

Hunting and Trapping

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

Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery and muzzleloading methods may be used, antlerless archery and muzzle loader permits may be used.

- To meet resource objectives and/or avoid conflicting recreational uses, certain portions of the area may be designated for special use. To monitor harvest of game species, all hunters are required to accurately fill out Area Daily Hunting Tag. Hunting tags, area information and a map are located at all parking lots. All hunters must return tags to drop boxes located at area parking lots immediately after the close of their hunting trip.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31. 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 Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are 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.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

Welcome

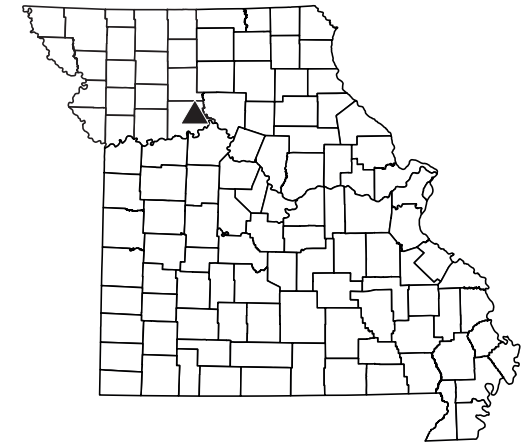
Missouri is a state rich in history, folklore and natural resources. The Conservation Department encourages you to visit, use and enjoy this area and other Department areas. Land surrounding Bunch Hollow Conservation Area belong to private landowners. The boundaries adjoining private property are clearly 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
Bonanza Conservation Area
Fountain Grove Conservation Area
Little Compton Conservation Area
Poosey Conservation Area
Schiffedecker Conservation Area

For local information, contact:
Grand Pass Conservation Area
32949 Hwy N
Miami, MO 65344
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Bunch Hollow

CONSERVATION AREA



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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/5csr/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.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

About This Area

Bunch Hollow Conservation Area is in Carroll County, approximately 10 miles north of Carrollton on Highway 65 then seven miles north on Carroll County Route Z.

Access to the area is three miles north of Coloma and two miles west on county road 130.

The Bunch Hollow Conservation Area began with an initial purchase of 1,409 acres in 1984. Additional acquisitions have increased the area's size to 3,294 acres, including about 1,285 acres of old fields and pastures, 1,300 acres of timber and 200 acres of crop fields.

Approximately 1,000 acres in the central portion of Bunch Hollow Conservation Area is a prairie/savanna/forest complex restoration project, in which prescribed burning is being used to encourage the development of a natural plant community. Many native warm season grasses and forbs, such as Indian grass, bluestem, rattlesnake master, compass plant, coneflower and blazing star, are responding to management efforts.

The area is managed to improve existing habitat for deer, turkey, quail and other resident wildlife species.

Things to Do

- Hunting. The area supports good populations of deer, turkey, quail, squirrel and rabbits.
- Fishing. Numerous ponds dot the area, although many are too shallow to support fish. Several ponds contain channel catfish, sunfish and largemouth bass.
- Hiking.
- Nature study and wildlife viewing.
- Outdoor photography.
- Frogging.
- Group activities, trail rides or outdoor classroom studies are permitted seasonally and are subject to a special use permit, which may be obtained from management personnel.

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



Rules and Regulations

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated areas.
- 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, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Vehicle use is restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking areas unless otherwise posted.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads except during all portions of the firearm deer and spring turkey seasons. Multi-use trails and service roads (if any) can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/place>. Groups of ten (10) people or more must obtain a special use permit.

- Camping is permitted only in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 campers or more must obtain a special use permit.
- Bicycles are permitted only on designated multi-use trails and on roads open to vehicular traffic.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.
- Boats may not be stored or left unattended overnight.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Electric motors only are allowed.
- On impounded waters, fish may be taken only by pole and line and no more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person. Daily limits are six black bass, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. All other fish, statewide limits, but the total number taken may not exceed 20. All 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, pole and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow, only on waters and within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all lakes and ponds.
- Salvage seining of other fish as designated in CSR 10-6.550 may be permitted seasonally for personal use with a special use permit.