

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing
Conservation Areas are open 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 or more than 10 people and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Camping is allowed on or adjacent to all area parking lots. No unattended open campfires allowed. No amenities are provided. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed **EXCEPT** during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. Same rules apply.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Bicycles are not allowed on service roads where they pass through designated natural areas. Foot traffic is welcome.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- On the natural area, taking wild greens is prohibited.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- 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.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Field trials are prohibited.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- On area ponds all largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be released immediately. Only poles or rods with attached lines may be used and not more than three poles or rods with attached lines may be used by one person. Daily limits on ponds are six black bass, four channel catfish, and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.

Hunting and Trapping

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

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual change. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- 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.
- Trapping of furbearers allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

For local information, contact:

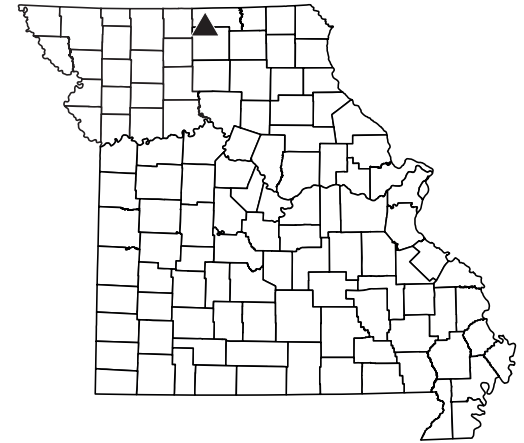
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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available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

Morris Prairie

CONSERVATION AREA



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