

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking –
Horseback Riding – Hunting – Camping

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- Unattended camp or warming fires are prohibited. All fires may be restricted during times of extreme fire danger. All fires must be contained and must be thoroughly extinguished when left. No live trees may be cut for firewood without a fuelwood cutting permit issued by the resource forester.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- On areas designated by the Conservation Commission as Missouri Natural Areas, taking edible wild greens is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Horseback riding and bicycling are permitted on all multi-use trails. Groups of more than 10 need a special-use permit.
- Horseback riding and biking are not allowed on the area during Spring Turkey and all portions of the firearms deer hunting seasons.
- Horses must not be tied to trees. Manure and straw from trailers should be raked from parking areas.
- Primitive camping is permitted in spots designated on the area map. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of more than 10 campers need a special-use permit.
- For safety reasons, target shooting is permitted only at the shooting range. Groups of more than 10 shooters need a special-use permit.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the shooting range or the shooting range parking lot or within the area posted, "Caution! Target Shooting Area".

Fishing and Boating

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.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- In Ozark streams, black bass may not be possessed from

Mar. 1 through the Friday before the fourth Saturday in May.

- 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.

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 the Spring Turkey or the Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting pamphlets for current regulations.
- Portable tree stands may be used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number of the user. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

Southwest entrance: From Plad, take Highway 64 west, then Route T north, then Route YY east 0.5 mile.

Northeast entrance: From Lebanon, take Highway 5 north to Route E, which will become Bluff Trail at the end of the pavement. Follow Bluff Trail 0.25 mile to area. There is no vehicle access to the west side of area from the east side.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2630 N. Mayfair Ave.
Springfield, MO 65803
(417) 895-6880

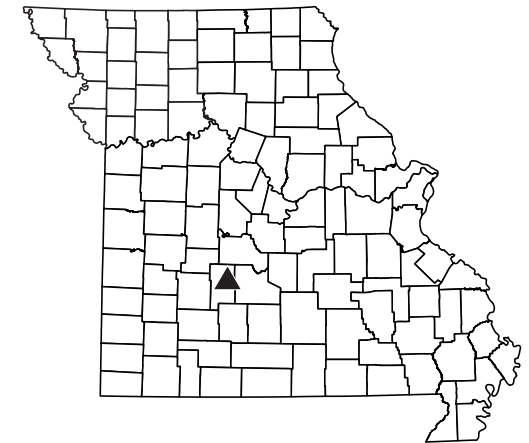
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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.) 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.

Lead Mine

CONSERVATION AREA



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