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Birding Region: Delaware River Coast

Site #5: Fort duPont State Park

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Fort duPont State Park, dedicated in 1992, has proved to be an excellent migrant trap, especially in fall, and is a fine vantage point from which to scan the Delaware River. In spring and early summer, birders can enjoy the procession of herons, egrets, and Glossy Ibis making their way to and from the rookery on Pea Patch Island, where Fort Delaware State Park is located.



The best birding is generally along the River View Trail. Scan the river from the overlook just beyond the parking lot. Yellow-crowned Night-Herons, scarce in Delaware, are commonly seen flying along the river banks. Follow the trail as it winds around and through a large grove of trees and past some old military bunkers. Be alert for songbirds in the thickets and fields, including warblers and sparrows.

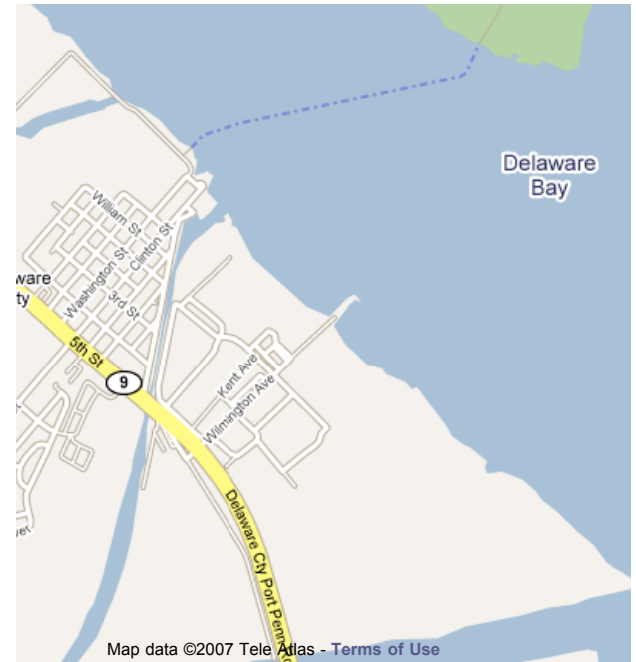
Directions to the River View Trail:

(39°34'23.60"N 75°34'50.56"W) From the intersection of Route 9 and Clinton Street in Delaware City, go south 0.4 mile, and bear right (SE) into Fort duPont State Park on North Reedy Point Road. In 0.1 mile, take the first left (E) onto Wilmington Avenue, which ends at the River View Trail parking lot in another 0.6 mile.

Other Birding Sites in the Delaware River Coast Region:

5. Fort duPont State Park
6. Fort Delaware State Park
7. Thousand Acre Marsh

Site Map



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