

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, hunting, and dog training activities.

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting. Special-use permits are required for field trials.
- No horseback riding allowed.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- No camping allowed.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- An Aquatic Resource Education Pond, located at 4045 N. State Hwy UU, Bois D' Arc, MO 65612 is available for exclusive use of groups under the regulations of an "Urban Fishing Program." This pond is not open to public fishing. Contact the Southwest Regional Office at (417) 895-6880 for details.
- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- All black bass more than 12 inches but less than 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Daily limits are 6 black bass, 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue, and flathead catfish), and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- During the month of September, dove hunters

must check in/out at area headquarters before and after hunting.

- Dove hunters require a valid "Area Daily Hunting Tag," available at no charge at area headquarters, located at the intersection of county roads 59 and 94.
- Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited for hunting doves.
- Dove hunting is open from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.
- Quail may be taken from Nov. 1 through Jan. 15.
- Rabbit hunting is permitted under statewide regulations.
- Firearms discharging single projectiles are prohibited except for deer hunting as authorized in the annual Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting pamphlet. (Managed Hunt only).
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting pamphlets for current regulations.
- Portable tree stands are allowed between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled with the full name and address, or conservation number of the owner and be removed before Feb. 1. 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.

Area headquarters are located west of the junction of farm roads 61 and 94.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2630 N. Mayfair
Springfield, MO 65803
(417) 895-6880

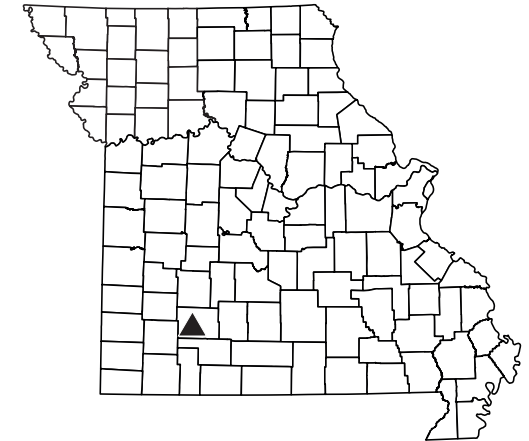
Andy Dalton Shooting Range: (417) 742-4361

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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.) 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.

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