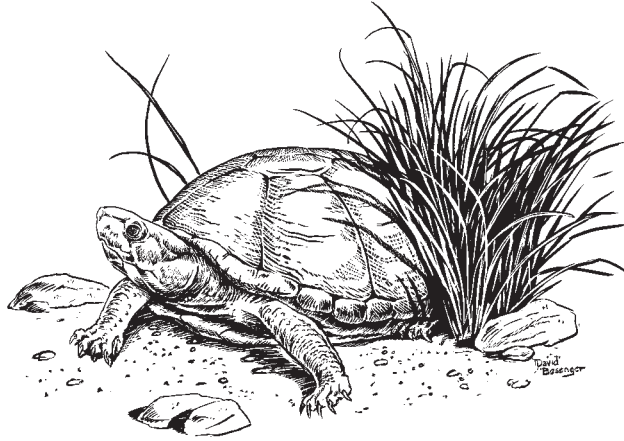


Hunting and Trapping

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable stands are allowed from Sept. 1 through 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 that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.



For local information, contact:

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3500 E Gans Rd
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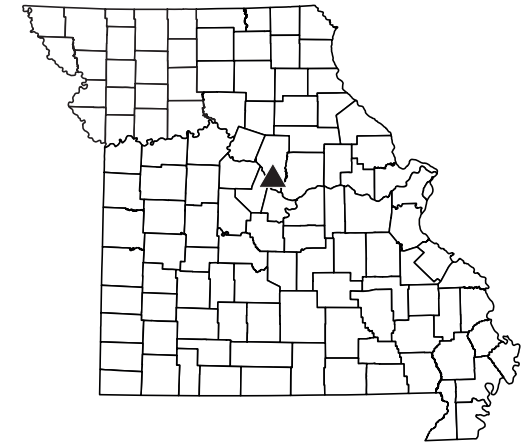
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Three Creeks

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.) 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.



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

About this Area

Three Creeks Conservation Area is 5 miles south of Columbia on Highway 63 and 1.75 miles west on Deer Park Road.

Three Creeks Conservation Area is in Boone County (halfway between Columbia and Ashland). The area takes its name from the three creeks that run through the area: Turkey Creek, Bass Creek, and Bonne Femme Creek. The rugged forest features scenic bluffs, intermittent streams, geologic formations, and old eastern red cedar trees. Through the years, the area was treated like much of Missouri's land. The timber was grazed and logged and occasional fires swept through the area. Because of these practices, the land has suffered sheet and gully erosion. Three Creeks Conservation Area was considered for purchase as a result of substantial public input and interest in protecting the general Three Creeks area from further urban development, which would destroy its appearance and natural features. Moreover, Three Creeks Conservation Area was acquired to maintain and manage representative plant and animal communities and to provide outdoor recreational and educational opportunities in an urbanizing region of central Missouri.



Recreational Opportunities

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

Rules and Regulations

Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.

- Groups of more than 10 and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Multi-use trails and service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- The multi-use trail will be muddy during wet periods. Please refrain from riding bicycles and horses on the trail at these times. Please be aware of trail conditions and ride responsibly.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- An interpretive brochure for the Turkey Creek Nature Trail is available on the area. Good hiking opportunities exist on both the Turkey Creek Interpretive Nature Trail and the multi-use trail.
- Walk-in primitive camping is allowed year round except during modern firearms deer season. During modern firearm deer season, hunters may camp along roads and around parking lots. Camping along roads and in-and-around parking lots is otherwise prohibited. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.

- Pets and hunting dogs 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.



Fishing and Boating

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

- Seining and trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on impounded areas.
- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.