

North Nature Watch Area

Honker Bay/Honker Dam- Good winter waterfowl viewing from shore as this area is closed to boat activity November 1st through February 15th each year. In the summer, bring your canoe and paddle the Nature Watch shoreline in search of osprey, great blue heron, wood ducks, prothonotary warblers, white tailed deer, and coyote.

Woodlands Nature Station- Questions about where to go or what you've seen? Stop in at Nature Station and ask a naturalist. Take home some green ideas for your own space as you tour our butterfly/hummingbird gardens. Enjoy family nature programs or join us on a guided canoe trip or winter eagle viewing trip. Look for butterflies, lizards, and other secretive wildlife in our 20 acre meadow restoration. Restrooms, information, gift shop, and picnic shelter available. (Admission fee charged for education/wildlife area.)

Honker Lake- Rent a canoe at Nature Station (Memorial Day-Labor Day) and explore Honker Lake or enjoy it from the shoreline as you hike the 4.5 mile Honker Trail. Named for it's resident nesting population of Canada Geese, Honker Lake is also home several species of frogs, toads, salamanders, and turtles. 4-5 pairs of nesting osprey is not uncommon (check out the electric towers). Put in a little extra viewing time and you may be rewarded with a glimpse of a river otter.

Road 327- Park and walk down the rugged road to nice views of Lake Barkley. Winter Waterfowl viewing is good December through February. Large rafts of hooded mergansers, scaup, and white pelicans frequent this location.

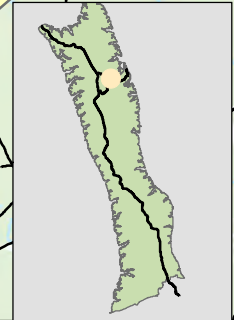
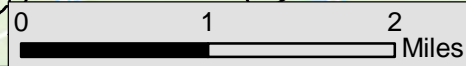
Hematite Lake and Picnic area- Dinner and a sunset? Pack your picnic and enjoy a meal at Hematite Lake after you walk the leisurely 2.2 mile trail. Other than humans, do you know the only other animal that creates its own environment? Beavers! A beaver marsh is easily explored as you walk the recycled plastic boardwalk looking for wildlife that take advantage of the engineering genius of beavers. As the sun goes down, listen for the serenade of American toads, and frogs such as spring peepers, chorus frogs, leopard frogs, and bull frogs.

Mulberry Flat (Rd 135)- Look for wild turkey, bobcat, fox squirrel. Butterflies such as great spangled fritillaries can be seen enjoying butterfly milkweed. Monarch butterflies visit wildflowers, such as blazing star, in late September during their migration back to Mexico.

Legend

- Road
- Forested Area
- Non-Forested Area
- Nature Watch Area
- Waterfowl or Wildlife Refuge
Closed Nov 1-Mar 15

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