Area Highlights
The area consists of four islands located near river mile 248. The islands are completely forested. A rock dike closes the head of the Stag Island Chute, creating backwater fisheries habitat.

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

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

• No fireworks.
• Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
• Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited. Taking of wild greens from natural areas is prohibited.
• Walk-in camping is allowed year round, except during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. During these seasons, camping is not allowed. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of more than 10 campers need a special-use permit.
• Target shooting is not allowed.

Fishing and Boating
Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations for the Mississippi River with the following exceptions:
• Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited. Gizzard shad may be taken from lakes and ponds by dip net or throw net.
• There are no Conservation Department restrictions on boats and motors used on the waters of the Mississippi River.

Hunting and Trapping
Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:
• Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits.
• 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.
• Waterfowl hunting on the Upper Mississippi Conservation Area is by one of two designations: Open or Restricted. Areas within the Stag Island group are designated as restricted sites. Waterfowl blind sites are designated and issued through a system of registration and drawing conducted every two years (even-numbered years).
• Blinds must be constructed within 10 yards of sites assigned by the Department and to Department specifications by Sept. 20 of each year.
• Blinds may not be locked, transferred, rented or sold.
• Boats may not be left at blind sites overnight.
• Blinds unoccupied at one-half hour before legal shooting time may be used by the first hunter to arrive.

The Stag Island group includes Stag, Little Stag, Hausgen and Jim Crow islands and adjacent backwaters and chutes, which are all part of the Upper Mississippi Conservation Area. These islands are located in river management pool 25, known as the “Winfield Pool,” and stretch between river miles 246 and 249.
• Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

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