

- Paddlefish may be taken or possessed from March 15 through April 30. All paddlefish less than twenty-four (24") in body length, measured from the eye to the fork of the tail, must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- From February 20 through April 14 walleye and sauger may be taken and possessed only between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset in the unimpounded portions of all streams, except the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. All walleye and sauger less than fifteen inches (15") in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Head and tail must remain attached to all fish while on the waters to which length limits apply, or until checked by an agent of the Conservation Commission.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all lakes and ponds.
- Boats, including sailboats, may be used on lakes and ponds designated as open to boats. Boats may not be left unattended overnight.

Hunting and Trapping

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

- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only 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 before February 1. 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 (Salicaceae) and nonwoody vegetation.
- Trapping is allowed only with a special use permit issued by the area manager.
- No shooting zones occur along area boundaries to avoid shooting near residences. Respect property boundaries and avoid trespass.

- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.

For local information, contact:

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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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About this Area

Lamine River Conservation Area is a transition of interesting landscapes. River bluffs, broad meandering floodplains, and rolling uplands are common features formed with a merging of prairie plain farmlands and river hills. The Lamine River itself is a transition stream that forms with a merging of Richland Creek and Flat Creek near the south end of the area. Richland Creek is a gravel bottomed stream with Ozark like, pool-riffle characteristics. Flat Creek runs a bit wider and slower, more characteristic with a watershed that drains deeper soiled, rolling farm country. The Lamine River enters the Missouri River about 50 miles downstream.

Lamine River was named “Riviere a la Mine”, or “River of the Mine”, by a prospecting party under Phillip Renault, Director-General of the French colonies in America. The group discovered lead on this river in 1723. For a number of years the spelling remained La Mine. Union Troops protected the railroad bridge over the river which was called La Mine Crossing. Eventually the spelling and pronunciation of the river’s name was changed to its present form of Lamine.

Lamine River Conservation Area acquired in 1983, is in southwest Cooper County on the Cooper/Morgan county line, and located about one mile east of Otterville on Highway A. Highway 50 bisects the area.

This 6,019 acre area has uplands that comprise woodlands, oldfields, grasslands, small glades, and scattered small ponds. Uplands transition into broad floodplains where forested river corridors border bottomland forest, cropfields, idle areas, and small wetlands.

Area users can expect to see management practices including warmseason grass and forb plantings; woodland thinning; wetland management; foodplots and planted crops left for wildlife; invasive plant control; and prescribed burning and discing to maintain

early succession habitats attractive for quail, rabbits, and songbirds.

For the hunting enthusiast the area supports good deer, turkey, squirrel, and rabbit numbers, and fair quail and waterfowl numbers. Wildlife viewing opportunities are abundant with seasonal variety of songbirds and migrating waterfowl. The stealthy may glimpse river otter or bobcat. Stream and pond fishing is popular on the area.

Facilities / Features: A concrete boat ramp to Lamine River on Hwy A; four designated camping sites (no amenities); 9 fishable ponds; 12 miles of Lamine River and 3 miles of smaller streams.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Hunting – Fishing – Camping – Hiking – Trapping – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Rules and Regulations

Open for public use 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Bicycle use restricted to service or access roads.
- Target shooting not allowed.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Digging of roots is prohibited.

- Field trials prohibited.
- For any activity with groups of 10 or more a special use permit is required.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are catfish in the aggregate (channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish), four (4); black bass, six (6); crappie, thirty (30); and all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed twenty (20) in the aggregate.
- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) person at any time. Black bass between twelve inches (12”) and fifteen inches (15”) in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. Carp, buffalo, suckers and gar may be taken by gig, longbow or crossbow during statewide seasons.
- On streams, daily limits are six black bass, 10 channel catfish, five blue catfish, five flathead catfish, 15 white, yellow, hybrid and striped bass combined, 15 rock bass and warmouth combined, four walleye and sauger combined, and two paddlefish. All other fish are not to exceed 50 fish in aggregate. Possession limits are twice the daily limit.
- No black bass may be taken or possessed in the unimpounded portion of any stream from March 1 to the Friday before Memorial Day. All black bass less than 12 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- The daily limit of white bass, yellow bass, striped bass and their hybrids may include not more than four (4) fish more than eighteen inches (18”) in total length.