1. D nord Watchable Wildlife Site

A non-motorized area, all dirt road driving. At the flashing light in Frederic drive 0.4 miles north to Hubbell Road. At the left, drive 0.5 miles to Canoe Harbor Road turn right. Drive 0.7 miles to Canoem Bridge Road on the left. Drive 0.5 miles to Canoe Harbor Road and turn left. Drive 2.6 more miles and watch for the bincolor sign on the left. This is a two-track. There is a parking area and it’s a short five minute walk to the river. Look for Bald Ringhalsen, Woodpeckers, Red-tailed Hawks, Red-shouldered Hawks, Hermit Thrushes, Northern Flickers. Eastern Phoebes. Baltimore Orioles, Eastern Hungrians, Buffed Crouse and Turkeys.

2. Hartwick Pines State Park

A destination well known for the diverse ecosystems it offers. Northern hardwoods, mixed white pine forest, lowland hardwoods, Loons hardoubl, upland conifer, oskhip community. Canoeing and hiking on two small waterfalls as well as tranion corridors along the East Branch of the AuSable River offer the chance to see a wide variety of bird. Stop at the Visitor Center during the spring and summer months to check off the Evening Crowns on your bird list. They will visit the window feeders daily. The Birdlander Warbler Tour are out of the Visitor Center during the most accessible of the four months (March & June). Early spring,是从 the floating ducks, a variety of waterfowl like ducks, geese, loons and mallards. Throughout the summer Bald ringhalsen, Great Blue Herons, Eagles and Osprey can be seen “tolling” on those lakes. Plantem pathways lead all through the forests that surround these lakes. The park is almost 10,000 acres. Michigan Recreation Passport required. Located off M-85 northeast of Grayling.

3. Hansen Hills Recreation Area

20 Miles of walking trails through rolling oak hills offer possible sightings of Woodpeckers, Red-shouldered hawk, conifers, lowland hardwoods, upland conifer, oskhip community. Canoeing and hiking on two small waterfalls as well as tranion corridors along the East Branch of the AuSable River offer the chance to see a wide variety of bird. Stop at the Visitor Center during the spring and summer months to check off the Evening Crowns on your bird list. They will visit the window feeders daily. The Birdlander Warbler Tour are out of the Visitor Center during the most accessible of the four months (March & June). Early spring,是从 the floating ducks, a variety of waterfowl like ducks, geese, loons and mallards. Throughout the summer Bald ringhalsen, Great Blue Herons, Eagles and Osprey can be seen “tolling” on those lakes. Plantem pathways lead all through the forests that surround these lakes. The park is almost 10,000 acres. Michigan Recreation Passport required. Located off M-85 northeast of Grayling.

4. City of Grayling Sewage Pond

1.4 miles south on Industrial Drive (turn south off M-72 East). Partial pavement. Park on the right, parkers in the grass. View a variety of waterbirds at this site.

5. Raybourn Property

M-72 East 1.2 miles from the overpass to a parking lot on the left that is marked with stone pillars. The trail is not maintained but easy to follow down to the Main Branch of the AuSable River. A bridge crosses the river and a small hill offers a great view of the river with typical river birds as well as Red-shouldeled Hawk. Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Trieme Thrushe, Brown-thrushe, Hermit Thrushes, and Wood Thrushes.

6. Connor Marsh

A large marsh can be seen on the right side of Cty Dr. Property is maintained. There are a couple of areas to park off the road right before the marsh, 0.9 mile after leaving North River Drive. The other side of the marsh can be accessed by Connor Flat Road, also a dirt road off M-18. There is moderate accessibility. 39 species can be found. Locates near Backus Creek. An Osprey nesting platform is close to the road. An Eagle’s nest is found nearby.

7. Wildey Lake Foot Trail Area

This area is managed by the US Forest Service and offers many trails to choose from. A small path allows one to birdwatch through the Bicycle of Wildey Lake where eagles, osprey, common loops and other water-loving birds are common sights. Another trail means through mature hardwood forest where American Redstarts, Scarlet Tanagers and Baltimore orioles can be seen and heard. The total hiking/biking trails are 16.5 miles. National Forest Fee.

8. Mason Tract

Walk into a piece of northern Michigan that has relatively gone unchanged for decades. A safe variety of wood sparrows, warblers and warbler (along the AuSable’s edge) makes this a prime birding destination. East of Grayling, this non-motorized area with over 10 miles of hiking trails and viewing of over 100 species. The area is a bit hilly; it’s a mixture of hardwood, Jack Pine and river system. There is a well-maintained parking lot and primitive campground. Michigan Recreation Passport required. Trailhead on Canoe Harbor Road (turn south off M-72).

9. North Higgins Lake State Park

More then new miles of trails are open to the public in this 430-acre park. The trails are groomed for skiing in the winter. Common sightings at this location include the Common Loon, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Winter Wren, Nashville Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and Black-throated Green Warbler. A Recreation Passport is required for entry.

10. Margareta Cohagen Nature Preserve

This public wildlife sanctuary is located just outside the Village of Roscommon on 200 Maidenair Drive. The property’s mature pine forest and cedar swamps can be enjoyed the one mile paved ADA trail with self-interpreting signs at the color-coded paths through the woods where you’ll find woodpeckers, warblers, owls and more.