

Area Highlights

Blue Springs Creek Conservation Area is 859 acres of forest, grassland and old fields, located in Crawford County. There are two permanent streams, Spring Creek and the Meramec river.

Recreational Opportunities

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

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

- No horseback riding.
- No camping.
- No fireworks or open fires.
- Target shooting is not allowed.
- Dogs must be leashed when not being used for training or hunting.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roads and in parking areas.
- Boats may be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited. The taking of wild greens from natural areas is not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- On Blue Springs Creek, no more than one (1) trout may be possessed and all trout less than 18 inches in total length must be released unharmed immediately after being caught. Artificial flies and lures only may be used for trout fishing.
- Use of live bait, synthetic eggs or soft-bodied lures is prohibited on Blue Springs Creek. Fishing for species other than trout is permitted under statewide regulations.

- Goggle-eye taken from Blue Springs Creek or the Meramec River must be a minimum of 8 inches in length.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all lakes and ponds. Gizzard shad may be taken from lakes and ponds by dip net or throw net.

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 or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.**
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through 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.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

For local information, contact:

Department of Conservation
2360 Highway D
St. Charles, MO 63304
636/441-4554

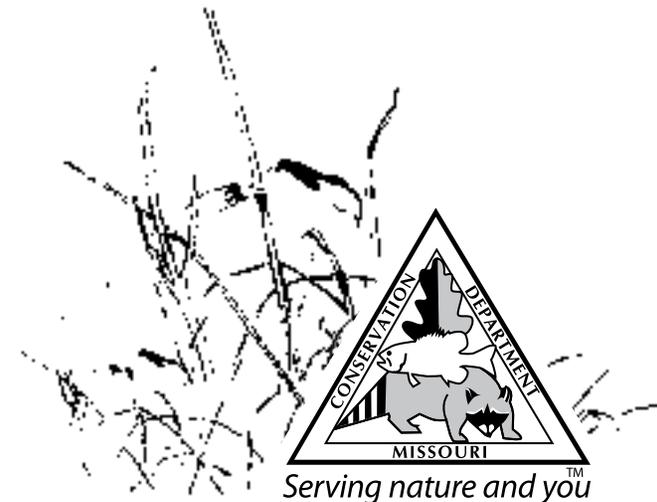
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/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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