

- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.
- Deer hunting is permitted on the area under the following regulations:
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Fall turkeys may be hunted by archery methods only.
- Pheasant hunting is prohibited.

Waterfowl Hunting

- All waterfowl hunters must obtain a Daily Waterfowl Tag prior to hunting. Hunting opportunity is allocated through a daily morning drawing held approximately two hours prior to shooting hours.
- Waterfowl hunting in designated areas closes at 1 p.m. daily. After the close of the prescribed duck season, portions of the area may be open for goose hunting in designated pools.
- Waterfowl hunters must check out immediately after the close of their hunting trip and prior to processing birds by accurately recording their harvest and returning their Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag to the Hunter Check In Room located on the north side of the area headquarters.
- Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited.
- The area is closed to waterfowl hunting on Christmas day.



Welcome

Missouri is a state rich in history, folklore and natural resources. The Conservation Department encourages you to visit, use and enjoy this area and other Department areas.

Lands surrounding Grand Pass Conservation Area belong to private landowners. The boundaries adjoining private property are clearly marked. Please respect landowners' rights with these simple courtesies: obtain permission before going on private property, pick up all litter, be careful with fire, do not damage property, practice safe hunting.

Nearby Department Areas

Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area
 Baltimore Bend Conservation Area
 Fountain Grove Conservation Area
 Bunch Hollow Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

Grand Pass Conservation Area
 32949 Highway N
 Miami, MO 65344
 660/595-2444

For seasonal information, call:
 660/595-2437

or
 Chillicothe Office
 660/646-6122

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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.

Grand Pass

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

About This Area

Grand Pass Conservation Area is in Saline County, 5 miles southwest of Miami. Six miles of the 5,301-acre area fronts the Missouri River.

The Conservation Department purchased 2,100 acres in 1980, 2,611 acres in 1984 and 385 acres in 1994 and leased 205 more acres in 1986 to form Grand Pass Conservation Area.

The area consists of Missouri River bottomlands, including wetlands, adjacent river islands, agricultural units and timber tracts.

Area development includes levees and water control structures. Waterways and pumps help manage these Missouri River wetlands and restore and maintain habitat for migratory wetland species and associated resident wildlife.

Wetland management consists of providing fall and spring flooded habitat for migratory birds and emergent marshes for resident and breeding wetland wildlife.

Things to Do

- Hunting: Waterfowl, deer, rabbits, doves, quail, turkey and squirrels are found on the area.
- Fishing: Catfishing is popular along the six miles of Missouri River frontage. Sloughs, borrows and marshes provide additional fishing opportunities.
- Primitive camping is permitted only in areas identified on area map. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Total camping days on all department lands are limited to thirty (30) days within one (1) calendar year. Groups of 10 campers or more must obtain a special use permit.
- Hiking.
- Nature study and wildlife viewing.
- Outdoor photography.
- Frogging.

Grand Pass Conservation Area is one of Missouri's designated Watchable Wildlife sites. The Watchable Wildlife Program provides recreational opportunities and opportunities for people to learn about plants and animals, land and wildlife management and conservation practices.

Rules and Regulations

Area hours: Open daily from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Camping, hunting, fishing, dog training and launching and landing boats are permitted at any time when authorized.

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Groups of 10 people or more must obtain a special-use permit.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to graveled roadways and parking areas.
- Camping is permitted only in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Multi-use trails and service roads (if any) can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Aircraft and commercial vending are prohibited from the area.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted from March 2 through Oct. 14. The following special regulations also apply.

- On impoundments, fish may be taken only by pole and line and no more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person. However, carp, buffalo, suckers and gar may be taken by gig, longbow or crossbow during the statewide season.
- On impoundments, daily limits are six black bass, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. All other fish, statewide limits, but the total number taken may not exceed 20.
- On impoundments, all black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Statewide regulations on limits and methods apply to fishing in the Missouri River.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, pole and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow, only on waters and

within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing.

- Seining or trapping live bait, excluding all frogs and tadpoles in compliance with 3 CSR 10-6.605 is permitted on designated lakes and ponds.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.