

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hunting – Hiking
– Wildlife Viewing – Outdoor Photography –
Picnicking – Frogging

Rules and Regulations

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being used for hunting or training.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- No digging or soil disturbance is allowed.
- Horseback riding is not permitted.
- No camping permitted.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting and frogging under statewide regulations, except as further restricted by the following regulations:

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Trapping furbearers allowed only by special use permit.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 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 February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.

Welcome

The original 195-acre tract of Bryson's Hope was acquired by the Department in 2006. An additional 90 acres was purchased in 2008. This area falls within the Green Ridge Focus Area as identified in the Greater Prairie Chicken Recovery Plan. When acquired, the habitat was intensively row-cropped. Since acquisition, the area has been converted to a variety of cool-season and warm-season grass mixtures. The purpose of this area is to provide optimum nesting and brood-rearing habitat not only for prairie chickens, but also other grassland species.

The W. R. Kern Memorial tract was named for William R. "Ted" Kern, who donated this 120-acre tract in 1987. Management of the area is primarily for upland wildlife species. The terrain is gently rolling open fields. Area managers use prescribed fire, grazing, and other management practices to maintain healthy grasslands, simulate disturbances, and limit the negative impacts of invasive species. High quality grasslands are important habitat for many species.

Nearby Department Areas:

J. N. "Turkey" Kern Memorial C. A.
Drovers Prairie Conservation Area
Friendly Prairie C. A.
Grandfather Prairie C. A.
Hartwell C. A.

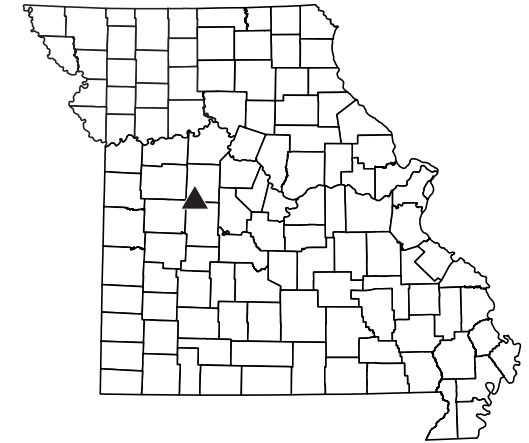
For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2000 S. Limit
Sedalia, MO 65301
660-530-5500

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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.

Bryson's Hope and W.R. Kern Memorial CONSERVATION AREA



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