

About this Area

H.J. Waters and C.B. Moss Memorial Wildlife Area (102 acres) is in Columbia about 1/2-mile west of Highway 63 on Stadium Boulevard and 1/4-mile south on Old 63.

Grindstone Creek Trail, managed by the city of Columbia, passes through the area and connects to the rest of the Grindstone Creek trail system.

Natural features include 75-foot limestone bluffs along Grindstone Creek, which flows 1/4 mile through the area.

Daniel Doresy Moss acquired this property sometime after 1875, and it became known as "Hill Crest Farm". Mr. Moss was an associate professor of chemistry at the University of Missouri and he began the business of producing smallpox vaccine at this location. This business continued for several years until competition in the vaccine business made it more profitable to raise cows on the farm. Dairying became the chief income operation of Hill Crest Farm, and this business, under several ownerships but using the same name, "Hillcrest Dairy", was the primary use of the property. Both Mr. C.B. Moss and Mr. H.J. Waters donated their respective parts of the Hillcrest farm to the Department in 1972.

Recreational Opportunities

*Archery Hunting – Bicycling – Bird Watching
Hiking – 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.

- Groups of more than 10 and some special activities may require a special use permit. Contact area manager for more information.
- Camping, fishing and firearms hunting is prohibited on the area.

- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Digging of roots is prohibited.

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.
- Firearms hunting is prohibited.
- Archery methods only.
- Only portable stands are allowed 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 by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

For local information, contact:

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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.

Waters/Moss Memorial CONSERVATION AREA



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