

Here are other things to see in Adams County...

While in the area consider stretching your legs and stopping at:

~ **(18) The House of Phacops** - an amassing collection of fossils and minerals on display and for sale by one of the best trilobite collectors in the country. 29894 SR 41 - 937-587-2766

~ **(19) Goodseed Farm** - 'the gardener's paradise' - unique specialty garden center in a peaceful country setting, lush displays, picnic grove and portion of North Country Trail runs through farm; excellent viewings from meadows and woods. 5228 Old SR 32 - 937-587-7021

~ **Mineral Springs Lake Resort** - 5 1/2 miles of shoreline, 500 acres of land. Several miles of trails all around the lake which connect into the "Ohio Buckeye Trail." No fee for hiking just stop at office for a pass.

~ **River Barn Village** - cabin rentals, camping, RV hookup and banquet facilities along the river. 7021 US 52 - 937-549-3033

~ **RiverHaven B&B** - a pre-1893 residential B&B, three porches insure a beautiful vista of the river and waterfowl viewing. 407 W. Front St. - 937-549-1999

~ **Manchester Hotel** - 11 room motel conveniently located in Manchester. 607 W. Second St. - 937-549-4110



~ **The Rock Vacation Rentals** - 8 bed vacation rental home on 50 acres. 1069 SR 247 - 937-549-4855

~ **(B) Lewis Mountain Herbs and Guest Rooms** - herb farm with greenhouses, gardens, growing fields, herbs, everlastings and B&B rooms for a unique evening stay. 2345 SR 247- 937-549-2484

~ **Murphin Ridge Inn** - award winning cabins, lodging and fine dining, excellent birding opportunities along guest trails- 750 Murphin Ridge Rd.- 937-544-2263

~ **Unity Woods Cabins** - secluded cabins within nature; prime birding trails; fishing; adjacent to Johnson Ridge State Nature Preserve, 1095 Marjorie Johnson Road - 937-544-6908

~ **Miller's Amish Bakery and Furniture** - a must stop! Located in the heart of the Amish community ~ furniture, jellies, baked goods, dry goods, cheese, homemade sandwiches for picnics. 960 Wheat Ridge Rd. - 937-544-8524

~ **Hillside Bird's Nest** - a birder's haven - an Amish shop with something to please all feathered friends. 35 Port Rd off Wheat Ridge - 937-544-9983



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Birding in Adams County

The best birding opportunities in Adams County are found by following the Appalachian Discovery Birding and Heritage Trail. This multi-County 200 mile driving trail throughout Southwest Ohio is designed to promote some of the best bird watching opportunities in the region. The information provided here is the Adams County portion of the Birding & Heritage Trail, for the complete birding trail map visit www.appalachiandiscovery.com

Where to start, what to see and where to stop.....

8 - Moyer Winery & Restaurant - enjoy lunch or dinner on the deck while watching birds and boats travel the Ohio River - locally grown wine served; bald eagles have been spotted numerous times. 3859 US 52 - 937-549-2957

9 - Manchester Boat ramp - Good views of the river and Manchester Islands. Look for orioles (both), most species of swallows, sandpipers - along the far shore, herons, gulls, cormorants, yellow throated warblers, vireos and possibly an osprey or bald eagle

Turn left on SR 247 for a shorter section of the interior trail that includes some of Adams County's breathtaking rocky hills, with excellent birding opportunities along this loop as well as lodging and interesting stops.

