

- Fall turkey hunting is permitted under statewide regulations and seasons except during the time of managed deer hunts.
- Squirrel hunting is permitted by statewide regulations except from September 1 through November 30.
- Portable tree stands may be used between September 1 and January 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number of the user. Screw in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit only.



Nearby Department Areas

Sycamore Access
 Warren Bridge Access
 Patrick Bridge Access
 Blair Bridge Access

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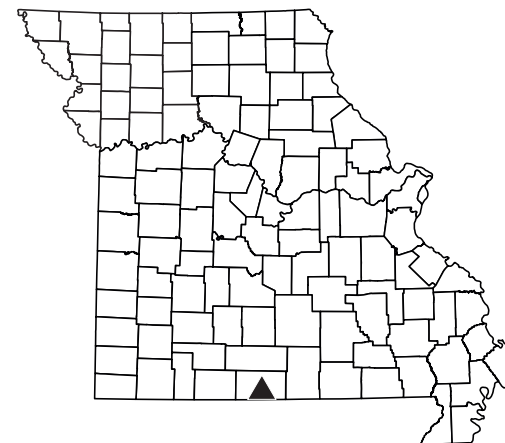
*Additional information is posted on bulletin boards
 located in parking areas and area offices.
 Information is also available online at
www.missouriconservation.org*

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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.

Caney Mountain

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION



Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is permitted under statewide regulations for all species on the North and South portions of the area, except that firearms antlerless or archery antlerless permits may not be used for deer hunting.

Special regulations apply within the fenced (central) portion of the area as follows:

- Spring turkey hunting is permitted only to holders of a Spring Turkey Hunting Permit who have been selected to participate in one of the four managed hunts. There are managed hunts for youth, archery, and modern shotguns. Participants are selected by random computer drawing from applications received in early spring.
- Deer hunting is permitted only to holders of a managed deer hunting permit who have been selected to participate in one of the two managed hunts. There is a managed muzzleloader hunt, and a managed archery hunt held each year for successful applicants. Participants are selected by random computer drawing from applications received before August 15 of each year.

Recreational Opportunities

Bicycling - Bird Watching – Hiking – Hunting
- Outdoor Photography – Picnicking - Target
Shooting - Wildlife Viewing

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

- No littering
- No fireworks.
- Bicycling is allowed on roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
- Primitive camping is permitted in spots designated on the area map.
- Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers are required to obtain a special-use permit.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting of other vegetation is prohibited. Digging of roots is prohibited on all Department areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not used for training or hunting purposes.
- Special-use permits are required for field and retriever trials.
- For safety purposes, target shooting is permitted only at the shooting range.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on all Department areas.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is prohibited.

Area Highlights

Caney Mountain Conservation Area is in Ozark County, five miles north of Gainesville. This 7,919-acre area is characterized by unusual geology, including the roughest parts of a steep range of hills. These hills are the remains of an old elevated plateau that has been dissected by several feeder streams. From area roads, visitors can view numerous prominent peaks, including Bear Cave Mountain, High Rock Mountain, Morrison Knob, Long Bald, and Tater Cave Mountain. The area also includes unique plant communities. Glades, savannahs, forest openings, and old growth forest cover the rugged terrain along the small creek bottoms. Several of the state's rare and endangered species are being protected on the area as well as the state record black gum tree. Caney Mountain was a stronghold of the eastern wild turkey in Missouri, even when the state population dropped to less than 40 birds. The area was acquired as a turkey refuge in 1940, and A. Starker Leopold, son of Aldo Leopold, the pioneer of modern wildlife conservation, prepared the first wildlife management plan. Prior to its purchase, the land had been repeatedly burned and had been subjected to open range grazing. The Conservation Department released 30 deer captured from what is now the Drury-Mincy Conservation Area here in the fall of 1940. This area then provided both deer and turkeys to restore populations in the rest of the state.

Driving Directions

Area Headquarters: From Gainesville, go 1 mile east on Highway 160 to North Highway 181. Follow 181 North 5 miles to the Entrance sign.
South Public Hunting Area: From Gainesville, go North 2 miles on Highway 5 and follow County Road 5-107 approximately 3 miles to the Entrance.