



Hunting and Trapping

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable stands are allowed from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled or on durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- NOTE: This conservation area lies in portions of three (3) counties. Deer hunting regulations may differ in each county.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
Central Regional Office
3500 E Gans Rd
Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 815-7900

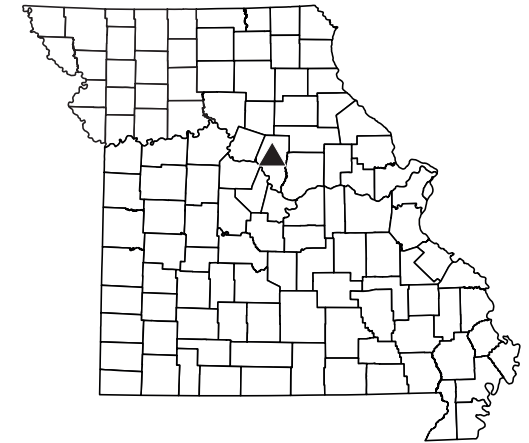
Visit us at:

www.mdc.mo.gov

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

Rudolf Bennitt

CONSERVATION AREA



12/2021

(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.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

About this Area

Rudolf Bennitt Conservation Area is 19 miles north of Columbia on Highway 63; then 5 miles west on Route F; then 2.75 miles north on Route T, and then a 1/2-mile west on County Road 2930.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking – Horseback Riding – Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Rules and Regulations

Conservation Areas are closed from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing, and hunting activities.

- Groups of more than 10 people and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Twenty seven (27) numbered sites are available for both equestrian and general camping throughout the area (Horses are prohibited at sites 25-27). No reservations taken for campsites. Hitching posts, lantern posts and fire rings provided. No other amenities are provided. Camping along roads and in parking lots is only allowed during firearms deer season. Walk-in and backpack camping is permitted year-round. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads except during all portions of the firearm deer and spring turkey seasons. Multi-use trails and service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.

- Horse-drawn wagons only allowed on sections of trail designated on map.
- Equestrian users: hitching directly to trees not allowed. Use of hitching posts is preferred. Horses may be hitched to a rope tied between two trees.
- Unstaffed target range. Shooting hours one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. Only paper targets attached to provided target holders may be used. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all ranges and associated parking lots.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all times. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- Special hunting provisions provided for the mobility impaired. Contact area manager or regional office for further information.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are permitted under statewide regulations; except that:

- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are catfish in the aggregate (channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish), four (4); black bass, six (6); crappie, thirty (30); and all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed twenty (20) in the aggregate; black bass more than twelve inches (12") but less than fifteen inches (15") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

- Boats, including sailboats, may be used on lakes and ponds designated as open to boats. Boats may not be left unattended overnight. Only electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds of less than 70 acres.
- 48 acre Bennitt Lake has ADA accessible boat docks, a privy and boat ramp.
- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.

