

## About This Area

Knob Lick Towersite is an 80-acre towersite purchased from the U.S. Forest Service for use as a fire detection tower to locate wildfires in southern St. Francois and northern Madison counties. Although used regularly in the past, the tower is only seldom used now because few wild fires exist within the tower's viewing range. However, the tower continues to provide a commanding view of the area.

Located just off Highway 67, between Farmington and Fredericktown, near the community of Knob Lick, the site is a popular stop for road-weary drivers. The view of the flatwoods valley from the tower is beautiful. A small granite glade provides a panoramic view of the same area for those who prefer to sightsee from the ground.

This rocky, granite glade is the open area just south of the lookout tower. It is covered with little bluestem and Indian grass, as well as many wildflowers, such as tickseed, pineweed and sunflowers.

The glade is being managed with prescribed fire to prevent woody trees and shrubs from closing in the open glade area. Glades provide important habitat for turkey and quail and are homes for eastern collared lizards and flathead snakes. Many songbirds, such as red-eyed vireos and indigo buntings, live on or near glades.

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — 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.*

- No camping, fireworks, horseback riding, littering, open fires, or target shooting
- Hiking. No formal trails exist.
- 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.

- Vehicle use is restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking areas, unless otherwise posted.
- Bicycles are permitted only on designated multi-use trails and on roads open to vehicular traffic. Bicycles are also permitted on locations designated as service roads in the online conservation atlas <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/ places>

## Hunting and Trapping

*Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:*

- Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited. Only archery methods may be used.
- 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.
- Trapping is not allowed on this area.

**For local information, contact:**

**Missouri Department of Conservation  
410 Piedmont Avenue  
Piedmont, MO 63957  
(573) 223-4525**

*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. Free copies of the Wildlife Code and Special Area Regulations are available from the Conservation Department. 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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