Thank you for completing a Birdability Site Review to submit to the Birdability Map. Documenting the physical accessibility of birding locations helps ensure that birding truly is for everybody and every body! Once complete, please visit birdability.org/map to submit.

Question numbers on this checklist correspond to the question numbers in the online Birdability Site Review; not all questions in Part 1 are included on this printable checklist.

### Part 1: General Information

1. a) Trail/bird blind name:

1. b) Location name (park or area):

4) Good car birding site? Describe if so:

6) Length of trail:

7) Type of trail:
   - Loop
   - Out-and-back
   - Lollipop (out-and-back with a loop attached)

8. a) Entrance fee?

8. b) Parking fee?

9) Nearby public transit information, including route numbers, stop names:

10) Walking or biking access from residential areas:

### Part 2: Birding Location Accessibility Criteria

#### 1. Parking

- No parking area
- Pull-off areas (for car birding)
- Signed accessible parking spaces. Number:
- Van accessible parking spaces. Parking space is 132 in. (3.3m) wide, with extra 60 in. (1.5m) wide aisle/side space for a ramp. Number:
- Curb cuts present from parking lot to sidewalk/trail
- Surface is paved
- Surface is gravel
- Surface has many potholes/bumps
- Parking on unmanageable slope

Comments:

#### 2. Services available at this location

- Visitor center
- Staff or volunteers
- Interpretive programs
- Accessible tram or motorized tour
- Gated areas (for example, drive-up bird blinds) accessible if arranged ahead of time
- Meals available
- Water fountains outside buildings
- Accessible water fountains, no higher than 36 in. (91 cm) from the ground, outside buildings

Comments, including visitor center hours:
### 3. Bathrooms

- **No bathrooms**
- Bathroom access only available when visitor center is open
- Portable restrooms
- Wheelchair accessible portable restrooms
- All gender bathrooms, rather than ‘male’ or ‘female’
- Door frames at least 32 in. (81 cm) across
- Threshold not on slant or in middle of a doorway
- Stall size min. 60 in. x 60 in. (1.5 m x 1.5 m)
- Top of toilet seat 17-19 in. (43-48 cm) from the floor
- Sink height 34 in. (86 cm) max.
- Bottom edge of mirror no higher than 40 in. (101 cm) from floor
- Hand dryers or towels max. 35 in. (89 cm) above floor

**Comments:**

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### 4. Ramps

Ramps may go up to observation platforms or bird blinds, or in and out of buildings.

- No ramps
- Handrails present
- Ramps at least 36 in. (91 cm) wide
- For every 1 in. (2.5 cm) the ramp rises, it extends out 12 in. (30.5 cm) (no greater than 1:12 ratio, or no steeper than 8.33%)
- Ramps are steeper than 1:12, but not so steep it feels like an effort to use
- Ramps are very steep
- Flat landings between slopes or when ramps change direction are at least 60 in. x 60 in. (1.5 m x 1.5 m)

**Comments:**

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### 5. Trail surfaces

- Concrete
- Asphalt
- Wooden boardwalk
- Well-packed crushed stone
- Hard-packed soil
- Loose dirt
- Loose crushed stone or gravel
- Thick grass
- Mulch
- Sand
- Muddy sections
- Protruding roots and rocks
- Ruts and potholes

**Comments, including approximate distance of each trail surface if more than one surface present:**

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### 6. Trail width and pull-outs

- Trail is at least 60 in. (1.5 m) wide
- Trail is at least 36 in. (91 cm) wide
- Trail is relatively narrow (it would be somewhat difficult to pass others if using a mobility device)
- No pull-outs (passing spaces) along the trail
- Pull-outs occur at least every 1,000 ft (305 m)
- Pull-outs are less frequent

**Comments:**
7. Trail slope(s)

- Entire trail is completely flat
- Trail slopes are no steeper than a ratio of 1:20 (5% gradient)
- Trail slopes are relatively flat, but steeper than 1:20 (5% gradient)
- Trail slopes are very steep

Comments:

8. Are any steps present?

Even one small step can prevent a location from being truly accessible.

- Yes
- No

Comments, including number of steps and location:

9. Benches

- No benches along the trail
- Benches occur every 1/8 mile (200 m)
- Benches are less frequent
- Benches have at least one armrest
- Benches are connected to trail by paved surface

Comments:

10. Gates, bollards, or large obstacles

Large obstacles may include large rocks or logs placed to prevent cars or golf carts from accessing the trail.

