

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching - Bicycling - Fishing - Hiking - Hunting - Outdoor Photography - Wildlife Viewing - Camping

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

- No littering. Waste containers may be used only for disposal of trash generated on area.
- No fireworks allowed.
- No open fires except in designated camping areas.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting. Special-use permits are required for field and retriever trials.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Primitive camping is permitted at the designated camping areas (see area map). Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of more than 10 need a special-use permit.
- Target shooting is not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Ponds and strip pits are open to fishing unless otherwise posted.
- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released immediately after being caught.
- Daily limit is 6 black bass, 4 channel catfish

and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.

- Other restrictions may apply to specific ponds, lakes, and stream segments.
- 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 (including canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, and sailboats) may not be left unattended overnight. Houseboats, airboats, and personal watercraft are prohibited. Only electric motors may be used.

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 the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting booklets for current regulations.
- Portable tree stands may be used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number of the user. Screw-in steps or other materials 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.
- Trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2630 N Mayfair
Springfield, MO 65803
(417) 895-6880

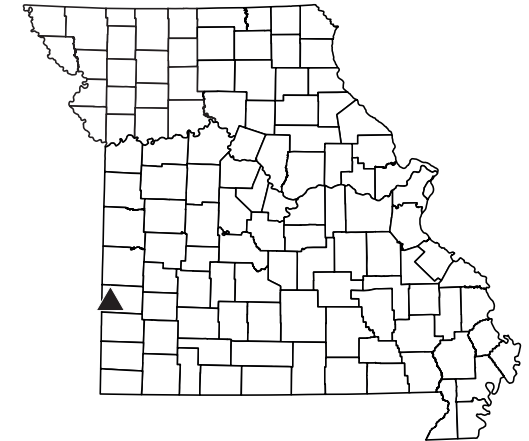
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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.

Shawnee Trail

CONSERVATION AREA



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