

## Popular Birding Places

### Desert Lake Waterfowl Management Area

**Description:** This Wildlife Management Area is written up in "Birding Utah" as being a good place to bird. Desert Lake is about 3 miles out on the dirt road from the (very) small town of Elmo toward the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry. There are several bluffs overlooking Desert Lake providing good viewing of the birds below. Desert Lake is an important stop for migrating waterfowl due to the general lack of water in the area (the lake is well named -Desert Lake).

**Location:** Drive to the small town of Elmo, then turn south on the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur road, following it until it passes through the Desert Lake Wildlife Management Area.

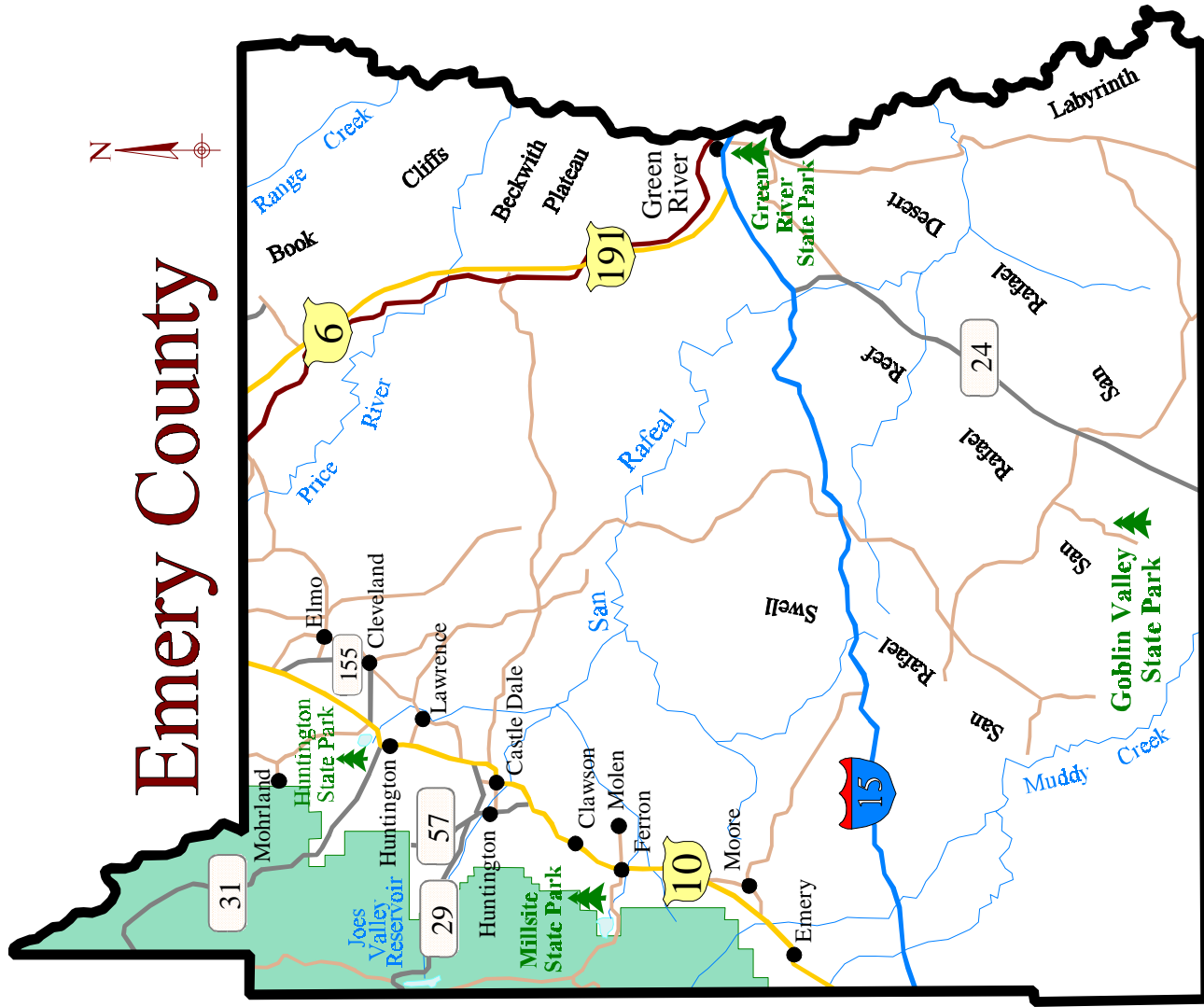
**Sightings:** Site visited March 18, 2000 at 2:00 pm. We saw Canvasback, Ruddy Duck, American Green-winged Teal, American Coot, American Widgeon, Ring-necked Duck, Bufflehead, Northern Shoveler, Mallard, American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Greater Yellowlegs, and Sandhill Crane. (*description by Robin Tuck*)

### Ferron Reservoir

**Directions:** 1. From UT 10 in Ferron, take the Ferron Canyon Road (FR 022) and go 28 miles to the reservoir.  
2. Or From UT 137 in Mayfield go on the Mayfield-to-Ferron Road about 22 miles.

### Ferron Mountain Loop

**Directions:** From UT 10 in Ferron, take the Ferron Canyon Road (FR 022) and go 28 miles to the Ferron Reservoir, continue west on the Mayfield-to-Ferron Road about 22 miles to UT 137 in Mayfield. Turn south and go about 2 miles to Twelvemile Flat Campground. Take the Spinner Reservoir road going southeast until it reconnects with the Ferron Canyon Road. (Since this is a loop, you can start at Mayfield or Ferron).



### **Huntington North Reservoir, Huntington**

**Description:** This 240 acre reservoir is a haven for waterfowl since much of this region is quite dry. The Huntington State Park is situated on the southwest end of the reservoir but better viewing can be had by driving a quarter mile past the park entrance and walking along a shoreline road where access is permitted only on foot.

**Location:** The reservoir is about 2 miles north of Huntington on Highway 10. The road past the State Park is paved and off-road parking is available at the shoreline road. Restrooms are available in the park but there is a charge for entry.

**Sightings:** Site visited March 18, 2000 at 10:30 am. We saw Ring-billed Gull, Lesser Scaup, Canada Goose, Common Merganser, Common Goldeneye, American Coot, American Widgeon, Gadwall, Pied-billed Grebe, Black-billed Magpie and a Golden Eagle. (*description by Robin Tuck*)

### **San Rafael River Recreation Site**

**Directions:** 1. From Castle Dale go east on the Green River Cutoff Road towards Buckhorn Wash. Go about 23 miles to the recreation site on the San Rafael River at the mouth of Buckhorn Wash.

2. From I-70, take Exit 129 going east then north for about 18 miles.

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