RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird watching – 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 horseback riding.
•No fireworks or open fires.
•No littering.
•Bicycling is allowed on service roads and roads open to vehicles.
•Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
•No camping permitted.
•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 locations designated as Natural Areas is prohibited.
•Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
•Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
•For safety reasons target shooting is not permitted.
•Swimming, scuba diving, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions on impoundments:

•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 between 12 and 15 inches must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
•Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
•Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

•Ball Mill Natural Area is closed to hunting.
•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 only 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:
Missouri Department of Conservation
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/3csr/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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