

- Only non-toxic shot, as defined and approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, may be possessed or used while hunting.
- Hunters must possess a valid daily hunting tag before entering the field to hunt any species.
- Hunters should check the area information board for specific instructions for signing in before hunting.
- Hunters must check out at the card box immediately after the close of their hunting trip before processing birds.
- Waterfowl hunting is allowed in designated WATERFOWL HUNT UNITS ONLY on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Designated waterfowl hunt units are considered REFUGE areas on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- 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.
- Hunters are limited to one party per Hunt Unit. Party size is limited to 4 persons. Check waterfowl hunting information posted at the bulletin board, or contact the local office for more details.
- Entry into the designated Hunt Units is open to the public.
- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used. Use of firearms is prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklet for current regulations.

- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only between 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 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 are prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.

**For information, contact:**  
**Missouri Department of Conservation**  
**P.O. Box 131**  
**New Madrid, MO 63869**  
**(573)748-5134**

*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](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.

# LITTLE RIVER

## CONSERVATION AREA



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION**

## About This Area

Little River Conservation area is located in Dunklin and Pemiscot counties, five miles east of Kennett on Highway 412.

Purchased by the Conservation Department in 1993 from Charles D. Adams, Little River Conservation Area is located within the Lower Mississippi Delta region, which is associated with Sharkey soils. The vegetation that originally dominated this area consisted of oak, gum and cypress. The area also contained some prairie zones which would have been dominated by cane, Virginia wild rye, ricecut grass and sedges.

Little River CA contains the 150-acre Jerry P. Combs Lake, 120 acres of reforested bottomland hardwood, 400 acres of marshes and 330 acres in use as agricultural fields.

Before they became extinct, millions of Passenger pigeons passed through this area as they migrated north and south. Least terns and Black terns can be seen every year feeding at Jerry P. Combs Lake.

Wetland units have been developed with levees and water control structures which allow these areas to be managed for the benefit of wading birds and waterfowl and other migratory birds during the spring and fall.

Jerry P. Combs Lake has six fishing jetties, one concrete fishing platform, one covered, floating fishing dock, one boat ramp (two lanes) with handicap parking and three parking lots. The main parking area is a 50-car parking lot which is located at the east side of Combs Lake. Disabled-accessible ramps lead from the parking lot to the fishing docks and platform. There is also a pavillion with picnic tables as well as men's and women's privies which are located at the parking lot.

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Bicycling — Fishing  
Hiking — Hunting — Outdoor Photography  
*Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.*

- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Any activities involving ten or more people require a special use permit from the area manager.
- Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
- Target shooting, guiding for pay, camping, field trials, and fireworks are all prohibited on the entire area at all times.
- Destruction, defacing, or removal of department property is prohibited.
- There are no waste containers for disposal of garbage, trash refuse or rubbish. These items must be removed when leaving the area.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on paved and graveled public roadways and parking areas. Vehicles are not allowed on any dirt access roads or levees, or any portion of the levee of Combs Lake.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for hunting or training.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding and skateboarding are not allowed.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing is permitted. See the special size limits and other special regulations on the area's information boards.*

- In Jerry P. Combs Lake, fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Fishing on Combs Lake is permitted year-round.
- Daily limit is 2 black bass (18 inch minimum length limit), 4 catfish and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Boats may be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.
- Outboard motors larger than 10 horsepower must be operated at no-wake speed.

## Hunting and Trapping

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

- All hunting is prohibited on the entire area after 1:00 p.m. from November 15 - end of waterfowl season.
- Refuge areas are closed to ALL activities November 1 - January 31.
- No shooting area designated for public safety purposes around areas of high use.
- Single projectile firearms are prohibited.