Pine to Prairie International Birding Trail

The Pine to Prairie International Birding Trail includes more than 70 sites in Minnesota and Manitoba for viewing birds and other wildlife. In Minnesota, the birding trail spans 200 miles and has more than 50 sites that offer some of the most spectacular birding in the state. Look for green birding trail logo signs to identify trail sites or indicate trail sites are nearby. Interpretive signs are featured at select trail sites.

Along with the scenic beauty and friendly communities, this birding trail provides a unique collection of habitats that provide homes for a tremendous variety of birds including some highly coveted species. Come any time of year. While spring, summer and fall offer an abundance of birds, winter is also an exciting time to see winter specialties.

Enjoy your visit to Northwestern Minnesota and happy birding!

Additional information about the trail and the trail sites can be found at: MNBirdTrail.com

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Biomes

Biomes are distinct biological communities that have formed in response to a shared physical climate.

Conifer/Mixed Forest

This biome is characterized by cone-bearing conifer trees such as pine, spruce, fir and tamarack. It also includes mixed forests of aspen, birch, maple or basswood with the conifers. The landscape ranges from rugged lake-dotted terrain, to large, flat, poorly drained peatlands and conifer bogs.

Tallgrass Aspen Parklands

This biome is a mosaic of prairie and sedge fens (wetlands fed by groundwater) accentuated by scattered groves of aspen or bur oaks. “Parklands” refers to the open prairie dotted with patches of trees. This biome is a transition between dry, windy prairies to the west and moist, cool bogs and forests to the east. Minnesota is the only place in the continental United States where this biome is found.

Deciduous Forest

This biome is characterized by deciduous trees such as maple, oak and aspen; the leaves of these trees change color and drop at the end of the growing season. This biome is a transition between prairie and conifer/mixed forests, and generally receives more precipitation than Tallgrass Aspen Parklands.

Prairie Grassland

This biome is characterized by flat or rolling grasslands as well as many wetlands and shallow lakes. Summer temperatures tend to be warmer and rainfall is lower than other biomes of Minnesota. Prairie grasslands once covered more than 16 million acres in Minnesota. Only three percent of prairie remains in modern Minnesota.

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Community Information

For detailed information about the trail sites and their location, sponsoring communities, lodging, and birding tips, visit the Pine to Prairie International Birding Trail website: MNBirdTrail.com

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