

Area Highlights

The area consists of four islands located near river mile 248. The islands are completely forested. A rock dike closes the head of the Stag Island Chute, creating backwater fisheries habitat.

Recreational Opportunities

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

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

- 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.
- Walk-in camping is allowed year round, **except** during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. During these seasons, camping is not allowed. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of more than 10 campers need a special-use permit.
- Target shooting is not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations for the Mississippi River with the following exceptions:

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited. Gizzard shad may be taken from lakes and ponds by dip net or throw net.
- There are no Conservation Department restrictions on boats and motors used on the waters of the Mississippi River.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 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 February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.

- Waterfowl hunting is under statewide regulations
- Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed daily.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

The Stag Island group includes Stag, Little Stag, Hausgen and Jim Crow islands and adjacent backwaters and chutes, which are all part of the Upper Mississippi Conservation Area. These islands are located in river management pool 25, known as the “Winfield Pool,” and stretch between river miles 246 and 249.

Nearby Department Areas

Cuivre Island Conservation Area
White Memorial Wildlife Area
Logan Conservation Area
B.K. Leach Memorial Conservation Area
Prairie Slough Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

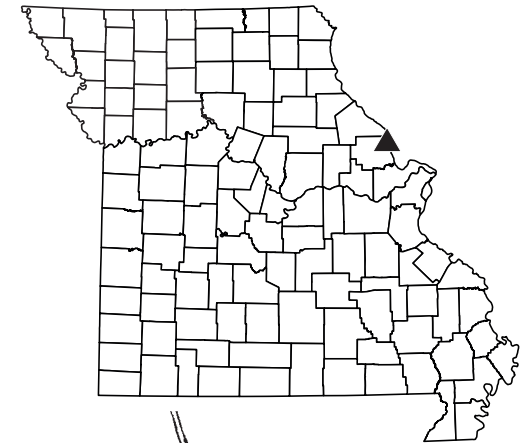
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Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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.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, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, veteran status, 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 Chief, Public Civil Rights, Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Upper Mississippi Stag Island – Pool 25 CONSERVATION AREA



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