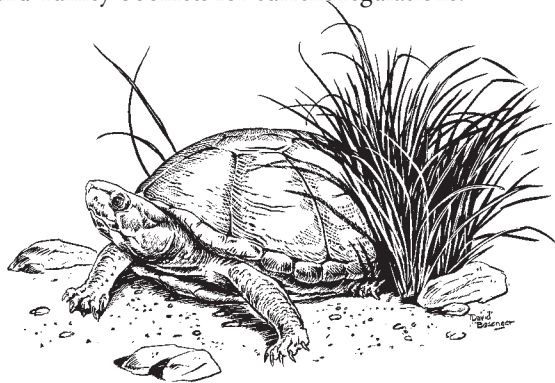


- Taking of bullfrogs and green frogs allowed. Firearms may not be used to take bullfrogs and green frogs. Frogs may be taken by hand, handnet, gig, longbow, snagging, snaring, grabbing or pole and line and only on waters open to fishing. An artificial light may be used.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds
- Boats, including sailboats, may be used on lakes and ponds designated as open to boats. Boats may not be left unattended overnight. Only electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds of less than 70 acres.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- Deer hunting is restricted to archery methods only, except for those selected to participate in the special antlerless only muzzleloading hunt conducted on the area. The special antlerless only muzzleloading hunt may not be offered every year. Hunters wanting to participate in this special hunt must apply for a permit through the managed hunt system.
- During managed deer hunts all other hunting prohibited.
- Besides the special antlerless only muzzleloading hunt, firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.



- 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 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
Central Regional Office
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Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 815-7900

Visit us at:

www.mdc.mo.gov

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

Reform

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.) 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.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

About this Area

Reform Conservation Area is 9 miles east of Fulton on Route O. Area may be closed by Ameren Union Electric during an Imminent or Elevated Threat Alert issued by the Division of Homeland Security.

The Reform Conservation Area (CA) was purchased by AmerenUE for the purpose of producing electricity from the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant. The majority of the area is leased to the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) to provide quality recreational opportunities, including hiking, nature study, hunting, and fishing to citizens of Missouri. The Reform Conservation Area (CA) is a 3,280-acre located in Southeastern Callaway Count with approximately 2,900 acres available for public use. Reform CA contains a diversity of land types, including openlands (today primarily cropland, pastureland, and other grasslands), forest and woodlands, and a very small portion of the Missouri River floodplain. The land that comprises Reform CA has a unique history. The northern portion of Reform CA encompasses the bulk of the historic Coats' Prairie. Coats' Prairie, named after Reverend William Coats, was one of the earlier settlements in Callaway County. William Coats settled on the Prairie in 1817 and by 1830 most of the Prairie was occupied by several families with small homesteads (40 - 160 acres). Consequently, most of Coats' Prairie has a long history of conversion from native prairie to agriculture and development. The southern portion of Reform, which was primarily a matrix of prairie, woodland, and forest, was generally settled by the 1860's. Although not as extensively, it has also undergone conversion from natural communities to agriculture and other development. The "town" of Reform, which was located in the northeastern portion of the CA, was settled in 1830. Although Reform was never officially platted as a town by 1884, the area had mail service, three churches, a saw and flour mill, a general store, blacksmith, wagonmaker, and a population of 150.

In the early 1970's, AmerenUE purchased much of the Coats' Prairie region to begin developing a nuclear power plant. By 1975, AmerenUE had completed the purchase of present-day Reform CA and had built its Callaway Nuclear Power Plant. In 1975, AmerenUE entered into a cooperative agreement with the MDC to manage the majority of the property as a public use area. The initial plan called for development and implementation of fish, forest, and wildlife management plans, as well as several forms of public recreation. This cooperative arrangement has continued to the present time. The Reform CA is a popular destination for deer hunting (archery methods only) and turkey hunting. The area is also known as a good place to collect blackberries in the summer months.

Recreational Opportunities

*Bird Watching – Fishing – Frogging – Hiking
Hunting – Wildlife Viewing – Outdoor Photography*

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 prohibited.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- 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.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and park-

ing lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.

- Field trials are prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one person at any time.
- On impounded waters, daily limits are six black bass, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue or flathead) and 30 crappie. All other fish are not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught in area ponds.
- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.

