RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Bird Watching — Bicycling — Camping
Fishing — Hiking — Hunting
Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.
- Bicycling is allowed on service roads and roads open to vehicles.
- Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
- Primitive camping is permitted in designated campsites only.
- Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers need a special use permit.
- 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.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- No target shooting.

Fishing and Boating
Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:
- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Daily limit is 6 black bass, 4 catfish (channel, blue, and flathead combined) and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- All black bass less than 15 inches must be released immediately after being caught.
- All bluegill less than eight inches must be released immediately after being caught. Daily limit is 10.
- 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.
- Only electric motors are permitted.

Hunting and Trapping
Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.
- Portable tree stands may be used 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 tree are 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.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.

For local information, contact:
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Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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(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 at Conservation Department offices.)