



### Birding on Washington Island – Map & Guide

1. Look for waterfowl from the ferry dock on Detroit Harbor. Welcome Center is nearby with information and restrooms.
2. Park on Henning Road off of Lobdells Point Road and walk our Heritage Nature Trail to see woodland birds and wildflowers. A field guide for the trail and birding check lists are available in the nearby Welcome Center (restrooms available).
3. On Town Line Road you can hike on the Door County Land Trust property. Also, you may walk the meditation trail to the replica of a medieval Norwegian Stavkirke.
4. The Art and Nature Center has exhibits on our island's many natural habitats, and an exhibit of the artwork of the island's many artists. A naturalist is available to answer questions and lead hikes. Amenities: hand water pump, restrooms.





5. Look for herons at Little Lake Park and visit the Jacobson Museum. Amenities: latrines.
6. Peoples Park has a scenic overlook of Green Bay. Amenities: picnic tables
7. Watch the treetops for birds at Washington Harbor's scenic overview at the end of Dock Road.
8. Schoolhouse Beach is popular for picnics and swimming. Amenities: hand water pump, picnic tables, latrines
9. At the Farm Museum watch for butterflies, hummingbirds, swallows and bluebirds.

10. The Maritime Museum and the northern section of the Ridges Sanctuary are located on Jackson Harbor. The term "Ridges" refers to the dunes and swales that were formed in this area as the glaciers retreated north 10,000 years ago. A remnant of the boreal forest habitat survives here and at the Ridges Sanctuary in the town of Baileys Harbor in Door County. The species of wildflowers found at these protected sites are rare and not described in the eastern USA field guide books. To see a similar habitat outside of Door County, you would have to travel north to Hudson Bay in Canada. At the north dock a passenger ferry takes hikers and campers to Rock Island State Park from May to October. In June a colony of cliff swallows nests in the Icelandic-style boathouse on Rock Island. Amenities: concession stand, information kiosk, trails, latrines.



11. Carlin's Point Trail off Old Camp Road leads to the southern section of the Ridges Sanctuary which is a habitat for rare boreal forest plants. Please walk only on the trails.
12. Mountain Park has a lookout tower with a view of the chain of islands leading to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Scan the tree tops for birds.
13. At Percy Johnson Eastside Park you have a view of Hog Island Wildlife Refuge. Large colonies of gulls, cormorants, water fowl, and several blue herons nest on Hog Island and can be seen with a telescope. Also, observe the 400 million-year-old Paleozoic era fossils in the limestone rocks on this shore. During the fall and spring migrations, shore birds and ducks rest on the shore. The white-cedar wetlands on Hemlock Drive and Lakeview Road are good spots to find warblers and vireos. Amenities: hand water pump, picnic tables, latrines.
14. Sand Dunes Park has a short dunes trail to a beach. Amenities: latrines.
15. Gislason Park has a view of Detroit Island and is across the road from the Red Barn Theater.

**GB – Grassland-nesting birds** are attracted to our meadows. By early August many of these birds have begun to migrate south. To observe these birds, safely park your car on the shoulder of the road. Your car makes a good blind.

**RE – Most of our roads that end** at the shore have a public access to the water for views of Green Bay or Lake Michigan.

## Bird Check List

### **Bold type: Summer Birds and Year Round Residents**

*Italic type: Spring & Fall Migratory and Winter Birds From the Arctic*

#### Abundance Designation:

(C) Common in its habitat

(U) Uncommon, always a few here but difficult to find.

(R) Rare, birds not seen every year

(X) Birds seen once every 5 to 10 years

- Red-Throated Loon (X)
- Common Loon (U)**
- Horned Grebe (R)
- Pied-billed Grebe (R)**
- Red-necked Grebe (X)
- Eared Grebe (X)
- Western Grebe (R)
- White Pelican (C)**
- Double-crested Cormorant (C)**
- American Bittern (U)**
- Great Blue Heron (C)**
- Great Egret (R)**
- Green Heron (U)**
- Black-crowned Night Heron (U)**
  
- Tundra Swan (C)
- Trumpeter Swan (U)  
(flock introduced at Seney NWR, U.P., MI)
- Mute Swan (C)**
- White-fronted Goose (R)
- Snow Goose (R)
- Canada Goose (C)**
- Wood Duck (R)**
- Green-winged Teal (U)**
- American Black Duck (U)**
- Mallard (C)**
- Pintail (U)
- Blue-winged Teal (C)**
- Shoveler (U)
- Gadwall (U)
- Wigeon (U)
- Canvasback (X)
- Redhead (U)
- Ring-necked Duck (U)
- Greater Scaup (U)
- Lesser Scaup (U)
- Harlequin (X)
- Long-tailed Duck (R)
- Scoter species (R)
- Common Goldeneye (U)**
- Bufflehead (C)
- Ruddy Duck (R)
- Hooded Merganser (U)
- Common Merganser (U)**
- Red-breasted Merganser (C)**
  
- Turkey Vulture (C)**
- Osprey (C)**
- Bald Eagle (C)**
- Golden Eagle (X)
- Northern Harrier (C)**
- Sharp-shinned Hawk (U)**
- Cooper's Hawk (U)**
- Goshawk (R)
- Red-shouldered Hawk (U)**
- Broad-winged Hawk (U)**
- Red-tailed Hawk (U)**
- Rough-legged Hawk (R)**
- American Kestrel (C)**

- Merlin (U)**
- Peregrine Falcon (X)*
  
- Ruffed Grouse (U)**
- Ring-necked Pheasant (C)\***
- Wild Turkey (U)\***  
(\*Introduced by Sportsmen's Club)
  
- Virginia Rail (X)*
- Sora (R)*
- Coot (U)*
- Sandhill Crane (C)**
  
- Black-bellied Plover (C)*
- Golden Plover (R)*
- Semipalmated Plover (U)*
- Piping Plover (X)*
- Killdeer (U)**
- Greater Yellowlegs (U)*
- Lesser Yellowlegs (U)*
- Solitary Sandpiper (U)*
- Willet (X)*
- Spotted Sandpiper (U)**
- Upland Sandpiper (U)**
- Marbled Godwit (X)*
- Ruddy Turnstone (U)*
- Sanderling (U)*
- Semipalmated Sandpiper (R)*
- Least Sandpiper (R)*
- White-rumped Sandpiper (X)*
- Baird's Sandpiper (X)*
- Pectoral Sandpiper (R)*
- Dunlin (R)*
- Stilt Sandpiper (X)*
- Short-billed Dowitcher (R)*
- Long-billed Dowitcher (R)*
- Snipe (R)**
- Woodcock (C)**
  
- Franklin's Gull (X)*
- Little Gull (X)*
- Bonaparte's Gull (R)**
- Ring-billed Gull (C)**
- Herring Gull (C)**
- Thayer's Gull (R)*
- Iceland Gull (X)*
- Greater Black-backed Gull (U)*
- Caspian Tern (C)**
- Common Tern (R)*
- Forester's Tern (R)*
- Black Tern (R)*
- Rock Dove Pigeon (C)**
- Mourning Dove (C)**
- Black-billed Cuckoo (U)**
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo (U)**
  
- Screech Owl (R)**
- Great Horned Owl (C)**
- Snowy Owl (R)*
- Barred Owl (U)**
- Great Grey Owl (X)*
- Long-eared Owl (R)*
- Short-eared Owl (R)*
- Saw-whet Owl (R)*
  
- Nighthawk (R)*
- Whip-poor-will (R)*
- Chimney Swift (U)**
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird (C)**
- Belted Kingfisher (C)**
  
- Red-headed Woodpecker (U)**
- Red-bellied Woodpecker (U)**
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (U)**
- Downy Woodpecker (C)**

- Hairy Woodpecker (C)**
- Northern Flicker (C)**
- Pileated Woodpecker (C)**
  
- Olive-sided Flycatcher (R)**
- Eastern o Wood-pewee (U)**
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (U)**
- Acadian Flycatcher (X)*
- Alder Flycatcher (R)**
- Willow Flycatcher (R)*
- Least Flycatcher (U)**
- Great-crested Flycatcher (C)**
- Eastern Phoebe (U)**
- Eastern Kingbird (C)**
- Horned Lark (R)**
- Purple Martin (C)**
- Tree Swallow (C)**
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow (U)**
- Bank Swallow (U)**
- Cliff Swallow (C)**
- Barn Swallow (C)**
  
- Blue Jay (C)**
- American Crow (C)**
- Raven (C)**
- Black-capped Chickadee (C)**
- Tufted Titmouse (R)*
- Red-breasted Nuthatch (C)**
- White-breasted Nuthatch (C)**
- Brown Creeper (C)**
- House Wren (U)**
- Winter Wren (U)**
- Carolina Wren (R)*
- Sedge Wren (R)**
- Marsh Wren (R)**
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet (C)*
- Golden-crowned Kinglet (C)*
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (R)*
  
- Eastern Bluebird (C)**
- Veery (R)**
- Grey-cheeked Thrush (R)*
- Swainson's Thrush (R)*
- Hermit Thrush (U)**
- Wood Thrush (X)**
- American Robin (C)**
- Gray Catbird (C)**
- Brown Thrasher (U)**
- Cedar Waxwing (C)**
- Northern Shrike (U)**
- Loggerhead Shrike (R)*
- Starling (C)**
  
- Blue-headed Vireo (R)*
- Yellow-throated Vireo (R)*
- Warbling Vireo (R)**
- Philadelphia Vireo (R)*
- Red-eyed Vireo (C)**
- Blue-winged Warbler (R)*
- Golden-winged Warbler (R)*
- Tennessee Warbler (U)*
- Orange-crowned Warbler (R)*
- Nashville Warbler (U)**
- Parula Warbler (R)*
- Yellow Warbler (U)**
- Chestnut-sided Warbler (U)**
- Magnolia Warbler (U)*
- Cape May Warbler (U)*
- Black-throated Blue Warbler (U)**
- Yellow-rumped Warbler (C)**
- Black-throated Green Warbler (C)**
- Blackburnian Warbler (U)**
- Pine Warbler (U)**
- Palm Warbler (C)*
- Bay-breasted Warbler (U)*
  
- Cerulean (X)*
- Blackpoll (U)*
- Black-and-white Warbler (U)**
- American Redstart (C)**
- Ovenbird (C)**
- Northern Waterthrush (R)*
- Connecticut (X)*
- Mourning Warbler (U)**
- Common Yellowthroat (U)**
- Hooded Warbler (X)*
- Wilson's Warbler (R)*
- Canada Warbler (R)*
  
- Scarlet Tanager (U)**
- Cardinal (C)**
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (C)**
- Indigo Bunting (C)**
- Dickcissel (U)**
- Rufous-sided Towhee (R)**
  
- Tree Sparrow (U)*
- Chipping Sparrow (C)**
- Clay-colored Sparrow (U)**
- Field Sparrow (U)**
- Vesper Sparrow (U)**
- Savannah Sparrow (C)**
- Grasshopper Sparrow (U)**
- Henslow's Sparrow (R)*
- LeConte's Sparrow (R)*
- Fox Sparrow (R)*
- Song Sparrow (C)**
- Lincoln's Sparrow (U)*
- Swamp Sparrow (U)**
- White-throated Sparrow (C)*
- White-crowned Sparrow (U)*
- Dark-eyed Junco (C)*
- Snowpland Longspur (X)*
- Snow Bunting (R)*
- Bobolink (C)**
- Red-winged Blackbird (C)**
- Eastern Meadowlark (C)**
- Western Meadowlark (X)*
- Yellow-headed Blackbird (R)*
- Rusty Blackbird (R)*
- Brewer's Blackbird (U)**
- Common Grackle (C)**
- Brown-headed Cowbird (C)**
- Orchard Oriole (U)*
- Baltimore Oriole (C)**
- Pine Grosbeak (R)*
- Purple Finch (C)**
- House Finch (C)**
- Red Crossbill (R)*
- White-winged Crossbill (R)*
- Common Redpoll (R)*
- Hoary Redpoll (X)*
- Pine Siskin (U)*
- Goldfinch (C)**
- Evening Grosbeak (U)*
- House Sparrow (C)**