

About This Area

Bradley A. Hammer Memorial Conservation Area is in Wayne County, one-half mile south of Williamsville and 10 miles northwest of Poplar Bluff. The area borders the Black River and includes 1.4 miles of river frontage along its northern border. Visitors can access the 344-acre area from Wayne County Road 424. The property for this area was donated to the Conservation Department by Gordon and Shirley Garrey as a memorial to their deceased grandson. Approximately 85 percent of the area is upland forest and riparian forest along Black River. The remaining acreage is cropland and old fields, which are now being managed for upland game. The area supports numerous game and non-game wildlife species, including deer, turkey, squirrels and raccoons. Wading and shore birds can be seen along Black River. The area provides a primitive boat access to Black River.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Camping — Fishing — 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.
- 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.
- No open fires except at campsite.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Primitive camping is permitted in designated camping areas.
- No target shooting allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

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

- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and methods except: only archery and muzzleloading methods may be used.
- Portable tree stands may be used and only 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 trees 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.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

For local information, contact:

Department of Conservation
107 Magazine Lane
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
(573) 840-9788

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

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CONSERVATION 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.