

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Archery Range — Bird Watching — Fishing
Hiking — 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.

- No horseback riding.
- No fireworks or open fires.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Special use permits are required for field and retriever trials.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- 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.
- Camping permitted only in designated areas.
- Archery target shooting is only allowed on archery range.
- Swimming is not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations, except on impounded waters closed by posting.
- 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 between 12 and 15 inches must be released immediately after being caught.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Boats may be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.
- Only electric motors are permitted.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- All small game hunters must obtain an area daily hunting permit at a self-check box located at the parking lots prior to hunting. Hunters must carry this card while hunting and return filled out card to one of the self-check boxes when done hunting. Deer and turkey hunters do not need to complete a daily hunting permit.
- 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 and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number, of the user. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.
- Hunting is not allowed inside the archery range perimeter.

For information contact:

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2302 County Park Drive
Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701
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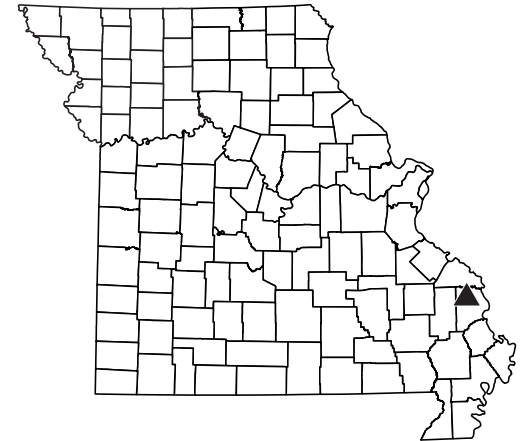
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/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.

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