

Pond Mountain Game Land

<https://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Hunting/Game-Land-Maps/Mountain/Pond-Mountain.pdf>

Location

Rock Fence Rd, Lansing, NC 28643 (36.550444, -81.642306)

Species of Interest

Summer

Red-tailed Hawk	Veery
Northern Bobwhite	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Hairy Woodpecker	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Blue-headed Vireo	Black-and-white Warbler
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Common Yellowthroat
Least Flycatcher	Canada Warbler
Red-eyed Vireo	Vesper Sparrow

Winter

Common Raven
White-throated Sparrow

Migration

Yellow-throated Vireo	Grasshopper Sparrow
Additional warblers	Savannah Sparrow

Species list

https://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Outdoor-Activities/Documents/Pond_Mtn_GL_Birding_checklist_2018.pdf

eBird Bar Chart: <https://ebird.org/barchart?r=L3663903&yr=all&m=>

Habitats

pond, wooded stream, grassland, deciduous forest, evergreen forest, spruce/fir forest

Access & Parking

Parking: three designated parking areas along the primary access road; two only accessible during certain times of the year; dirt parking lot at the Rock Fence Rd. entrance open year-round with room for 10-15 vehicles

Drinking water: not available

Restrooms: not available

Accessibility: not available

Site description

Property ownership: N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Trails: 3-mile out-and-back walk along main game land road; turn-around point at the highest point of the ridge near an old airplane hangar; or farther along this road into the backcountry section of Pond Mountain for a 5-mile out-and-back walk

Trail surface and elevation gain: dirt road; 1000 feet elevation gain

Likely spots for species of interest: songbirds, sparrows and woodpeckers easily spotted along the main game land road and into the backcountry section; flycatchers near the ponds on the main road; Vesper Sparrows in the fields past old airplane hanger

Special Considerations

Hunting: hunting allowed on Pond Mountain Game Land during certain times of the year; safety precautions necessary during hunting seasons; current hunting regulations and seasons at www.ncwildlife.org/hunting/hunting-in-North-Carolina

Need for boots/waterproof footwear: walking shoes and hiking boots adequate for main dirt trail through the game land; waterproof footwear for some side trails

Directions: Follow US 421 N (W. King St) through downtown Boone, then continue on US 421 for 22.1 miles into Tennessee. Turn right on TN-167 N (Forge Creek Rd) for 7.4 miles. (At 7.1 miles, where it comes into North Carolina, the name changes to Big Laurel Rd.) Turn left on S. Flatwoods Rd. and follow for 5.5 miles (name changes but always with "Flatwoods" in the name). Turn right on Rock Fence Rd. and travel .9 miles. Turn right into parking lot. (36° 33' 01.6" N 081° 38' 32.3" W)