

Recreational Opportunities

Wildlife Viewing – Fishing – Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Birdwatching – Bicycling – Horseback Riding

Conservation Areas are open from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas where these activities are permitted.

- Any activity with groups of 10 or more need a special use permit. Contact area manager.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.
- Use of fireworks are prohibited.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption. Digging of roots is prohibited.
- Area has trails open to bicycles and horseback riding. Bicycles and horses must stay on designated trails, service roads, and roads open to vehicles. Groups of 10 or more must obtain a special use permit. Contact area manager.
- Bicycling and horseback riding is prohibited during all firearms deer seasons and all day during the youth turkey season and all day of the regular spring turkey season.
- Vehicles are only permitted on public roadways and in parking lots.
- Camping is allowed anytime in designated camping areas. These may or may not have defined campsites. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. No unattended open campfires allowed. No amenities are provided. Groups of 10 campers or more must obtain a special use permit. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed EXCEPT during firearms deer and turkey seasons. No amenities are provided.
- Field trials prohibited.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all times. Hunting

dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. Hunting permit required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.

- Target shooting is permitted only on designated public shooting ranges. Shooting hours one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. Use shall be in accordance with posted rules or as directed on special use permit. Department reserves the right to inspect permits, firearms and ammunition. Only paper targets attached to provided target holders may be used. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all ranges and associated parking lots.

Fishing and Boating

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

- On lakes and ponds fish may be taken only with pole and line and no more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) person at any time.
- On Deer Ridge Lake daily limits are six black bass, four channel catfish and 30 crappie. All other fish taken may not exceed 20. Black bass more than twelve inches (12") but less than fifteen inches (15") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- The following regulations apply in streams: no more than three (3) unlabeled poles may be used; trotlines, throwlines, limb lines, bank lines and jug lines may be used but no more than 33 hooks may be used at any time; hooks on trotlines must be staged 2 feet apart; hooks and lines must be attended every 24 hours or removed. Unanchored jug lines must be personally attended at all times.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written permission of the Conservation Department.
- Boats, including sailboats, may be used on lakes and ponds designated as open to boats. Boats may not be left unattended overnight.

- Only electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds.

Hunting and Trapping

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

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 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 by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers allowed only with special use permit. Contact area manager.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

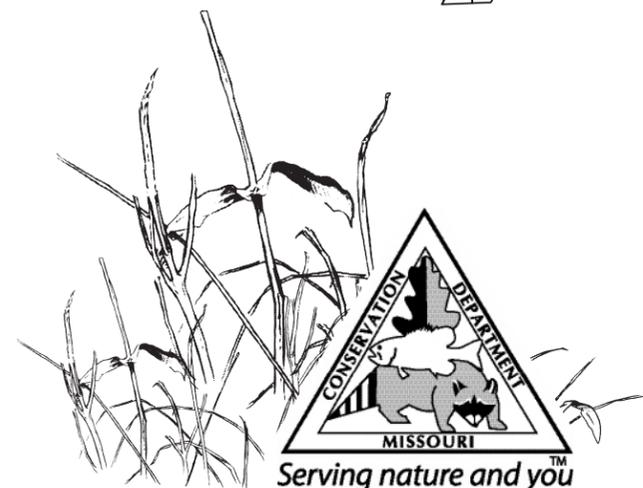
For local information, contact:
Missouri Department of Conservation
Hannibal, MO 63401
(573) 248-2530

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

Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri.

Deer Ridge

CONSERVATION AREA



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