



IDAHO BIRDING TRAIL

Southeast Region

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33 Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge

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LAT/LONG: 42.2351947,-111.3497347
 42.210963,-111.339118
 42.1833333,-111.3166667
 42.1173763,-111.2856674

DIRECTIONS: *From Montpelier, take US 89 SW 3.3 mi; stop at USFWS office (at 322 N 4th St; co-located with the U.S. Forest Service in the Oregon Trail Center) for a map and bird list; L (S) at Bear Lake NWR sign (Airport Rd); zero odometer; continue S at airport turn-off; mi 4.9 is the refuge entrance; maps available at mi 5.1; continue S following the sign for the Observation Route (a square loop ~0.5 mi on each side); respect seasonal closures; return to refuge entrance and re-zero odometer; R (E) on Paris-Dingle Rd 5.2 mi to Dingle; R (S) on Dingle Rd 13.1 mi; R (W) on N Beach Rd; entrance to Bear Lake State Park is at mi 15 (entrance fee to park); continue W to mi 20 to reach US 89; R (N) to Paris and Montpelier.*

Along Airport Rd, look for Snowy and Cattle Egrets, White-faced Ibis, Cinnamon Teal, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, and Willet. American Bittern, Virginia Rail, Sora, and Short-eared Owl might be seen on the east side of the road just past the refuge's entrance. Forster's and Black Terns, Marsh Wren, Eared Grebe, White-faced Ibis, Short-eared Owls, and Trumpeter Swan can be seen along the loop. On the east side, listen for Sage Thrasher and Brewer's and Sage Sparrows. Near the cliffs, you might catch a glimpse of Turkey Vulture, Golden Eagle, and Peregrine and Prairie Falcons. The north beach of the state park hosts Caspian Tern. Lifton Pumping Station has Cliff and Bank Swallows.

