

Directions to Area

Roger V. and Viola Wachal Smith Conservation Area is 2.5 miles north of Centertown on Route NN, left a quarter-mile on Pea Ridge and right on Bird Haven Road.

Recreational Opportunities

Hiking – Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Rules and Regulations

Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, dog training allowed 24 hours a day where these activities are permitted.

- Groups of more than 10 people and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed EXCEPT during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. No amenities are provided. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. 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>
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed 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 stands are allowed from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled or on a durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by Feb. 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows (Salicaceae) and nonwoody vegetation.
- Trapping allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations.

- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
3500 E. Gans Rd
Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 815-7900
www.mdc.mo.gov

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

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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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