105 to its end on Jefferson St. Proceed southward on Jefferson to 13th Ave. Take a left on 13th Ave. and go about 6 blocks. Turn right on Willamette Street. Proceed approximately 5 miles to the Spencer Butte parking area on left.

**Habitat and Birds:** The area is a mixed forest with a grassy bald at the top of the butte. Owling is usually productive on this butte. Western-Screech, N. Saw-whet, Barred, Great Horned, and Pygmy can all be found on Spencer Butte. Vaux's Swift can be here and Pileated Woodpecker is relatively common. Mountain species like Cassin's Vireo, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Hermit Warbler, and Red Crossbill have all been found here in the proper season. It's a good place to find thrush variety with Hermit, Swainson's, and Varied thrushes as well as American Robins. Townsend's Solitaire is possible but not to be expected

## **Lane Community College Ponds** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 47 D-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 40 F-1  
**geographic coordinates** 44°00'50.6"N 123°02'25.6"W at an elev. of 507'.  
([44.014066, -123.040449](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Lane Community College Ponds](#)

Location If you're coming from the South via I-5, take exit 188 (30<sup>th</sup> Ave/LCC). At the stop sign turn left on to E 30<sup>th</sup> Ave and go over I-5 to next intersection with a light, just on the west side of I-5, and continue straight through the intersection on E 30<sup>th</sup> Ave.

If you're coming from the North via I-5, take exit 189 (30<sup>th</sup> Ave/LCC). At the light turn right and continue south along the I-5 frontage road to the next light. Turn right on to E 30<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Once on E 30<sup>th</sup> Ave, go straight through the next intersection with the light and take the next LCC exit, loop around under E 30<sup>th</sup> Ave and continue toward LCC. On the right just as the roadway becomes divided is a wide spot on the right that you can park in and walk across the street to the three ponds being careful of fast moving traffic.

**Habitat and Birds:** Like most treatment facilities, this one can produce a good variety of common waterfowl and the always welcome stranger. Ruddy

Ducks are often seen here. Ducks, gulls, and shorebirds are the major draws here.

## **Mount Pisgah Arboretum and Buford Park** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 48 D-1 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 40 F-2  
**geographic coordinates** The parking area is at 44°00'28.0"N 122°58'53.0"W at an elev. of 511'. ([44.007773, -122.981392](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Mount Pisgah Arboretum](#)

[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Buford Park](#)

[Park website](#)

[Mount Pisgah Arboretum website](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the McKenzie Guide. Section M-4. This is a mixed second growth forest and forest species such as grouse, Wild Turkey, 6 species of woodpecker, 5 flycatchers, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 6 species of warbler, and forest finches might be seen. A parking pass is required for parking along the road or in the parking lot.

## **Clearwater Park** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 48 D-1 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 40 F-2  
**geographic coordinates** 44 01' 27" N 122 57' 22" W  
([44.024876, -122.955564](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Clearwater Park](#)

### **Clearwater Park Website**

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the McKenzie Guide. Section M-5.

## HIGHWAY 58 AREA

### **Elijah Bristow State Park** [return to the top](#)

eLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 42 A-2 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 47 A-8  
**geographic coordinates** The entrance off Wheeler Road is at 43°56'15.6"N 122°50'44.3"W at an elev. of 620'. ([43.937669, -122.845649](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Elijah Bristow SP](#)

[Elijah Bristow StatePark website](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the McKenzie Guide. Section M-13.

### **Dexter Reservoir** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 42 A-2 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 47 A-8  
**geographic coordinates** The parking lot at the park is at 43°54'59.0"N 122°48'45.0"W ([43.916381, -122.812511](#)) at an elev. of 703'. The parking lot at the covered bridge is at 43°54'36.0"N 122°46'46.4"W ([43.910012, -122.779544](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Dexter Reservoir](#)

[Dexter Reservoir website](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the McKenzie Guide. Section M-11. A recent winter bird list included American Wigeon, Pintail, Canvasback, Redhead (female, a tough bird to find here in winter), Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Ruddy Duck, Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Horned Grebe, Western Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, American Coot, Killdeer, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, and some hybrid gulls.

## **Oakridge/Westfir Trails** [return to the top](#)

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** This is an extensive set of trails that are in and between both communities. It is an ongoing project. You can see the trail plan at [Oakridge-Westfir Community Trails Plan](#). Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the McKenzie Guide. Section M-10.

