

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping allowed only with special use permit. Contact area manager.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows (Salicaceae) and nonwoody vegetation.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.



Nearby Conservation Areas

Lamine River Conservation Area
Prairie Home Conservation Area
Hite Prairie Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2000 S Limit
Sedalia, MO 65301
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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.

Manito Lake

CONSERVATION AREA



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About this Area

Manito Lake Conservation Area is in western Moniteau County, located 5 miles south of Tip-ton on Highway 5, then 1/2 mile west on East Manito Road. The Conservation Department purchased this 871 acre area in 1981, and a 77 acre lake was built shortly thereafter. Manito is an American Indian word that means “great spirit”. It is also a variation on Moniteau, the county name. The area is predominantly rolling uplands, with a mix of old fields, native warmseason grass plantings, cropfields, shrubby draws, and small timbered blocks. The area is managed to provide year-round food and cover for wildlife. The general management focus is on rabbits, quail, open and grassland songbirds like dickcissels, the sometimes more elusive grasshopper sparrow, or less common Henslow’s sparrow. Birders can find a seasonal variety of songbirds associated with the openlands, woodlands and lake. Waterfowlers likewise would appreciate the seasonal waterfowl attraction to the lake. Public use facilities include disable-accessible fishing, parking, and toilets. A boat ramp provides access to the lake, and perimeter parking areas give area users reasonable parking and walk-in access to the area.



Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting- Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Rules and Regulations

Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting fishing, trapping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas where these activities are permitted.

- Digging of roots is prohibited on all Conservation areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Bicycle use restricted to service or access roads.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. Hunting permit required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Camping is prohibited on the area.
- Field trials prohibited
- Target shooting not allowed.
- Vehicles are only permitted on public roadways and in parking lots.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- On lakes and ponds fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one person at any time.
- Daily limits are 6 black bass and 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish), and 30 crappie. All other fish fall under statewide limits, but the total number taken may not exceed 20.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight. Houseboats are prohibited.
- Electric motors only are allowed on area ponds. On Manito Lake, electric motors may be used, but motors over 10 horsepower must be operated at a slow, no-wake speed.
- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.

