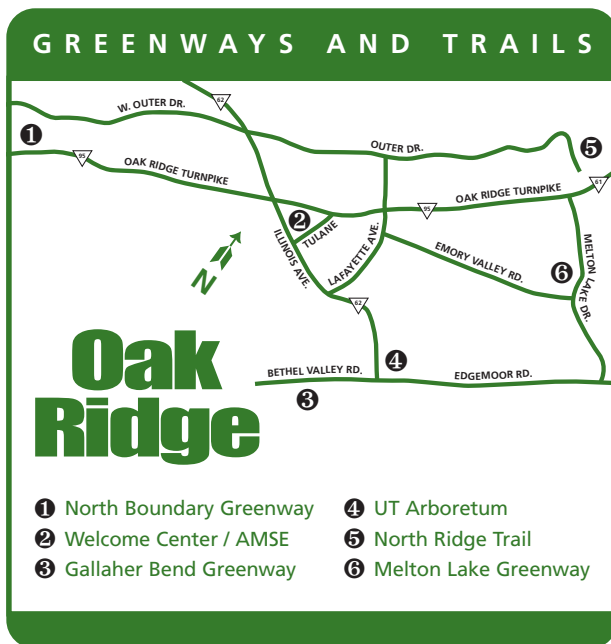


OAK RIDGE IS ONE OF THE TOP LOCATIONS FOR BIRDWATCHING IN THE SOUTHEAST.

With its varied landscape and mature, protected ecosystem, Oak Ridge is a bird lover's paradise. More than 200 species reside here throughout the year, including more than 100 migratory birds, 16 state or federally protected species and 20 threatened or endangered. You may also find 33 species of warblers including 16 that breed here, plus 5 vireo species, 7 woodpeckers, 6 thrushes, 5 swallows, and 7 flycatchers.

JOIN US FOR A GUIDED WALK.

As many as 50 species have been identified during a single bird watching walk. Check our local calendars or www.oakridgevisitor.com for locations, dates and times, Spring and Fall.



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

For maps and links to other information online, visit www.oakridgevisitor.com.
American Museum of Science & Energy (AMSE), (865) 576-3200
Oak Ridge Convention & Visitors Bureau, (865) 482-7821
Oak Ridge Recreation & Parks Department, (865) 425-3450
Tennessee Ornithological Society, www.tnbirds.org
Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, (865) 574-8204

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OAK RIDGE HAS ANOTHER SECRET:

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WHERE TO WATCH

The following primary locations are free to the public and offer a wide variety of birds year-round.

University of Tennessee Arboretum

901 South Illinois Avenue, (865) 483-3571

The Arboretum offers nearly 5 miles of trails through 260 acres featuring 800 species of trees, shrubs and flowering plants, threaded by 4 nature trails. From thick underbrush to mature hardwood and pine to wide-open fields, this mix of habitats, cover and food attracts species year-round. The open spaces provide exceptional opportunities for bird-viewing at close range.

Melton Lake Greenway

Oak Ridge Turnpike, (865) 425-3450

This 3.4-mile paved walkway runs along the western shore of Melton Hill Lake from the Oak Ridge Turnpike to Haw Ridge Park. Entrances are located at Elza Gate Park on Oak Ridge Turnpike, Amanda Drive, Oak Ridge Marina, Rivers Run Boulevard and Edgemoor Road. Nearly 2 miles of the trail are handicap accessible. Waterfowl are often seen.

Gallaher Bend Greenway

Clark Center Recreation Park, (865) 425-3450

Beginning at Clark Center Recreation Park, this greenway winds through the Gallaher Bend Peninsula along a Department of Energy dirt road. The quiet, forested trail offers a diverse setting of woodland, field and lake shore for a variety of birds. Because it is federal land, all postings must be obeyed at all times. The trail is 4 miles roundtrip in summer, and 5 in winter.

North Ridge Trail

Illinois Avenue at West Outer Drive, (865) 425-3450

Designated as both a National and State Recreation Trail, this nearly 8-mile trail along our northern boundary is mostly sheltered from homes and roads. It provides habitat to a wide variety of wildlife and native plants traversing 7.5 miles of ridge-side woodland and creek areas with 2.6 miles of accessible ancillary trails.

North Boundary Greenway Trail

Oak Ridge Turnpike at Wisconsin Avenue, (865) 425-3450

This 7-mile trail passes over and along Bear Creek and East Fork Poplar Creek as it crosses lowland mature forest, riparian, shrub-scrub areas, and wetland forest habitats. It also ascends to the top of Black Oak Ridge and winds through upland hardwood and pine forests. Twenty-two of 32 ridge and valley “species of conservation concern” breed here, as well as 7 species listed on the Partners in Flight’s National Watch List.

COMMON BIRDS IN OAK RIDGE

More than 200 species have been recorded in Oak Ridge. Here is a sampling of birds frequently seen or heard throughout the seasons:
Please note that some of these species are timid and are more easily heard than seen.

SPECIES

	Mar-May SPRING	Jun-Aug SUMMER	Sep-Nov FALL	Dec-Feb WINTER
Acadian Flycatcher	X	X	X	
American Coot	X		X	X
American Goldfinch	X	X	X	X
American Woodcock	X	X	X	X
Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
Belted Kingfisher	X	X	X	
Black-crowned Night-heron	X	X	X	
Blue-winged Warbler	X	X	X	
Brown Thrasher	X	X	X	X
Canada Goose	X	X	X	X
Carolina Chickadee	X	X	X	X
Carolina Wren	X	X	X	X
Cedar Waxwing	X	X	X	X
Chimney Swift	X	X	X	
Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Chuck-will's-widow	X	X	X	
Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	X
Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	X
Eastern Phoebe	X	X	X	X
Eastern Towhee	X	X	X	X
Eastern Tufted Titmouse	X	X	X	X
Field Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Glue-gray Gnatcatcher	X	X	X	
Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	X
Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X	X	
Green Heron	X	X	X	
Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Hooded Warbler	X	X	X	
House Finch	X	X	X	X
Indigo Bunting	X	X	X	

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	Mar-May SPRING	Jun-Aug SUMMER	Sep-Nov FALL	Dec-Feb WINTER
Kentucky Warbler	X	X	X	
Northern Bobwhite	X	X	X	X
Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	X
Northern Flicker	X	X	X	X
Northern Mockingbird	X	X	X	X
Northern Parula	X	X	X	
Orchard Oriole	X	X	X	
Osprey	X	X	X	
Ovenbird	X	X	X	
Pileated Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Prairie Warbler	X	X	X	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
Red-eyed Vireo	X	X	X	
Red-shouldered Hawk	X	X	X	X
Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	X
Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	X
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X		X	X
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	X	X	X	
Scarlet Tanager	X	X	X	
Song Sparrow	X	X	X	X
Summer Tanager	X	X	X	
Swamp Sparrow	X		X	X
Whip-poor-will	X	X	X	
White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X
White-eyed Vireo	X	X	X	
White-throated Sparrow	X		X	X
Wild Turkey	X	X	X	X
Wood Duck	X	X	X	X
Wood Thrush	X	X	X	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	X	X	X	
Yellow-breasted Chat	X	X	X	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		X	X