

Recreational Opportunities

Hunting – Fishing – Camping – Nature Study
– Wildlife Viewing – Bicycling – Outdoor Photography

Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing, hunting, launching and landing boats, and dog training activities.

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated camping areas. Fires must be attended at all times.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Primitive camping is permitted only in spots designated on the area map. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of more than 10 campers need a special-use permit.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Horseback riding is prohibited.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving, and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) person at any time.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Boats may not be left unattended overnight.

- In Ozark streams, black bass may not be possessed from Mar. 1 through the Friday before the fourth Saturday in May.
- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue, and flathead); 6 black bass, 30 crappie; and all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- In lakes and ponds, black bass more than 12" but less than 15" must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- 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 may be used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number of the user. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

For local information, contact:

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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.

Mule Shoe

CONSERVATION AREA



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