

## PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS

**SITE NAME** YELLOW CREEK STATE PARK

**COUNTY** INDIANA

**SITE #** 23

**APPROX. SIZE** 3,140 ACRES

**OWNERSHIP** PUBLIC (DCNR)

**LAT.** 40°34' **LONG.** 79°01'

### DESCRIPTION

Yellow Creek State Park is located in east-central Indiana County. At the heart of Yellow Creek State Park is Yellow Creek Lake, a 720-acre recreational lake. There is marsh habitat along the lake and the forested areas surrounding it are mixed woodlands with dense understory. The park is much like others in the Pennsylvania State Park system. Recreational opportunities are available including boating, swimming, picnicking, fishing, and hiking.

*Directions:* From Johnstown Rt. 403 N to Rt. 422 W. to Rt. 259 S to park.

### BIRDS - SUMMARY

Several areas of the park are nesting areas for Solitary Vireo, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Hooded Warbler. Other species observed at this site include: American Coot, Canada Goose, American Wigeon, Bufflehead, Horned Grebe, Ring-necked Duck, Redhead, Hooded Merganser, Black Duck, Canada Warbler, American Bittern, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Tree Swallow, Belted Kingfisher, Marsh Wren, Horned Lark, American Pipit, Swamp Sparrow, Green Heron, and Brown Creeper.

### REPRESENTATIVE BIRDS - BY CRITERIA

1a 1b Waterfowl: Ring-necked Duck (M - 428), American Coot (M - 868), Lesser Scaup (M - 321).  
1e Wading birds: Ruddy Turnstone (M - 123).

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### CONSERVATION / ADDITIONAL NOTES

The Todd Bird Club has kept records for this site and has recorded over 243 species of birds, including 28 species of waterfowl, 35 warblers, and numerous shore birds. The Club also leads frequent bird hikes in the park. A large bird-blind is located for viewing of waterfowl. Yellow Creek State Park operates a nature center that is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

### LOCAL CONTACTS

State Park Office, (724) 357-7913

### SUBMITTED BY:

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