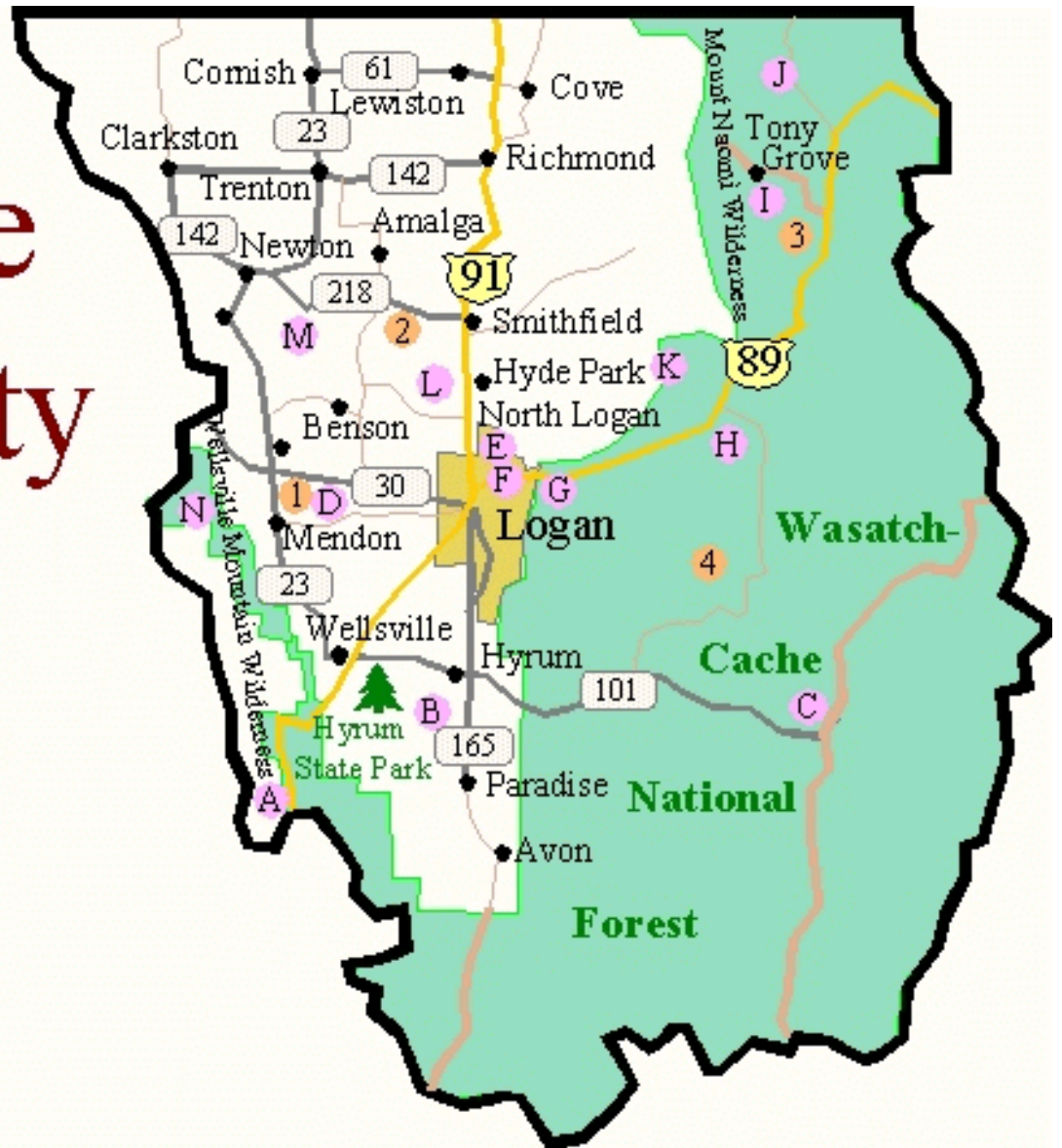


# Cache County



## Popular Birding Places

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**A. Dry Lake.** (Roadside viewing, recommended for spring and summer, 15.0 miles from downtown Logan.) Ponds and marshes near the summit of Sardine Canyon on Highway 89-91. Park near the stock driveway on the south end of the valley. This is the flyway from the Great Salt Lake to Cache marshes used by the White-faced Ibis and White Pelican.

**B. Hyrum Reservoir.** (Roadside viewing, recommended for spring and summer, 15.0 miles from downtown Logan.) Drive south on

4th West in Hyrum to reach the reservoir. Park in the parking lot or drive to the spillway and bridge just beyond it to view birds. Bank Swallows nest here. An occasional Loon, Western Grebes and diving ducks use the deep water behind the spillway for fishing.

**C. Hardware Ranch.** (Easy walk, 22.0 miles from downtown Logan) [Take UT 101 going east of Hyrum through Blacksmith Fork Canyon]. The visitor center and open country around it are great places to view Golden Eagles (all year) Bald Eagles (in winter) and Turkey

Vultures (summer). (Weather Forecast)

**D. Spring Creek Ranch.** (Roadside viewing, 6.0 miles from downtown Logan) See third paragraph of the Mendon loop trip.

