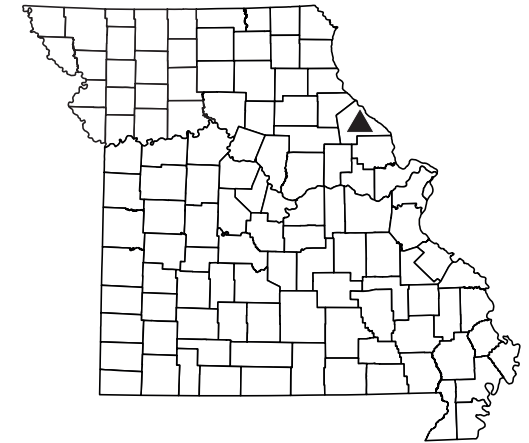




# Ted Shanks

## CONSERVATION AREA



### Nearby Department Areas

DuPont Reservation Conservation Area  
Edward Anderson Conservation Area  
Upper Mississippi Conservation Area  
Ranacker Conservation Area

### For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation  
Hannibal, MO 63401  
(573) 248-2530

or

Ted Shanks Conservation Area  
3643 Pike 145  
Ashburn, MO 63433  
(573) 754-6171

[www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov)

*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/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.



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

- Only portable tree stands are permitted and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address of the user or conservation number and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

## Recreational Opportunities

Bicycling – Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking  
Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife  
Viewing

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

- Camping is allowed on or adjacent to parking lots. No unattended open campfires allowed. Groups of more than 10 campers must obtain a special use permit. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. through 6 a.m. From October 15 to the close of the area's duck season, camping is only allowed at the gravel parking lot at the area headquarters.
- 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>.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use.
- The taking of wild greens from natural areas is not allowed.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- No target shooting.
- No fireworks.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, and rappelling are not allowed.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply in impoundments.*

- Fishing is permitted throughout the year, except from October 15 to the close of the area's duck season.
- Fish may be taken with pole or rod with attached line, and no more than three poles or rods may be used by any one person. Limb lines and bank lines may also be used as outlined in the Wildlife Code.
- Daily limits are six black bass, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish), and 30 crappie. All other fish, statewide limits, but the total number taken may not exceed 20.
- All black bass less than 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Carp, buffalo, suckers and gar may be taken by gig, longbow or crossbow during statewide seasons.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written permission of the Department.
- Boats may not be stored or left unattended overnight.
- Outboard motors in excess of 10 horsepower must be operated at slow, no-wake speed.

## Hunting and Trapping

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

- For seasonal waterfowl hunting information contact (573) 754-4765.
- There is no admittance from October 15 to March 1 in the portions identified as "Waterfowl Refuge."
- All hunters must possess a valid daily tag, issued at headquarters.



- All hunters must check out immediately after the close of their hunting trip and prior to processing their game.
- The use or possession of lead shot is prohibited.
- Hunting, except for waterfowl, archery deer and turkey, is closed from October 15 to the close of the area's duck season.
- Non-waterfowl hunters are not allowed in "Waterfowl Hunt Only Zones" during the waterfowl hunting season, unless they are properly licensed members of and remain with a party authorized to use the area.
- Waterfowl and archery hunting is prohibited after 1 p.m. in designated areas.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.