

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Bicycling — Fishing — Hiking — Hunting

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

• **All public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat only, when Mississippi River is at or above twenty-eight (28') feet on the Caruthersville Gauge.**

- No littering, digging, fireworks, target shooting, open fires, camping, swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, or speed boating.
- Do not park in front of or block gates.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited. Taking of wild greens from locations designated as Natural Areas is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles and horseback riding are restricted to graveled surfaces only. All other access is by walk-in only. Speed limit is 20 mph for motorized vehicles.
- Feeding and baiting of wildlife prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited. Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person fishing in lakes (waters outside of the Mississippi River channel).
- Daily limits are 4 catfish (channel, blue and flathead combined), 6 black bass and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken from waters open to fishing or hunting during the statewide season in accordance with statewide limits and methods except firearms may not be used.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.

- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities and may not be left unattended overnight.
- Electric motors only.
- Gravel Boat Slide into Hosler Bayou may not be usable as a boat ramp during periods of low water levels.
- A small channel between Wolf Bayou and Hosler Bayou is very shallow and narrow; it is prone to naturally occurring log jams that make it impassable by boat.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed and used between September 1 and January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or conservation number, of the user 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 portable blinds are permitted, but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Only non-toxic shot, as defined and approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, may be possessed and used while hunting, with the exception of firearms shooting single projectiles.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted only by special use permit.

For local information, contact:
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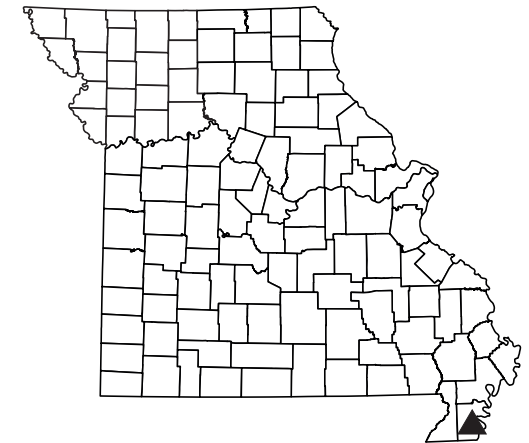
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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.

Black Island Wolf Bayou Unit

CONSERVATION AREA



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