

## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking – Horseback Riding – Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

## Rules and Regulations

- No private boats or outboard motors allowed.
- No bait held or transported in containers with water.
- Horseback riding is allowed only on roads open to vehicles.
- Bicycling is allowed only on roads open to vehicles.
- Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Nuts, Berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- No littering. Waste containers may be used only for disposal of trash generated on the area.
- No fireworks, open fires, camping, or target shooting permitted.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding and skateboarding are not allowed.

## Boating

- Only Department-owned boats may be used and only electric motors are permitted. Private float tubes are prohibited.
- Boats are available for fishing and hunting at no charge on a first come, first served basis. Reservations will not be accepted in advance.
- An approved flotation device is required for each person in a boat.

## Fishing

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulation with the following exception:

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles may be used by any person. Snagging, snaring, grabbing, trotlines, or other tackle normally attached in a fixed position is prohibited.
- Each angler must keep fish separate or distinctly identifiable from those taken or possessed by another.
- Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area limit is six black bass, four channel catfish, or blue catfish combined, and 30 crappie. Statewide limits apply on all other fish up to 20 in the aggregate.
- Black bass greater than or equal to 12 inches and

less than 15 inches total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught and may not be possessed on the waters or banks of Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area regardless of where taken.

- Heads and tails of creel black bass must remain attached while on the banks or waters of Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area or until checked by an agent.
- Seining or trapping of live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- For more information on fishing creeks and streams, refer to A Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.

## Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Hunting is permitted in designated areas only.
- Waterfowl hunting is not permitted during the Light Goose Conservation Order.
- Portable tree stands may be used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number, of the user. 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.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit. Contact area manager.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.

For local information, contact  
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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

# Blind Pony Lake CONSERVATION AREA



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