

Recreational Opportunities

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

Conservation areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities. Parking or storing watercraft or commercial vehicles on department areas during closed hours is prohibited.

- Groups of more than 10 people and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Camping is permitted only at numbered sites in the designated campground and may not exceed 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. No unattended open campfires allowed. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Walk-in camping is allowed year-round EXCEPT during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. During these seasons camping is only allowed on or adjacent to graveled area parking lots. Same rules apply.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Digging roots is prohibited.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, and sailboarding are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

The following special regulations may also apply.

- Fishing is permitted on all waters of the area throughout the year.
- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and no more than three poles or rods with attached lines may be used by any person at any time.

- Daily creel limits are six black bass and four catfish in the aggregate and 30 crappie. The daily limit for all other species combined is 20.
- All black bass between 14 and 18 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. Fish are measured laid flat from tip of snout with mouth closed to end of tail with tail lobes pressed together.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all impounded waters and their discharge channels.
- Outboard motors in excess of 10 horsepower must be operated at slow, no-wake speed.

Hunting and Trapping

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

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras prohibited.

For local information, contact:

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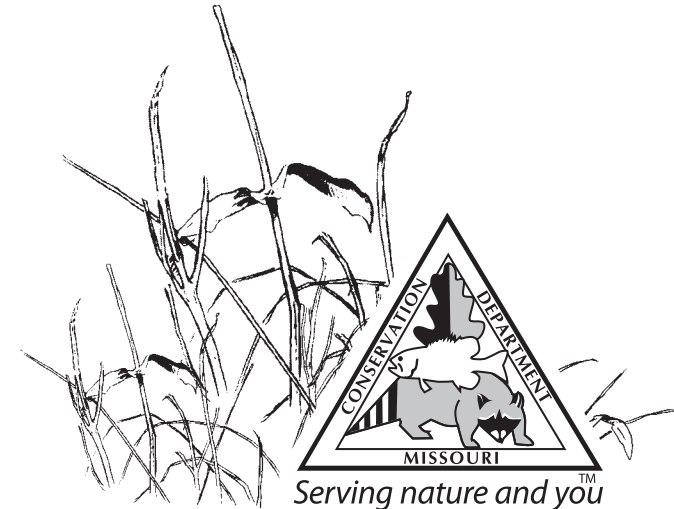
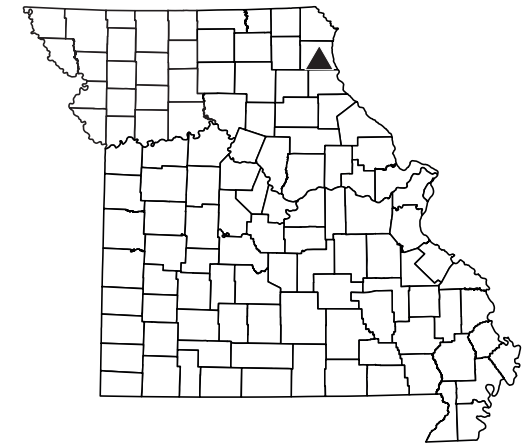
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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/5csr/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.

LaBelle Lake

CONSERVATION AREA



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