

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Camping – Fishing – Hiking – Horseback Riding – Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing – Target Shooting

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

- No littering. No waste containers are provided. Please remove all trash from the area.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated firings at campsites. Fires must be attended at all times.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Horseback riding is allowed on roads open to vehicles and on designated multi-use trails. Commercially-operated trail rides are prohibited.
- Primitive tent-only camping is permitted in spots designated on the area map and with a special-use permit. Contact the Southwest Regional Office (417-895-6880) for camping permits.
- Bicycling is allowed on service roads, roads open to vehicles, and designated multiuse trails.
- For safety reasons target shooting is permitted only at the shooting range during daylight hours. Shooting range is closed every Monday for maintenance.
- Caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.

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 the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Regulations booklet 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. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

From Springfield, take Highway 65 south 18 miles to mile marker 27.

For local information, contact:

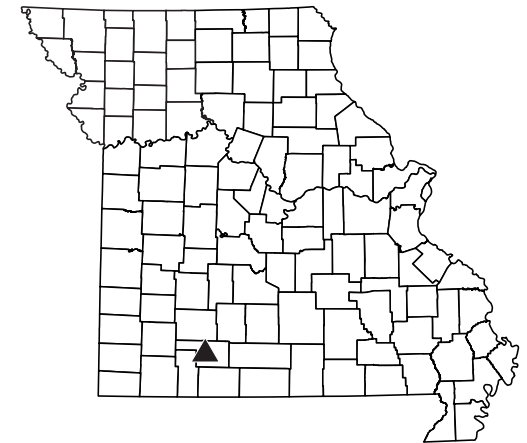
Missouri Department of Conservation
2630 N. Mayfair
Springfield, MO 65803
(417) 895-6880

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.

Busiek State Forest and Wildlife Area



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