

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Fishing — Wildlife Viewing
Hiking — Outdoor Photography — Hunting

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks or open fires.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Target shooting is not allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving, and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Daily limit is 6 black bass, 4 catfish (includes channel, blue and flathead) and 30 crappie. Total of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- All channel catfish less than 16 inches must be released immediately after being caught.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken from waters open to fishing or hunting during the statewide season in accordance with statewide limits and methods except firearms may not be used.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.

- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only by special use permit.
- Boats may be used but may not be left unattended overnight.
- Only electric motors are permitted.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Tywappity Community Lake is closed to hunting.
- Tywappity Towersite is open to hunting but only archery methods may be used for deer hunting.
- Deer and Turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Portable tree stands may be placed and used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number, of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.

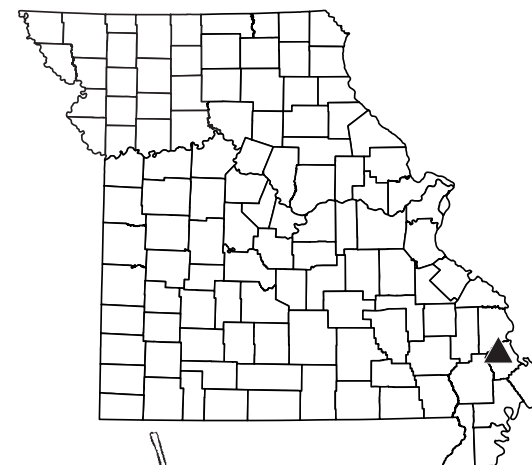
For information, contact:
Southeast Regional Office
2302 County Park Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 290-5730

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/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, PO 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.

Tywappity Community Lake and Towersite



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