SAX-ZIM BOG
All-Season Birding Map

Year Round Birding Locations

A **McDavitt and Admiral Roads** bisect a large Black Spruce-Tamarack bog. Check for Great Gray Owls (year-round), Black-backed Woodpeckers, White-winged Crossbills (winter),Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and Connecticut Warblers (summer). Don't miss the Admiral Road feeders in winter — a reliable spot to see and photograph Boreal Chickadees (also Canada Jays, Pine Grosbeaks, redpolls and Pine Marten). Magnificent Mile feeders on McDavitt.

B **Stone Lake Road** — Watch for Northern Hawk Owls, Great Gray Owls and Northern Shrikes in winter. Summer breeders include LeConte's Sparrow, Sedge Wren, Black-billed Cuckoo and American Bittern. Yellow Rail has been recorded (very rare!). Scan the lake for Trumpeter Swans, loons, migrating waterfowl and a possible Moose. Check the public landing in spring migration for a warbler wave. Short-eared Owl possible spring and fall.

C **Owl Ave** — Listen and look for Boreal Chickadees, Canada Jays, White-winged Crossbills and Great Gray Owls along Owl Avenue & Arkola bog stretches. Make sure to stop by our huge feeding array at the Welcome Center: Pine Grosbeaks, Evening Grosbeaks, Common Redpolls, Hoary Redpolls (some years), all possible. In summer, listen for Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and Connecticut Warblers.

D The hayfields and meadows along **Dart** & **Racek** are the year-round home of Black-billed Magpies. In summer, look and listen for Bobolink, LeConte's Sparrow, Brewer's Blackbirds, Sedge Wren and both species of meadowlark. Snow Buntings, Northern Shrike and an occasional Snowy Owl may visit in winter. Nesting Sandhill Cranes.

E **Lake Nichols Road** is a great place to look for Great Gray Owls and Ruffed Grouse at dawn and dusk year-round. Also winter finches, Porcupine. Warblers, roadside wildflowers, butterflies in summer.

Winter Birding Locations

F County Road 133, County Road 7, and Lake Nichols Road all border large Black Spruce-Tamarack bogs. Scan for Great Gray Owls, Northern Hawk Owls and Bald Eagles. Don't miss feeders at Morse's and the boardwalk on Blue Spruce Road. Walk the Warren Woessner Bog Boardwalk at Warren Nelson Bog where both three-toed woodpeckers, crossbills, Snowshoe Hare and Canada Jays are possible (Pink Ladyslippers in summer).

G Scan the open country along County Road 7 for Great Gray Owls, Northern Hawk Owls, Rough-legged Hawks, Northern Shrikes and Snow Buntings. Sharp-tailed Grouse are possible year-round.

Spring/Summer Birding Locations

H Hayfields, pastures, and meadows — great for LeConte's Sparrow, Sedge Wren, Sandhill Crane, Black-billed Magpie and Black-billed Cuckoos. The pastures at the intersection of Poplar Road and Arkola Road(County Road 52) are especially good for Bobolinks and meadowlarks (Eastern and Western are possible) but also look and listen for Upland Sandpipers.

I Huge wet willow flats. Listen for American Bittern, Snipe, Virginia Rail and Sora. Sandhill Cranes, Moose and Wolves are possible.

J Just a nice quiet back road loop to stop and bird in spring/summer. Deciduous woods, creeks.

Sharp-tailed Grouse lek — activity possible late winter to early May, peaking in April (No accessible leks as of spring 2024).

Feeding Station (please make a donation if there is a donation box)

Friends of Sax-Zim Bog's Land Tracts: Winterberry Bog, Yellow-bellied Bog, Warren Nelson Memorial Bog, Great Gray Peatland, Fringed Gentian Bog, Starflower Bog, Wood Thrush Woods, Blue Dasher Bog & more. Explore! (*Some only open seasonally; see map. **Borders not to scale.)

Avoid the north end of Stickney Road if possible. Not a birder-friendly location. | = Welcome Center

= Gas, Food, Restroom/Outhouse, Public Access

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Outhouses at McDavitt Rec hockey rink on Park Rd. RV/car camper parking — Call 218.780.5498 to arrange (no hookups)

Gas station 6.6 mi N of CR27 on CR7 at CR37

To Virginia (about 20 minutes)

Mary Lou's feeders
2604 CR444. Park in her driveway, not on road; Porta-potty

Porta-potty at McDavitt Town Hall parking lot (winter only)

Fringed Gentian Bog & Auggie's Boardwalk
(winter feeders,hiking/snowshoeing & free carved "Auggie's Owl")

St. Louis River Trail (spring to fall hiking)

Road not passable in winter

Gravel pit & pond

At public landing (spring-fall only)

Sisu feeders at "The Zabin"
2208 McDavitt Road (view from road)

Blue Dasher Bog
(summer/fall hiking)
Parking at Blue Dasher sign [*No Access Nov 1 - April 30]

Byrns Greenhouse (1990 CR7)

Admiral Road feeders
4.6 miles north of Sax Rd

Magnificent Mile feeders
(walk-in only)
South logging trail

Boreal Chickadee Bog
(inaccessible)

scan for latest birding report, auto tours, checklists, guides & etiquette guidelines

scan to donate to Friends of Sax-Zim Bog

Great Gray Peatland
(mostly inaccessible)

Old School Lives
9165 Hwy 53 Cotton
Free Lunch Wed & Thurs ($5+ donation suggested)
Coffee Cart
Mon, Wed-Friday; 11am-1pm
Showers & bunks available
Call 218.482.3005

Sax-Zim Bog Welcome Center & Lois King Education Center
(building open summer & winter only)
10am-3pm; 8793 Owl Avenue
(trails, outhouse, boardwalk & feeders)

Taiga Boardwalk
John C. Gale spur
Becky Lystig spur

(Porta-potty in parking lot)

Indian Pipe Bog
(no public access)

Winterberry Bog & Bob Russell Boardwalk
(parking, winter feeders)

Wilbert Cafe
(Daily 7am-8pm)

Alesches' Accomodations
(lodging: alesches.com)
10477 Pinewood Dr off CR5

Yellow-bellied Bog
(hiking/snowshoeing)
(winter feeders)

Gray Jay Way hiking/snowshoe trail

Wood Thrush Woods
George Lahr Riverside Hiking Trail
(spring to fall hiking/canoeing)
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scan for detailed maps of our hiking & snowshoe trails

Starflower Bog
(hiking/snowshoeing)

Morse's feeders
1 mile N of CR133

Sax-Zim info kiosk at Community Center

Warren Nelson Memorial Bog
(winter feeders)

Warren Woessner Bog Boardwalk
(porta-potty)

Trailside Lounge & Grill
Open after 4pm Wed-Fri; Noon Sat-Sun
(Closed Mon-Tues)

Victory Coffeehouse
Open Tues, Thurs, Sat. 8am-3pm

❄ Stuck in the ditch? Need a tow? Eagle Towing 218.879.0095; Mrs. Mac's Towing 218.393.7377; Jack & Don's Towing 218.263.3426
❄ More info at www.saxzim.org
❄ Follow our Social Media: @FOSZB @saxzimbog

To Duluth (about 50 minutes) or Cloquet (about 40 minutes)

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Kilometers 0 1 2 3