

Advice for Birding at Moorman Swine Ponds

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The main pool at Moorman Swine is easily visible from the 4th St Sidewalk (red arrow).

The secondary pool is also worth checking but is a bit harder to see. The easiest way is to climb up or around the weedy dirt hill south of the main pool (second red arrow). There are posted signs only around the pools themselves - you can walk up to them but don't climb up onto the berms or go into the pools (not that anyone would want to, given it's a swine lagoon).

The site is accessible via foot or bike, but when if you need to park, park across the street to the north at the John Deere building (red star). There is no need to enter the swine facility grounds itself at any point.

Other points of note: a weedy ditch runs north and south of the ponds (blue lines). This can be great to walk for sparrows during migration and winter. Other good sparrow spots are the weedy dirt piles near the ponds (brown circles).

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