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 fishing and hunting activities. Parking or storing watercraft or commercial vehicles on department areas during closed hours is prohibited.

- No littering.
- 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.
- No unattended open campfires allowed.
- Walk-in camping is allowed year round, Except during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. During these seasons camping is not permitted. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers need a special-use permit.
- No target shooting is allowed.

Fishing and Boating
Special regulations apply to the Mississippi River. Consult the “Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations” or www.mdc.mo.gov for more information:
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.
- 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:
- Portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address or conservation number of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Waterfowl hunting on the Upper Mississippi Conservation Area is by one of two designations: Open or Restricted. Gilbert, Blackbird, North and South Fritz, Ducher, and Angle Islands are designated as open sites. Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.

The Upper Mississippi Conservation Area stretches from Mel Price lock and dam at Alton, Illinois to LaGrange, Missouri. It is composed of 87 tracts of federal lands totaling over 11,000 acres.

For local information, contact:
Missouri Department of Conservation
653 Clinic Road
Hannibal, MO. 63401
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Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

(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 on its entirety is available at www.missouripddd.com/current/fs/5000-9000.) 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: MSBP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.)