

About this Area

This area is mostly forest and woodland but also contains karst forest, savanna, prairie and glades. Half of the area has been designated as a natural area due to the high diversity of flora and the unique geologic features of the area.

Grand Bluffs Scenic Overlook Trail (2 miles) leads users through maple/oak forest and woodland, prairie and glade to a deck overlook installed in 2003. The deck sits atop tall, dolomite bluffs and provides a view of the Missouri River, bottomland fields, Highway 94 and adjacent bluffs.

Grand Bluffs Conservation Area is located in southern Montgomery County, near the towns of Rhineland and Bluffton. This area can be accessed from County Road 291 off of Highway 94. This 236-acre area features a stretch of dolomite bluffs overlooking the Missouri River. They are a portion of a spectacular and scenic 2-mile stretch of 300-foot bluffs along the river. These steep bluffs were formed by the river, which is now one-half mile to the south. Canada geese have been known to nest on these bluffs. The unique bluff features and the associated flora have earned this area the designation as a Natural Area. The Conservation Department purchased the area from Lorna Rice and James Gregory in 1991. Two parking lots are provided for public vehicles, and visitors are encouraged to explore the area on foot. They will find small ponds and a remnant hill prairie and glade along the ridge. Synthiana Creek flows through the lower portion of the area.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting- Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Rules and Regulations

Conservation Areas are closed from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing, and hunting activities.

- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Wild greens may not be collected from the designated natural area.
- Vehicles are only permitted on public roadways and in parking lots.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- Taking of bullfrogs and green frogs allowed. Firearms may not be used. Frogs may be taken by hand, handnet, gig, longbow, snagging, snaring, grabbing or pole and line and only in waters open to fishing. An artificial light may be used.
- 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.

- Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited.
- Trapping allowed only with special use permit. Contact area manager.
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled or on durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- 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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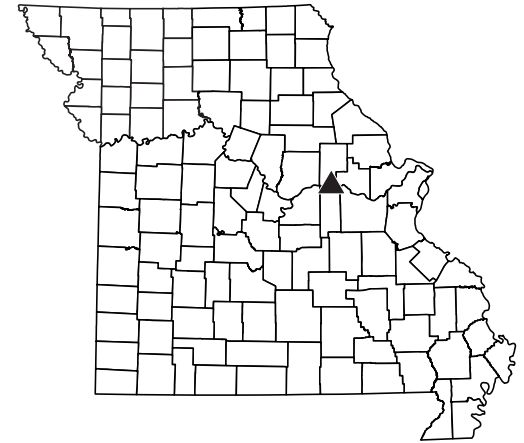
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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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