

About This Area

Diamond Grove Prairie Conservation Area is one of the largest tracts of tallgrass prairie remaining in extreme southwest Missouri. Land surveyors in the 1840s described the area as “rich rolling prairie” and Diamond Grove Prairie CA looks much the same as it must have back then. The area is dominated by native grasses such as prairie dropseed, big bluestem, little bluestem, and Indian grass. Additionally, a wide array of wildflowers including Indian paintbrush, blazing star, lead plant, compass plant, and royal catchfly adorn the grassland in season. You can see many grassland bird species including the uncommon Henslow’s Sparrow. Management of the area includes prescribed burning to stimulate native prairie plants, control of woody encroachment, removal of tall trees from prairie draws, and restoration of a 35-acre savanna located on the area.

Recreational Opportunities

Hunting – Hiking – Nature study and wildlife viewing – Outdoor photography

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- On areas designated by the Conservation Commission as Missouri Natural Areas, taking edible wild greens is prohibited.
- Camping is not permitted.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Horseback riding is not permitted on the area.

- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

There are no fishing or boating opportunities on this area.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting pamphlets for current regulations.
- Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited.
- 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. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

From Diamond, take Route V west 4 miles, then Lark Road north 1.25 miles.

For local information, contact:

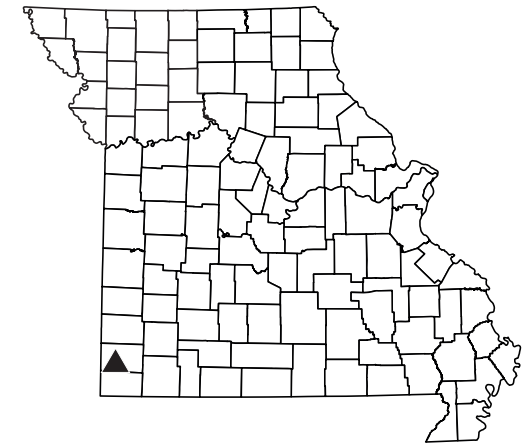
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Additional area information is posted on bulletin

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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.

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