

## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching– Fishing – Hiking – Hunting – Wildlife Viewing

## Rules and Regulations

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

- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. The training of hunting dogs is permitted only by holders of a Missouri small game hunting permit.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Vehicles and bicycles are restricted to roadways and parking areas. No vehicles or bicycles are allowed off-road.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Horseback riding is not allowed.
- Collecting plants, animals or artifacts, removing water and digging or otherwise disturbing the soil are prohibited.
- No target shooting allowed.
- No littering, dumping, fireworks, open fires, camping, swimming and waterskiing.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:*

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- Daily limits are six black bass and four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. All other fish fall under statewide limits, but the total number taken may not exceed 20.
- Black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, crossbow and pole

and line.

- Firearms may not be used to take bullfrogs and green frogs.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written permission.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.
- Electric motors only are allowed.

## Hunting and Trapping

*The following special regulations apply:*

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Firearms firing single projectiles 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.
- 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.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by Special Use Permit.

### For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation  
James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area  
816-622-0900

*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/csrl/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csrl/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.

# Dorsett Hill Prairie

## CONSERVATION AREA



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