

## AT A GLANCE

### HABITAT

Revegetated strip mine land consisting of grasslands, strip pits, woodlands and wetlands.

### BIRDS TO FIND

Breeding grassland birds include sparrows such as Henslow's, Grasshopper, Field, and Savannah in cooler seasons. Other birds that breed here are Dickcissel, Indigo Bunting, and Common Yellowthroat. Around ponds with willows, Willow Flycatcher and Yellow Warbler can be found. Rails and bitterns are in marsh areas. In young tree stands breeding birds include American Woodcock, Bell's Vireo, White-eyed Vireo, Prairie Warbler, Eastern Towhee, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Blue Grosbeak. In mature woods during the summer, Whip-poor-will, Red-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireo, Northern Parula, Kentucky, and Yellow-throated Warbler, as well as Summer Tanager can be found. Winter and migratory birds include a variety of waterfowl such as Gadwall, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, American Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck, and Hooded Merganser. Raptors include Rough-legged Hawk, Merlin, and Short-eared Owl.

### WHEN TO GO

Any season is worthwhile, but birders visit most during winter for raptors.

### AMENITIES

None.

### ACCESS

This is private property, so birders must stay on the roads.

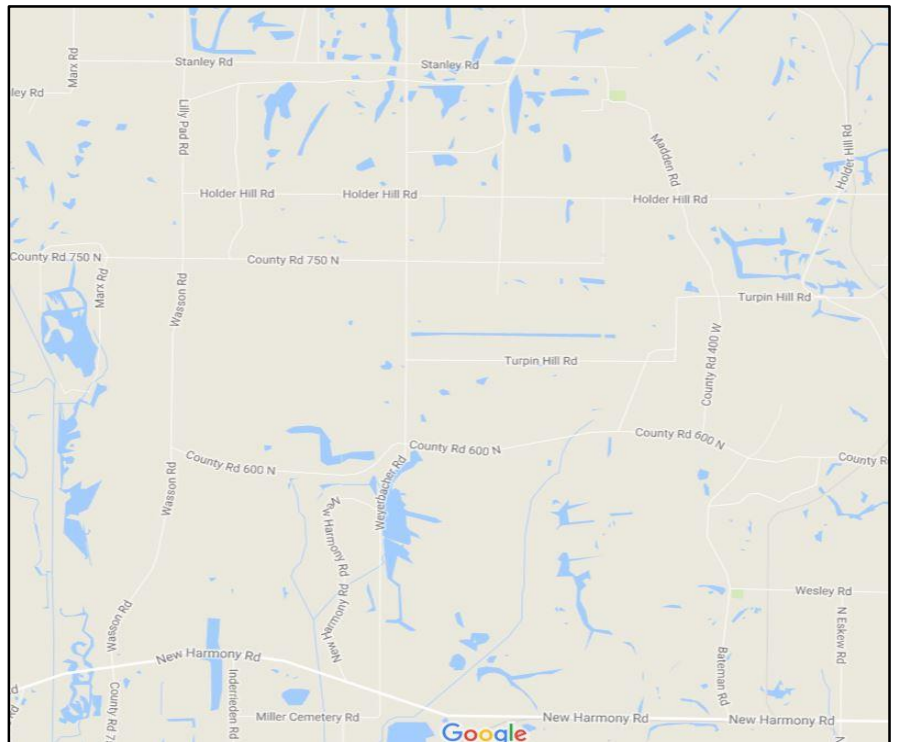
### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Audubon Important Bird Areas:  
<http://netapp.audubon.org/iba/Site/232>

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# Lynnville/Squaw Creek Area

## Warrick County



**Driving Directions:** Take the Boonville/New Harmony Road exit from Interstate 69 and go east through Bluegrass Fish and Wildlife Area to Pigeon Creek. The property begins east of Pigeon Creek. Roads that can be driven through the property include Boonville/New Harmony Road, Wasson Road, Weyerbacher Road, Seven Hills Road (County Road 750 N), Holder Hill Road, and Stanley Road.

This reclaimed strip mine area covers almost 7,000 acres and has been designated an Important Bird Area due to its extensive grasslands. The habitat consists of grassland/scrub, lakes, early to mid-successional woodlands, wetland mature woods, some upland mature woods, and some row crops. The extensive grasslands here support Indiana's second largest population of Henslow's Sparrow, a Watch List species. Other Watch List species that have large populations here include Bell's Vireo, Dickcissel, and Willow Flycatcher.

Raptors probably generate the most interest with birders to witness the displays of permanent resident Northern Harrier and seasonal Rough-legged Hawk, Short-eared Owl, and Merlin (which has roosted along Wasson Road the past few winters). On Seven Hills Road near the tower Whip-poor-will and sometimes Chuck-will's-widow call at sunset and dawn, and American Woodcock can be observed performing its nuptial flight in several places. At the Seven Hills Road wetland area you can find Red-headed Woodpecker, Fish Crows, Northern Rough-winged Swallows nesting under the bridge, and at times Cerulean Warbler in the tallest sycamores along the creek.