

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Bicycling — 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.

• **Public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat only, when Mississippi River is at or above twenty-nine (29') feet on the New Madrid gauge.**

- No littering, digging, fireworks, target shooting, open fires, swimming, or speed boating.
- Do not park in front of or block gates.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined 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.
- Vehicles and ATVs are allowed on entrance roadway and in parking area.
- To access the area, cross 2.5 miles of dirt road. Property on both sides of the road is privately owned. Please respect the rights and privacy of the landowners by not leaving the roadway or using it under wet weather conditions. Use of ATV is encouraged on entrance road.
- Primitive camping is permitted in parking lot.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period, with a total of 30 days within a calendar year. Groups of 10 or more need a special use permit.
- Feeding and baiting of wildlife prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 2 unlabeled poles may be used by any person when fishing the Mississippi River.

- When fishing the Mississippi River from Girvin Conservation Area, fishermen are restricted to Mississippi River fishing regulations.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities and may not be left unattended overnight.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.
- Portable tree stands may be placed and used between September 1 and January 31. Each stand must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or conservation number, of the user 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.
- 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.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted only by special use permit.

For local information, contact:

372 US Highway 61
New Madrid, MO 63869
(573)748-5134

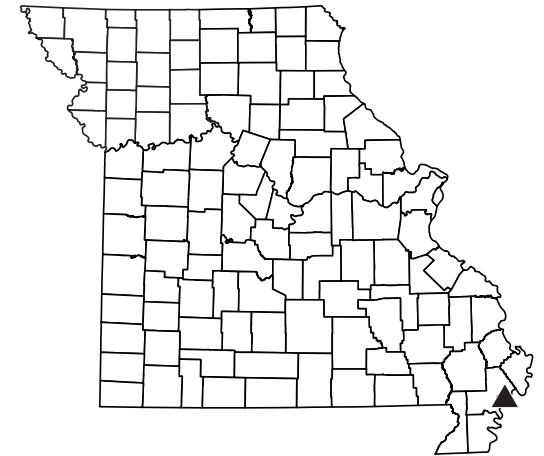
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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, 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.

Girvin Memorial

CONSERVATION AREA



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