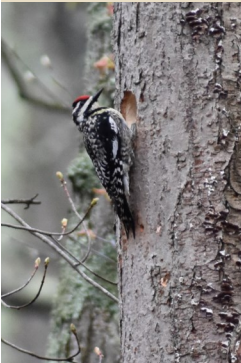


Moon Lake Recreation Area (MLRA)

of the Pinchot State Forest is a 942 acre tract of land in Plymouth, Lehman and Jackson Townships, Pennsylvania. Formerly Moon Lake Park, the property ownership was transferred from Luzerne County to the Bureau of Forestry of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The Recreation Area consists of a lake, open grasslands, scrub and mixed woodlands.

The first parking area within MLRA is an area of edge between forest and grassland. Here is found a wide variety of birds including Northern Flickers, flycatchers, Cedar Waxwings, Eastern Bluebirds and sparrows. From here, Red-winged Blackbirds can be heard calling from the nearby fields. They are joined in the grasslands by Bobolinks and Field Sparrows while hawks and Turkey Vultures soar overhead. Common Ravens croak and “knock” as they regularly pass the fields flying into the woodlands.



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Past the open grasslands and leading down to the lake are mixed forest areas. These woods are home to many species such as Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers; Pileated, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers; vireos; cuckoos; chickadees and nuthatches. Thrushes sing their melodic songs from the depth of these woods.

Along the outflow from the lake can be found migrating and summer resident warblers. The area around the lake is home to waterfowl and shorebirds and Great Blue Herons tower on the shore. Common Grackles, crows, and woodland birds make their way to the shore edge as well. Be on the lookout for Bald Eagles and Osprey in the treetops or fishing.

Human activities at Moon Lake include nature observation, fishing and boating, mountain biking, primitive camping and hiking. The DCNR continues to respect an agreement with a local radio controlled plane organization. While the uses are varied, the common thread of a love of the outdoors will certainly insure a cooperative effort among its users.

Moon Lake visitors should be aware of road and weather conditions before they use the Recreation Area. Roads are not maintained in winter and extreme weather situations.

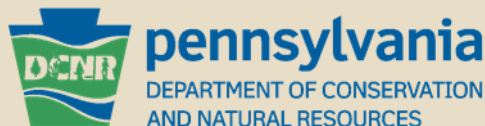
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For information about the GWVAS, its monthly programs and field trips, visit its website gwvas.org or Facebook page.

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Bird List

Moon Lake Recreation Area



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Prevalence and Habitat Key

Abundant or likely to find	A	Forest	F
Abundant seasonally	A+	Wetlands, lake	W
Common or might find	C	Scrub	S
Common seasonally	C+	Grassland	G
Uncommon or hard to find	U	Everywhere	E

Ducks, Geese & Waterfowl

Snow Goose	U,W
Canada Goose	C+,W
Wood Duck	C+,W
Blue-winged Teal	U,W
Northern Shoveler	U,W
Mallard	C+,W
American Black Duck	C+,W
Green-winged Teal	U,W
Bufflehead	U,W
Hooded Merganser	U,W
Common Merganser	U,W
Red-breasted Merganser	U,W
Ruddy Duck	U,W

Pheasants, Grouse & Allies

Ruffed Grouse	U,F
Wild Turkey	C,F,S

Loons & Grebes

Common Loon	U,W
Pied-billed Grebe	U,W
Horned Grebe	U,W

Cormorants

Double-crested Cormorant	U,W
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New World Vultures

Black Vulture	U,S
Turkey Vulture	A,S

Osprey, Hawks & Eagles

Osprey	C,W
Northern Harrier	U,S
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U,F
Cooper's Hawk	C+,F

Bald Eagle	C,W
Red-shouldered Hawk	U,F,S
Broad-winged Hawk	U,F
Red-tailed Hawk	C+,S
Rough-legged Hawk	U,S

Plovers

Killdeer	U,G
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Pigeons & Doves

Rock Pigeon	C,S
Mourning Dove	C+,S

Sandpipers & Allies

American Woodcock	C+,S
Spotted Sandpiper	U,W
Solitary Sandpiper	U,W

Cuckoos

Black-billed Cuckoo	U,S
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U,S

Barn-Owls

Barn Owl	U,S
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Herons & Egrets

Great Blue Heron	U,W
Great Egret	U,W
Snowy Egret	U,W
Green Herron	U,W

Nightjars

Common Nighthawk	C+,F
Eastern Whip-poor-will	U,F

Owls

Eastern Screech Owl	U,F
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Great Horned Owl	U,E
Barred Owl	U,F
Long Eared Owl	U,F
Short Eared Owl	U,S
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U,F

