

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bicycling — Bird Watching — Fishing
Hiking — Hunting

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

- All public use of the area is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat only, when the Mississippi River water level is at or above 30 feet on the New Madrid gauge.
- No littering, digging, fireworks, target shooting, open fires, swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, or speed boating.
- Motor vehicles and horseback riding are restricted to gravel surfaces only. All other access is by walk-in only. Do not park in front of or block gates.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined 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. Taking of wild greens from locations designated as Natural Areas is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period, with a total of 30 days within a calendar year. Groups of 10 or more need a special use permit.
- Feeding and baiting of wildlife is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.
- Boats may be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.

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 and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only between September 1 through January 31 on areas where deer hunting is allowed, by special use permit, or except as otherwise authorized. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled 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 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.
 - Only non-toxic shot, as defined and approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, may be possessed and used while hunting, with the exception of firearms shooting single projectiles.
 - Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.

**For local information contact:
Missouri Department of Conservation
372 US Highway 61
New Madrid, MO 63869
(573) 748-5134**

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/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.

Seven Island

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION