

Recreational Opportunities

Hunting – Fishing – Camping – Hiking – Nature study and wildlife viewing – Bicycling
Outdoor photography

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated areas. Fires must be attended at all times.
- 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.
- Primitive camping is permitted only in spots designated on the area map. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers need a special-use permit.
- Bicycling is allowed on service roads and roads open to vehicles.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Horseback riding is prohibited.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

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 (1) person at any time.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Boats may only be used for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.
- In Ozark streams, black bass may not be possessed from Mar. 1 through the Friday before the fourth Saturday in May.

- 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.
- In lakes and ponds, black bass more than 12” but less than 15” must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer Hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits.
- 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 Preston, take Highway 54 east 2.5 miles. Take Route F north from Highway 54, then gravel road #96 east to the southern portion of the area, or continue north on Highway 54 to P Highway and take P Highway east to its end at the northern tract of the area.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
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Lebanon, MO 65536
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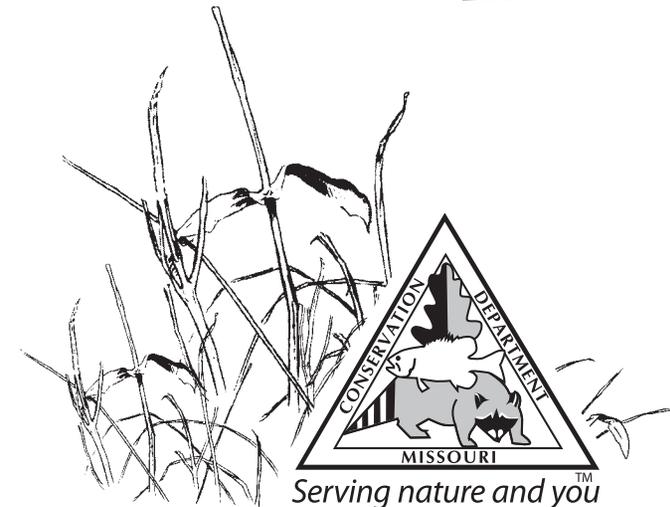
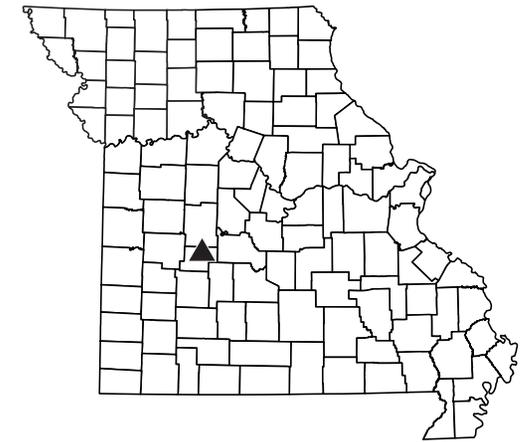
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/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.

Mule Shoe

CONSERVATION AREA



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