

About This Area

Amidon Memorial Conservation Area is a 1,878-acre area located on the upper reaches of the Castor River in Bollinger and Madison counties. Evelyn and Ellsworth Amidon donated a portion of the area to the Conservation Department; other tracts were acquired from private landowners and the U.S. Forest Service. The forest's timber species range from mixed hardwoods to shortleaf pine to cedar glades. Granite shut-ins on the Castor River add an interesting geologic feature. The Driscoll Tract has the ruins of 2 old grist mill sites that date back to the mid 1800s, lending a historical flavor to the area. During your visit, you may see various forest improvement practices designed to improve wildlife habitat and maintain watershed quality. Any physical disturbance is only temporary and normal aesthetic appearance will return soon. The Conservation Department has created watering ponds and planted food plots and agricultural crops to provide additional food sources for wildlife. Timber harvests are also an important part of habitat management; they produce forage and cover for forest wildlife. Please respect the rights of adjacent landowners.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Bicycling — Camping — Fishing
Hiking — Hunting — Outdoor Photography —
Wildlife Viewing

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

Glass containers are prohibited.

- No littering, digging, fireworks, target shooting, or open fires,
- Primitive camping is permitted in designated areas only. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers need a special use permit.
- Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash 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. On the Natural Area, taking edible wild greens is prohibited.
- Vehicle use is restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking areas, unless otherwise posted.
- Bicycles allowed on multi-use trails and designated service roads year-round. Multi-use trails and service roads (if any) can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations.

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 are allowed and only between September 1 and January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled with the full name and address, or conservation number, of the user and must be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- The placement of trail or game camera or similar device is prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.

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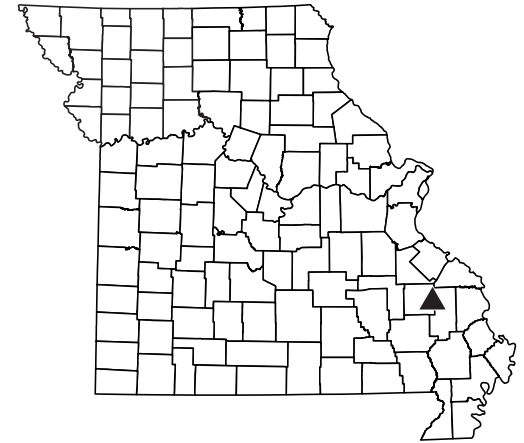
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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.

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