

Area Highlights

Huzzah Conservation Area is located in Crawford County, southeast of Leasburg on Highway H and northeast of Steelville on Highway E. The area consists of 6,225 acres. Rugged forest terrain, the Meramec River and Huzzah and Courtois creeks draw many visitors to this area. The Ozark Hiking Trail allows hikers access to many of the unique features. The Narrows feature extremely steep topography and rapidly changing vegetation from ridge to creek bottom. Timber harvests have been used to produce a variety of forage and cover for wildlife, and to maintain forest health.

Recreational Opportunities

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

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

- No open fires except in designated areas.
- 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. Taking of greens from natural areas is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roads and in parking areas.
- Horseback riding is permitted only on roads open to vehicles. The use of any part of this forest for commercially operated trail rides is prohibited. Overnight boarding of horses is prohibited. Horses are prohibited in camping and picnic areas. Horses are prohibited on the Colonel Plassmeyer Wildlife Viewing Trail.
- Camping in designated areas allowed from September 15 through May 15. Day use only through the remainder of the year.
- Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of more than 10 campers need a special-use permit.
- Bicycling is allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at:
<https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Target shooting is permitted only at the shooting range.
- The 6.5-mile Colonel Plassmeyer Wildlife Viewing Trail (a segment of the Ozark Hiking Trail) crosses the area.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited, except that gizzard shad may be taken by dip net or throw net.
- All rock bass (goggle-eye) less than 8 inches total length must be released unharmed immediately after being caught.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 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 February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.
- Limited Mobility Access is permitted by special-use permit.

For local information, contact:

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2360 Highway D
St. Charles, MO 63304
(636) 441-4554

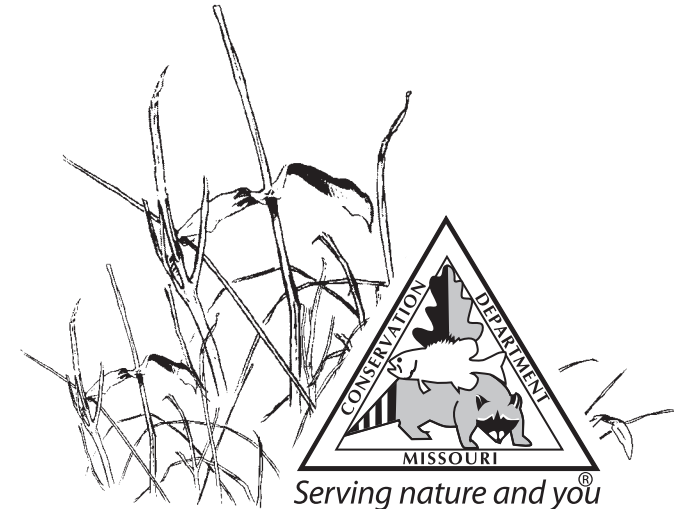
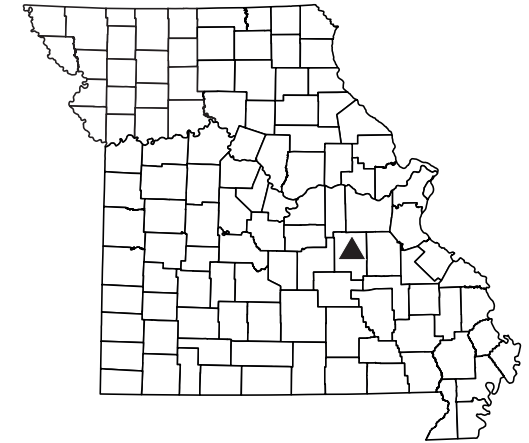
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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.) 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, P.O. 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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