RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Bird watching — Bicycling — Fishing
Hiking — Hunting

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

• Groups of 10 or more need a special use permit.
• Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.
• Use of fireworks is prohibited.
• Horses and horseback riding are prohibited.
• Bicycling is allowed on service roads and roads open to vehicles.
• Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
• Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed. Camping is allowed along interior roads and/or parking lots. No amenities are provided. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply.
• Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
• Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited. Digging of roots is prohibited on all Conservation areas.
• Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.

Fishing and Boating
Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions on impoundments:

• Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
• Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
• Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.
• Boats may be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.

• 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.
• All black bass more than 12 inches but less than 15 inches must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
• Only electric motors are permitted. Use of houseboats and personal watercraft is prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping
Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

• Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used.
• Single projectile firearms prohibited except small game may be hunted with .22 rimfire or smaller.
• Portable tree stands may be used only 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 tee are prohibited.
• Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.
• Decoys and blinds must be disassembled and removed daily.

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