

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Bicycling — Fishing  
Hiking — Hunting — Outdoor Photography

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

- No littering, digging, fireworks, target shooting, open fires, swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, or speed boating.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on paved and graveled public roadways and in parking areas. Do not park in front of or block gates or access roads. Vehicles are not allowed on any dirt access roads or levees, or any portion of the levee of Combs Lake.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads. Seasonal restrictions apply. See Hunting and Trapping section. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Dogs must be leashed 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.
- Feeding and baiting of wildlife prohibited.
- Groups of 10 or more need a special use permit.
- From September 1 through April 30, all activities require a valid daily hunting card.
- Refuge areas are closed to ALL activities November 1 – End of dark goose season.

### Fishing and Boating

*Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations.*

- Fishing on Combs Lake is permitted year-round. (See map for refuge restrictions.)
- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Daily limit is 2 black bass (18-inch minimum length limit), 4 catfish, and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on Combs Lake.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only by special use permit.
- Boats may be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.
- Outboard motors larger than 10 horsepower must be operated at no-wake speed.
- 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.

### Hunting and Trapping

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

- All hunters must self-check-in prior to hunting. The self-check-in station is located at of the Jerry P. Combs Lake parking lot. Self-check-in rules are posted at the

self-check-in station. Hunters should check the area information board for specific instructions for signing in before hunting.

- Hunters must check out at the check-in station immediately after the close of their hunting trip and prior to processing their harvest.
- Single projectile firearms are prohibited.
- Only non-toxic shot, as defined and approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, may be possessed and used while hunting.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations. Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except only archery methods may be used.
- 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.
- Waterfowl hunters are limited to one party per hunt zone. Party size is limited to 4 persons. Check waterfowl hunting information posted at the bulletin board or contact the local office for more details.
- Waterfowl hunting is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Designated waterfowl hunt zones are considered REFUGE areas on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. (Zones 1-4)
- Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on entire area after 1 pm.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted only by special use permit.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.

#### For information, contact:

**Missouri Department of Conservation**  
372 US Highway 61  
New Madrid, MO 63869  
(573)748-5134

*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](http://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.

# LITTLE RIVER

## CONSERVATION AREA



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