

Popular Birding Sites

Antelope Island State Park

Directions: Take the Syracuse exit of I-15 (Exit 332) and go west 7 miles on UT 108 to the Antelope Island State Park fee booth (at the beginning of the causeway). The six-mile-long causeway leads to the island with the park visitor center on the north end and Garr Ranch 13 miles south on the east shore.

Specialties: American White Pelican, Ferruginous Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, Chuckar, Long-billed Curlew, Marbled Godwit, Burrowing Owl, Loggerhead Shrike, Sage Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Say's Phoebe, Indigo Bunting, Horned Lark, Grasshopper Sparrow, Sage Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow, (fall) Northern Goshawk (winter) Bald Eagle, Northern Shrike, Townsend's Solitaire, American Pipit, Black Rosy-Finch

Antelope Island Causeway

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Specialties: Eared Grebe, Black-bellied Plover, Sanderling, Dunlin, Wilson's Phalarope, Chukar; (winter) Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw), Harlequin Duck, Ruddy Turnstone, Hudsonian Godwit, Sabine's Gull, Mew Gull, Red Phalarope, Snow Bunting, all three scoters

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Bountiful Landfill

Directions: Go north on 1100 West from 500 South (there's an exit off I-15 at 500 South - 1100 West is west of the freeway) to the stop sign at 1600 North. Turn left on 1600 North and follow the road around to the landfill entrance.

~ Mark Stackhouse

Access: The management of the Bountiful Landfill has agreed to allow birders to have access to the landfill under the following conditions:

Rules for Access to the Bountiful Landfill:

~ Negotiated by Glenn Barlow -January 2004

1. We need to come within hours of operation and check in at the office at the entrance.

2. Do NOT go up on top where they are using the heavy equipment and where we might interfere with their operation.

3. Do NOT block any of the roads so that the heavy vehicles and equipment are impeded in their entering and leaving the landfill

4. Follow any instructions that might be given (even if it means not seeing that rare gull).

5. Stay on designated roads. But, when there is a thaw and the roads are muddy, stay out of areas where you can get stuck. If you get stuck it is up to you to get yourself out. They do NOT want to take time away from their working employees.

6. We must leave the landfill by 4:00 p.m. (1600 hours for us military folks), so we won't be locked in. (This was especially one of the conditions emphasized!)

Specialties: Winter gulls "Probably the most consistently great winter-gull location in northern Utah, and perhaps in the entire state." ~ *Mark Stackhouse*

Farmington Bay Wildlife Management Area

Directions: Take Exit 319 in Centerville going east and turn left onto the frontage road (Market Place Drive). Go 3 miles and turn left on Glover's Lane (925 South). Go 1.4 miles and turn left onto 1325 West Street which leads to the the management area.

Alternate approach: Get off of I-15 at the Lagoon exit (#322) and then immediately turning right onto the frontage road, and then turning right onto Glover's Lane. From freeway to Glover's Lane is a very short distance, like probably 1/4 mile at most. Glover's Lane is the bridge that I-15 travels under just before the Lagoon exit. This way avoids the 3 miles of frontage road that one must travel getting off at exit 319. It is a straight forward route. ~ *Matthew Wallace*

The south entrance... the south entrance to FB is also a great place to bird ... You're in for a walk (or bike ride), but you can access all the dikes, especially by the dump (see middle left side of photo). If you're in for a looooong walk the whole square dike system loop is 6 miles from the south parking lot. You get your exercise and birding in at the same time. ~ *Ann Neville*

From the south: Take 400 North exit [Bountiful] and go east, turn north at 200 West. Go west on Pages Lane (the next light) and immediately before the dump is the (west) turnoff for the south entrance.

From the north, take the Centerville exit turn west (Parrish Ln) to 1250 West and turn south. Go to West Porters Ln and turn west, it will curve south to 1100 West to Pages Lane (you'll be able to see the dump). In the winter, I've seen 50+ eagles in the trees on Pages Lane just east of 1100 West.

It's only open during hunting season.

Specialty Birds: waterfowl, Snowy Plover, Common Moorhen, Short-eared Owl; (in migration) shorebirds

Garr Ranch

(Fielding Garr Ranch)

Directions: Take the Syracuse exit of I-15 (Exit 332) and go west 7 miles on UT 108 to the Antelope Island State Park fee booth (at the beginning of the causeway). Continue along the causeway 6 miles to the island and take the left fork of the road. In less than a half mile turn left and travel along this road about 11 miles to the ranch.

Description: The trees surrounding Garr Ranch, a small stream and pond, and an extensive marsh area, provide an isolated haven for birds along the east shore of the 15-mile-long sagebrush and grasslands covered Antelope Island.

Specialty Birds: Northern Waterthrush, American Redstart, other warblers, vireos, Great Horned Owl, Long-eared Owl, Hermit Thrush, Townsend's Solitaire, Loggerhead Shrike (winter) Varied Thrush, Northern Shrike

Glover's Lane Ponds (at west end of Glovers's Lane)

Directions: Take Exit 319 in Centerville going east and turn left onto the frontage road (Market Place Drive). Go 3 miles and turn left on Glover's Lane. Go several miles west until the road ends near the ponds and radar tower.

Great Salt Lake Shorelands

Preserve (Layton Marsh Wetlands Preserve)

Directions: From I-15, traveling north:

a.. Take Layton exit # 330 and follow the frontage road to the intersection of Main Street and Gentile Street.

b.. Take a left (west) on Gentile Street.

c.. Take a left on 3200 West.

d.. Drive to the end of 3200 West, which turns into a dirt road.

e.. The visitor center is located at the end of the dirt road.

From I-15, traveling south:

a.. Take exit # 331.

b.. Take Hillfield Road west to Main Street.

c.. Turn left on Main and follow it south to Gentile Street.

d.. Make a right on Gentile Street and drive to 3200 West.

e.. Take a left on 3200 West.
f.. Drive to the end of 3200 West, which turns into a dirt road.
g.. The visitor center is located at the end of the dirt road.
You can read more at:
www.nature/utah ~ Elaine York

Howard Slough WMA

Directions: Take Exit 335 in Layton and go west on UT 107 (300 North). Go through West

Point and continue to 4500 West (UT 110). Turn left (south) and go about 1/2 mile and turn right (west) on the road that goes around Howard Slough.

Kaysville Ponds

Directions: 1. From I-15 take Exit #328 Kaysville. Go East (200 North) to Main Street (5 blocks). Turn right on Main Street (South) and go 3 blocks to 50 West. Turn right onto 50 West and go 8 blocks (South) to 550 South. The ponds are on the right (West of 50 West). ~ *Bill Fenimore*

2. The ponds can also be accessed by taking U.S. 89 at Farmington, turning west on Shepard Lane and following it until it joins the frontage road, which turns into 50 West. ~ *Carol Gwynn*

Mueller Park

Directions: Take Exit 315 of I-15 (Bountiful Woods Cross Exit) going east. After a couple of blocks turn left going north on UT 89 (the main road) and go 8 blocks to 1800 South and turn right (going east). after a couple of miles the road will bend to the southeast and will become Mueller Park Road. The park is about 1 ½ miles past that bend.

Wooland Park

Directions: Located at 200 East and 300 South in Farmington.

Description: This is a wooded area with a road that loops through it. There are some picnic tables and an open grass area as well as some short walking paths.

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