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SAMS LAKE
BIRD SANCTUARY



Entrance ↑

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Sams Lake Sanctuary is a 57 acre restored open wetland, bird refuge and wildlife preserve located on Old Senoia Road south of Fayetteville. Donated to the Trust by the Ferrol and Helen Sams family in 1997, this preserve is a *Certified Wildlife Habitat* by the National Wildlife Federation and a *Wildlife Sanctuary* certified by the National Audubon Society.

In 2001 the City of Atlanta agreed to restore a wetland habitat as required mitigation for the wetlands disturbed by the construction of the fifth runway at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport.

A series of low dykes manage the water level in 4 shallow wetland/pond areas. Small islands provide habitat for nesting birds. Native wetland vegetation was planted. The Nature Preserve draws migrating and nesting birds and other wildlife, providing an opportunity to experience wetland nature up close. The wetland also cleanses stormwater in Perry Creek and provides temporary storage to moderate downstream flooding.

From the parking lot there's easy access to a north trail with 2 overlook viewing decks or a south trail to the Rotary observation area with benches and the most southern viewing deck. Prime viewing times are dawn or near dusk. Bring field guides, and binoculars so you can observe wildlife close-up from a distance.

Please help keep the Nature Area an enjoyable experience for all visitors:

- Open dawn to dusk
- Stay on the marked paths
- Leave only footprints, take only photos
- Please leash & pick up after your dog!

SOUTHERN CONSERVATION TRUST

Southern Conservation Trust (the Trust) is a nonprofit conservation organization founded in 1993 in Fayette County. The Trust's Mission: to preserve, manage and enhance natural areas for public benefit in the Southern Crescent of Metro Atlanta.

The Trust manages two City-owned preserves: Line Creek and the Flat Creek Nature Area next to the PTC Amphitheater. The Sams Lake Bird Sanctuary and Morgan Grove Nature Area, are south of Fayetteville. And, as a land trust, the Trust works with landowners who wish to permanently preserve their land from development by donating their property or placing a conservation easement on it, which can generate significant tax benefits.

We hope you'll join the Trust and help protect natural areas in your own community. You will receive a newsletter, Invitations to special member events, and free admission to our nature programs.

Volunteers help monitor and maintain the Nature Areas, and assist in event planning and in the Trust office.

For more information about joining or volunteering, please contact us today!

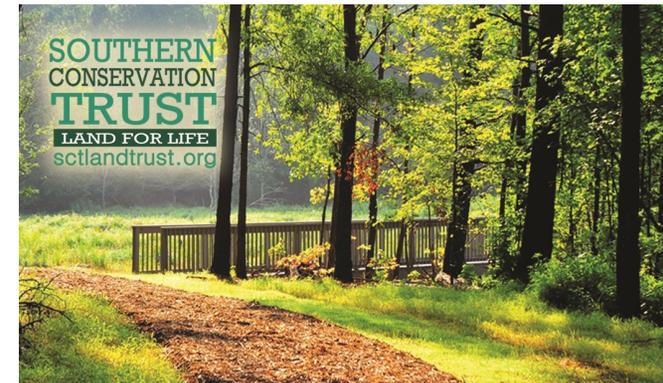
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Sams Lake Bird Sanctuary

Old Senoia Road
Fayetteville

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Fayette County's only Bird Sanctuary!

- Several miles of easy trails
- 3 overlooks
- 1 sheltered observation area
- Open dawn to dusk
- Periodic guided nature/birding hikes
- Volunteer opportunities