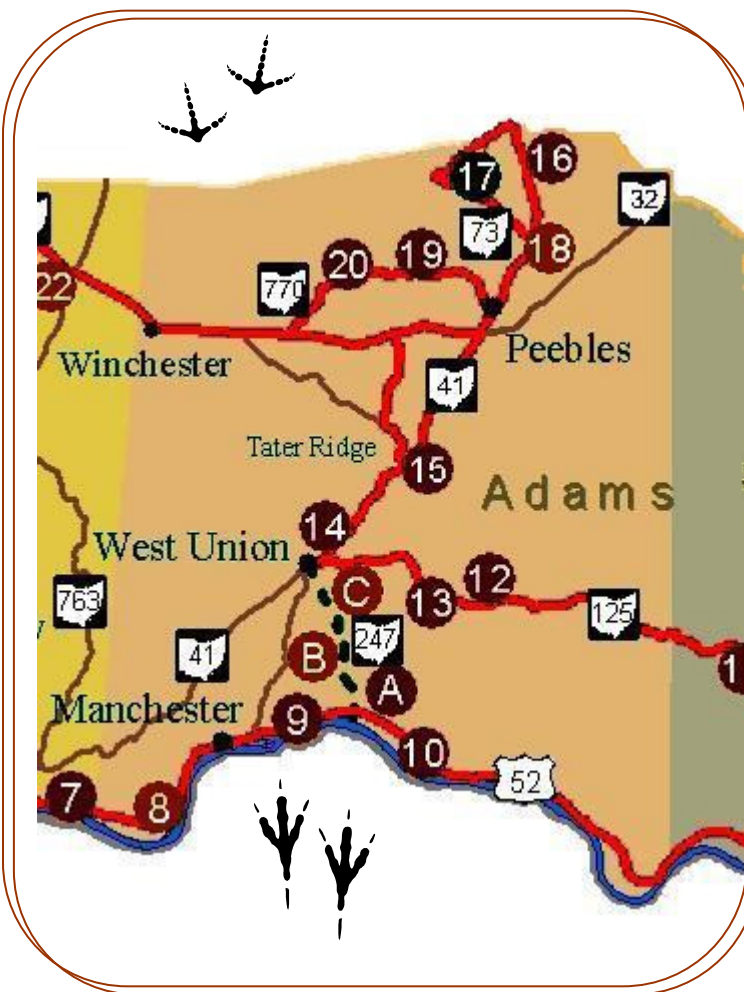
(A) - Whipple Preserve - good woodland birding. Look for hooded, Kentucky and prairie warblers, ovenbird, thrushes and two or three vireo species.

10 - Brush Creek Boat Ramp - Good birding in breeding season for species as prothonotary, blue-winged, yellow and Kentucky warblers and possibly an osprey or bald eagle. One reliable summer species is the cliff swallow, nesting under the bridge - you can't miss them!

Shawnee State Park and State Forest - great birding in the spring migration and breeding seasons. Look for most warblers in migration, particularly in the spring; all woodland species in breeding season. All of the narrow park and forest roads are great for birding, especially in the morning hours. Get a Shawnee State Forest map at the lodge or forestry office at 1391 US Hwy 52. Take bikes and ride the paved roads for a wonderful birding experience.

12 - Edge of Appalachia's Wilderness Preserve Trail - Parking area on the left. Marked with yellow blazes and about 3 miles long. Good birding for forest birds in both breeding and migration season. Look for hooded, black and white, Kentucky and worm-eating warblers, ovenbirds, ruffed grouse, wild turkey, vireos and tanagers.

13 - Edge of Appalachia's Buzzardsroost Trail - Follow trail across St. Rt. 125 up to the top of the ridge (500' elevation) for breathtaking views and good birding along the way. If you come back to this parking area at night you may hear a barred owl, great horned owl, screech owl, whip-poor-will or chuck-will's-widow. If not, drive south (left) down Waggoner Riffle Road just west of Weaver Road on St. Rt. 125. Keep your eyes on the telephone wires in the area from now on and you may see a blue grosbeak.



14 - Adams Lake State Park/Adams Lake Prairie - Good birding in breeding season and winter. Look for tanagers (both), coopers hawks, herons and orioles in the summer, ducks and geese in the winter.

15 - Wheat Ridge Fields - In the general area on the ridge. Be very careful parking or stopping and alert for Amish horse-drawn carriages. Watch for bobolinks in the spring. In the breeding season look for red-headed woodpeckers, grasshoppers and Henslow's sparrows, and in the winter find horned larks and white-throated, white-crowned and fox sparrows.

16 - Woodland Altars - this camp and education center has camping facilities and lodging with wonderful hiking trails. Good woodland and edge birding. Naturalists on staff and an animal rescue/rehabilitation area.

17 - The Ohio Historical Society's Serpent Mound - The largest and finest serpent effigy in the world. Thought to be built by the prehistoric Fort Ancient people about A.D 1070. Trails offer spring wildflowers and good migration of birds. Season hours for museum and park call for update - 937-587-2796

20 - Tranquility Wildlife Area- operated by ODNR Wildlife Division - use caution or do not enter during hunting season. Look for all woodland species and edge species.