

Recreational Opportunities

Hunting – Nature Study – Wildlife Viewing – Outdoor Photography

Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, hunting, and dog training activities.

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- 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.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving, and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

There are no fishing opportunities in this area.

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 the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting pamphlets for current regulations.
- A special access hunting opportunity area is available for mobility impaired users

by special-use permit.

- Portable tree stands may be used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number of the user. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are 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 by special-use permit.

From Lebanon, take I-44 east 5.5 miles, take exit 135 to the South Outer Road and go east 0.1 mile, then Rustic Drive south 1.5 miles.

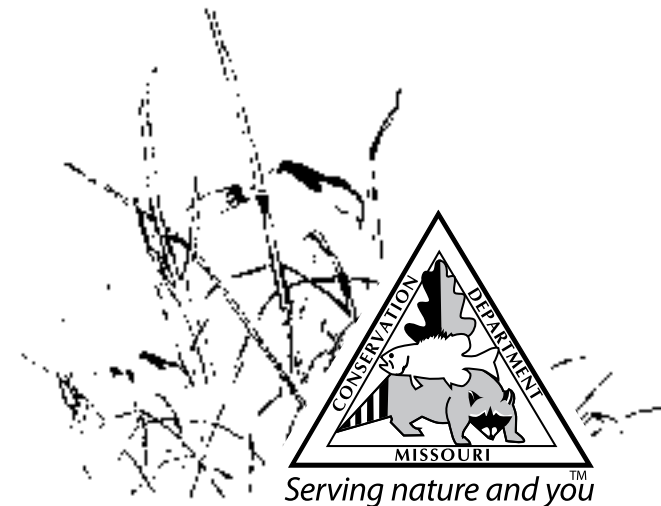
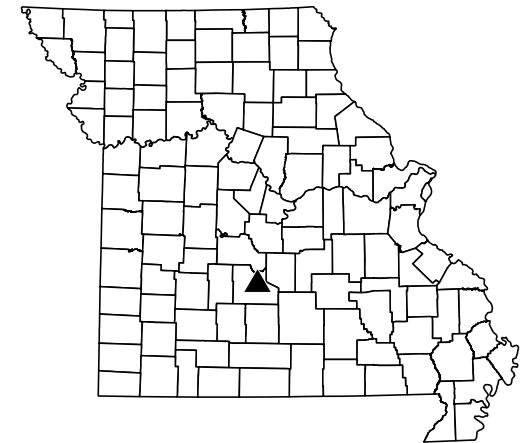
For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2350 South Jefferson
Lebanon, MO 65536
(417) 532-7612

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

Bear Creek

CONSERVATION AREA



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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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