

About This Area

Seventy-Six Conservation Area is located in eastern Perry County, at the end of State Highway D, approximately four miles northeast of Brazeau. The Conservation Department created this area in 1990 with the purchase of an 818-acre farm from a private landowner. Steep forested hills with narrow ridge fields and deep hollows characterize this area. Steep rock bluffs face some sections of the Mississippi River, which runs along the area for nearly two miles. The area supports a mixed hardwood forest, with stands of trees, including oaks, tulip poplars and other species, ranging in size from saplings to majestic old growth. Seventy-Six Conservation Area is being used as a demonstration area for forest and wildlife management techniques often recommended for implementation on similar or smaller tracts of land under private ownership. Timber harvests and stand improvement practices are an important part of wildlife habitat management. They produce forage and cover for many species of wildlife. In addition, the Conservation Department has created watering ponds and planted food plots, native warm-season grasses and legumes to provide additional food sources for wildlife.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Bicycling — Fishing
Hiking — Hunting

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- 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.
- Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers need a special use permit.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Bicycling is allowed on service roads and roads open to vehicles.
- No target shooting allowed.

•Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- 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 be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- 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 methods portions of the firearms deer season with a Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permit. No archery antlerless or firearm antlerless permits may be used. All other statewide deer seasons and limits apply.
- Portable tree stands may be used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number, of the user. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are 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:
Missouri Department of Conservation
2302 County Park Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
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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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