

Everyday Pond

Missouri Western State University

About This Area

Missouri Western State University's scenic 645-acre campus includes approximately 200 acres of wooded natural habitat along a small stream named Otoe Creek. This preserve, called the Otoe Creek Nature Area, has nature trails and a small outdoor amphitheater. The campus also maintains nine man-made ponds of varying sizes, depths and watershed areas to provide a diverse collection of aquatic wildlife experiences. Everyday pond is the only pond with developed facilities including a parking lot, privy and disabled fishing dock. It is currently stocked with large-mouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish and rainbow trout. The public is invited to use Everyday pond for fishing, nature viewing or a variety of other recreational and educational uses.

Things to Do

- Fishing
- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Outdoor Photography
- Nature Study and Birdwatching

Rules and Regulations

- No boats or float tubes allowed
- No camping allowed
- No swimming
- No alcohol
- No fishing on the ice

- Seining or trapping live bait is prohibited
- Horseback riding not permitted
- Vehicles on roadways and parking areas only
- All terrain vehicles prohibited

Fishing

- November 1 through January 31 you must release all fish, including trout. No fish may be possessed. Only artificial lures, flies and unscented plastic baits may be used.
- February 1 through October 15 four (4) trout in possession. No other species may be possessed.
- Maximum three poles per angler.

The Community Assistance Program sponsored by the Missouri Conservation Department provides fisheries management and assistance to local communities for developing or upgrading facilities. In return, local communities maintain the area and facilities and open their lakes to the public. This program provides fishing and improved facilities at lakes close to home. Everyone benefits.

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special regulations for areas owned by other entities are in Chapter 12 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 12 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/ladrules/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.

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