

Fishing Opportunities

Fishing and frogging allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

On Bull Shoals Lake:

- The daily combined limit of channel, blue, and flathead catfish is 10.
- For largemouth and smallmouth bass, the minimum length limit is 15 inches. For spotted bass the minimum length limit is 12 inches. The daily limit of all species of black bass combined is six.
- On the lake and its tributaries the minimum length limit for striped bass is 20 inches and only three striped bass may be included in the aggregate.
- For walleye and sauger, the minimum length limit is 18 inches with a daily limit of four.
- For crappie, the minimum length limit is 10 inches with the daily limit of 15 fish.



Driving Directions

From Branson, go 5 miles east on Highway 76, then 6 miles south on Route J, and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on Gunnison Road.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
Ozark Regional Office
551 Joe Jones Blvd.
West Plains, MO 65775
(417) 256-7161

or

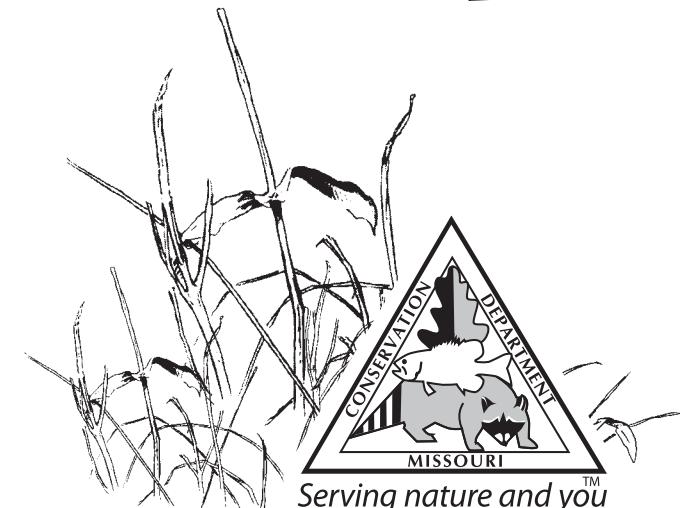
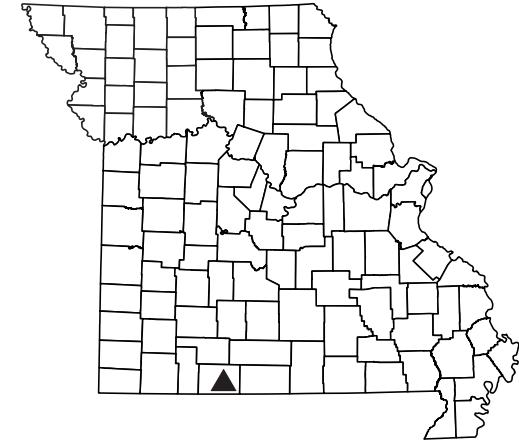
Missouri Department of Conservation
Norwood Shop
516 W Norwood St
Norwood, MO 65717
417-746-0291

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/current3csr/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.

Drury-Mincy CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Area History

Drury-Mincy Conservation Area is located in southern Taney County, southeast of Branson, Missouri. At present, the area is comprised of 4,089 acres.

By the turn of the century, deer numbers had dwindled to the point that Missouri could claim only 14 herds. One of these herds lived in the Drury-Mincy area. The area was purchased by a private landowner in 1929, who worked with the Department to increase deer numbers. Beginning in 1939, the land was leased by the Department to become the Missouri Department of Conservation's first deer refuge. From 1939 through 1959, deer from Drury-Mincy were successfully used to restore populations statewide. It wasn't until 1987 that the Department was able to purchase the land. The area is named for early landowner Frank Drury and the settlement of Mincy.

During the 1960s, the Drury-Mincy area, one of three areas that supported flocks of native wild turkeys, provided at least 300 turkeys for statewide restoration projects.

Bluestem glades and post oak savannas dominated the rolling hills. Mincy, Fox, and Bee creeks wind through stands of wild cane on their way to Bull Shoals Lake. Purple Beardtongue, Fringetree, and Ashe Juniper are among the unusual plants found on the area.

Recreational Opportunities

Hunting – Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Outdoor Photography – Nature Study and Wildlife Viewing – Camping – Bicycling

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Primitive camping is permitted in designated camping area only. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of more than 10 campers are required to obtain a special-use permit.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited. Digging of roots is prohibited on all Department areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not used for training or hunting purposes.
- Special-use permits are required for field and retriever trials.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on all Department areas.
- Use of motion-activated game cameras is prohibited.

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 Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting booklets 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.

