RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bicycling — Bird Watching — Fishing
Hiking — Horseback Riding — Hunting
Shooting Range — Wildlife Viewing

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers need a special use permit.
- Horseback riding and bicycles are permitted on marked trails. Groups of 10 or more need a special use permit.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sail boarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Only electric motors are permitted in impounded waters.
- 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.
- Black bass less than 15 inches must be released unharmed immediately after being caught.
- 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.

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. 15 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.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.

Shooting Range

- Unmanned disabled accessible range; archery, pistol/rifle, shotgun.
- Range open ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- Range closed on Tuesday for maintenance.
- Trap and Skeet open March to November. Hours: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For local information, contact:

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