

Hunting and Trapping

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31 on areas where deer hunting is allowed, by special use permit, or except as otherwise authorized. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

Welcome

Missouri is a state rich in history, folklore, and natural resources. The Conservation Department encourages you to visit, use, and enjoy this area and other Department areas.

Some of the land surrounding Baltimore Bend Conservation Area belongs to private landowners. The boundaries adjoining private property are clearly marked. Please respect landowners' rights with these simple courtesies: obtain permission before going on private property, pick up all litter, do not damage property, practice safe hunting.

Nearby Department Areas:

Grand Pass Conservation Area

Cecil G. Grove Memorial Conservation Area

Crooked River Conservation Area

Maple Leaf Lake Conservation Area

W.L. Schifferdecker Memorial Conservation Area

Ferguson-Herold Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center

1401 NW Park Rd

Blue Springs, MO 64015

816/228-3766

Or

Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge

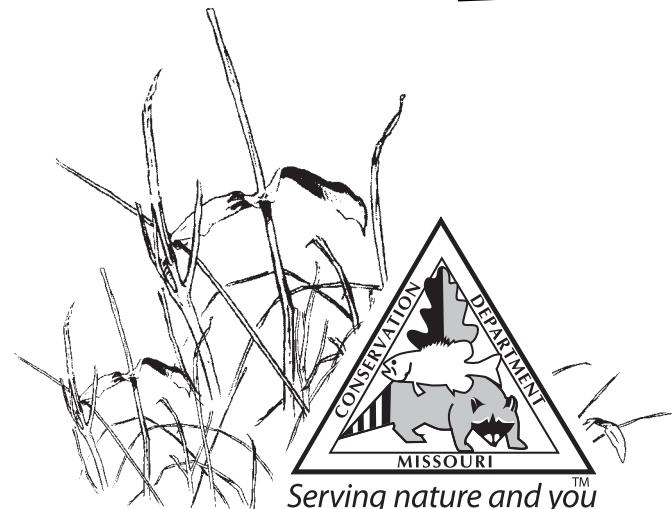
4200 New Haven Rd

Columbia, MO 65201

800/611-1826 or 573/876-1826

Baltimore Bend

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/ladrules/csrc/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

Baltimore Bend Conservation Area

About This Area

Baltimore Bend Conservation Area is in northeastern Lafayette County, between the towns of Dover and Waverly. The property is situated on the forest hills overlooking the Missouri River. Along Highway 24, which forms part of the area's southern boundary.

The area has a rich history. The Lewis and Clark Expedition of the early 1800s passed Baltimore Bend on the Missouri River, and the area was the focal point of much of the river's early boat traffic.

The river boat "Baltimore" found its final resting place against an island in the bend of the river, giving rise to the names of Baltimore Island and Baltimore Bend.

The Conservation Department began acquiring land for Baltimore Bend Conservation Area in 1986. The area presently consists of 1,202 acres. The north half of the area consists of steep, wooded slopes with narrow ridges. The south half is less steep and its ridges and drainages are broad and flat. Most of the open fields are found in the southern portion on the area.

About 80 percent of the area is forested. Primary species include oak, hickory, basswood, and black walnut. Native warm-season grasses (52 acres) and grain crops (80 acres) provide food and cover for wildlife.

The area is managed for a wide variety of game and non-game species. Deer, turkey, and squirrels are abundant. Grain crops, native grasses, tree plantings, timber harvesting, and timber stand improvement thinning help create additional habitat for quail, dove, rabbit, and other species.

In 2002, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began acquiring Baltimore Bottom Unit, which is managed as part of Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Refuge operations differ from those at Baltimore Bend Conservation Area, so check with the refuge manager and the US Fish and Wildlife Service information bulletin board located at the north parking lot by the railroad for details. Baltimore Bottom Unit is open for fishing and hunting under statewide regulations.



Things to Do

- Hunting. The area supports a good population of deer, turkey, rabbit, and squirrel. Special regulations apply.
- Primitive camping.
- Hiking.
- Wildlife viewing.
- Outdoor photography.

Rules and Regulations

Area hours: open daily from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. Camping, hunting, and dog training, are permitted at any time when authorized.

- No littering. No waste containers are provided. Area users should properly dispose of their own trash.
- No fireworks.
- 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, including ATVs, are restricted to roadways and parking areas.
- Horseback riding and bicycles are permitted only on roads open to vehicles.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Camping is allowed along interior roads and/or parking lots. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply.
- Groups of more than 10 people must obtain a special

use permit prior to camping. Contact the area manager at 816-228-3766.

• Camping is limited to a period of 14 consecutive days in any 30-day period. Personal property must be removed at the end of the 14-day period. Unless a special use permit is obtained, total camping days on all Department lands are limited to 30 days within one calendar year.

• Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed except during the firearms and alternative portions of deer season. No amenities are provided. Walk-in/backpack camping is restricted to 100 yards or more away from the main gravel road and parking lots.

• Fires require a fire ring and are only allowed in parking lots. Fires may be banned during high fire danger periods. Check bulletin boards for any bans.

• Swimming, scuba diving, and rappelling are not allowed.

• Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken under statewide regulation, please refer to Wildlife Code of Missouri or A Summary of Missouri Hunting and Trapping Regulations Booklet for current regulations.

• Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

