

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching - Bicycling - Fishing - Hiking - Horseback Riding - 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. Trash must be removed from area and disposed of in a proper manner.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated camping 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 except nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to graveled roadways and parking areas.
- Horseback riding is permitted only on roads open to motor vehicles and on designated multi-use trails. Horseback riding on service roads and field access trails is prohibited. No "cross country" riding. The multi-use trail is closed to equestrian use during all portions of the firearm deer hunting season and the spring turkey season.
- 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.
- Bicycles allowed on multi-use trails and designated service roads except during all portions of the firearm deer and spring turkey seasons. Multi-use trails and service roads (if any) can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and line and no more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- 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.
- On lakes and ponds, daily limits are six black bass, four

catfish and 30 crappie. All other fish, statewide limits, but the total number taken may not exceed 20.

- On lakes and ponds, all black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- 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
- 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.
- 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.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation

St Joseph Office: 816/271-3100

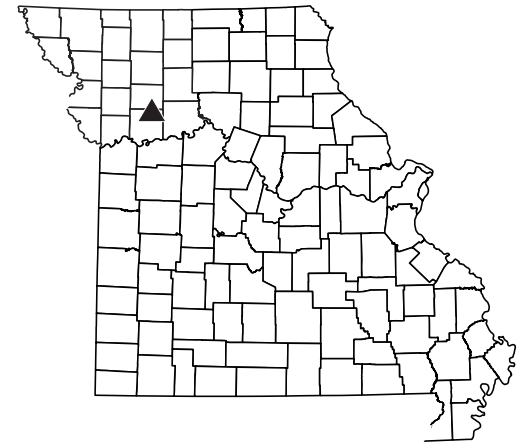
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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available 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.

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