

## Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations.  
The following special regulations also apply.

- Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited.
- There is a daily waterfowl hunt drawing during the prescribed duck season.
- There is no admittance from Oct. 15 to March 1 in the portions identified as “waterfowl refuge”.
- Non-waterfowl hunters are not allowed in “Waterfowl Hunt Only Zones” from Oct. 15 through the close of the duck season, unless they are properly licensed members of and remain with a party authorized to use the areas.
- During the prescribed duck season, all roads are closed to non-waterfowl hunters except the main road south of the junction box from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for wildlife viewing from the roadway only.
- For deer hunting, only archery methods may be used. Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable stands are allowed from Sept. 1 through Jan. 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 Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- The use of lead shot is prohibited and lead shot may not be possessed on the area.
- Trapping of furbearers allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.



### For local information, contact:

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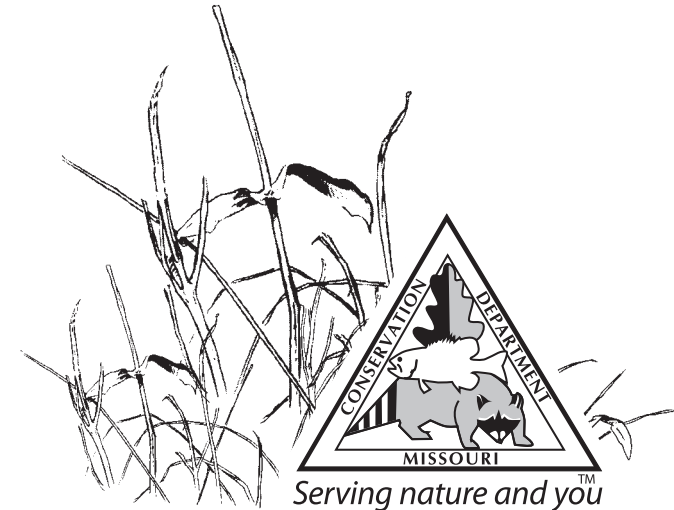
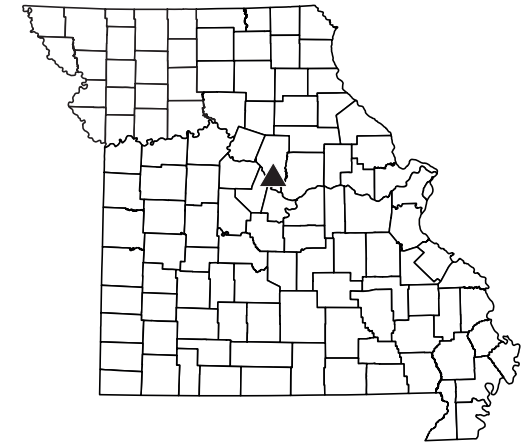
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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available 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.

# Eagle Bluffs

## CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

## About this Area

Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area is in Boone County southwest of Columbia, near McBaine. The Missouri River and Perche Creek provide over 10 miles of stream frontage. Through the years, the Missouri River has changed its course many times. The town of Providence, across Perche Creek from Eagle Bluffs, was once on the bank of the Missouri, before the river changed its course in the late 1800's. Providence is now almost a mile north of the river. The Missouri once flowed through what is now Eagle Bluffs and sunk the steamship "Plover", which is now believed to be buried under sand and silt on the area. The Conservation Department purchased and developed this 4,431-acre area to help offset the loss of nearly 90 percent of Missouri's historical wetlands. The area's wetlands have been restored by creating 17 shallow pools. The wetland management infrastructure includes 30 miles of levees, 61 water control structures, river water supply pumps, a water supply junction box, pump-out facilities, and a pipeline linking the area to the City of Columbia's wastewater treatment wetlands. The City of Columbia and the Department of Conservation entered into a cooperative agreement that allows the Department to use the treated wastewater from the city as a primary water source for the wetlands. The city's "recycled" wastewater provides a near constant source of water, but river pumps can supplement the water supply when the area's needs exceed the flow from the city. The area's 17 wetland pools allow the flooding of 1,100 acres of marshes and crop fields. These marshes provide year-round habitat for birds and other wildlife – including migrating and wintering waterbirds. Excellent wildlife viewing and hunting opportunities exist on the area. In the fall, the area's beauty is enhanced by colorful foliage along the bordering limestone bluffs. The KATY Trail State Park passes through a portion of the area and adds to the public's use and enjoyment of Eagle Bluffs.



## Recreational Opportunities

*Bird Watching – Hunting – Fishing – Hiking – Nature Viewing – Outdoor Photography*

## 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.
- Camping is allowed by Missouri River boat travelers within 100 yards of the river between April 1 and Sept. 30.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways. Bicycles allowed on designated service roads. Seasonal restrictions apply. See Hunting and Trapping section. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Digging of roots is prohibited.
- 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.

- Field trials permitted by special use permit
- Drone use permitted by special use permit.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing and frogging are permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply:*

- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are catfish in the aggregate (channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish), four (4); black bass, six (6); crappie, thirty (30); and all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed twenty (20) in the aggregate. On lakes and ponds, black bass more than twelve inches (12”), but less than fifteen inches (15”) total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- For stream regulations, please reference the Missouri Fishing Regulations Summary.
- Portions of the area identified as “waterfowl refuge” are closed to fishing from Oct. 15 to the end of prescribed waterfowl season.
- Taking of bullfrogs and green frogs is allowed.
- Firearms may not be used to harvest bullfrogs and green frogs.
- Seining or trapping live bait is permitted in accordance with statewide regulations.
- The area allows fishing opportunity for both streams and impoundments (lakes and ponds). Refer to Fishing Regulations Summary for more information.