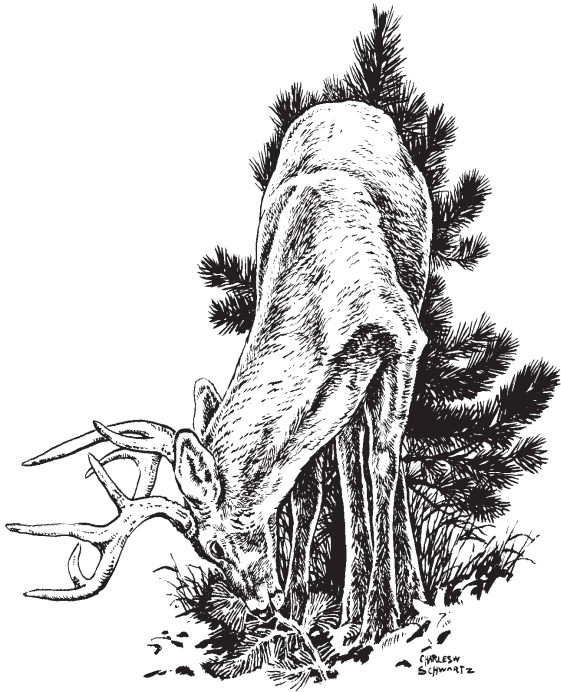


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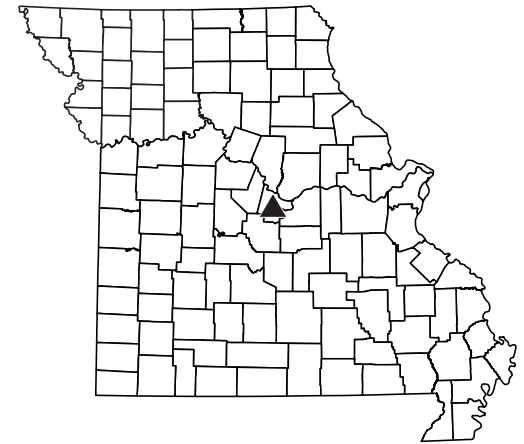
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*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*



# Smoky Waters

## CONSERVATION AREA



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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 Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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## About this Area

Smoky Waters Conservation Area in Cole County is located on a peninsula formed by the confluence of the Missouri and Osage Rivers. To get there from Highway 50/63, exit onto County Highway J and proceed into Osage City. Turn right after crossing the railroad tracks and follow Engineer's Road out onto the peninsula. There are 2 public access parking lots in the 1,041 acre site.

Historically, the peninsula was an island, known as Dodd's Island. Construction of the diversion levee by the Army Corps of Engineers linked the island to the mainland.

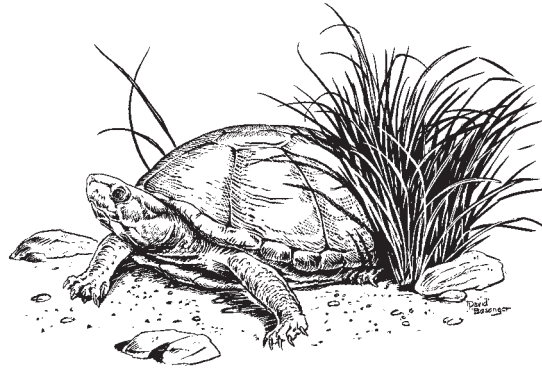
The area is divided into 2 tracts separated by private property. The easternmost tract is accessible only by foot along the diversion levee, or from the river by boat. During flood events, Engineer's Road may be impassable.

In 1804 the Lewis and Clark expedition camped at the base of what is now known as Clark's Hill, near the first/westernmost parking lot. Visitors can access Clark's Hill and view the Missouri and Osage River valleys via a ½ mile trail through Clark's Hill/Norton State Historic Site. To get there, from Osage City, follow Hickory St. until it dead ends at the Historic Site's parking area.

Smoky Waters Conservation Area contains riparian and successional forest, old field, marsh, and scour holes. The Missouri and Osage Rivers are accessible for shoreline fishing.

## Recreational Opportunities

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



### Rules and Regulations

*Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting, fishing, trapping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas where these activities are permitted.*

- Use of fireworks are prohibited.
- Digging of roots is prohibited on all Conservation areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- No bicycling opportunity except on public roadways.
- No horseback riding opportunities except on public roadways.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. Hunting permit required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Camping is allowed by Missouri River boat travelers within 100 yards of the river between April 1 and September 30.
- Target shooting not allowed.
- Vehicles are only permitted on public roadways and in parking lots.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations.*

- 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.*

- 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.