

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- Trapping allowed only with special use permit. Contact area manager
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may not be constructed on-site from woody vegetation except for willows (*Salicaceae* spp.)
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.



Nearby Department Areas

Daviddale Conservation Area
Franklin Island Conservation Area
Diana Bend Conservation Area
Rudolf Bennitt Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

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

Moniteau Creek

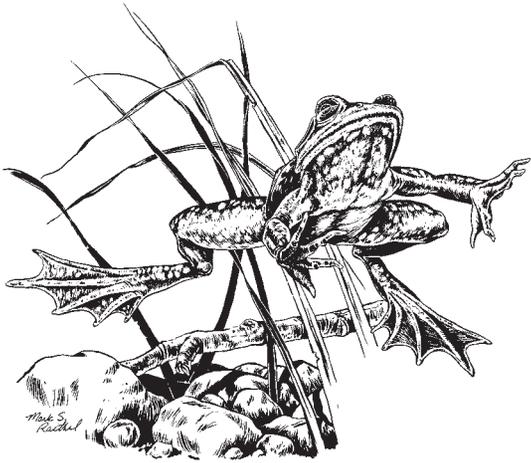
CONSERVATION AREA



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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.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION



About this Area

From Columbia, take I-70 west to Highway 40, from 40 turn north on Route J, and west on Route EE. From EE, take Route A to the area.

Moniteau Creek Conservation Area is in Howard County, not far from Harrisburg. To reach the area take County blacktop Route A south from Highway 124. From Columbia, take I-70 West to Highway 40 to Route J North and turn West on Highway EE. At the intersection with Route W, Route EE becomes Route A. Part of the area is accessible only by taking Highway A to Highway W. Moniteau Creek Conservation Area contains 844 acres and has irregular boundaries. The area is bisected by 2 1/4 miles of Moniteau Creek. The creek is subject to seasonal flooding and often overflows its banks. About 30 percent of the area is in timber, including bottomland hardwoods. The rest of the area is primarily open grasslands, although it also contains small wetlands. The area provides good access to Moniteau Creek, which is deep and meandering and provides good fishing opportunities. The Conservation Department is managing the area primarily for wildlife species associated with grasslands. Cool season grasses

will include timothy and orchard grass, to which lespedeza will be added. Other acreage will be converted to warm-season grasses. Portions of the area have been allowed to revert back to native wetland species such as: pin and swamp white oaks, and various sedges and moist soil plants in wet areas.



Recreational Opportunities

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

Rules and Regulations

Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting fishing, trapping, camping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas where these activities are permitted.

- Digging of roots is prohibited on all Conservation areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Horseback riding and bicycling are only allowed on public roadways open to vehicular traffic.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all times. Hunting

dogs may be used off leash and unconfined for hunting and for the purposes of chasing, locating, tracking, or retrieving game. Any person training hunting dogs must have the required permit. Field trialing and competitions are not permitted.

- Vehicles are only permitted on public roadways and in parking lots.
- Camping is allowed anytime in designated camping areas. These may or may not have defined campsites. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply.
- For any activity with groups of 10 or more may need a special use permit. Contact area manager.

Fishing and Boating

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

- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are catfish in the aggregate (channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish), four (4); black bass, six (6); crappie, thirty (30); and all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed twenty (20) in the aggregate. Black bass more than twelve inches (12”) but less than fifteen inches (15”) total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- Boats are allowed. Only electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds of less than seventy (70) acres and boats may not be left unattended overnight.
- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.