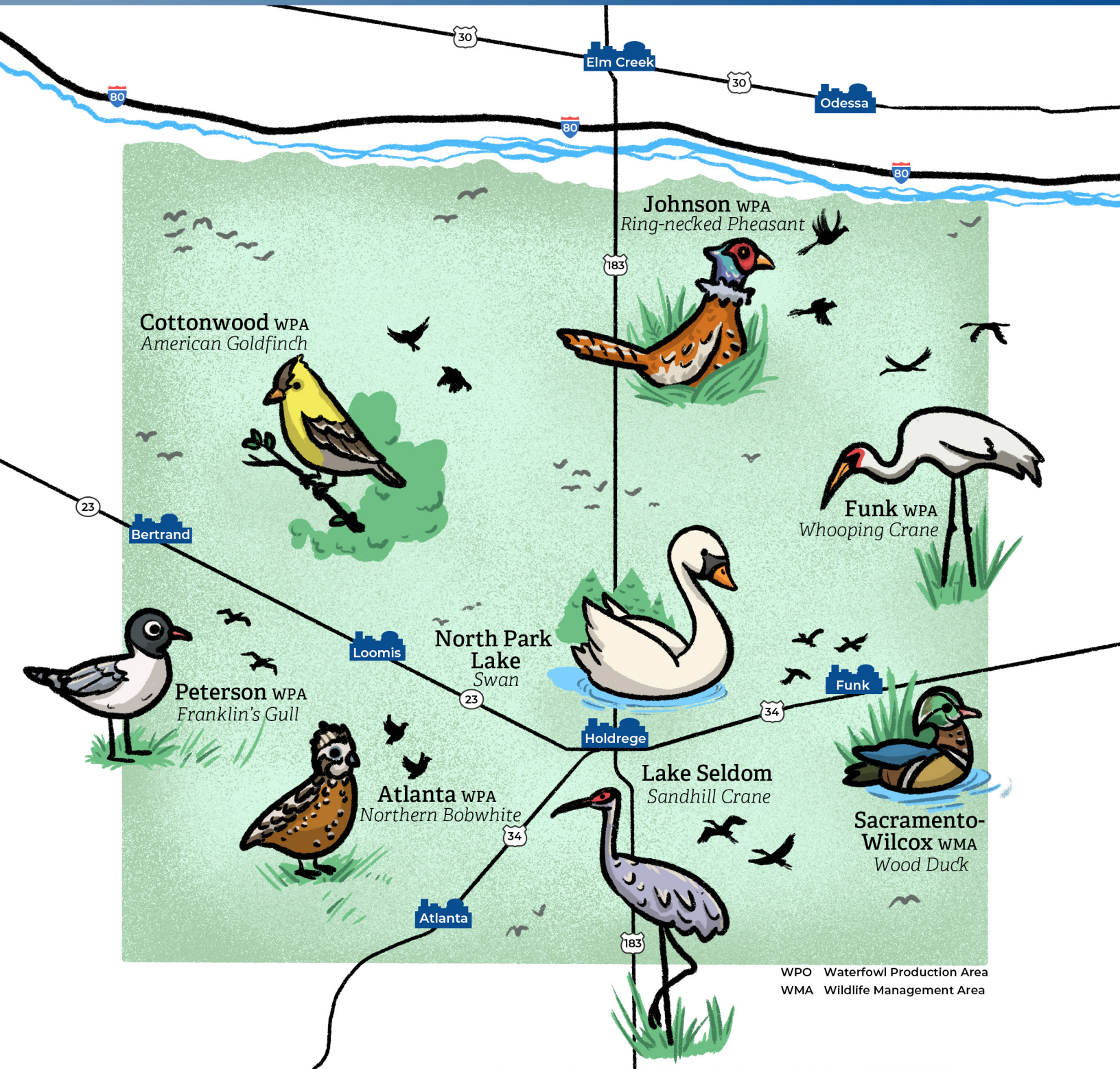


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## **Funk Waterfowl Production Area, 73746 V Road, Funk**

In early spring, bird watchers have a chance to catch a glimpse of the rare whooping crane at the Funk WPA. According to [savingcranes.org](http://savingcranes.org), only 836 whooping cranes are in the world and 134 of those are in captivity. The Funk WPA accommodates bus parking and has public restrooms available during business hours

(8 a.m.-  
4:30 p.m.  
Monday-  
Friday).

No park  
sticker is  
needed.

The nearly  
2,000

acre waterfowl production area has an information kiosk at the central parking lot with maps. The Funk WPA also features the 3-mile Funk Peterson Trail, a designated National Recreation Trail. A handicapped-accessible wooden walkway takes visitors directly into the Rainwater Basin for an up-close view of nature.



**From Axtell (15 miles South of Kearney, Nebraska):** 4 miles West on HWY 6/34 & 3 ½ miles North on V Road

**From Funk:** 4 ¼ miles North on Funk/Odessa HWY, 2 miles East on 738 Road, and ½ mile South on V Road

**From I-80:** Exit 263, 10 miles South on Funk/Odessa HWY, 2 miles East on 738 Road, and ½ mile South on V Road

## **Sacramento-Wilcox State Wildlife Management Area**

**72755 V Road, rural Wilcox**

This expansive habitat in south-central Nebraska is part of the Rainwater Basin, a crucial stopover for millions of migratory birds along the Central Flyway. Whether you're an experienced birder or a nature enthusiast, you'll find plenty to marvel at, including diverse habitats, waterfowl galore, and stunning sunsets. This WMA was the first Rainwater Basin wetland purchased by the Nebraska Game and Parks. Picnic tables and covered shelters are available for resting during the bird watching experience.

## **Lake Seldom**

**South edge of Holdrege on Highway 183**

This 325-acre wetland restoration project was specifically designed to enhance wildlife habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife. Walk along a crushed limestone path while spotting birds at Lake Seldom. It's named Lake Seldom because it's seldom a lake, except during extremely wet conditions. Several Sandhill Cranes are spotted here each year along with hundreds of other species of birds.

## **North Park Lake**

**North Highway 183, Holdrege**

Meander along a 1-mile sidewalk trail as you take in the beauty of the North Park Lake, which is a great location for bird watching all year long. Geese, ducks and a swan live at the lake year round, and a lone blue heron can often be spotted there each summer. Other common sightings include wood ducks, cardinals and sparrows. Benches, picnic tables and covered shelters are available to sit and enjoy the scenery.

## **Cottonwood WPA**

**2 miles west, 1 mile north of Bertrand**

More than 82 species of birds have been spotted at this rural wetland and waterfowl production area including ring-necked pheasant, great blue heron and red-tailed hawk. It features more than 544 acres of public hunting and wildlife viewing land.

## **Johnson WPA**

**9 miles south and 2.5 miles east of Elm Creek I-80 exit**

More than 129 species of birds have been spotted at this 577-acre rural wetland including Whooping Cranes and Peregrine Falcons.

## **Atlanta WPA**

**1 mile north of Atlanta**

**South of 729 Road, between roads I and H**

This 423 acre semi-permanent wetland provides important habitat for whooping cranes and other migrating birds.

## **Peterson WPA**

**3 miles south of Bertrand near Road 437 and 735 Road**

More than 80 species of birds have been spotted at this rural wetland south of Bertrand including Franklin's Gull and the Solitary Sandpiper.