## **Aufderheide Forest Drive (Forest Road 19)** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 49 D-6 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 41 D-9  
**geographic coordinates** The covered bridge at Westfir is at 43°45'30.6"N 122°29'44.8"W ([43.758507, -122.495776](#)) at an elev. of 1071, the south end of the drive. The turn off Highway 126 is at 44°09'56.5"N 122°15'38.5"W ([44.165684, -122.260702](#)) at an elev. of 1189, the north end of the drive.

Driving from north to south, take Road 19 (intermittently called Cougar Dam Road or Aufderheide Road) south toward Cougar Reservoir. In less than 0.4 miles, the road will branch. Make sure you stay to the right. Going left will take you to a dead end below the dam. Continue south past Cougar Reservoir and stay on FR 19 until you get to Westfir and Hwy 58. The total distance is about 63 miles. Take plenty of supplies since there will be little in the way of services (just a couple of trailheads).

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the McKenzie Guide. Section M-9.

## **Oakridge** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 43 C-5 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 48 C-2  
**geographic coordinates** The intersection with a light in the middle of town is at 43°44'40.0"N 122°28'01.0"W at an elev. of 1179'. ([43.744452, -122.466944](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Oakridge](#)

[City Information](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Three Sisters Loop Guide. Section 93. A Mourning Warbler was found west of here in July 1984.

### **Hills Creek Wetland** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 43 C-5 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 48 C-2  
**geographic coordinates** 43°43'22.1"N 122°26'04.2"W  
([43.722793, -122.434510](#)) at an elev. of 1313'.

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Hills Creek Wetland](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Three Sisters Loop Guide. Section 94.

### **Salt Creek Falls** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 43 D-7 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 48 E-5  
**geographic coordinates** The parking lot is at 43°36'43.0"N  
122°07'40.0"W at an elev. of 4092'. ([43.611942, -122.127780](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Salt Creek Falls](#)

[Salt Creek Falls](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Three Sisters Loop Guide. Section 95. This is a reliable location to find Black Swift during the nesting season. They nest behind the falls and can be seen flying high over the bowl below the falls, and sometimes high in the sky to the south and west of the viewpoint. This has also been a reliable area during the nesting season for Townsend's Warbler, Hermit Warbler, and Northern Waterthrush. Northern Waterthrush has been found in the marshy area just east of the falls along Highway 58. This location may also be approached from the gravel road that climbs above the Salt Creek Falls parking lot, but you will need to bushwhack your way down to the marshy area. Northern Waterthrush have also nested alongside the creek itself approximately 0.25-mile upstream from the falls and can often be heard singing on territory in the spring. American Dipper can be found here, especially at the car bridge within the park above the falls.

## **Gold Lake** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 43 C-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 49 D-6  
**geographic coordinates** parking area next to the bridge is at  
43°37'47.0"N 122°02'59.0"W at an elev. of 4830'.  
([43.629716, -122.049714](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Gold Lake](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Three Sisters Loop Guide. Section 96. The road into Gold Lake (about a half mile west of Willamette Pass) is often blocked by snow until late spring or even early summer, so check on road conditions before going there. Three-toed and Black-backed Woodpeckers are a specialty here. Nests have been found, at times, in the campground proper. Clark's Nutcrackers are also here. In fall, White-winged Crossbill is a remote possibility. For woodpeckers, look especially in areas close to the campground, including the trail across the bridge from the main camping area that heads toward Bobby Lake. The trail behind the bulletin board at the day use parking lot goes to Marilyn Lakes, which has been productive for woodpeckers and other high elevation specialties. Bring mosquito repellent.

## **Waldo Lake** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 43 C-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 49 C-6  
**geographic coordinates** The boat ramp at Shadow Bay is at 43°41'30.9"N 122°02'37.7"W ([43.691907, -122.043812](#)) at an elev. of 5440' – this is the south end of the lake. The boat ramp at North Waldo is at 43°45'37.1"N 122°00'22.1"W ([43.760301, -122.006143](#)) – this is the north end of the lake.

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[Waldo Lake website](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Three Sisters Loop Guide. Section 97. This spot is productive for high elevation species, and is subject to snowy conditions sometimes late into the spring. Taylor Burn Road and the trail along the north end of Waldo Lake (both accessible from the North Waldo parking area) are both good places to take birding hikes. A drive on the paved road into the area near dusk may result in a sighting of Sooty Grouse along the roadside.

## **COTTAGE GROVE AREA**

### **Row River Nature Park (East Regional Park)**

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DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 41 B-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 47 C-6  
**geographic coordinates** 43°47'23.9"N 123°01'36.9"W  
([43.789979, -123.026927](#))

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[Park Info](#)

[eBird Hotspot Checklist for East Regional Park](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Big River Loop Guide. Section B-9.

