

Area Highlights

Bellefontaine Conservation Area is in north St. Louis County within the city of Bellefontaine Neighbors. The area is 133 acres in size and is situated in the southeast corner of the Highway 367/270 interchange. The area can be accessed from Highway 367, about 1/2-mile south of I-270, via a driveway that is shared with the Missouri Veterans' Home. This tract of land was previously owned by the Missouri Department of Mental Health and was transferred to the Conservation Department in 1995. The Conservation Department was interested in this property because it provided a unique opportunity for urban fishing and conservation-related educational facilities.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing
Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

The area is open daily from sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

- No camping.
- No open fires.
- No fireworks.
- No target shooting.
- No horseback riding.
- No hunting.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Bicycling is allowed on roads open to vehicles only.
- Boats are not permitted on area ponds or lakes.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Bullfrogs and green frogs may not be taken with firearms.

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Frog Pond, Catfish Pond, Hybrid Pond and Bass Pond are not open to public fishing. These ponds are only open to fishing through the Aquatic Resource Education Program. For more information, contact the Missouri Department of Conservation Columbia Bottom Office at 314/877-6014.
- On Bluegill Lake, daily limits are two black bass, four catfish and 10 fish of other species in the aggregate.
- On Bluegill Lake, all black bass under 18 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Gizzard shad may be taken from ponds by dip net or throw net.

Nearby Department Areas

Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
St. Stanislaus Conservation Area
Pelican Island Natural Area
Upper Mississippi Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
801 Strodtman Road
St. Louis, MO 63138
314/877-6014

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

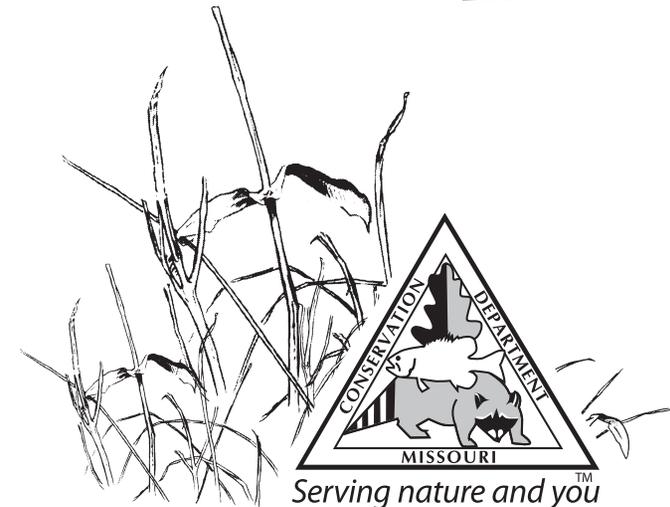
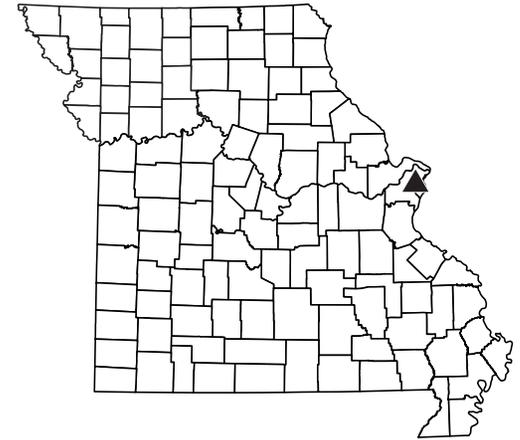


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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available 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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