

## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting –  
Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

*Conservation Areas are closed from 10:00 pm to  
4:00 am except for fishing and hunting activities.*

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- No camping.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas.
- Groups of 10 or more people must obtain a special-use permit.
- Swimming, sailboarding, scuba diving, water skiing, target shooting, rappelling, water skiing, paint-balling or skateboarding are not allowed.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations.  
The following special regulations also apply.*

- On lakes and ponds, daily limits are 6 black bass and 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue, and flathead catfish). All other fish are not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- On lakes and ponds, all black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and line, and no more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, pole and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or

smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow, only on waters and within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing or hunting.

- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.

## Hunting and Trapping

*Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.*

- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be identified with the name and address, or Conservation Number, of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw in steps, or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trail and game camera are prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed daily.

## For local information, contact:

Lake Paho Conservation Area  
15643 Fathom St.  
Princeton, MO 64673  
(660) 748-3820

or  
Northwest Regional Office  
701 James McCarthy Drive  
St. Joseph, MO 64507  
(816) 271-3100

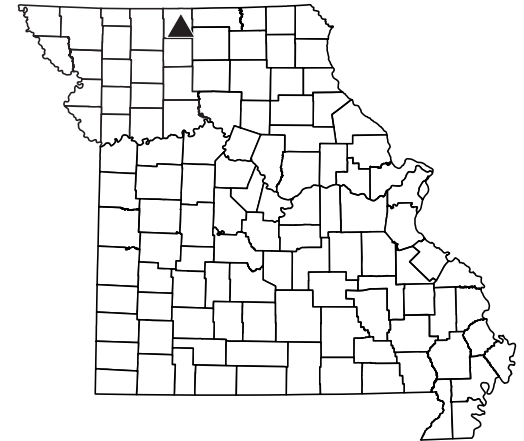
*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards  
located in parking areas and area offices.*

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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](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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## CONSERVATION AREA



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