

AT A GLANCE

HABITAT

Old growth lowland forest with man-made and seasonal ponds.

BIRDS TO FIND

Resident birds include common lowland species such as Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee, Carolina Wren, Northern Cardinal, Blue Jay, Barred Owl, Red-shouldered Hawk, Wood Duck, and most of the woodpeckers. Nesting birds will include Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Wood Pewee, American Robin, Wood Thrush, Prothonotary Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Song Sparrow. The number of warblers, vireos, tanagers, and thrushes passing through during migration can be extensive. Examples are: Cape May, Blackburnian, Tennessee, and Nashville Warblers, White-eyed Vireo, Summer and Scarlet Tanager, all the migratory thrushes.

WHEN TO GO

Year round, but especially good during spring and fall migration.

AMENITIES

Nature center with wildlife observation room, classrooms, rest rooms, hiking trails, and amphitheater.

ACCESS

Open to the public from 9 am-5pm Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 pm on Sunday; closed on Monday. Entrance fee (see website for details). Regular and handicap parking available.

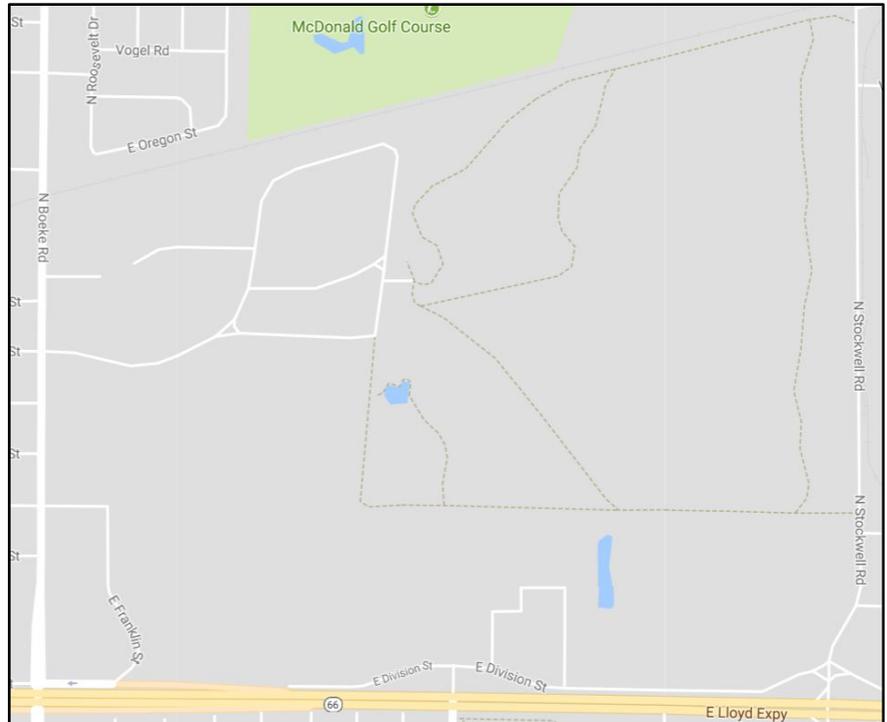
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Wesselman Nature Society website at www.wesselmanwoods.org

You can also contact nature center staff at info@wesselmanwoods.org or call 812-479-0771

Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve

Vanderburgh County



Driving Directions: 551 N. Boeke Road, Evansville, IN. Access the nature preserve from the Lloyd Expressway. From the east or west, take the Boeke Road exit, head north about 1/2 mile, turn right into Wesselman Park. Follow the park road to the right until you arrive at the nature center.

Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve is the largest urban nature preserve in the country and it is also a registered national landmark. The preserve contains 197 acres of virgin lowland hardwood forest and approximately 50 acres of younger forest, prairie, and ponds. The diversity of habitat makes the preserve one of the best birding areas in the Tri-state as many species of resident and migratory birds can be found. There are about six miles of trails that wind through the old-growth forest and other preserve habitats, allowing for ample opportunities to find birds.

In addition to birding the trails, there is an observation room inside the nature center where one can sit and watch birds and other wildlife up close. Resources are also available to assist the novice birdwatcher in bird identification. The nature center has wildlife exhibits and offers several educational and conservation programs, classes, and special events for youth and adults. A popular activity is the bird banding program that occurs several times throughout the year.