

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.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires, except in designated areas.
- 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 restricted to roadways and parking areas.
- Horseback riding and bicycles are allowed only on roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Camping is permitted in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period, 30-day maximum stay per year. Groups of 10 or more people must obtain a special-use permit.
- Swimming, sailboarding, scuba diving, target shooting, rappelling, water skiing, paintballing or skateboarding are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- 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.
- Boats 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. Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes.

Refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current changes.

- Deer hunting permitted by archery and muzzleloader methods only. Archery antlerless and firearms antlerless permits may not be used.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled with the name and address, or Conservation Number, of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw in steps or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed daily.

For local information, contact

Missouri Department of Conservation

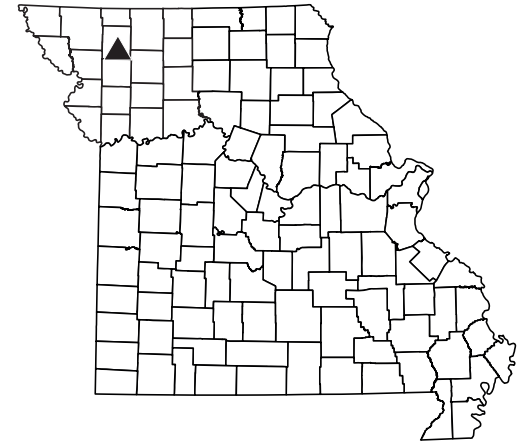
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Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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.

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