

## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking Horseback Riding – Hunting

*Conservation areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities. Parking or storing watercraft or commercial vehicles on department areas during closed hours is prohibited.*

- No littering.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to graveled roadways and parking areas.
- Area has trails open to bicycles and horseback riding. Bicycles and horses must stay on designated trails, service roads, and roads open to vehicles. Groups of 10 or more must obtain a special use permit. Contact area manager.
- Bicycling and horseback riding is prohibited during all firearms deer seasons and all day during the youth turkey season and all day of the regular spring turkey season.
- Camping is allowed on or adjacent to all graveled area parking lots. No unattended open campfires allowed. Groups of 10 campers or more must obtain a special use permit. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Walk-in camping is allowed year round, EXCEPT during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. During these seasons camping is only allowed on or adjacent to graveled area parking lots.
- No target shooting allowed.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing is permitted in all area waters throughout the year.*

- On Fox River, statewide fishing regulations apply.
- On area ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles or rods may be used by any person at any time.
- On area ponds daily limits are six largemouth bass, four catfish and 30 crappie. All other fish are not to exceed 20 combined.
- On area ponds all bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all impounded waters and their discharge channels.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written permission of the Conservation Department.

## Hunting and Trapping

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

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: archery antlerless and firearms antlerless permits may not be used.
- 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 by 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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(660) 785-2420

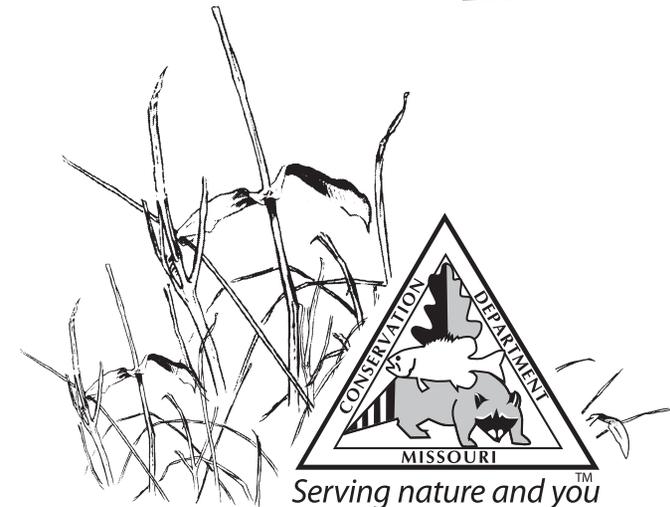
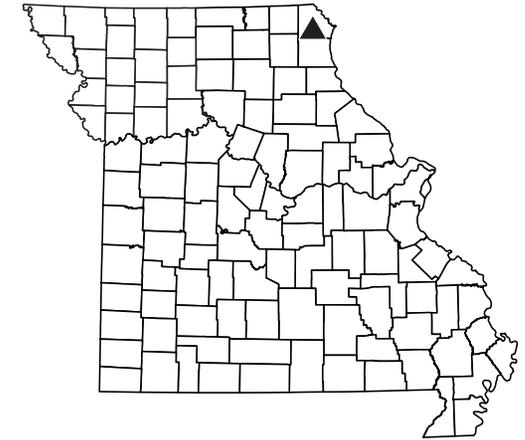
*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*

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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/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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## CONSERVATION AREA



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