

Recreational Opportunities

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. Parking or storing watercraft or commercial vehicles on department areas during closed hours is prohibited.

- Groups of more than 10 people and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- On Atlanta portion, camping is permitted in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. No unattended open campfires allowed.
- On Atlanta portion, walk-in camping allowed year round, EXCEPT during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. During these seasons camping is allowed in designated camping areas.
- On Long Branch portion, camping is not allowed.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use. Digging roots is prohibited.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- 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.
- Target shooting not allowed except for unstaffed range. Shooting hours one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. Use shall be in accordance with posted rules or as directed on special use permit. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all ranges and associated parking lots.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Field trials are prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.
- Fireworks are prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations apply:

- Fishing is permitted on all waters of the area throughout the year.
- On Long Branch Lake, all largemouth bass less than 15 inches, walleye less than 18 inches and all hybrid striped bass less than 20 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Daily limits for Long Branch Lake are: Largemouth bass 6; channel catfish 10; flathead catfish 5; blue catfish 5; hybrid striped bass 4; crappie 15; walleye 4; all other fish combined

50, except bighead carp, common carp, goldfish, grass carp and silver carp may be taken in any number.

- On area ponds, only poles or rods with attached lines may be used and not more than three poles or rods may be used by one person at any time.
- On area ponds, largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Daily and possession limits for ponds are: Largemouth bass 6 daily, 12 possession, catfish 4 daily, 20 possession; crappie 30 daily, 60 possession, all other fish combined 20.
- On the Atlanta portion of the area, seining or trapping live bait is permitted on designated impounded waters.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written permission of the Conservation Department.
- On all waters except Long Branch Lake, only electric motors are allowed. No motor size restrictions on Long Branch Lake.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations, except the following special regulations also apply.

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.
- 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 and must be removed from the area by Feb. Use of nails and other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers is allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

For local information, contact:

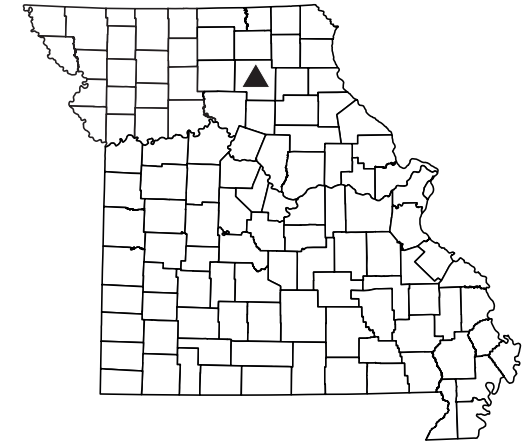
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Additional area information is posted on our website and on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/5csr/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.

Atlanta- Long Branch CONSERVATION AREA



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