

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.

- Groups of more than ten (10) people must obtain a special use permit.
- No littering. Waste containers may be used only for disposal of trash generated on area.
- 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. Speed limit is 15 mph, unless otherwise posted.
- Camping is permitted only at designated, numbered campsites and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. No advance reservations may be made. 30 days maximum stay per year.
- Campground quiet hours are in effect from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. All non-campers must leave by 10 p.m.
- Only two camping or sleeping units (car, van, motor home, pickup truck, tent or travel trailer) are permitted at each site. Camping rules are posted in each campground.
- Bicycles and horseback riding are permitted only on roads open to vehicles.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Daily (and possession) limits are 2 (2) black bass, 4 (8) walleye, 30 (60) crappie, 4 (8) hybrid striped bass and 4 (4) catfish. All other species are not to exceed 20 (40) in the aggregate.
- All black bass less than 18 inches in total length, hybrid striped less than 20 inches and all walleye less than 15 inches in total length, must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Heads and tails must remain attached to creel black bass, hybrid striped bass and walleye while on the area, or until fish have been checked by a Conservation Agent.
- Carp may be taken by gig, longbow and crossbow during the statewide season.
- 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 or hunting.

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all impounded waters and their discharge channels.
- Fish may only be taken by pole and line and not more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- Boats must meet all requirements outlined by the Division of Water Safety. Boat motors greater than 10 hp must be operated at no-wake speed.

Hunting and Trapping

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

- Waterfowl hunting is prohibited.
- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and methods except: only archery and muzzleloading methods may 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, and other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be removed daily.

For local information, contact:

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CONSERVATION AREA



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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/53csr/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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