

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking –
Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing
Conservation Areas are closed from 10 pm to 4 am
except for authorized camping and fishing activities.

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- No camping.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined.
- Groups of 10 or more must obtain a special use permit.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to graveled roadways and parking areas.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>. Horseback riding is permitted only on roads open to vehicles.
- No firearms 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 impounded waters, fish may be taken only by pole and line and no more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- Daily limits are six black bass, four catfish (flathead and channel in aggregate), and 30 crappie. All other fish, statewide limits, but the total number taken may not exceed 20.
- 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 black bass less than 15" 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, or pole and line and only during dates and times when those waters are open to fishing or hunting. Firearms may not be used to take bullfrogs and green frogs.
- 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.
- Only electric motors are permitted on MDC lakes and ponds of less than 70 acres.

Hunting and Trapping

- Hunting is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is allowed only with a special use permit.

For local information, contact:

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Albany Office

508 E Hwy 136

Albany, MO 64402

660/726-3746

or

Northwest Regional Office

701 James McCarthy Drive

St. Joseph, MO 64507

(816)271-3100

*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards
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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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