

Turn right on Windy Ridge Rd and go 2.4 miles to Veto Rd. (CR-3).

**Windy Ridge** - habitat is open fields, and woods. Listen carefully as **bobwhite** have been found around here.

Turn left onto Veto Rd and then turn right onto Cave Hill Rd. (T-247).

**Cave Hill Road** - For the next 2.5 miles, you will drive through open fields and woods. Look for **Eastern kingbird, eastern meadowlark, horned lark** and **red headed woodpeckers**

Turn right onto School House Rd. (T-15). Go .5 miles to right on SR 555. Go 3.5 miles to right onto Burnett Rd. (CR-6).

**Root Covered Bridge** - At the bottom of the hill is one of 7 covered bridges in the county. This is a good spot to pull over and have a picnic lunch and listen for **blue-grey gnatcatchers, red-eyed vireos, scarlet tanagers, wood thrush, and yellow warblers**. Continuing from the bridge you will pass thru older growth oak- hickory woods, and fields.

**Qualey** - Pass through this little community which was another stop on the MC&C; it came through at the low spot in the center of the town. Between here and the Dunbar piers, to the east, two other trestles crossed Little Hocking valleys on wooden structures.

At the top of the hill (1.7 miles from SR 555) turn right at the intersection. The MC&C roadbed gradually joins Co. 6 from the right as Co. 6 proceeds east. Where Co. 6 takes a sharp left to the left, the MC&C crossed to what is now Walsh Road heading toward the Dunbar piers. Continue on CR 6 for 1.6 miles. At the bottom of hill after you cross the bridge is a good pull-off spot. Continue on to the 4.0 mile mark and turn left onto Falls Runs Rd. Go .3 miles to:

**Boord State Nature Preserve** - parking area on your left. Park here and walk the trails or drive farther on to .5 mile and .8 mile to two pull-off spots to stop, listen and watch for birds down in the preserve's hemlock ravine. The road will continue for a total of 1.9 miles through private land. At 1.6 miles is a blue oil tank on the right. From here to the dead end, you may see **vesper sparrows** and **Henslow's sparrows** in the open pasture.

At the **1.9 mark** is a barn on the left and a turn around spot on your right. Turn around (the road beyond is private), listen again for the **sparrows**.

Return on Fall's Run Road to left on Burnett Road. At .6 mile turn right onto SR 550 back east toward Marietta.

3.6 miles from this intersection is:

**The Barlow Rest Area** - on the left where **red-headed woodpeckers** have been found.

.6 mile further on is:

**The village of Barlow** - where there is a general store and various eateries.

From here it is 11.3 miles back to your starting point of St. Rt. 7 and St. Rt. 550.

As you pass the sign to Goodfellow's Park, note the earthen dam in the distance. That was the roadbed for the MC&C on its way to the Stone Quarry. From here on east you will parallel the MC&C roadbed (on the south side of SR 550) to the community of Tunnel where the railroad grade gradually climbs the hill to where the tunnel toward the Ohio River Valley used to be.

We hope you have enjoyed this trail. (Suggestions may be made at 373-3372). These are but a few of the birding opportunities in Washington County. Please consider exploring the other 3 driving trails or find your own special places.

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