

## Directions to Area

Hart Creek Conservation Area is 3/4 mile northwest of Hartsburg on Hart Creek Road.

## Recreational Opportunities

*Bird Watching – Bicycling – Camping – Fishing  
Hiking – Hunting – Outdoor Photography –  
Wildlife Viewing*

*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.*

- Bicycling is allowed on the designated hiking and biking trail. The bicycle and hiking trail can be accessed from the area's parking lot and the nearby KATY Trail.
- Camping is allowed anytime in designated camping areas as well as by walk-in/backpack camping. No amenities are provided. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions or as further restricted by signs or area brochure.*

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- 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.
- 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.

- Statewide daily and possession limits shall apply for all species, except that: 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.

## 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 Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled or 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.
- Trapping is allowed only with special use permit. Contact area manager.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

### For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation  
Central Regional Office  
3500 E Gans Rd  
Columbia, MO 65201  
(573) 815-7900  
[www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov)

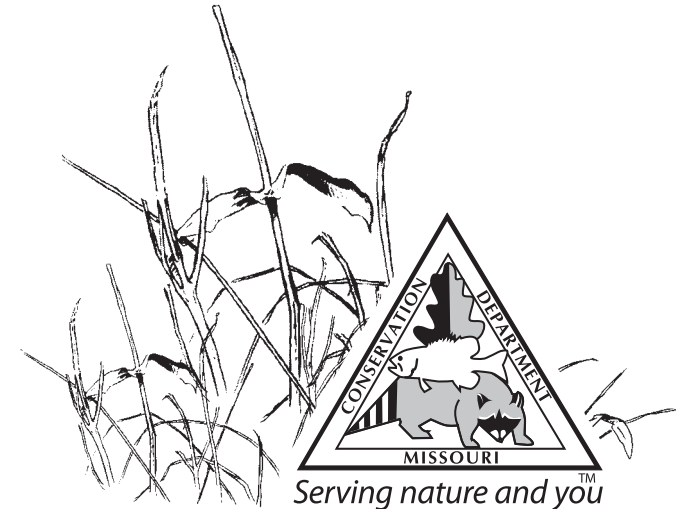
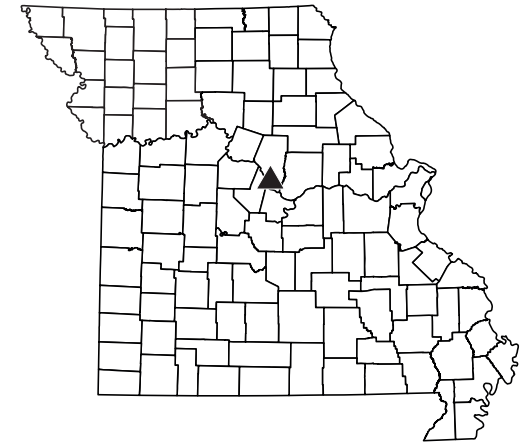
*Additional area information is posted on our website and on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*

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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/3csr.asp](http://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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