

Hunting and Trapping

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

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Non-toxic shot is required for all hunting with a shotgun on this area. Possession of lead shot is prohibited.
- Firearms firing single projectiles larger than .22 caliber rim fire are prohibited.
- 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. 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.
- Waterfowl may be taken by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag only from a blind or in a designated area except that hunters may retrieve dead birds and pursue and shoot downed cripples. Waterfowl hunters must check out immediately after the close of their hunting trip and prior to processing birds.
- The area is closed to waterfowl hunting on Dec. 25.
- Only authorized persons are allowed within the waterfowl shooting areas during the waterfowl hunting season.
- 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.

- Hunting of other wildlife is prohibited, except in designated areas, from October 15 thru February 15.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

Nearby Department Areas:

Haysler Poague Conservation Area
Urich Conservation Area
Settle's Ford Conservation Area
Truman Lake Wildlife Management Areas
Golden Valley Shooting Range

For Local Information, Contact:

Montrose Conservation Area
1157 SW 418P Road
Montrose, MO 64770
660-693-4666 or 417-876-5226

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

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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.

Montrose

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Frogging – Hiking
– Hunting – Outdoor Photography –
Picnicking – Wildlife Viewing

Area hours: Open daily from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. Camping, hunting, fishing, launching and landing boats are permitted at any time when authorized.

Rules and Regulations

- No littering. Waste containers may be used only for disposal of trash generated on area.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in areas designated open to camping.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to gravel roadways and parking areas.
- 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 designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30 day period. Total camping days on all department lands are limited to 30 days within one calendar year.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, jet skiing, collecting plants and animals, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

Fishing and Boating on Montrose Lake

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulation. The following special regulations also apply:

- Fishing is permitted in designated areas, except from October 15 thru the close of the middle zone duck season.
- Fish may be taken with bank lines, jug lines, limb lines, throwlines, and trotlines.
- On Montrose Lake, daily limits are ten (10) channel catfish, five (5) blue catfish and five (5) flathead.
- All black bass less than eighteen (18) inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. The daily limit is two (2) black bass.
- The daily limit is fifteen (15) crappie.
- Boats may not be stored or left unattended overnight.
- Outboard motors in excess of 10 horsepower must be operated at a slow, no-wake speed at all times.

Fishing and Boating on Area Ponds

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulation. The following special regulations also apply:

- On impounded waters, daily limits are six (6) black bass and four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. All other fish are not to exceed 20 in the aggregate. All black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. Pole and line methods only, not to

exceed three (3) poles per person.

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on impounded waters and their discharge channels.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written permission of the Conservation Department.
- Boats may not be stored or left unattended overnight. Electric motors only are allowed.

About This Area

Montrose Conservation Area is in Henry County. From Montrose, take Highway HH north 1.5 miles, then SW 418P (RA) north 1 mile to area headquarters.

