

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking – Horseback Riding – Hunting – Wildlife Viewing
Conservation Areas are closed from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.

- No littering, no fireworks and no open fires. Pitted fires only in designated areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for 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 roadways and parking areas.
- Horseback riding is permitted only on roads open to motor vehicles and on designated multi-use trails. Horseback riding on service roads and field access trails is prohibited. No “cross-country” riding. The multi-use trail is closed to equestrian use during all portions of the firearms deer hunting season and the spring turkey season.
- Bicycles are allowed only on gravel roads open to vehicles and designated service roads, including the multi-use trail. The multi-use trail is closed to bicycles during all portions of the firearms deer hunting season and the spring turkey season.
- Camping is permitted in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Only two camping or sleeping units are permitted at each site on areas with established campsites. Groups of 10 campers or more must obtain a special-use permit.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- On streams, fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. Other restrictions may apply to specific ponds, lakes and stream segments.
- On impounded waters, daily limits are six black bass and four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead) and 30 crappie. All other fish, statewide limits, but may not exceed a combined total of 20. All black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.

- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, pole and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow, only on waters and within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing or hunting.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all impounded waters and their discharge channels.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken on an Archer's Hunting Permit. Only antlered deer may be taken during the youth, November, and alternative portion of the firearms deer season with a Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit. No archery antlerless or firearm antlerless permits may be used. Closed to firearms deer hunting during the urban zones and antlerless portions. All other statewide deer seasons and limits apply.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails or other materials 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.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

For local information, contact:

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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.

Honey Creek

CONSERVATION AREA



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