- No gates or bollards
- Space between bollards, or between bollard and the edge of the trail, is at least 36 in. (91 cm)
- Gates are at least 36 in. (91 cm) wide
- Gates are narrower than 36 in. (91 cm)
- Swing or ‘kissing’ gate
- Road closure gate with no alternative route around it
- Road closure gate with a path at least 36 in. (91 cm) wide around the side

Comments:

11. Railings or safety barriers

These are used to keep visitors on a boardwalk, bridge or viewpoint.

- No railings
- Small lip (approximately 1-2 in. or 2.5-5 cm high) on edge of boardwalk
- Top railings are not thick/deep, and are placed to optimize, not obstruct, a seated person’s line of sight (which is, on average 35-45 in. or 88-114 cm from the ground)
- Top railing is thick and hard to see beyond while seated

Comments, including type of vertical or horizontal bars present, and spacing between each bar:
12. Features for visitors who are blind or have low vision

- Guide ropes along the side of the trail for self-guiding
- Audio recordings of interpretive sign content
- Tactile components on signs
- Braille on signs
- Tactile markers on the surface of the trail
- Additional resources available to loan (for example, large print or braille information booklets, audio guide)

Comments:

13. Shade cover

- Completely
- Somewhat
- Not at all
- Some sections of the trail are shaded, some are not

Comments:

14. Trail use and popularity

- Very busy; difficult to find a parking space or to pass other trail users
- Somewhat busy; still easy to navigate the trail with other visitors
- Not busy

Comments, including busy season/s and time/s of day or week:

15. Other trail users

- Mountain bikes
- Cyclists (especially on bike paths)
- Horses
- Motor vehicles, including golf carts
- In-line skiers

Comments:

16. Bird blinds

If there is more than one at this location, please consider submitting a separate Birdability Site Review for each bird blind.

- No bird blind
- No door or entryway
- Doorway at top of ramp or on cross slope
- Door can be opened and held open easily with one hand while passing through
- No lip at the threshold of the doorway
- Doorway at least 32 in. (81 cm) wide
- Enough space inside for wheelchairs to maneuver easily
- Viewing windows: bottom edge is 30-40 in. (76 cm -1 m) from the floor
- Shelves or ledges in front of windows are no deeper than 6 in. (15 cm)
- Interior benches are movable
- Roof or other structure provides shade

Comments, including surface of bird blind floor:
### 17. Maintenance

- [ ] Plowed frequently in winter
- [ ] Leaves removed in fall/winter
- [ ] All grassy trail surfaces are mown frequently
- [ ] Vegetation next to the trail is pruned so it does not encroach over the trail
- [ ] Tree branches do not extend over the surface of the trail below the height of 7 ft (2.1 m)
- [ ] Significant cracks, potholes, or loose, damaged or uneven boards in trail surface

Comments:

### 18. Nearby noise

- [ ] Intermittent nearby construction noise
- [ ] Ongoing industrial noise
- [ ] Nearby traffic noise
- [ ] Near an airport/heavily trafficked flight path
- [ ] Loud boats nearby
- [ ] Dirt bikes nearby
- [ ] Large groups of people often use this location for social gatherings

Comments, including busy season(s) and time/s of day or week:

### 19. Potential safety concerns

Even if you felt safe at this location, let us know if you noticed any of these at this site or within approx. 2 miles (3 km) of the parking area.

- [ ] Well used; didn't feel deserted
- [ ] Not well-used; few other users
- [ ] Location borders a private property with ‘keep out’ or ‘no trespassing’ signs visible at the parking area or along the trail
- [ ] Dogs often off leash
- [ ] Parking is well lit at night
- [ ] Trail is well lit at night
- [ ] Ticks or chiggers are a concern
- [ ] Bears or mountain lions frequently reported
- [ ] Noticeable presence of police, Border Patrol or other authorities
- [ ] Used as an isolated party spot, or for large, loud gatherings
- [ ] Hate symbols, including graffiti, Confederate flags
- [ ] Used for hunting
- [ ] Evidence of recreational drug or alcohol use (for example: syringes, drug paraphernalia)

Comments:

### Part 3: Final thoughts

Including likely birds found here, seasonal conditions, overall difficulty, or any other information that may be helpful to a visitor with an accessibility challenge.

Sometimes pictures speak a thousand words. Don’t forget to take **up to eight photos** of trail conditions, trail signage, obstacles, etc. to upload as you’re submitting to the Birdability Map. **And thanks!**

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