Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- Deer hunting by managed hunt only.
- During managed firearms deer hunts, all other hunting is prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.
- Quail may be taken from Nov. 1 through Jan. 15.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by Feb. 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method what would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows (Salicaceae) and nonwoody vegetation.
- Trapping allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

For local information, contact:

Whetstone Creek Conservation Area
P.O. Box 43
Williamsburg, MO 63388
(573) 469-0892

OR

Missouri Department of Conservation
Central Regional Office
3500 E Gans Road
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.

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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.*

Whetstone Creek

CONSERVATION AREA

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

About this Area

From I-70 Williamsburg exit, take Route D north to the stop sign. Turn west and continue on Route D to County Road 1003. Go north 2 miles on County Road 1003 to the entrance.

Recreational Opportunities

Camping – Dog Training – Fishing – Hiking
Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Rules and Regulations

Open for public use 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.

- This area is closed to all other uses during managed firearm deer hunts. Dates are subject to annual change. Please refer to Fall Deer and Turkey booklet for dates.
- 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 allowed anytime in designated camping areas shown on map. These may or may not have defined campsites. No amenities are provided. 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.
- Field trials permitted by special use permit only. Contact area manager.
- Target shooting is permitted only at the designated public shooting range.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Wild greens may not be collected from the designated natural area.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- Pets are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. 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.
- 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.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- Those wanting to ride horses on designated service roads must obtain a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Waste containers may be used only for disposal of garbage, trash, refuse, or rubbish generated on the department area.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

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

- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) at any time.
- On lakes and ponds, daily limits are six black bass and four channel catfish and 30 crappie. All other fish, total number taken may not exceed 20.
- On lakes and ponds, all black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. Head and tail must remain attached on the area or waters to which length limits apply, until such fish have been checked by a Conservation Agent.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- Only electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds of less than 70 acres.