

## Recreational Opportunities

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

Conservation Areas are closed from 10:00 pm to  
4:00 am except for authorized camping, fishing  
and hunting activities.

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires. Pitted fires only in designated areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas.
- Horseback riding is allowed only on trails designated for their use and on roads and trails open to vehicular traffic, unless otherwise posted.
- Bicycles allowed on multi-use trails and designated service roads year-round. Multi-use trails and service roads (if any) can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Camping is permitted in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more people must obtain a special-use permit.
- Swimming, sailboarding, scuba diving, water skiing, target shooting, rappelling, paint-balling or skateboarding are not allowed.

## Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- On streams, fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. Other restrictions may apply to specific ponds, lakes and stream segments.
- Fish may be taken only by pole and line, and no more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.

- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, pole and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber smaller rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow, only on waters and within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing or hunting.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.

## Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to the or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address of the user or conservation number and must be removed from the area by Feb.1. Use of nails or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited,
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

For local information, contact  
Missouri Department of Conservation  
701 James McCarthy Drive  
St. Joseph, MO 64507-2298  
816/271-3100

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](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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