

Area Highlights

Cuivre Island Conservation Area is in Lincoln and St. Charles counties, near Old Monroe. Access to the area is by Dalbow Road, off Highway 79. The majority of the area is an island within Mississippi River navigation pool 26, between river miles 235 and 238. The area was purchased through a cooperative effort among the Conservation Department, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and The Nature Conservancy. Most of the 1,461-acre area was acquired to provide wildlife habitat as mitigation lands for the construction of Melvin Price Lock and Dam (26).

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting
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 open fires.
- Camping is prohibited.
- 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.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- For safety reasons, target shooting is prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations in Cuivre Slough and the Mississippi River. The following special regulations also apply to all impounded waters within the Conservation Area:

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles may be used by any person.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may not be taken with firearms.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.

- Boats may not be stored or left unattended overnight.
- Only electric motors are allowed in the island sloughs. (Carry-in access only for boats.)

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: archery antlerless and firearms antlerless permits may not be used and the area is closed to firearms deer hunting during the urban and antlerless portions of the firearms deer season. Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited on the mainland portion of the area.
- Hunting with single-projectile firearms is prohibited on the mainland portion of the area.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or conservation number, of the owner and be removed from the area before Feb. 1. 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.

For local information, contact:

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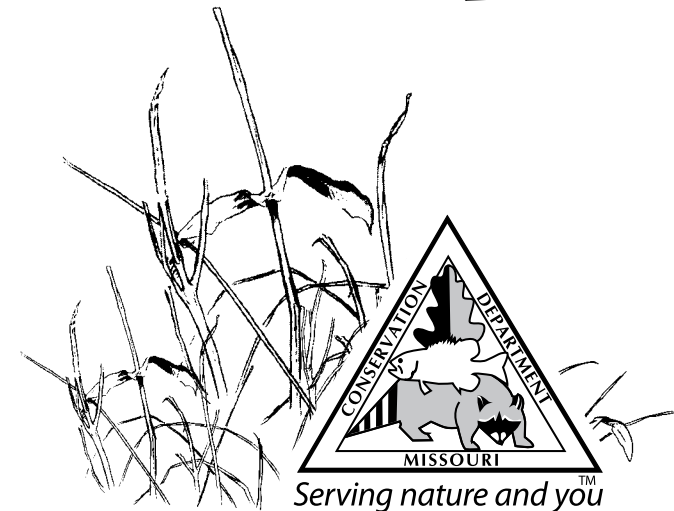
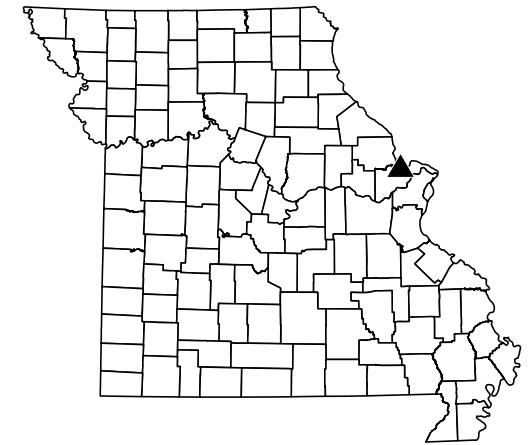
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking area.

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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/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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