

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Frogging – Hiking – Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Picnicking

The area south of Highway 82 is closed to fishing, frogging and hunting.

Rules and Regulations

- No littering, no fireworks and no open fires.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- No camping permitted.
- Swimming, collecting plants and animals are not allowed.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

Fishing

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

- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) person at any time.
- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead): 6 black bass, 30 crappie; and all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- In lakes and ponds, black bass more than 12” but less than 15” must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal

use is permitted only with written authorization.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations, except as further restricted by the following regulations:

- 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 September 1 through January 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.
- Trapping furbearers allowed only by special use permit.

For local information, contact:

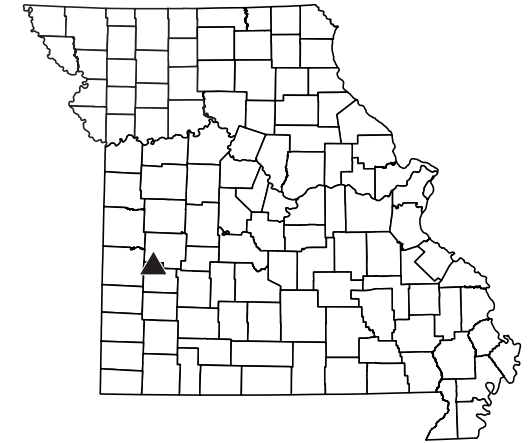
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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/5csr/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.

Wah’Kon-Tah Prairie

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