**E. Old Main Hill and the U.S.U. Campus.** (Easy walk, winter only) Between the campus buildings and 7th East, concrete walkways on the hillside are good birding spots for Cedar and Bohemian Waxwings, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Downy Woodpeckers and Cassin's Finches. Trees all around campus should be checked for Pine Siskins and

Townsend's Solitaire. The cemetery behind the HPER building (at 10th North and 12th East) is good for small songbirds and a regular Great Horned Owl.

**F. Canal trail along Canyon Road.** (Easy walk) This 1-mile path begins at a driveway on the southeast corner of 4th North and 6th East in Logan. It parallels Canyon Road past Pehrson's Floral, and is excellent warbler habitat in the spring. Owls are often sighted in winter. Spring viewing may also include Rough-winged Swallow, White-throated Swift, orioles, Black-headed Grosbeaks and Lazuli Buntings.

**G. First Dam** (of the Logan River) (, 2.0 miles from downtown Logan). See paragraph two of Tony Grove Trip.

**H. Malibu-Guinavah** Campground. (Easy walk, 6.5 miles from downtown Logan) See paragraph four of the Tony Grove Trip.

**I. Tony Grove Lake.** (Easy walk, recommended for spring and summer, 28.1 miles from downtown Logan) See paragraph

seven of the Tony Grove Trip.

**J. Franklin Basin Drive** (Roadside viewing, recommended for spring and summer, 15.0 miles from downtown Logan) 3.3 miles north of highway 89 on the Franklin Basin Road to the site of the Soil Conservation Service Klondike Narrows Snow Survey Station. Early morning birding is best (before 8:30 a.m.) and is fairly good again from 4:30 p.m. until dark. Twenty species nest here, including the Dusky Flycatcher, Western Wood Peewee, Olive-sided Flycatcher and Mountain Bluebird.

**K. Green Canyon.** (Easy walk, 15.0 miles from downtown Logan) Drive east on 19th North in North Logan as far as you can take your car. In the lower reaches of the hike both Ruffed and Blue Grouse can be seen, as well as chickadees and kinglets. An occasional Poor-will or Canyon Wren might be heard. Near the ridge, Clark's Nutcracker and a Golden Eagle or two may be seen by the careful birder.

**L. Logan-Cache Airport.** (Roadside viewing, 4.1 miles from downtown Logan) The road on the south side of the airport is a good spot for Short-eared Owls in the years when they are abundant, water pipits (winter) and snipe. Listen for winnowing snipe in the spring. Several hot springs on nearby 6th West keep some open water present all year.

**M. Cutler Reservoir.** (Roadside viewing, 7.0 miles from downtown Logan) See paragraph six of the Amalga-Benson loop for details here.

**N. Wellsville Ridge.** (strenuous hike, 7.0 miles from downtown Logan) Although breezy and chilly in the fall this is a good place for migratory hawk and eagle watching from late August until November. Gray-crowned Rosy Finches and Rock Wrens are also a possibility on the barren, rocky slopes. Use Deep Canyon trail, which can be found by following the dirt road extension of 3rd North in Mendon. Once on top, walk north on the west ridge about ½ mile, find a high nook to sit in, and face north for hawk watching.

**Note:** *There are descriptions of four auto tours also provided by the Bridgerland Audubon Society on the "Utah Bird" web site. ([www.utahbirds.org](http://www.utahbirds.org))*

## Other Popular Birding Sites

### 20-20 Ponds

Directions: From Main Street Logan, go west on 200 North to 1000 West. Turn left and go to 600 South and turn right. Go about 1.5 miles until you cross the Logan River and immediately turn right on 2200 West. Go 1.8 miles to the ponds on the west side of the road.

### Bear River Oxbow

Directions: From the intersection of 1400 North on Main Street in Logan, go north 1.2 miles and turn left on the Benson Airport Road. After 6.8 miles turn right at the T in the road at Benson. Cross the Benson Bridge and go west about a mile to the T intersection and turn right. Go about .1 miles to the oxbow.

### Benson Bridge

Directions: From the intersection of 1400 North on Main Street in Logan, go north 1.2 miles and turn left on the Benson Airport Road. After 6.8 miles turn right at the T in the road at Benson. There's a parking area just before you cross the river.

**Cutler Marsh**

Directions: Go west out of Logan on 200 North about 5.5 miles to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources boat ramp which is just past a bridge and you're there.

**Deep Creek Trail**

Directions: Go west from Mendon on 300 North. When the road turns to gravel, continue to the parking place at the end of the road for Trailhead 39.

**High Creek Ridge**

Directions: Go north from Richmond on US 91 about 1 mile.

Turn right at the sign to High Creek and proceed to a cattle guard. The ridge is on your left. For easiest access go another .7 miles up the road.

**Hyrum State Park**

Directions: From US 89/91 turn east on UT 101 going toward Hyrum. Go 3.3 miles to the Park.

**Spring Hollow**

Directions: Go east on 400 North (US 89) in Logan. After 6.5 miles, going through Logan Canyon to Third Dam, take the Spring Hollow turn across the reservoir and turn

right into the parking lot.

**Stewart Pass**

Directions: Go south in Mendon on UT 23 until you get to the Main Street intersection. Turn right on FR 086 and go about 3 miles to the Stewart Pass Trailhead.

**Tony Grove Lake**

Directions: Go east of Logan on 400 North (US 89) for 19.2 miles. Turn left at the Tony Grove sign and immediately turn left again and go 7 miles to Tony Grove Lake. Weather Forecast

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