

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching — Bicycling — Fishing
Hiking — Hunting

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

- Public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat only, when Mississippi River is at or above twenty-eight (28') feet on the Caruthersville Gauge.
- No littering, digging, fireworks, target shooting, open fires, camping, swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, or speed boating.
- Do not park in front of, or block gates.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined 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.
- Vehicles are restricted to graveled surfaces only. All other access is by walk-in only. Speed limit is 20 mph for motorized vehicles.
- Feeding and baiting of wildlife prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exemptions:

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Statewide daily and possession limits shall apply for all species, except that: in lakes and ponds, daily limits are 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish), 6 black bass, 30 crappie; all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released immediately after being caught.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken from waters open to fishing or hunting during the statewide season in accordance with statewide limits and methods except firearms may not be used.
- 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 for fishing and wildlife-related activities and may not be left unattended overnight.
- Electric motors only.
- Gravel Boat Slide into Hosler Bayou may not be usable as a boat ramp during periods of low water levels.
- A small channel between Wolf Bayou and Hosler Bayou is very shallow and narrow; it is prone to naturally occurring log jams that make it impassable by boat.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and methods except: Only archery methods may be used. Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited. All other statewide deer seasons and limits apply.
- Portable tree stands may be placed and used between September 1 and 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.
- 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.
- Only non-toxic shot, as defined and approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, may be possessed and used while hunting. Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited on the area.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted only by special use permit.

**For local information, contact;
Southeast Regional office
2302 County Park Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 290-5730**

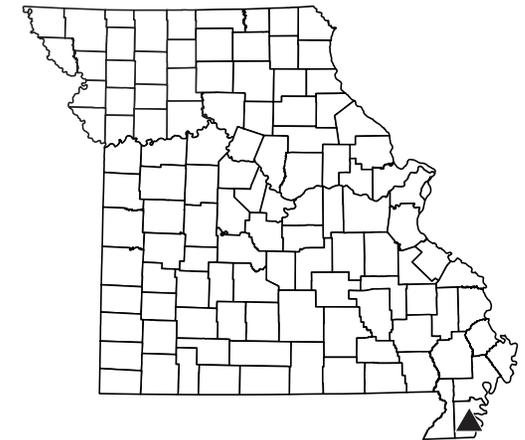
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/5csr.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.

Black Island Wolf Bayou Unit

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION