

## Hunting and Trapping

*Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.*

- Hunting is only allowed in the hunting zone. This area is marked with signs and shown on the map.
- Area is closed to firearms deer hunting. Deer may be hunted by archery methods only.
- Firearms firing a single projectile are not allowed on this area.
- 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 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 or 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.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.



### For local information, contact:

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### Visit us at:

[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.*

# LITTLE DIXIE LAKE CONSERVATION AREA



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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.



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## About this Area

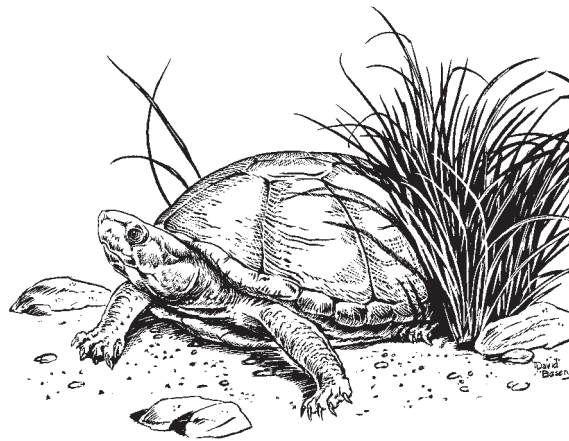
On I-70 ten miles west of Kingdom City, take the Route J exit and go south to Route RA. The main Little Dixie Lake CA parking area is off Route RA at the junction with Route J in Millersburg.

Facilities/features: boat ramp, boat dock, fishing dock, nine fishing jetties, interpretive trail, hiking trail, hiking/biking trail, picnic areas, pavilion, and Little Dixie Lake (205 acres).

Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area is in Callaway County, west of Kingdom City. This region of Missouri received settlers from Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina. The settlers' strong cultural and political ties with the south resulted in the name of Little Dixie. The Conservation Department acquired Little Dixie's 467 acres in 1957, through the damming of Owl Creek, 205-acre Little Dixie Lake was created. Additional purchases have expanded the area to 733 acres. Before Department ownership, much of the property had been grazed. Today, the area's oak-hickory forests have heavy undergrowth, and once-open pastures have reverted to various stages of old-field habitat. Stands of warm-season grasses and other prairie plants are managed by prescribed burns. Food plots are planted each year for deer, turkey, and other animals. Numerous small, fishless ponds have been constructed for woodland wildlife. In addition, the Department constructed 22 ponds on the area for fisheries research, including vegetation control, pond stocking rates, fish reproduction, and fish rearing techniques. Both Department personnel and graduate students from the University of Missouri use the area for research.

## Recreational Opportunities

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



## Rules and Regulations

*Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
No exceptions on this area.*

- Groups of more than 10 people and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Bicycles allowed on multi-use trails and designated service roads year-round. Multi-use trails and service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Camping is prohibited on the area.
- 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.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

## Fishing and Boating

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

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and no more than three poles and lines may be used at one time by any one person.
- Daily limits are six black bass, four catfish in aggregate (channel or blue) and 30 crappie. All other fish may not exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- Black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Taking of bullfrogs and green frogs allowed. Firearms may not be used to take bullfrogs and green frogs. Frogs may be taken by hand, handnet, gig, longbow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, or pole and line on waters open to fishing. An artificial light may be used.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- Boats, including sailboats, may be used on lakes and ponds designated as open to boats. Boats may not be left unattended overnight.
- Outboard motors in excess of 10 horsepower must be operated at slow, no-wake speed.
- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.