

About This Area

Amidon Memorial Conservation Area is a 1,632-acre area located on the upper reaches of the Castor River in Bollinger and Madison counties. Evelyn and Ellsworth Amidon donated a portion of the area to the Conservation Department; other tracts were acquired from private landowners and the U.S. Forest Service. The forest's timber species range from mixed hardwoods to shortleaf pine to cedar glades. Granite shut-ins on the Castor River add an interesting geologic feature. The Driscoll Tract has the ruins of 2 old grist mill sites that date back to the mid 1800s, lending a historical flavor to the area. During your visit, you may see various forest improvement practices designed to improve wildlife habitat and maintain watershed quality. Any physical disturbance is only temporary and normal aesthetic appearance will return soon. The Conservation Department has created watering ponds and planted food plots and agricultural crops to provide additional food sources for wildlife. Timber harvests are also an important part of habitat management; they produce forage and cover for forest wildlife. Boundaries are marked from tree to tree with blue paint, and/or signs. State forest signs also are posted where boundaries intersect state and county roads or private lands. Please respect the rights of adjacent landowners. Amidon Memorial Conservation Area is located south of State Highway J, approximately 8 miles east of Fredericktown. County Road 208 fords the Castor River on the area.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Camping — Fishing
Hiking — Hunting — Wildlife Viewing

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

Glass containers are prohibited.

- No littering.
- No fireworks.

- No open fires.
- Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
- Primitive camping is permitted in designated areas only.
- 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. ATV's are prohibited.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited. Taking of wild greens from natural area is not allowed.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations.

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 Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.

For information, contact:
Missouri Department of Conservation
410 Piedmont Ave
Piedmont, Mo. 63957
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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/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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