

# Birding at Jacobson Park Lexington, KY

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## Google Map coordinates

37.984185, -84.425860

## Habitats

- 216 acres of split between a golf course and park area surrounding a reservoir.
- Open grass areas with trees, some forested areas to the back of the park and open water with mudflats during dry periods.
- The larger Reservoir 4/Ellerslie Lake is located across Richmond Road

## Birds and birder comments

Jacobsen Park has an eBird tally of 173 Species and is a location that can provide good birding throughout the year. In winter the reservoir is home to a number of species of waterfowl but it does freeze up in the coldest periods. The reservoir can be viewed from a number of good vantage points, the car park at the golf course (Lakeside golf course), the boat dock (beside the playground), and by Camp Kearney at the north end of the park. The greatest expanses of mudflats, when uncovered, are seen from the Camp Kearney side. With Reservoir 4 being just across Richmond Road, there can be a lot of movement between the two bodies of water. With the reservoir now being stocked with fish, Osprey, Bald Eagle, and Double Crested Cormorants have been seen more regularly.

In spring and fall the park can produce a good number of passerines with a nice variety of warbler species. The park is well-utilized and as such there is a large amount of disturbance with the birds not staying for long periods of time. The forested areas at the back of the park and the trees lining the reservoir will give the best looks.