

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- 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. 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.
- Furbearers trapping is permitted by special use permit.



Welcome

Missouri is a state rich in history, folklore and natural resources. The Conservation Department encourages you to visit, use and enjoy this area and other Department areas.

Land surrounding Maple Leaf Conservation Area 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.

Nearby Department Areas:

Baltimore Bend Conservation Area
Ferguson-Herold Conservation Area
Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area
Sni-A-Bar Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

Burr Oak Woods
Conservation Nature Center
1401 NW Park Road
Blue Springs, MO 64015
816 228-3766

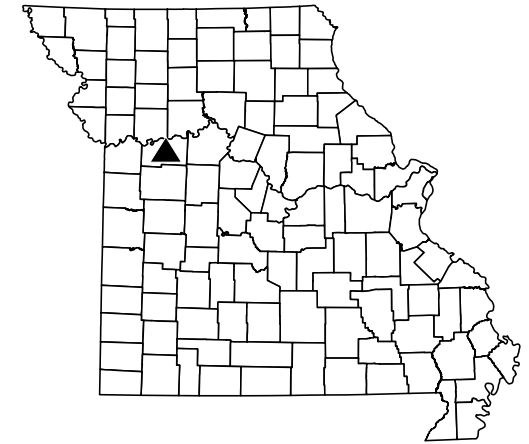
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/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.

Maple Leaf Lake

CONSERVATION AREA



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Maple Leaf Lake Conservation Area

About This Area

This area, named for the fishing lake that is in the shape of a maple leaf, was purchased in 1989. The dam for the lake was completed in 1991 and the lake was stocked with channel catfish, bluegill, redear sunfish, and black bass in 1992. The open fields and wooded draws surrounding the lake are managed for deer, turkey, rabbits, quail, and songbirds through prescribed burning, edge feathering, and fescue conversion to native grasses. An 11.5-acre wetland located below the dam provides waterfowl hunting and viewing opportunities.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking
Hunting – Wildlife Viewing

Rules & Regulations

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

- No littering. No waste containers are provided. Area users should properly dispose of their own trash.
- No open fires.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles and bicycles are allowed on public roadways and in



parking areas.

- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Camping by special use permit only for youth groups. No amenities provided. Seasonal restrictions apply. Contact the area manager at 816-228-3766 for applications.
- No horseback riding permitted.
- No swimming permitted.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed on Maple Leaf Lake and area ponds under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any one person.
- Daily limits are two black bass, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. All other fish, statewide limits, but may not exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- All black bass less than 15 inches in total length must be released immediately after being caught.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken under statewide regulations. Please refer to Wildlife Code of Missouri or A Summary of Missouri Hunting and Trapping Regulations Booklet for current regulations.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.
- Boats may be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight. Houseboats are prohibited.
- Electric motors only are allowed on area ponds.
- On Maple Leaf Lake, electric motors and outboard motors may be used; however motors over 10 horsepower must be operated at a slow, no-wake speed.

- Commercial fishing tournaments require a special use permit along with the associated fee and proof of liability insurance. Commercial use is defined as any activity which results in economic gain for a private individual or entity. Example is holding a competition which results in winners getting cash prizes or items of significant commercial value.

