Recreational Opportunities

Bird watching - Bicycling - Fishing - Outdoor Photography - Hiking - Hunting - Wildlife Viewing

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks allowed.
- No open fires allowed.
- 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.
- Unlicensed motor vehicles are prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are allowed only on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Horseback riding is not allowed.
- Camping is not allowed.
- Bicycling is allowed on service roads and roads open to vehicles.
- Target shooting is not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- In lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by any one (1) person.
- In lakes and ponds, black bass more than 12” but less than 15” must be returned to the water immediately after being caught.
- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue, and flathead); 6 black bass, 30 crappie; and all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- 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 the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting pamphlets for current regulations.
- Portable tree stands may 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.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

From Sheldon at exit 88 on I-49, go west on Route N, then (immediately) take Outer Road S south, Outer Road S swings west becoming NW 100th Road, then take NW 10th Lane south, and then NW 80th Road east to the west side of the main tract, or NW 80th west to the 320 acre west tract. To access the east side of the main tract, from Sheldon at the junction of Route B and 1st Street, take 1st Street south, at the junction of S 1st Street and NW/NE 100th Road continue south on NE Division Lane to the area.

For local information, contact:
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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 on its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/drule/contcurrent/contcurrent.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. Forshee Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-400, Arlington, VA 22203.

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