



Explore the Park

Discover the Birds and Nature of Lake Guntersville State Park

1 Town Creek

Begin your exploration of the park at the parking area overlooking Town Creek, just north of the Route 227 highway bridge. Listen carefully in the evening for Barred and Eastern Screech Owls calling. Town Creek is also a favorite roosting place for Bald Eagles.

2 AL 227 Overlook

Look to the west over the lake. This is a good place to catch a glimpse of a Bald Eagle soaring overhead or fishing in the shallow water for its supper.

3 Lickskillet Overlook

Overwintering loons and migratory waterfowl such as Gadwalls and Ring-necked Ducks are often seen here.

4 Campground Overlook

Can you spot one of North Alabama's many shorebirds or wading birds here? Look for Great Blue Herons and Green Herons.

5 Cedar Ridge Fishing Area

Several species of gulls and Osprey are often seen at this location. Also look for Pied-billed Grebes.

6 Short Creek

Bald Eagles often nest just upstream from here, alongside Short Creek. Watch for the gleaming white heads of the adults in treetop nests. In the late spring, start searching for the clumsy, all brown-plumaged young birds as they learn to fly.



About the Park

Lake Guntersville State Park includes over 5,900 acres of ridge tops and meadows. From the park lodge on Little Mountain, you have a magnificent view of the 66,470-acre Guntersville Reservoir. Enjoy fishing, swimming, and other water sports in the lake. Learn more at the Park's nature center or contact the Park Office 256-571-5444.

Visit other nearby North Alabama Birding Trail sites including the walking paths at Guntersville, Murphy Hill, and Morgan's Cove.



Birding in the forest/FERMATA, Inc., Sumita Prasad

On Foot

Discover the nature of the Park on more than 30 miles of hiking trails (map available). These wooded pathways are a good place to see and hear forest birds of all types. In the spring, look and listen for neotropical migratory birds such as Scarlet and Summer tanagers and Wood Thrushes.



Kayaking in Guntersville State Park/ADCNR, Keith Hudson

By Water

Explore the Park's diverse lakeshore habitats by canoe or kayak. Look for wading and shorebirds including American Coots and Killdeer.



Biking the roadways/Gary Randorf

By Road

Look for White-tailed Deer, Rabbits, and other North Alabama mammals in the openings along the roadside. See the Park's nature and wildlife by bicycle. Enjoy rides along established roads to reach secluded viewing sites.