

Recreational Opportunities

Fishing – Hiking – Bird Watching – Hunting – 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
- No open fires
- No camping
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, and mushrooms may be taken for personal consumption only. Taking of wild greens from natural areas is not allowed.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to graveled roadways and parking areas.
- Groups of 10 or more must obtain a special use permit.
- Bicycles and horseback riding is permitted only on roads open to vehicles.
- No target shooting.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and line and no more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- On lakes and ponds, daily limits are six black bass and four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish), and 30 crappie. All other fish, statewide limits, but the total number taken may not exceed 20.
- On lakes and ponds, all black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be released immediately after being caught.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, pole and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow, only on waters and within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing or hunting.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all impounded waters and their discharge channels.

- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.
- Electric motors only are allowed.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from Sept. 1 and Jan. 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 Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only with a special use permit.

For local information, contact:

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Albany, MO 64402
(660) 726-3746
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Northwest Regional Office
701 James McCarthy Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64507
(816) 271-3100

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

Pawnee Prairie

NATURAL AREA



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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/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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