

## 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.
- Trapping allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on 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 not be constructed on-site from woody vegetation except for willows (*Salicaceae* spp.)
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.



## Nearby Department Areas

Davisdale Conservation Area  
Franklin Island Conservation Area  
Diana Bend Conservation Area  
Rudolf Bennitt Conservation Area

## For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation  
Central Regional Office  
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Columbia, MO 65201  
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[www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov)

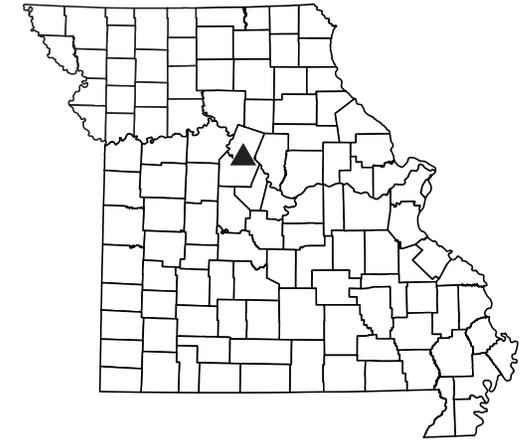
*Additional area information is posted on our website and on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*

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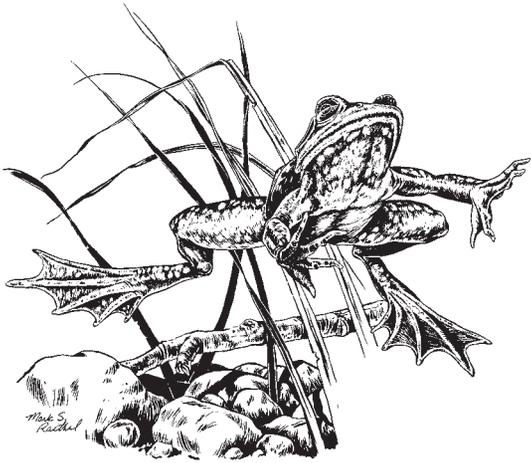
(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://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.

# Moniteau Creek

## CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION



## About this Area

Moniteau Creek Conservation Area is in Howard County, not far from Harrisburg. To reach the area take County blacktop Route A south from Highway 124. From Columbia, take I-70 west to Highway 40, from 40 turn north on Route J, and west on Route EE. From EE, take Route A to the area.

Moniteau Creek Conservation Area contains 844 acres and has irregular boundaries. The area is bisected by 2 1/4 miles of Moniteau Creek. The creek is subject to seasonal flooding and often overflows its banks. About 30 percent of the area is in timber, including bottomland hardwoods. The rest of the area is primarily open grasslands, although it also contains small wetlands. The area provides good access to Moniteau Creek, which is deep and meandering and provides good fishing opportunities. The Conservation Department is managing the area primarily for wildlife species associated with grasslands. Cool season grasses will include timothy and orchard grass, to which annual lespedeza has been added. Other acreage have been converted to warm-season grasses such as big & little bluestem and wildflowers such as

pale purple coneflower and blazing star. To provide mast and diversify the habitat, pin oak, bur oak, and swamp white oak have been planted in some of the bottomland.



## Recreational Opportunities

*Bird Watching – Fishing – 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,  
launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day  
on areas 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.
- Camping is allowed anytime in designated camping areas shown on map. These may or may not have defined campsites. No amenities are provided. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.

- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- Pets 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.
- Field trials are prohibited.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.

## Fishing and Boating

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

- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.
- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are catfish in the aggregate (channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish), four (4); black bass, six (6); crappie, thirty (30); and all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed twenty (20) in the aggregate. Black bass more than twelve inches (12") but less than fifteen inches (15") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- Boats are allowed. Only electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds of less than seventy (70) acres and boats may not be left unattended overnight.