Hummingbirds

Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C,S
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Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher	C,W
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Woodpeckers

Downy Woodpecker	A,F
Hairy Woodpecker	A,F
Red-headed Woodpecker	U,F,S
Red-bellied Woodpecker	A,F
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	A+,F
Northern Flicker	A,F
Pileated Woodpecker	A,F

Falcons

American Kestrel	U,S
Merlin	U,S
Peregrine Falcon	U,S

Tyrant Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher	U,F
Eastern Wood-Pewee	A+,F
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U,F
Acadian Flycatcher	U,F
Alder Flycatcher	U,W,S
Willow Flycatcher	U,W,S
Least Flycatcher	U,F
Great Crested Flycatcher	C,F
Eastern Kingbird	A+,S
Eastern Phoebe	A+,E

Vireos

White-eyed Vireo	U,S
Yellow-throated Vireo	U,F
Blue-headed Vireo	A+,F
Warbling Vireo	U,F
Philadelphia Vireo	U,F
Red-eyed Vireo	A+,F

Swallows

Northern Rough-winged Swallow	A+,W,S
Tree Swallow	A+,W,S
Bank Swallow	U,W,S
Barn Swallow	A+,W,S

Crows & Jays

Blue Jay	A,F
American Crow	A,E
Fish Crow	C,E
Common Raven	A,F

Chickadees & Titmice

Black-capped Chickadee	A,F
Tufted Titmouse	C,F

Nuthatches & Treecreepers

Red-breasted Nuthatch	C,F
White-breasted Nuthatch	A,F
Brown Creeper	C,F

Wrens

House Wren	A+,E
Winter Wren	A+,F
Carolina Wren	A+,F,S

Gnatcatchers & Kinglets

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C+,F
Golden-crowned Kinglet	A+,F
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C+,F

Mockingbirds & Thrashers

Gray Catbird	A+,F,S
Brown Thrasher	C+,S
Northern Mockingbird	A,S

Starlings

European Starling	A+,E
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Thrushes & Allies

Eastern Bluebird	A,S
Veery	A+,F
Swainson's Thrush	U,F
Hermit Thrush	C+,F
Wood Thrush	A+,F

American Robin	A+,E
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Waxwings

Cedar Waxwing	A+W,F
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Yellow-breasted Chat

Yellow-breasted Chat	U,S
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Cardinals & Allies

Scarlet Tanager	C+,F
Northern Cardinal	A,F,S
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C+,F
Indigo Bunting	C+,S

Troupials & Allies

Bobolink	U,S,G
Eastern Meadowlark	U,S
Orchard Oriole	U,F
Baltimore Oriole	C+,F
Red-winged Blackbird	A+,W,S
Brown-headed Cowbird	A+,F,S,G
Common Grackle	A+,E

New World Sparrows

American Tree Sparrow	C+,F,S
Chipping Sparrow	A,S,G
Field Sparrow	A+,G
Fox Sparrow	U,F,S
White-crowned Sparrow	A+,F,S,G
White-throated Sparrow	A+,F,S,G
Vesper Sparrow	U,S
Eastern Towhee	A+,F,S
Grasshopper Sparrow	U,S
Dark-eyed Junco	A+,F,S,G
Song Sparrow	A,F,S,G
Swamp Sparrow	U,W

Finches & Allies

Evening Grosbeak	U,F
House Finch	C,E
Purple Finch	C,F,S
Common Redpoll	U,F,S

White-winged Crossbill	U,F
Pine Siskin	U,F,S
American Goldfinch	A,S

Old World Sparrows

House Sparrow	C,S
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New World Warblers

Ovenbird	A+,F
Worm-eating Warbler	U,F
Louisiana Waterthrush	U,W,F
Golden-winged Warbler	U,S
Blue-winged Warbler	U,S
Black-and-white Warbler	A+,F
Common Yellowthroat	A+,W,F,S
Hooded Warbler	C+,F
American Redstart	A+,F
Cape May Warbler	U,F
Cerulean Warbler	U,F
Northern Parula	U,F
Magnolia Warbler	U,F
Bay-breasted Warbler	U,F
Blackburnian Warbler	U,F
Yellow Warbler	A+,S
Chestnut-sided Warbler	C+,S
Blackpoll Warbler	U,F
Black-throated Blue Warbler	C+,F
Palm Warbler	C+,F
Pine Warbler	C+,F
Yellow-rumped Warbler	A+,F
Yellow-throated Warbler	U,F
Prairie Warbler	C+,S
Canada Warbler	U,F
Black-throated Green Warbler	U,F