

About This Area

University Forest Conservation Area is in Wayne and Butler counties. The area is located near the south side of Lake Wappapello and is approximately 10 miles north of Poplar Bluff. Visitors can access the area from state highways W, KK, and T in Butler County and state highways 172 and W in Wayne County. This 7,149-acre area was originally endowed to the University of Missouri by the federal government as part of the Agriculture College Act of 1862. The School of Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife took responsibility for the area in the early 1900s and in 1946 began managing the area for research and as a forestry summer camp. The Conservation Department acquired the area in 1988 for the purposes of continuing forest research, creating forest products, woodland related recreation opportunities for the public, and to demonstrate the effects of forest management. The area primarily consists of oak-hickory forest with a scattering of shortleaf pine forest. Tree species include black oak, scarlet oak, hickory, maple, and dogwood. The forest provides habitat for deer, turkey, pileated woodpeckers, squirrels and other typical Ozark wildlife.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Bicycling — Fishing
Hiking — Horseback Riding — Hunting
Outdoor Photography — 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.
- No open fires.
- 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.
- No camping permitted.
- No target shooting allowed.

- 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>.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits.
- Portable tree stands may only be used 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 trees are prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

For information, contact:
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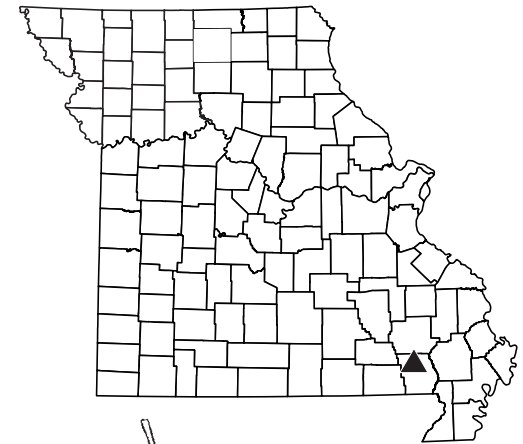
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices

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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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