

AT A GLANCE

HABITAT

A good mix of standing water, bottomlands, and grassland with shrubs.

BIRDS TO FIND

Waterfowl include Wood Duck, Hooded Merganser, Gadwall, Northern Shoveler, and Mallard. Great Blue and Green Heron are common, but Great Egret is also possible. Barred Owl and Red-shouldered Hawk may call in the creek area, and from Perdido Road Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, and American Kestrel are seen. Any of the woodpeckers may be encountered in the woods. Eastern Wood-Pewee, Great Crested Flycatcher, and Acadian Flycatcher are in the woods. Bell's Vireo and White-eyed Vireo are common along Perdido Road, and Red-eyed Vireo and Yellow-throated Vireo are in the wetlands. Woodland warblers include Prothonotary, Yellow-throated, and Northern Parula. Tree Swallow nests in the creek bottom snags, and in migration large numbers congregate in the area. Summer residents along Perdido Road include Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Common Yellowthroat, Prairie Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Field Sparrow, and Eastern Towhee. During migration and winter common birds are Palm Warbler, White-throated, White-crowned and Fox Sparrow.

WHEN TO GO

Any season produces birds of interest.

AMENITIES

None.

ACCESS

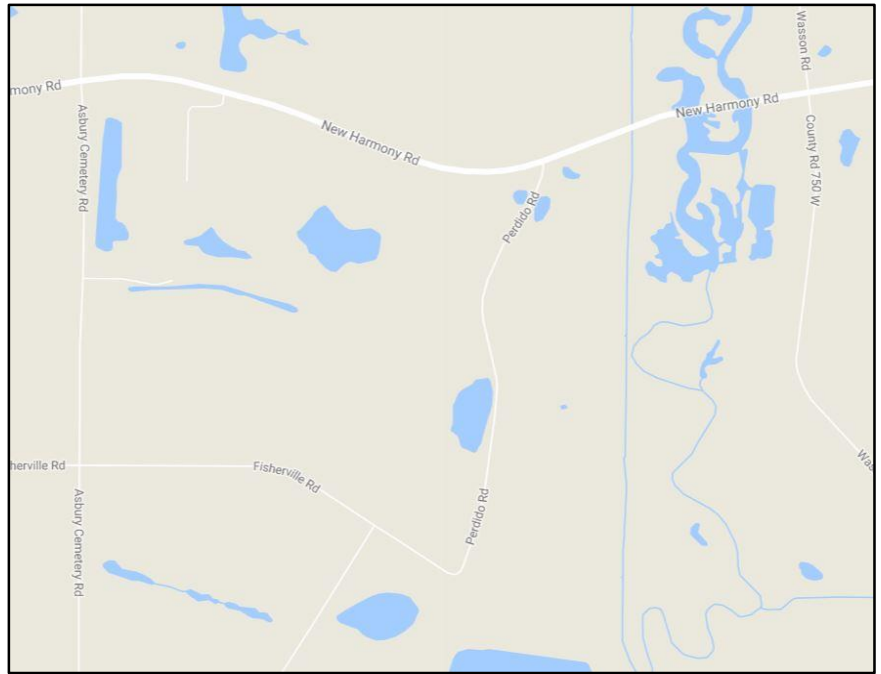
Stay on public roads and be careful and mindful of the traffic.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

None

Pigeon Creek Bottoms/Perdido Road

Warrick County



Driving Directions: Travel east from Interstate 69 on Booneville/New Harmony Road for about two miles until you reach Pigeon Creek.

To bird the Pigeon Creek bottoms one simply drives or walks the half-mile stretch of Booneville/New Harmony Road that crosses Pigeon Creek. The habitat consists of a flowing creek, standing shallow water, and bottomland woods. To the south the nests of a Great Blue Heron rookery are visible, and the adults are frequently seen flying to and from the area as well as attending the nests. Great Egret and Green Heron also feed there. Waterfowl rest in the pools. Wood Ducks, woodpeckers, including Pileated, and Prothonotary Warblers are common and easily seen.

Perdido Road is approximately two hundred yards west of the creek. It T's from the south into Booneville/New Harmony Road. The road is bordered by grassland with bushes and small trees. The dense cover of autumn olive bushes provides excellent habitat for sparrows and warblers, and the exotic shrubbery covered with bright red berries is a favorite of American Robin and Cedar Waxwing. Migratory Fox Sparrow is something of a specialty here, and as many as ten can be found in one trip during migration. Hawks such as Northern Harrier and Red-tailed are usually seen, and the occasional Bald Eagle soars overhead.