



## About this Area

Canaan Conservation Area is located in Gasconade County, near Bland. Take Highway A about 2.9 miles north from Bland, or about 9.5 miles south on Route A from Mt. Sterling, to Boettcher Road. Go east on Boettcher Road 1.5 miles to main entrance on right. The area has four (4) parking areas. Canaan Conservation Area contains 1,435 acres, 77% of which are forested or woodland and glade. The area includes 1.4 miles of Clear Fork Creek, 1.2 miles of Sulphur Branch Creek, several small springs, and a deep muck fen. The area also features a scenic north-facing slope adjacent to Sulphur Branch and a glade/woodland complex. The Conservation Department purchased this property in 1980. The first inhabitants of the area were nomadic Indians, who hunted here. Through the efforts of the German Resettlement Society, German immigrants then settled here and began working farms in the 1800s. The conservation area is composed of two of these working farms. The Conservation Department continues to crop a portion of the area. The Department also maintains the warm-season grasses, the deep muck fen, and the woodland/glade complex.

In 2008 the Department opened a multi-use trail that is open to hikers, bicycles and horseback riding. This trail is approximately 10 miles long. Signs of natural community restoration work can be seen where cedar and hardwood trees have been cut to enhance the structure of the area's woodlands.

## Recreational Opportunities

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

## Rules and Regulations

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

- Use of fireworks are prohibited.
- Digging of roots is prohibited on all Conservation areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushroom may be taken only for personal consumption.
- For any activity with groups of 10 or more need a special use permit. Contact area manager.
- Area has trails open to equestrians, hikers, and bicyclists. Groups of 10 or more must obtain a special use permit. Horses and bicycles must stay on designated trails. During Spring Turkey Hunting and Fall Firearms Deer Season, horseback riding is not permitted on Canaan Conservation Area.
- Vehicles are only permitted on public roadways and in parking lots.
- 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 allowed anytime in designated

camping areas. These may or may not have defined campsites. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. Stays are limited to a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days in any thirty (30)-day period.



## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations.*

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.

## Hunting and Trapping

*Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.*

- Decoys and blinds permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows (*Salicaceae*) and nonwoody vegetation.
- Trapping allowed only with special use permit. Contact area manager
- 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.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.



### Nearby Department Areas

Cooper Hill Conservation Area  
Mint Spring Access  
Mint Spring Conservation Area  
Spring Creek Gap Conservation Area

### 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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(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/ladrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/ladrules/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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