Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – 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.

- Group 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 graveled area parking lots. No unattended open campfires allowed. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed **EXCEPT** during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. Same rules apply.
- Bicycles are not allowed. Foot traffic is welcome.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Taking wild greens is prohibited.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under 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.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address of

the user or conservation number and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails or other materials that would penetrate the bark and 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 S. Baltimore Kirksville, MO 63501 (660) 785-2420 www.mdc.mo.gov

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

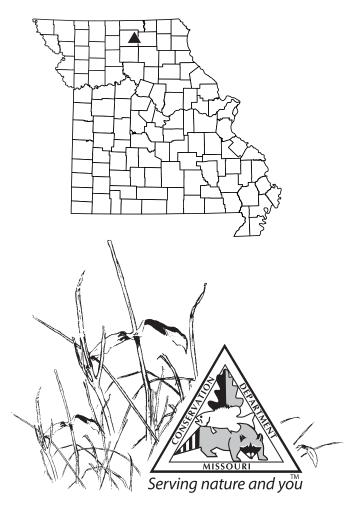
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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are from Provision 3CSR 10-4.115 of the Wildlife Code. Free copies of the Wildlife Code and Special Area Regulations are available from the Conservation Department.) 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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