

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — 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.*

- Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
- Primitive camping is permitted in spots designated on the area map.
- Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers need a special-use permit.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Special use permits are required for fishing tournaments and camping groups of 10 or more.

## Fishing and Boating

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

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Daily limit is 6 black bass, 4 catfish (channel, blue and flathead combined) and 15 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released unharmed immediately after being caught.
- All crappie less than 9 inches must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken from waters open to fishing or hunting during the statewide season in accordance with statewide limits and methods, except firearms may not be used.
- 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 may not be left unattended overnight.
- Outboard motors in excess of 10 horsepower must run at a no-wake speed.

## Hunting and Trapping

*Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:*

- Firearms firing a single projectile are prohibited, except a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller rimfire firearm may be used from November 1 through April 1.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.
- Waterfowl hunting is prohibited.
- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used. Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only 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 before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.

**For information, contact:**

**Missouri Department of Conservation  
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Marble Hill, MO 63764  
(573) 238-2321**

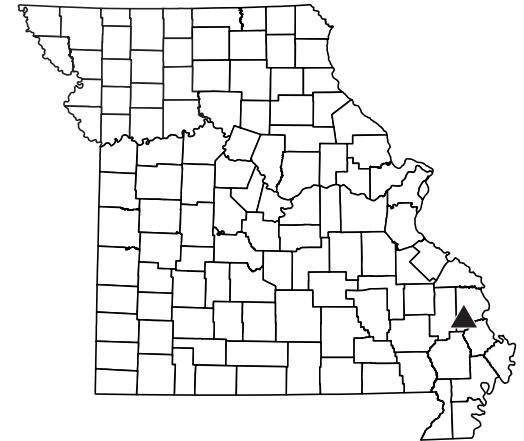
*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*

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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.

# Lake Girardeau

## CONSERVATION AREA



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