



Nearby Conservation Areas
 Shoemaker Conservation Area
 Dark Hollow Natural Area
 Mineral Hills Conservation Area
 Rebel's Cove Conservation Area
 Locust Creek Conservation Area

For local information, contact:
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 Kirksville, MO 63501
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Additional area information is posted on our website and on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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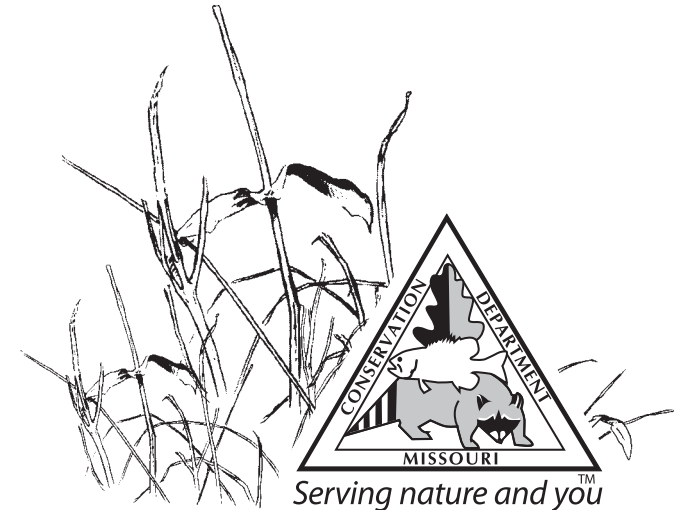
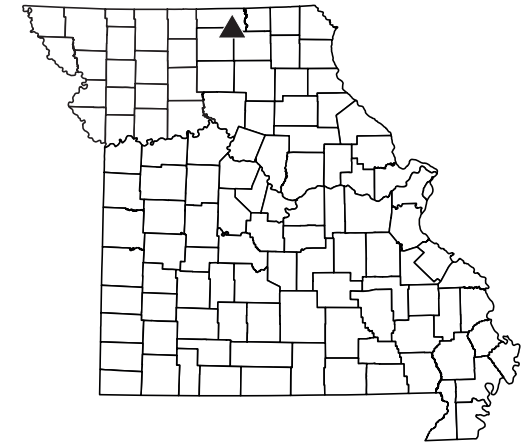
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.

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Union Ridge

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Recreational Opportunities

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

Conservation Areas are closed from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing, and hunting activities. Parking or storing watercraft or commercial vehicles on department areas during closed hours is prohibited.

- 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 allowed on or adjacent to all area parking lots. No unattended open campfires allowed. No amenities are provided. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed **EXCEPT** during firearms deer and turkey seasons. Same rules apply.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- On natural area, taking of wild greens is prohibited.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all times. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Bicycles are not allowed on service roads where they pass through designated natural areas. Foot traffic is welcome.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.

- Field trials are prohibited.
- Target shooting is prohibited.



Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Gig, longbow, or atlatl may be used for carp, buffalo, suckers, and gar in streams during statewide seasons.
- On lakes and ponds fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) person at any time. All largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

- Daily and possession limits are:

	Daily	Possession
Largemouth Bass	6	12
Channel Catfish	4	20
Crappie	30	60
All other fish		
Combined	20	--

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
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- Only electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds.



Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.