

## Recreational Opportunities

*Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking  
Horseback Riding – Hunting – Wildlife Viewing*

*Conservation areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities. Parking or storing watercraft or commercial vehicles on department areas during closed hours is prohibited.*

- Groups of more than 10 people and some special activities may require a special use permit. Please visit our website for more information.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads except during all portions of the firearms deer season and during shooting hours of spring turkey season. Multi-use trails and service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Camping is allowed on or adjacent to all graveled parking lots. No unattended open campfires allowed. Groups of more than 10 campers must obtain a special use permit. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed **EXCEPT** during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. Same rules apply
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and edible wild greens may be taken for personal use. Digging roots is prohibited.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- No target shooting allowed.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing is permitted in all area waters throughout the year.*

- On Fox River, statewide fishing regulations apply.
- On area ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles or rods may be used by any person at any time.
- On area ponds daily limits are six largemouth bass, four catfish and 30 crappie. All other fish are not to exceed 20 combined.

- On area ponds all bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all 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.

## Hunting and Trapping

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

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address 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.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted by must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers is allowed only with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

### For local information, contact:

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Hannibal, MO 63401  
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[www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov)

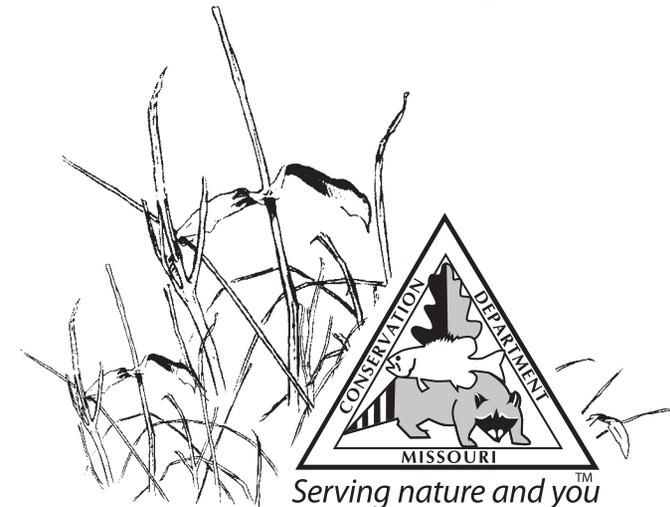
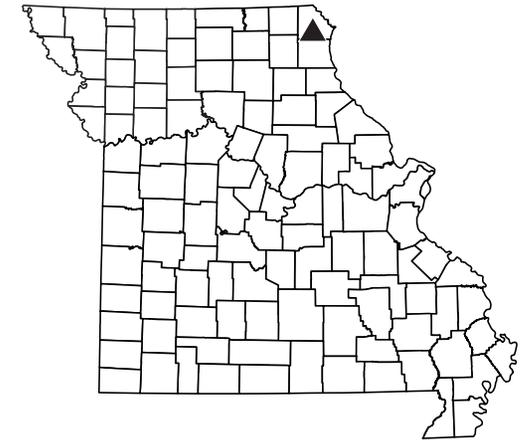
*Additional area information is posted on our website and on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*

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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](http://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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## CONSERVATION AREA



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