

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting – Shooting Range – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Department areas are open to public use only from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily; however, hunting, fishing, trapping, dog training, camping, launching boats and landing boats are permitted at any time in areas where these activities are authorized.

Rules and Regulations

- No littering. Waste containers may be used only for disposal of trash generated on area.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Equestrian use is permitted only on roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Bicycles are allowed only on roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Camping by Special Use Permit only for youth groups.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply on lakes and ponds:

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- Daily limits are six black bass, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead) and 30 crappie. All other fish fall under statewide limits but are not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- Black bass more than twelve inches (12") but less than fifteen inches (15") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken according to statewide seasons and limits.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of other fish may be permitted seasonally for personal use with a Special Use Permit.
- Boats may be used and may not be left unattended overnight. Float tubes may be used for authorized fishing and hunting activities.

- On Clinic Pond 1 and Clinic Pond 2, fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught except by holders of a Special Use Permit.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations, except as further restricted by the following regulations:

- Firearms firing single projectiles larger than .22 caliber rimfire are prohibited.
- Non-toxic shot required while hunting all species with a shotgun. Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited for hunting.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31 on areas where deer hunting is allowed, by special use permit, or except as otherwise authorized in the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklet. 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 before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily and may not be left unattended between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. Blinds may not be constructed on-site from woody vegetation except for willows.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by Special Use Permit.

For local information, contact:

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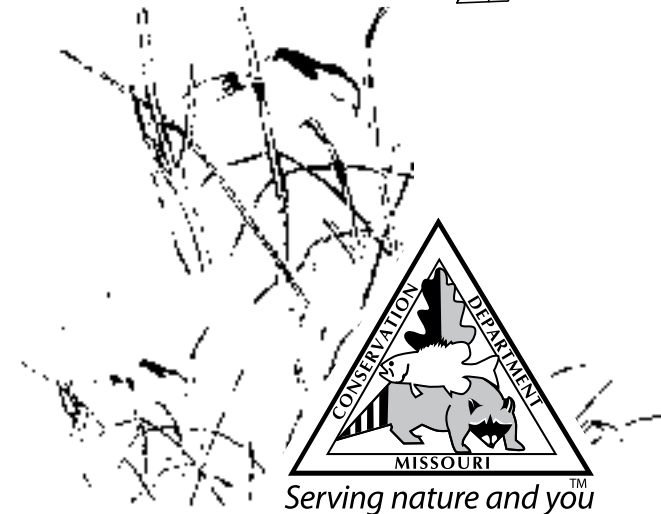
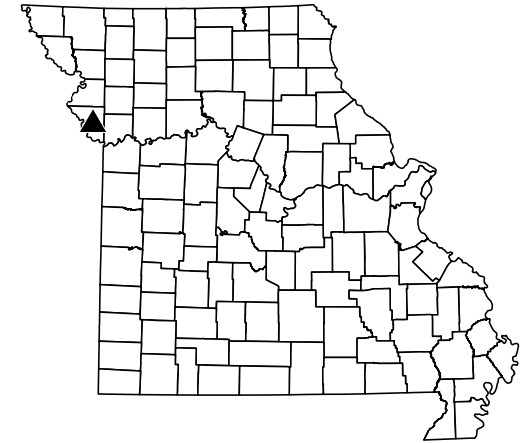
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/csrl/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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