

AT A GLANCE

HABITAT

Most of the park acreage is dominated by mature hardwoods with some pine stands. The lake is large enough to attract migrating waterfowl.

BIRDS TO FIND

During migration and winter, birders may find Common Loon, Pied-billed and Horned Grebes along with several waterfowl species. Great Blue Herons can be seen anytime, while Green Herons are summer visitors. Several birds of prey can be seen at the park and includes nesting Mississippi Kite. Summer residents include several flycatcher species (e.g., Acadian), vireos (e.g., White-eyed), warblers (e.g., Prothonotary), thrushes (e.g., Wood) and sparrows (e.g., Chipping). Least and Yellow-bellied flycatchers are often seen during migration as well as the migratory thrushes and warblers. Most of the woodpeckers are permanent residents, with the Red-headed occurring in summer and the Yellow-bellied sapsucker during migration and winter. Wintering sparrows include White-throated, White-crowned, and American Tree. Red-breasted nuthatch is present in the pine stands during irruption years.

WHEN TO GO

Any time of year can produce interesting birds.

AMENITIES

Restrooms, water, and drink machines.

ACCESS

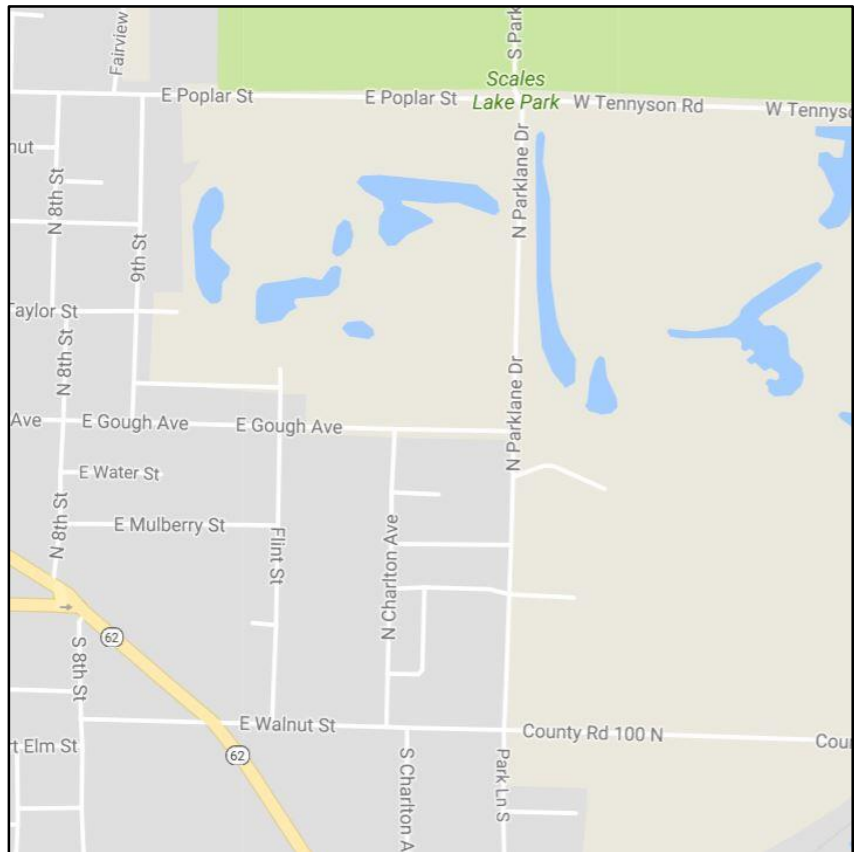
Open to the public at 7 am in warm months and 8 am the rest of the year. There is a small fee per vehicle.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 812-897-6200 or visit the website at www.scaleslakepark.com

Scales Lake County Park

Warrick County



Driving Directions: Located at northeast edge of Boonville. From the west, take highway 62 through Boonville. On the east side of town at the TF ice cream stand/restaurant, angle to the left onto Walnut Street. At the top of the hill, turn left onto Parklane Drive and go about one mile and enter the park.

The park has a sixty acre lake, small pits, and mature woods with some pine stands. A paved two-mile road goes through the park, and most birding can be done from the road, the campground, and the pavilion area. There are also trails that can be walked. The target bird here is Mississippi Kite, which has nested at the campground or pavilion area for several years. They arrive about the first of May and depart by the first of September.

It is a good site for songbird migration. All of the expected woodpeckers are present, and the Pileated Woodpecker is often seen. Several warbler species nest here, as well as tanagers, orioles, and vireos. The lake can have several species of waterfowl at times and occasionally a Bald Eagle or Osprey. The Red-shouldered Hawk's piercing call is frequently heard, and they are sometimes seen interacting in flight.