

Recreational Opportunities

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

Conservation Areas are open 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 and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens, and mushrooms may be taken only for personal use.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- Camping is prohibited on this area.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- 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. Hunting permit required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Archery target practicing is permitted only on designated public shooting range.
- No firearms target shooting is allowed.
- Field trials prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.
- Use of fireworks are prohibited.



Hunting and Trapping

- 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 stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

For local information, contact:

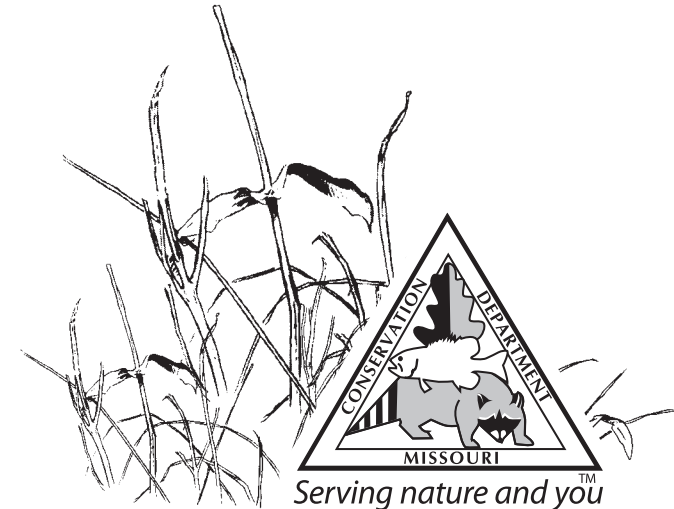
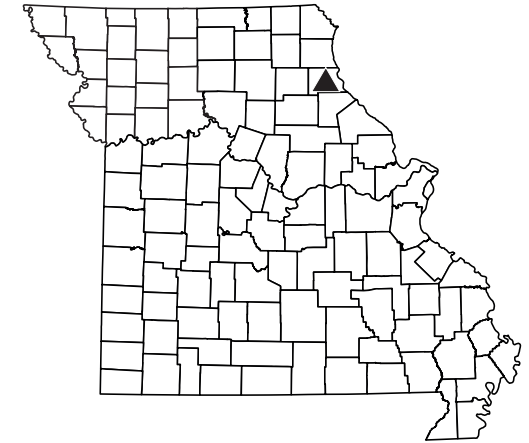
Missouri Department of Conservation
Hannibal, MO 63401
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www.mdc.mo.gov

*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.
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J. Thad Ray Memorial CONSERVATION AREA



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