

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting – Wildlife Viewing

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- 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. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are allowed only on graveled public roadways and parking areas unless otherwise posted.
- 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, horses, and horseback riding are allowed only on roads open to vehicles.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing and sailboarding are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- On lakes and ponds, daily limits are six black bass and four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. All other fish are not to exceed 20 in the aggregate. Pole and line methods only on impounded waters. Pole and line methods only, not to exceed 3 poles per person.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water 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, only on waters and

within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing, or hunting.

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all impounded waters and their discharge channels.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.

Hunting and Trapping

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

- Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed from Sept. 1 and 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 step and any other materials or method that would damage the tree is 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:

Nodaway Valley CA 660/446-3371

or

St. Joseph Regional 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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