

## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting  
*Department areas are open to public use only from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily; however, hunting, fishing, trapping, dog training, launching boats and landing boats are permitted at any time in areas where these activities are authorized.*

## Rules and Regulations

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Vehicle use is restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking areas, unless otherwise posted.
- Equestrian use is permitted only on roads open to vehicular traffic
- Youth group camping permitted by Special Use Permit.
- No other overnight camping allowed.
- Bicycles are allowed on roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

## Fishing and Boating:

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

- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not stored or left unattended overnight. Float tubes may be used for authorized fishing and hunting activities.
- Motors over 10 horsepower must be operated at a slow, no-wake speed.
- Frequent drying of these waters inhibits quality fishing.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish may be permitted seasonally for personal use with a Special Use Permit.
- Carp, buffalo, suckers, and gar may be taken by atlatl, gig, bow, or crossbow during statewide seasons.

## Hunting and Trapping:

*Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations, except as further restricted by the following regulations:*

- Waterfowl may be hunted only during managed waterfowl hunts, except on the Missouri River.
- Non-Toxic shot is required for all hunting with a shotgun. Possession of lead shot is prohibited.

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from Sept. 1 through Jan. 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 Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by Special Use Permit.

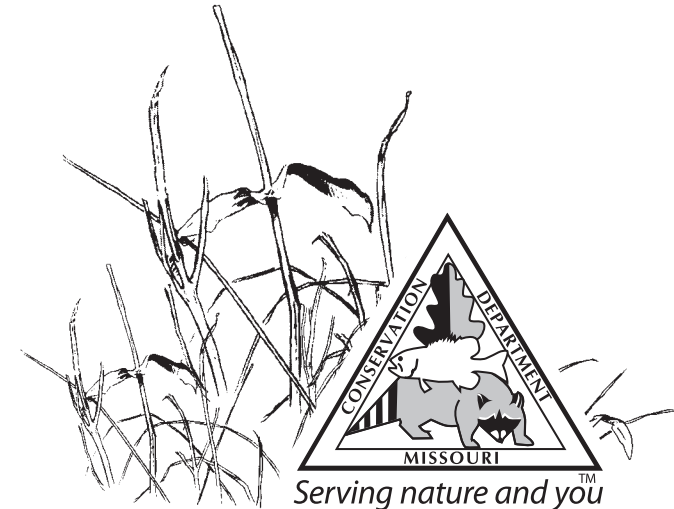
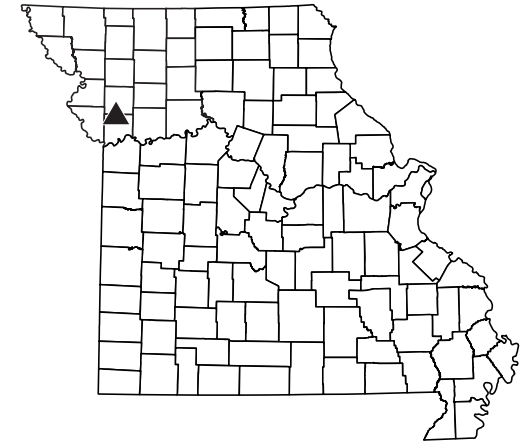
### For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation  
16800 Settle Station Rd.  
Platte City, MO 64079  
(816) 858-5718

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

# Cooley Lake

## CONSERVATION AREA



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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.

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