

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Camping – Fishing – Hiking
Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife
Viewing

Conservation Areas are closed from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.

- 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 allowed on or adjacent to all area parking lots. No unattended open campfires allowed. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed **EXCEPT** during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. Same rules apply.
- 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.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- No target shooting allowed.

Fishing and Boating:

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

- On area ponds all largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be released immediately. Only poles or rods with attached lines may be used and not more than three poles or rods may be used by one person. Daily limits

on ponds are 6 black bass, 4 channel catfish, and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.

- On area ponds seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

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

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

Nearby Department Areas

Montgomery Woods Conservation Area
Atlanta-Long Branch Conservation Area
Sugar Creek Conservation Area
Big Creek Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

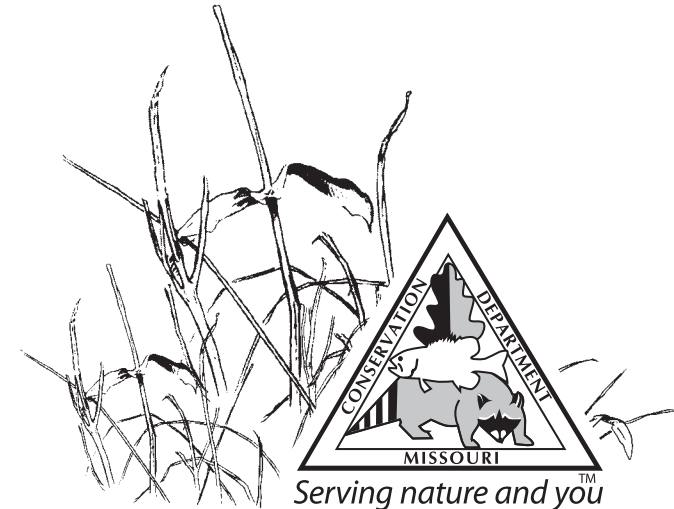
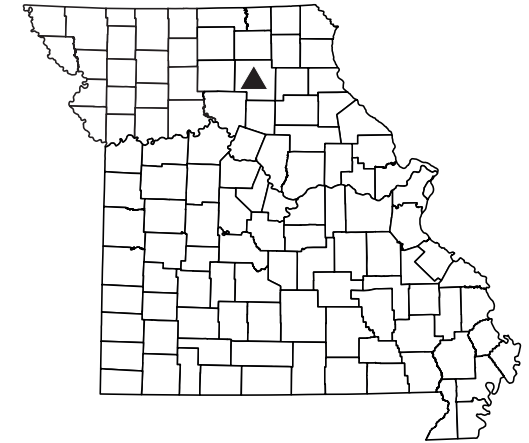
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Additional area information is posted on our website and on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices. 12/2021

(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.

Hidden Hollow

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION