

About this Area

Dr. Bernard Bruns Access was purchased in 1978 with Design for Conservation funds. Access to the river for canoes and small carry-in boats is provided.

Recreational Opportunities

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

Rules and Regulations

Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas where these activities are permitted.

- Groups of more than 10 people and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Camping is allowed along interior roads and parking lots. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. No amenities are provided. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations.

- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.

Hunting and Trapping

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Trapping allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled, on durable material, with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Field trials are prohibited.
- Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows (*Salicaceae*) and nonwoody vegetation.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
USDA Service Center
1315 E. Main
Linn, MO 65051
(573) 897-3797

OR

Central Regional Office
3500 E Gans Road
Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 815-7900

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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/5csr/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.

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