



Nearby Department Areas:

Mora Conservation Area
Hi Lonesome Conservation Area
Edmondson Access
Carpenter Memorial Conservation Area
Big Buffalo Creek Conservation Area
Brickley Hollow Access
Lost Valley Fish Hatchery

For local information, contact:

Department of Conservation
2010 South Second Street
Clinton, MO 64735
660-885-6981

Land surrounding Harry S. Truman Reservoir Management Lands belongs to private landowners. The boundaries adjoining private property are clearly marked. Please respect landowners' rights with these simple courtesies: obtain permission before going on private property, pick up all litter, be careful with fire, do not damage property, practice safe hunting.

Your comments and suggestions regarding area facilities and management are welcome.

About This Area

Harry S. Truman Reservoir management lands consist of 58,133 acres distributed around the reservoir in parts of Henry, Benton, Hickory and St. Clair counties in west central Missouri. The reservoir lies within the upper Osage River basin where the Ozarks meet the Plains.

Historically, Native Americans occupying this area were principally Osage, Shawnee and Kickapoo. Early explorers and pioneers making their way west traveled the basin, while the French trapped along the Osage River and traded with the Indians. Place names like Marais des Cygnes, Marmaton, Pomme de Terre and Thibaut are vivid reminders of the early French influence in the Upper Osage Valley.

Harry S. Truman Reservoir Management Lands

Brush Creek, Leesville, Little Tebo Creek, and Upper Tebo Creek Wildlife Management Areas



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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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Harry S. Truman Reservoir Management Lands

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching - Fishing - Hunting - Hiking -
Wildlife Viewing - Outdoor Photography

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

Rules and Regulations

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- No ATV's except for Corps of Engineers
Cooper Creek ATV Area.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to authorized
roadways and parking areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed
or confined when not being trained or used for
hunting.
- No collecting artifacts or any other activity that
damages or disturbs historical or archeological
features.
- Destroying, cutting, or removing vegetation
is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild
greens and mushrooms may be taken only for
personal consumption.
- Horseback riding is permitted only on roads
open to vehicles.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads
year-round. Service roads can be located at
<https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Camping is permitted only in Corps of
Engineers developed campgrounds and Cross
Timbers Access.
- Target shooting is permitted only on designated
public shooting ranges. The nearest range is the
Golden Valley Shooting Range located 6 miles
west of Clinton on Highway 18. **The Range is
closed to the public every Wednesday for main-
tenance.**

- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

Hunting

*Areas are open under statewide regulations, except for
the following special regulations that apply to all areas.*

- 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 Sept. 1 through Jan. 31 on areas where deer
hunting is allowed, by special use permit, or except
as otherwise authorized. 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.
(See the **Corps of Engineers Truman Project
Waterfowl Hunting Blind Policy**).
- Trapping furbearers allowed only by Special Use
Permit.



Fishing

All water beyond the designated reservoir boundary
are open to statewide regulations.

Truman Lake

See the **Wildlife Code** for fishing regulations on
Truman Reservoir.

Area Ponds

- Area ponds are open to fishing year round,
except for those designated closed by posting.
- In ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and
line and no more than three poles and lines may
be used by any one person.
- In area ponds all black bass between 12 and 15
inches must be released unharmed immediately
after being caught.
- Daily limits are six black bass, four catfish, 30
crappie, and 20 of all other fish combined.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken dur-
ing the statewide season only by hand, handnet,
atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, pole
and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller
rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow and
only on and within dates and hours those waters
are open to fishing or hunting. An artificial light
may be used. Season: Sunset June 30 through
Oct. 31. Daily limit 8.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tad-
poles, is prohibited on all lakes and ponds, except
as otherwise provided in this chapter.
- Boats, including sailboats, may be used on
lakes and ponds designated as open to boats.
Boats may not be left unattended overnight.
Electric motors only are allowed.
- No swimming allowed in area ponds.

*The information in this brochure relates to the por-
tion of the land around Truman Reservoir which
the Missouri Department of Conservation manages.
Please contact the Corps of Engineers for regula-
tions on the remainder of the land around Truman
Reservoir.*