

Area Highlights

This dolomite glade is a designated Natural Area. Located in central Jefferson County, this 225-acre site is on Route B between Cedar Hill and Hillsboro. These glades have been only lightly disturbed by human activity. The plants and animals here are similar to those that were here at the time of settlement. The glades are dominated by little bluestem, Indian grass, big bluestem and prairie dropseed. The Fremont's leather flower occurs only in this part of Missouri. These glade communities are maintained by periodic prescribed fire and cedar removal. The area features pockets of blackjack oak as well as Eastern red cedar, post oak, flowering dogwood and fragrant sumac. This dry upland forested portion is one of the least disturbed of its type in this region. The small, intermittent streams that drain the glades add diversity. For such a small area, remarkable examples exist of stream ledges, waterfalls, overhangs and pools. Many kinds of snakes and lizards, as well as larger animals such as deer and turkey, inhabit this area.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Hiking – Hunting
Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

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

- No horseback riding.
- No camping.
- No open fires or fireworks.
- No littering.
- No target shooting.
- No bicycling.
- Hiking: Valley View Glades Trail is a marked loop trail that runs 2.6 miles through the glade and an oak-hickory forest.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting. Dog training allowed by special-use permit only.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, and mushrooms may be taken for personal consumption.

- Cutting or removing other vegetation including edible wild greens is prohibited.
- Visitors should observe posted *No Shooting Zones* in areas next to neighboring homes.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited.
- Deer hunting is permitted. According to the Fall Deer and Turkey regulations: only archery methods may be used.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from Sept. 1 through Jan. 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 Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.
- Collection of any wildlife is prohibited.

For local information, contact:

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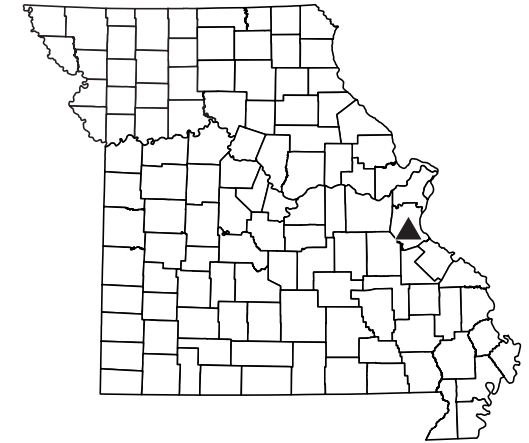
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/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.

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