

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bicycling — Bird Watching — Fishing
Hiking — Hunting — Wildlife Viewing
Outdoor Photography

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks or open fires.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Hiking is permitted on service roads and trails.
- Primitive camping on a walk-in basis is allowed, but campsites must be at least 100 yards from all public access roads, open fields and parking lots.
- 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. The taking of wild greens is prohibited from locations designated as Natural Areas. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sail boarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Daily limit is 6 black bass, 4 catfish (channel, blue and flathead combined) and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- All black bass more than 12 inches and less than 15 inches must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only by special use permit.
- Boats may be used but may not be left unattended overnight.
- Only electric motors are permitted.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer and Turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.
- Portable tree stands may be used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. 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. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.

**For information, contact:
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Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
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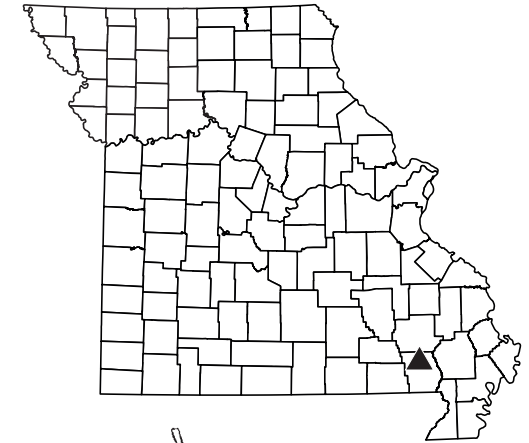
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.



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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.) 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.

Poplar Bluff & Stephen Sun CONSERVATION AREA



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