### **Cottage Grove Lake (Upper End Loop) [return to the top](#)**

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 41 C-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 47 D-6  
**geographic coordinates** 43°43'00.2"N 123°03'27.3"W  
([43.716729, -123.057586](#))

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[City Information](#)

[Cottage Grove Lake website](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Big River Loop Guide. Section B-2.

### **Cottage Grove Lake (Lower End) [return to the top](#)**

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 41 C-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 47 C-6  
**geographic coordinates** 43°40'33.6"N 123°04'22.2"W  
([43.675989, -123.072821](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Cottage Grove Lake](#)

[City Information](#)

[Cottage Grove Lake website](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Big River Guide. Section B-1.

### **Dorena Reservoir** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 42 B-1 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 47 C-7  
**geographic coordinates** 43°46'19.5"N 122°56'13.3"W  
([43.772075, -122.937028](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Dorena Reservoir](#)

[Dorena Reservoir website](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Big River Loop Guide. Section B-8.

### **Noonday Ridge and Bohemia Saddle** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 42 C-2 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 47 D-9  
**geographic coordinates** 43°37'05.5"N 122°36'42.0"W  
([43.618186, -122.611677](#))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Willamette Valley Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Big River Loop Guide. Section B-6.

## **HWY 126 CASCADES**

### **Delta Old Growth Trail** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 49 C-6 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 41 D-9  
**geographic coordinates** 44°09'43.8"N 122°16'13.9"W  
([44.162176, -122.270523](#))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Travel about 3.5 miles east of Blue River on Highway 126. Turn south on FS19, a paved road also known as Aufderheide Drive. The Delta Old Growth Trail is at site 18 at the Delta Campground. To

get to the campground, turn southwest from Aufderheide Drive onto the campground access road at 44°09'46.9"N 122°15'33.6"W ([44.163017, -122.259337](#)). Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Three Sisters Loop Guide. Section 87.

### **Cougar Reservoir** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 49 D-6 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 41 E-9  
**geographic coordinates** The parking area at the dam is at 44°07'40.8"N 122°14'38.6"W at an elev. of 1699'. ([44.128001, -122.244050](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Cougar Reservoir](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Three Sisters Loop Guide. Section 88.

### **Horsepasture Mountain** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 49 C-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 42 E-1  
**geographic coordinates** 44°06'47.0"N 122°06'06.9"W  
([44.113044, -122.101912](#))

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[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Horsepasture Mt.](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Three Sisters Loop Guide. Section 92.

### **Scott Lake** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 49 C-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 42 E-1  
**geographic coordinates** 44°12'42.1"N 121°53'19.6"W  
([44.211693, -121.888786](#))

[View A Google Map](#)

[eBird Hotspot Checklist for Scott Lake.](#)

**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** From McKenzie Bridge, OR, travel east on Highway 126 for 3 miles to Highway 242. Follow Highway 242 east for 14 miles to Forest Road 260. Take a left on Forest Road 260 and go west a short distance to Scott Lake Campground and nearby [Benson/Tenas Trailhead](#) (fee site). This location has lakes, meadows, and forests for lots of

high Cascade birds and by fall most of the bugs are gone. Mountain species might include Sooty Grouse, Northern Goshawk, Northern Pygmy-owl, Common Nighthawk, Cassin's Vireos, Steller's Jay, Gray Jay, Mt. Chickadee, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Swainson's Thrush, Varied Thrush, Townsend's Solitaire, half dozen species of warblers and Red Crossbill among others. It's one of the best locations in the county for Black-backed and Three-toed Woodpeckers. Great Gray Owl is possible and the habitat may be right for Boreal Owl in late fall but this needs to be investigated.

### **South Fork McKenzie River Trailhead** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 43 A-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 48 A-5  
**geographic coordinates** 43°56'55.5"N 122°01'59.1"W  
([43.948754, -122.033082](#))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Three Sisters Loop Guide. Section 89.

### **Box Canyon and Skookum Meadows** [return to the top](#)

DeLorme (copyright 2001) Pg 43 A-8 DeLorme (copyright 2008) Pg 48 A-5  
**geographic coordinates** 43°54'17.4"N 122°04'58.5"W at an elev. of 3722'.  
This location is at the top of the Aufderheide Drive.  
([43.904844, -122.082917](#))

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**Location, Habitat, and Birds:** Go to the [Oregon Birding Trails](#) website. Choose the Cascades Birding Trail. Click on the "trail guide" and choose the Three Sisters Loop Guide. Section 91.