

## Recreational Opportunities

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

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

- No littering. Remove waste from the area and dispose of it properly.
- Unattended camp or warming fires are prohibited. All fires may be restricted during times of extreme fire danger. All fires must be contained and thoroughly extinguished before being left. No live trees may be cut for firewood, except with a fuelwood cutting permit issued by the Area Manager.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- No target shooting allowed
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Vehicle use is restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking areas unless otherwise posted.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Multi-use trails and service roads (if any) 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.

## Fishing and Boating

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

- On Little Compton Lake, the daily limits are six black bass, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue) and 30 crappie.
- Daily limits for hybrid striped bass is four fish of which all must be 20" total length or longer. All hybrid striped bass less than 20" total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Daily limit for flathead catfish is four fish of which all must be 24" total length or longer. All flathead catfish less than 24" total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. All other fish, statewide limits, except that the total number taken may not exceed 20. All black bass more than 12 inches and less than 15 inches in total length must be released unharmed immediately after being caught.

- 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 and only during dates and times when those waters are open to fishing or hunting.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all lakes and ponds.
- Salvage seining of other fish as designated in 3 CSR 10-6.550 may be permitted seasonally for personal use with a special use permit.
- 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. Deer and Turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Trukey or Fall Deer and Trukey booklets for current regulations.

The following special regulations also apply.

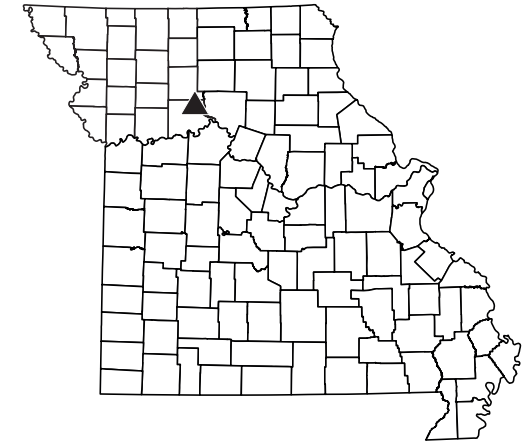
- Deer may be hunted only with archery and muzzleloading methods.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the 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 onsite, 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:  
Grand Pass Conservation (660) 595-2444  
or  
Chillicothe Office (660) 646-6122

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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](http://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.

# LITTLE COMPTON CONSERVATION AREA



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