

## Area Highlights

Howell Island Conservation Area is 2,548 acres. The area is located just west of the Spirit of St. Louis Airport along North Eatherton Road. Access to the island is by boat only. This island area is mostly forested with bottomland trees such as cottonwood and sycamore, but shrub/grass fields also provide important habitat for wildlife. It is surrounded by the Missouri River and Centaur Chute. Howell Island Conservation Area is located in St. Charles County, across the Missouri River from the Weldon Spring Conservation Area. This island was purchased by the Conservation Department in 1978.

## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking  
Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

*Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized fishing and hunting activities.*

- No horseback riding.
- No open fires.
- No fireworks.
- No target shooting.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Bicycling is allowed on designated trails only.

## Fishing

*Fishing is allowed under statewide regulations.*

## Hunting and Trapping

*Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:*

- Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited, except furbearers treed with the aid of dogs may be taken with a twenty-two (.22) or smaller caliber rimfire firearm.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations. Only Archery methods may be used for deer hunting.

- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows.
- Hunters may not hunt on or within 100 feet of any trails, or roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may not be taken with firearms.

## Nearby Department Areas

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area  
Weldon Spring Conservation Area

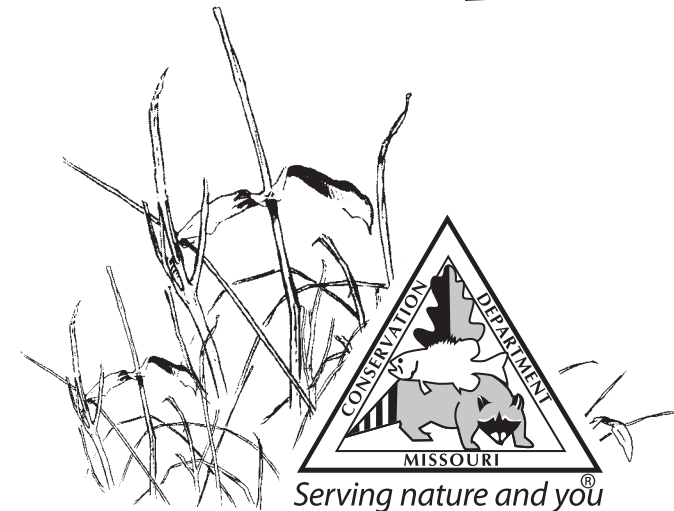
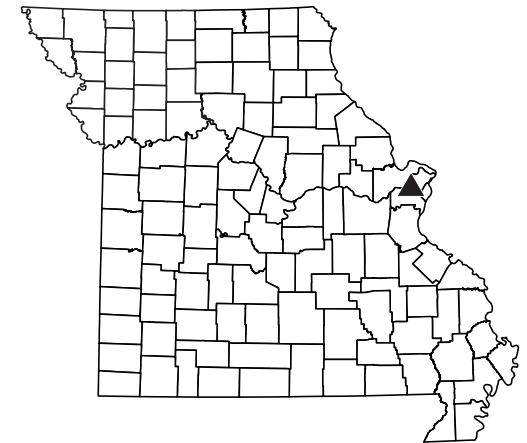
## For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation  
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St. Charles, MO 63304  
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*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*

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## CONSERVATION AREA



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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp).) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, 573-751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to Chief, Public Civil Rights, Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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