

## About This Area

Oak Ridge Conservation Area is in Stoddard County, immediately west of the city limits of Dudley. Highway 114 (Old Highway 60) forms the northern boundary of and provides access to this 243-acre area. The conservation area is located on the broad, flat Dudley Ridge, and there is little elevation change. Bottomland hardwood species dominates the forested acreage. The area is one of the few remaining tracts of timber for miles around the town of Dudley. Management of the area is based on the concept of multiple use. During your visit to the area you may view various forest improvement practices designed to improve tree growth, quality, species composition, wildlife habitat, and maintain watershed quality.

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Hiking — Hunting  
Photography — Wildlife Viewing

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks or open fires.
- Do not park in front of or block gates.
- 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.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Primitive camping is permitted only in designated areas on the area map and are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 campers or more must obtain a special use permit.
- Target shooting is not allowed.

## Hunting and Trapping

*Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:*

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey leaflets for current regulations.
- Portable tree stands may be 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.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.

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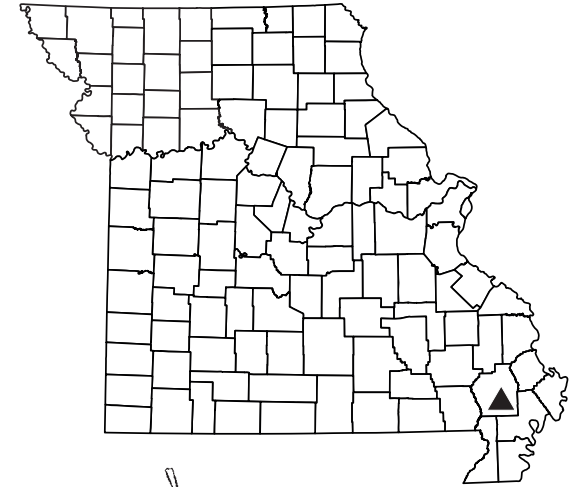
*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*

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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](http://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.

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