

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bicycling — Bird Watching — Fishing
Hiking — Horseback Riding — Hunting
Shooting Range — Wildlife Viewing

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- 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.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers need a special use permit.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads except during all portions of the firearm deer and spring turkey seasons. Multi-use trails and service roads (if any) can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>. Groups of 10 or more need a special use permit.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sail boarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Only electric motors are permitted in impounded waters.
- Daily limit is 6 black bass, 4 catfish (channel, blue and flathead combined) and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- Black bass less than 15 inches must be released unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.

- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.
- Boats may be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.

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.
- Portable tree stands may be used between Sept. 15 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.

Shooting Range

- Unmanned disabled accessible range; archery, pistol/rifle, shotgun.
- Range open ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- Range **closed on Tuesday** for maintenance.
- Trap and Skeet open March to November. Hours: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2302 County Park Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 290-5730

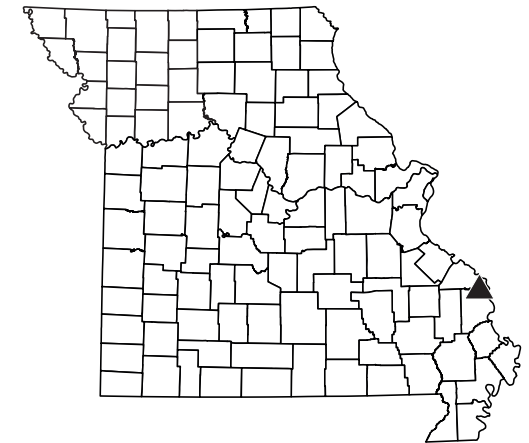
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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.

Apple Creek

CONSERVATION AREA



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