

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Hiking — Hunting
Outdoor Photography — Wildlife Viewing

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

- No littering, digging, fireworks, target shooting, open fires, camping, ATVs, UTVs, or motor bikes.
- Motor vehicles and horseback riding are restricted to graveled surfaces only. All other access is by walk-in only.
- Do not park in front of or block gates.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use. The taking of wild greens is prohibited on locations designated as Natural Areas. Destroying, cutting, or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Feeding and baiting of wildlife is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- All small game hunters must obtain an area daily hunting permit at a self-check box located at the parking lots prior to hunting. Hunters must carry this card while hunting and return completed card to one of the self-check boxes after hunting. Deer and turkey hunters do not need to complete a daily hunting permit.
- Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited. Only archery methods may be used.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.

- Portable tree stands may only be used between September 1 and January 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number, of the user and must be removed from the area by February 1st. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from non-woody vegetation.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.
- For safety reasons, single projectile firearms are not permitted.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2302 County Park Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 290-5730

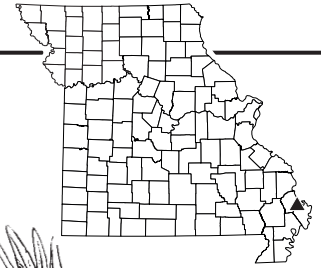
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/ladrules/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, national origin, sex, age 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 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

Sand Prairie

CONSERVATION AREA



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