

Recreational Opportunities

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

Department areas are open to public use only from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily; however, hunting, fishing, trapping, dog training, camping, launching boats and landing boats are permitted at any time in areas where these activities are authorized.

Rules and Regulations

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Vehicle use is restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking areas, unless otherwise posted.
- Equestrian use is permitted only on roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Camping by Special Use Permit only for youth groups.
- Bicycles are allowed only on roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Swimming is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

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

- In Bee Creek, fishing is permitted under statewide regulations.
- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person. Other restrictions applying to specific ponds, lakes and stream segments may be posted.
- Salvage seining of other fish may be permitted seasonally for personal use with a Special Use Permit.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken according to statewide seasons and limits.
- Boats may be used and may not be left unattended overnight. Float tubes may be used for authorized fishing and hunting activities.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles is prohibited.
- Only the use of electric motors are permitted.
- Other restrictions for Tobacco Hills Lake:
- All black bass less than 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

- All bluegill less than 8 inches in total length must be returned to the waters unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Other limits and regulations are as posted.
- Daily limits are six black bass, ten bluegill, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead) and 30 crappie. All other fish fall under statewide limits but are not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations, except as further restricted by the following regulations:

- Firearms firing single projectiles larger than .22 caliber rimfire are prohibited.
- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used. The use of antlerless permits is allowed.
- Only bucks that have at least four antler points on one side of their rack may be taken during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons (except the youth portions).
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from Sept. 1 through Jan. 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 Feb. 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 disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by Special Use Permit.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
16800 Settle Station Rd.
Platte City, MO 64079
(816) 858-5718

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/5csr/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.

Guy B. Park

CONSERVATION AREA



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