

Nearby Department Areas

Bellefontaine Conservation Area
Saint Stanislaus Conservation Area
Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
Pelican Island Natural Area
Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

- Dove hunting is permitted by managed hunt during the first seven (7) days, unless otherwise posted, and during legal shooting hours for that portion of the season prior to October 15.
- Waterfowl hunting is permitted only on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and only until 1 p.m. during the area's prescribed duck season.
- Goose hunting is allowed from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset during those portions of the prescribed goose hunting season that occurs outside of the prescribed duck hunting season, and from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset during the prescribed conservation order for light geese.
- During the early teal season, teal may be hunted every day during the statewide shooting times.
- All hunters must check out immediately after their hunt.
- Non-hunters are prohibited within the shooting areas during the waterfowl season, unless they are members of and remain with a party authorized to use the area.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.
- Quail, pheasant, squirrel, rabbit, groundhog, crow and furbearer hunting are prohibited.
- Deer and turkey hunting is by managed hunt permit only. Hunters must apply for a permit through the managed hunt system. Application information is available at most Conservation Department offices.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
St Louis Regional Office
2360 Highway D
St Charles MO 63304
636-441-4554

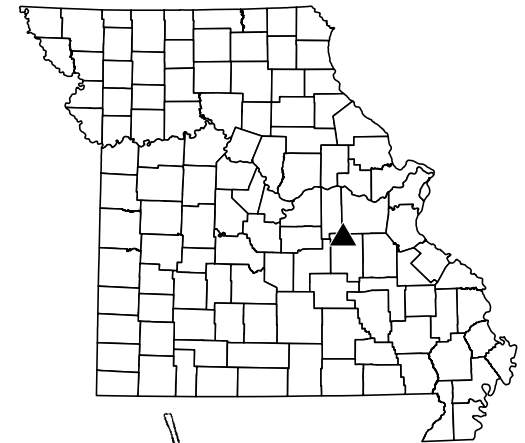
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas.

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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.

Marais Temps Clair

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area Area Highlights

Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area is in north St. Charles County. This area can be reached by taking Highway 94 north out of St. Charles to Highway H. Follow Highway H to Island Road and go north on Island Road to the area entrance. This tract contains 500 acres of wetlands in addition to cropland and some forest.

This 918-acre area was once part of an expansive marsh ranging from St. Charles to Alton, Ill. The Marais Temps Clair marsh is an old oxbow of the Missouri River and was formed prior to the arrival of European settlers. In French, Marais Temps Clair means “fair weather marsh.” Located in a river floodplain, the area has served as a resting and feeding place for waterfowl for centuries. The area has 10 shallow wetland pools with electric pumps used to maintain water levels to provide habitat for waterbirds.

Marais Temps Clair provides suitable habitat for a variety of plants, birds, mammals, amphibians, fish and reptiles. The rare Eurasian tree sparrow frequently visits this area. Little blue herons, black-crowned night herons, king rails, ospreys and yellow-headed blackbirds have also been spotted here. Bullfrogs, leopard frogs, spring peepers, softshells and painted turtles are common on the area. The acquisition of the area was made possible by funds from the Conservation Sales Tax and by a donation of land, equipment and improvements in the names of M.R. Williams and L. K. Ayers.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Hunting – Fishing – Hiking
Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing
Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

except for authorized fishing and hunting activities.

- No fireworks.
- No fires.
- Dogs must be leashed when not being used for training or hunting.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roads and parking areas.
- No horseback riding permitted.
- No camping permitted.
- No target shooting allowed.
- The waterfowl refuge is closed to all public use from Oct. 15 through Feb. 15.

Fishing and Boating

- Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations in designated areas, except from Oct. 15 to the close of the local duck season. Only poles or rods with attached lines may be used and no more than three poles may be used by one person. Non-game fish may be taken with longbow, crossbow, atlatl or gig from sunrise to sunset, except from Oct. 15 to the close of the local duck season.

- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, crossbow, snagging, snaring, grabbing or pole and line from the opening of frog season through Oct. 14.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited. Gizzard shad may be taken from lakes and ponds by dip net or throw net.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.

Hunting and Trapping

- Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited for hunting on this conservation area.
- **All hunters must possess a valid daily hunting permit.**
- Rail and snipe may be hunted during that part of the season which falls prior to Oct. 15, except in areas closed by posting.