

Places to go Summer-Fall: June, July, August, September, October

Mann Lake (August - September)

Overview:

Mann Lake, which is about 10 miles southeast of downtown Lewiston, is popular for spotting shorebirds, waterfowl, and assorted passerines.

To get to Mann Lake:

(DeLorme, Idaho Atlas & Gazetteer page 54 coordinates A-1) heading west on Hwy 12 into Lewiston Id., cross the Clearwater River bridge and turn left onto E. Main Street. From downtown Lewiston turn right onto E. Main Street, just before you get to the bridge. Stay on East Main until you reach the flashing yellow light. Turn right onto Lindsay Creek Road and follow this 4.7 miles to the top of the grade until it dead-ends at Grelle Avenue. Turn left (east) on Grelle and just after Grelle takes a 20 mph right turn, turn left toward the lake. Head straight about 1.3 miles to the dead end, passing the grain elevators on the left side of the road, into the parking area overlooking Mann Lake. This is an irrigation reservoir, so late in the summer and fall there are extensive mud banks that attract shorebirds (stilts, plovers, dowitchers, avocets, curlews, and sandpipers). On the open water you will usually find ducks, geese, grebes, and occasionally swans. Usually the best birding is from the east shore. The gravel road along the south side of the lake makes for easy access to this side. In the summer of 1994, several Black Crowned Night Herons often roosted in the lone willow tree beside this road.

Heyburn State Park

How to get there:

(DeLorme Idaho Atlas & Gazetteer, page 60, coordinates C-1) From Plummer Id. (on US 95) go east on State Highway 5 about 4 or 5 miles. When you go under the Railroad bridge, prepare to turn left in the middle of the sharp right hand corner, a very dangerous intersection. There is a small campground with facilities and ample parking.

This is on the Southwest end of Chatcolet Lake. There are numerous species of ducks including Wood Ducks as well as passerines and shorebirds. Bald Eagles and Osprey are found here also. I heard a loon the last time I was there.
