

HABITATS & HOTSPOTS

Over 140 birds have been identified by the Baltimore Bird Club along the Gwynns Falls Trail at various habitat hot spots including the open water of the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River, the Gwynns Falls and Dead Run stream valleys, mature forests, scrub woods and brush, open meadows, and tree-lined city streets.

All seasons are good for spotting or hearing birds. In the summer, over 80 species nest in Gwynns Falls and Leakin Parks. In the spring and fall, the Trail is a great place for finding migrating birds. And in the winter, birds along the Trail are easily seen.

COMMON SPECIES

These species can be seen anywhere along the Trail: Turkey Vulture, Canada Goose, Mallard, Great Blue Heron, Mourning Dove, Chimney Swift, American Crow, Carolina Wren, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Northern Cardinal, Common Grackle, American Goldfinch, Red-tailed Hawk, Eastern bluebird, Red-winged Blackbird, Grey Catbird, Osprey, Barred Owl, and Baltimore Oriole.

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Bird Watching

on the



Gwynns Falls Trail



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GWYNNS FALLS TRAIL

The Gwynns Falls Trail is a 15-mile greenway trail connecting 30 unique neighborhoods and 2,000 scenic acres of parkland located within west and southwest Baltimore City. The Trail provides access to parks, streams, recreation and environmental education opportunities, cultural resources, and historic landmarks. The Trail offers users the opportunity to hike, bike, run, walk, skate, fish, picnic, enjoy nature, and learn about the history of the stream valley and the Chesapeake Bay. The Trail reaches from the Interstate 70 Park & Ride facility near Historic Franklinton and travels through the Gwynns Falls and Dead Run stream valley and Gwynns Falls and Leakin Parks, Leon Day Park, Carroll Park, and Solo Gibbs Park to the Inner Harbor and the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River.



BIRDING

HOT SPOTS

MIDDLE BRANCH

Park at: Trailhead #8 near Baltimore Rowing Club or Broening Park boat launch near Harbor Hospital on Hanover Street.

Habitat: The water of the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River, pilings and piers out into the water, reed beds and brushy areas along the banks of the Middle Branch, and the meadows along Waterview Avenue. The Trail connects with two wooden wildlife observation platforms overlooking the water edge.

CARROLL PARK GOLF COURSE

Park at: Trailhead #6 off Washington Blvd. and I-95

Habitat: Areas to observe are the golf course, the water catchment ponds of the Gwynns Run at the north end of the golf course, a grassy meadow west of the Gwynns Falls, which can be entered after crossing the bridge at the north end of the golf course, the trees and water along the Gwynns Falls.

BALTIMORE ST. + LEON DAY PARK

Park at: Trailhead #4 Leon Day Park or Trailhead #5 Frederick Road or park along Baltimore Street.

Habitat: There is a screen of trees along the Trail; the south end of this part of the Trail is at tree top level, and there are good views in fall, winter and spring when leaves do not obscure the view. From the Trail on the stream west side, waterfowl can be seen flying in and out of an abandoned quarry.

MILLRACE

Park at: Trailhead #3 Windsor Mill Road

Habitat: There are Trails on both sides of the stream. As the Trail goes east through a Piedmont forest, the Trail is high enough to provide views at tree top level. Going west on the Trail, you are near the Gwynns Falls and it is visible through scrub trees. There is also an open and bushy area to the west between Windsor Mill Road and Franklinton Road.

WINANS MEADOW

Park at: Trailhead #2 Winans Meadow.

Habitat: There is a small wetland at the north edge of the meadow, Dead Run stream and the trees and brush along the Dead Run, and the Piedmont forest surrounding the meadow.

EAGLE DR. (CRIMEA ESTATE)

Park at: Parking lot at Eagle Drive off Windsor Mill Road

Habitat: There is an open grassy area next to Windsor Mill Road, meadows and scattered trees towards the Crimea estate, and a bushy and grassy area towards the west close to the headquarters of the miniature railroad. Behind a screen of evergreens near the railroad headquarters is a leaf dump and a Piedmont forest along the edges of this area.