A BIRDERS’ GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

MARSHALL HABILITATION CENTER LAKE
Edge Wade, summer 2015
12 acres (lake portion, only)  Saline Co.  DeLorme 29, H-8
GPS:  39.1323634-93.1813846
MDC managed by agreement with MO Dept. of Mental Health
For additional information or to report problems, contact Marshall Habilitation Center Facilities Operations Manager 660-886-2201; or MDC at 573-815-7900.

Directions:  From Highway 65 on the north end of Marshall go east on Hwy. 240 about two miles to the junction of Rt. O and North Lincoln Avenue. Turn south on Lincoln, which bisects the lake.

ADA Information:  This is a good area for birding from a vehicle, as most of it is visible from the lots or from points requiring a minimum of walking.

Features of interest to birders:  This park-like area is designed for easy access.  It has seven parking lots, eight fishing jetties, a fishing dock, gravel boat ramp, picnic areas and a pavilion.  Birders may walk or drive to several points to observe the lake and view birds in the immediate vicinity.

When to Visit/Species to Expect:  Fall and winter bring a variety of waterfowl to the lake, including Greater White-fronted, Snow and Cackling Goose.  Ten species of ducks have been reported at the site; more surely drop in occasionally.  Great Blue and Green Herons fish there, as do kingfishers.  Martins, swallows and swifts hunt overhead.  In the surround trees in appropriate seasons, species as varied as Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Warbling Vireo, Red-bellied and Red-headed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Cedar Waxwing and Purple Finch have been observed.  Sparrows reported include Chipping, Fox, Song, White-throated, as well as Dark-eyed Juncos.

Toilets:  1 privy

Camping:  none

Hazards/Limitations:  None noted

Nearby Birding Sites:  Van Meter SP, Grand Pass CA, Malta Bend CL, Miami Access, Blue Lick CA.