



## Nearby Department Areas:

Connor O. Fewel Conservation Area  
Chapel View Prairie Conservation Area  
Urich Conservation Area  
Montrose Conservation Area  
LaDue Bottoms Conservation Area  
Haysler Poague Conservation Area

## For local information, contact:

Department of Conservation  
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Clinton, MO 64735  
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Land surrounding Harry S. Truman Reservoir Management Lands belongs to private landowners. The boundaries adjoining private property are clearly marked. Please respect landowners' rights with these simple courtesies: obtain permission before going on private property, pick up all litter, be careful with fire, do not damage property, practice safe hunting.

Your comments and suggestions regarding area facilities and management are welcome.

## About This Area

Harry S. Truman Reservoir management lands consist of 58,133 acres distributed around the reservoir in parts of Henry, Benton, Hickory and St. Clair counties in west central Missouri. The reservoir lies within the upper Osage River basin where the Ozarks meet the Plains.

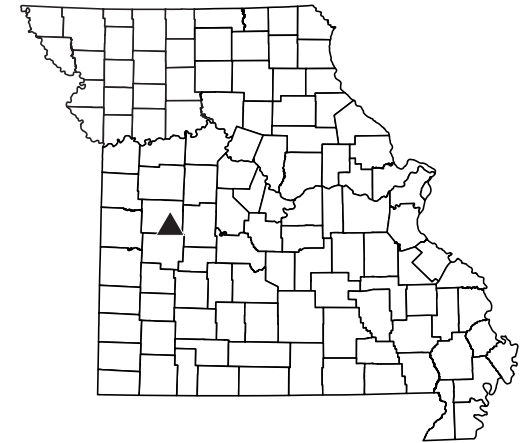
Historically, Native Americans occupying this area were principally Osage, Shawnee and Kickapoo. Early explorers and pioneers making their way west traveled the basin, while the French trapped along the Osage River and traded with the Indians. Place names like Marais des Cygnes, Marmaton, Pomme de Terre and Thibaut are vivid reminders of the early French influence in the Upper Osage Valley.

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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.

# Harry S. Truman Reservoir Management Lands

Bethlehem, Brownington, Cedar  
Creek, Deepwater Creek, Gouge Eye  
and Grand River Bottoms Wildlife  
Management Area



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# Harry S. Truman Reservoir Management Lands

## Recreational Opportunities

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

*Conservation areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing, and hunting activities.*

## Rules and Regulations

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- No ATV's except for Corps of Engineers Cooper Creek ATV Area.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to authorized roadways and parking areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- No collecting artifacts or any other activity that damages or disturbs historical or archeological features.
- Destroying, cutting, or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Horseback riding is permitted only on roads open to vehicles.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Camping is permitted only in Corps of Engineers developed campgrounds and Cross Timbers Access.
- Target shooting is permitted only on designated public shooting ranges. The nearest range is the Golden Valley Shooting Range located 6 miles west of Clinton on Highway 18. **The Range is closed to the public every Wednesday for maintenance.**

- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

## Hunting

*Areas are open under statewide regulations, except for the following special regulations that apply to all areas:*

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31 on areas where deer hunting is allowed, by special use permit, or except as otherwise authorized. 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 before February 1. 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 removed from the area daily and may not be left unattended between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. Blinds may not be constructed on-site from woody vegetation except for willows. (See the **Corps of Engineers Truman Project Waterfowl Hunting Blind Policy**).
- Trapping furbearers allowed only by Special Use Permit.
- On the portions of Grand River Bottoms Wildlife Management Area which have been designated as waterfowl refuge, hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, entry by the public, and vehicles are prohibited from October 15 through the close of the waterfowl season.



## Fishing

All water beyond the designated reservoir boundary are open to statewide regulations.

## Truman Lake

See the **Wildlife Code** for fishing regulations on Truman Reservoir.

## Area Ponds

- Area ponds are open to fishing year round, except for those designated closed by posting.
- In ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and line and no more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- In area ponds all black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Daily limits are six black bass, four catfish, 30 crappie, and 20 of all other fish combined.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, pole and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow and only on and within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing or hunting. An artificial light may be used. Season: Sunset June 30 through Oct. 31. Daily limit 8.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all lakes and ponds, except as otherwise provided in this chapter
- Boats, including sailboats, may be used on lakes and ponds designated as open to boats. Boats may not be left unattended overnight. Electric motors only are allowed.
- No swimming allowed in area ponds.

*The information in this brochure relates to the portion of the land around Truman Reservoir which the Missouri Department of Conservation manages. Please contact the Corps of Engineers for regulations on the remainder of the land around Truman Reservoir.*