

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 and Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.
- Decoys and blinds permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows (*Salicaceae*) and nonwoody vegetation.
- 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.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.



Nearby Department Areas

Cooper Hill Conservation Area
Mint Spring Access
Mint Spring Conservation Area
Spring Creek Gap Conservation Area

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3500 E Gans Road
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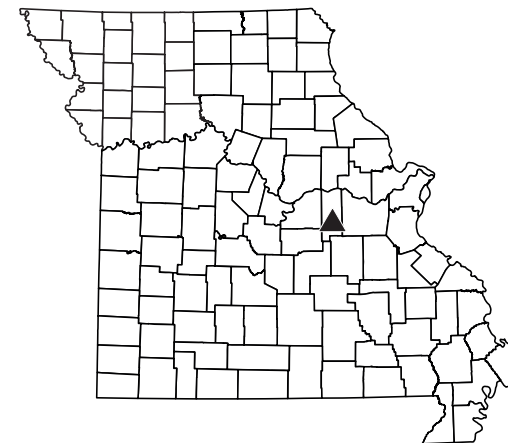
Additional area information is posted on our website and on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/ladrules/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.

Canaan

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION



About this Area

Canaan Conservation Area is located in Gasconade County, near Bland. Take Highway A about 2.9 miles north from Bland, or about 9.5 miles south on Route A from Mt. Sterling, to Boettcher Road. Go east on Boettcher Road 1.5 miles to main entrance on right. The area has four (4) parking areas. Canaan Conservation Area contains 1,435 acres, 77% of which are forested or woodland and glade. The area includes 1.4 miles of Clear Fork Creek, 1.2 miles of Sulphur Branch Creek, several small springs, and a deep muck fen. The area also features a scenic north-facing slope adjacent to Sulphur Branch and a glade/woodland complex. The Conservation Department purchased this property in 1980. The first inhabitants of the area were nomadic Indians, who hunted here. Through the efforts of the German Resettlement Society, German immigrants then settled here and began working farms in the 1800s. The conservation area is composed of two of these working farms. The Conservation Department continues to crop a portion of the area. The Department also maintains the warm-season grasses, the deep muck fen, and the woodland/glade complex.

In 2008 the Department opened a multi-use trail that is open to hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. This trail is approximately 10 miles long. Signs of natural community restoration work can be seen where cedar and hardwood trees have been cut to enhance the structure of the area's woodlands.

Recreational Opportunities

*Bird Watching – Bicycling – Camping – Hiking
Horseback Riding – 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.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads except during all portions of the firearm deer and spring turkey seasons. Multi-use trails and service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- 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.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushroom may be taken for personal use.
- Digging roots is prohibited.

- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Pets and hunting dogs 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.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.



Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations.

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.