

Area Highlights

Meramec Conservation Area/Arthur G. Heyne Memorial Annex is located in southern Franklin County. From I-44 near Sullivan, take Highway 185 south approximately 5 miles to entrance.

Much of the land for the area was purchased by the state between 1925 and 1930. In 1980, 166 additional acres were donated by Dorothy Hill in memory of Arthur Heyne. The Meramec River borders the west side of the area. Scenic overlooks provide a view of the river valley and surrounding hills. The area is mainly forested.

During your visit to Meramec Conservation Area, you may explore the .1-mile Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) trail, the 1.3-mile disabled accessible trail, the 5.5-mile hiking trail and the 10.5-mile multiple-use trail. Historic sites include the town of Reedville, the first state nursery, CCC Camp 2728, Lone Hill fire lookout tower and old mines. Brochures for the historic CCC camp can be found at the camp site.

Recreational Opportunities

Bicycling – Hiking – Horseback Riding – Hunting

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

- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- 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.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads except during all portions of the firearms deer-hunting season and the spring turkey-hunting season. Groups of more than 10 people must obtain a special-use permit. Multi-use trails and service roads (if any) can be located at: <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- Climbing on the bluffs is prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Frogs may not be taken in the wildlife refuge.
- Spotted bass special area management regulations apply to stream fishing.
- All goggle-eye less than 8 inches in total length must be released unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting and trapping are not allowed in the wildlife refuge. The rest of the area is open to hunting under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- **Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.**
- 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.

For local information, contact:

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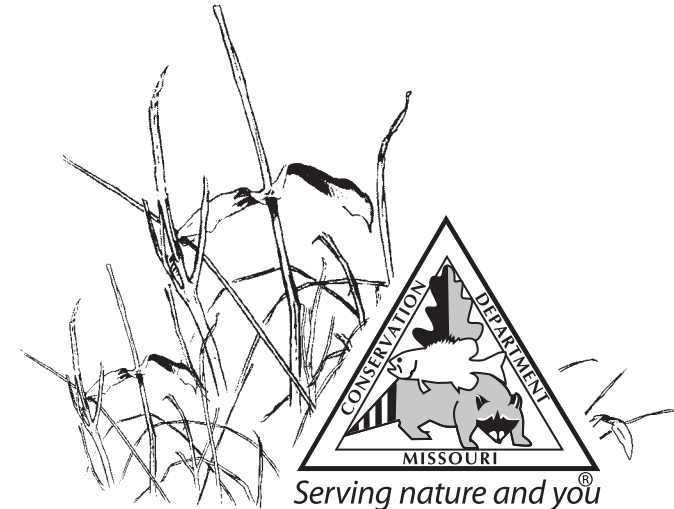
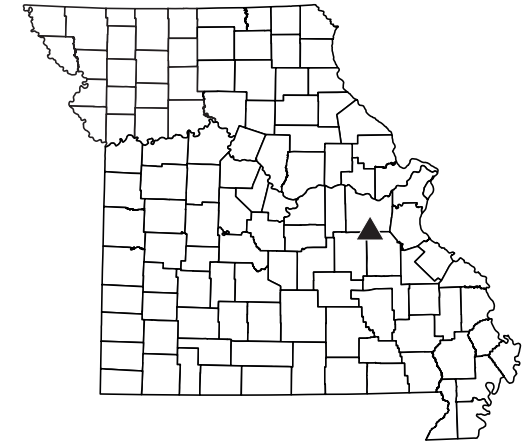
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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.) 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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