

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting –
Outdoor Photography

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires. Pitted fires only in designated areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- 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 roadways and parking areas.
- 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 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.
- Groups of 10 or more people must obtain a special-use permit.
- No target shooting allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply:

- On streams, fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. Other restrictions may apply to specific ponds, lakes and stream segments.
- On impounded waters, daily limits are 6 black bass, 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead) and 30 crappie. All other fish taken may not exceed a combined total of 20.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. Pole and line methods only.
- 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, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all lakes and ponds.
- Boats may not be stored or left unattended overnight.
- Electric motors only are allowed.

Hunting and Trapping:

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: archery antlerless and firearms antlerless permits may not be used. 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.
 - Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area before Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
 - Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
 - Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
701 James McCarthy Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64507-2298
816/271-3100

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/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.

Bluffwoods

Goodell Memorial Annex

CONSERVATION AREA



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