

## About This Area

Knob Lick Towersite is an 80-acre towersite purchased from the U.S. Forest Service for use as a fire detection tower to locate wildfires in southern St. Francois and northern Madison counties. Although used regularly in the past, the tower is only seldom used now because few wild fires exist within the tower's viewing range. However, the tower continues to provide a commanding view of the area.

Located just off Highway 67, between Farmington and Fredericktown, near the community of Knob Lick, the site is a popular stop for road weary drivers. The view of the flatwoods valley from the tower is beautiful. A small granite glade provides a panoramic view of the same area for those who prefer to sightsee from the ground.

This rocky, granite glade is the open area just south of the lookout tower. It is covered with little bluestem and Indian grass, as well as many wildflowers, such as tickseed, pine-weed and sunflowers.

The glade is being managed with prescribed fire to prevent woody trees and shrubs from closing in the open glade area. Glades provide important habitat for turkey and quail and are homes for eastern collared lizards and flathead snakes. Many songbirds, such as red-eyed vireos and indigo buntings, live on or near glades.

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

*Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.*

- Hiking. No formal trails exist.
- Nature study and wildlife viewing. Climb tower at own risk!
- Outdoor photography.
- Picnicking.
- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas.

- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Horseback riding is not permitted on the area.
- No camping permitted.
- Bicycles are allowed only on roads open to vehicles and service roads.
- No target shooting allowed.

## Hunting and Trapping

*Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.*

- Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited. Only archery methods may be used. All other statewide deer seasons and limits apply.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed and used only between Sept. 15 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number, of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Area is closed to trapping.

### For local information, contact:

**Missouri Department of Conservation**  
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Piedmont, MO 63957  
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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. Free copies of the Wildlife Code and Special Area Regulations are available from the Conservation Department. 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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