## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Camping – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

# Rules and Regulations

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

- Groups of more than 10 people and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Camping is permitted only in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. No unattended camp fires.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads yearround. Service roads can be located at https://mdc. mo.gov/discover-nature/places
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms 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.
- Target shooting not allowed.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Swimming and scuba diving are not allowed.

# Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- On impounded waters, daily limits are six black bass, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. All other fish are not to exceed 20 in the aggregate. All black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more that three poles and lines may be used by one person.

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all impounded waters and their discharge channels.
- Electric motors only are allowed.
- Lake access road open May 10 to August 31, dry weather use only.
- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.

# **Hunting and Trapping**

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- 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 tree stands may be used and between Sept. 1 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 is prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted, but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

#### For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation 3500 E Gans Road Columbia, MO 65201 (573) 815-7900

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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.govladrules/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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