



# BIRDING THE BLACKSTONE:

## Birding Spots in the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor



With multiple waterways and plentiful protected open space, the Blackstone River Valley offers the perfect habitat for migrating birds.

Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor is fortunate to have avid and passionate birders in its Volunteers-In-Parks program who offer guided bird walks throughout the 25 communities of the National Heritage Corridor.

Visit our [events calendar](#) at

[BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org](http://BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org) to find seasonal birding programs.



### MASSACHUSETTS

#### [MASS AUDUBON'S BROAD MEADOW BROOK CONSERVATION CENTER AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY](#)

414 Massasoit Rd., Worcester, MA

Well-maintained trails in large area with varied habitat: woodland, field, marsh.

#### [WEST HILL PARK](#) – Army Corps of Engineers, 23 West Hill Rd., Northbridge, MA

Varied habitat on the West River, including restored grassland.

#### [BLACKSTONE RIVER AND CANAL HERITAGE STATE PARK](#) – 287 Oak St., Uxbridge, MA

Wooded edge of mowed field and acres of shrubby habitat along Blackstone River and Canal.

#### [UXBRIDGE COMMUNITY GARDENS/SOCCER FIELD](#) – Near 320 Sutton St., Uxbridge, MA

Main path goes past the gardens, interesting in themselves, bordered by a thicket. American Kestrel and Northern Harrier sighted cruising over the field from time to time.

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[HOPEDALE PARKLANDS](#) – Hopedale St. north off Rte. 16, Hopedale, MA. Park on Freedom St. at south edge of Hopedale Pond, Hopedale, MA.

Too beautiful to miss! Paved path, shaded by tall trees, offers fine view of the pond. In less than a mile, there's a stone bridge crossing a narrow section of the pond where you might spot an Osprey, Great Blue Herons, and Wood Ducks.

## RHODE ISLAND

[FORT NATURE REFUGE](#) – Audubon Society of Rhode Island, 1445 Providence Pike/Route 5, North Smithfield, RI

Mixed woodlands, bogs and open water. Trails can be challenging. Not paved. No restrooms.

[THE MONASTERY](#) –1464 Diamond Hill Rd., Cumberland, RI

A few well-worn trails. Mixed woodlands and water. Great spring birding. Senior center and library on property.

[LONSDALE MARSH](#) – along the Blackstone River Bikeway. Parking at John St., Lincoln, RI

Several habitats in this area. Marsh, river and mixed woodlands. No restrooms. Nearby residential neighborhoods and commercial activity.

[LINCOLN WOODS](#) –2 Manchester Print Works Rd., Lincoln, RI

Large lake and several trails and parking areas. Pileated woodpeckers are frequently seen here. Free admission. Restrooms may be locked off season.

## SWAN POINT CEMETERY

585 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, RI

Manicured property with extensive mature trees. Access to Seekonk River on trails, tidal. Roads are narrow and some steep but great for walking in winter. Warbler hotspot in early May. No photography is permitted and there are no public restrooms.

