

## Hunting and Trapping

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

- Only portable stands are allowed from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address or Conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area by Feb. 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping allowed only with special use permit.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows (*Salicaceae*) and nonwoody vegetation.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.



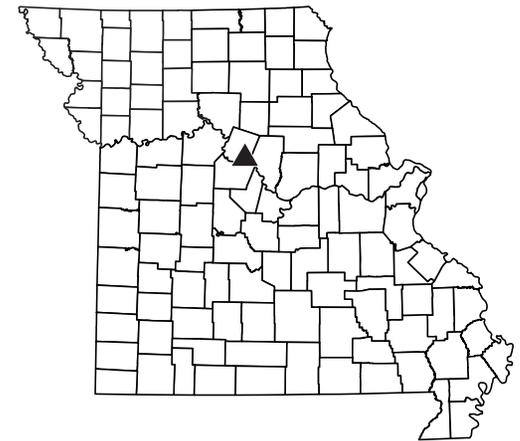
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# Diana Bend

## 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/csrl/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csrl/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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## About this Area

Diana Bend Conservation Area is 3 miles west of Rocheport on Highway 40.

Diana Bend Conservation Area is in Howard County, about five miles east of Boonville. To reach the area from I-70 at Columbia, travel west and take the Midway Exit onto Highway 40. Drive 11 miles to the welcome sign on the left. The area, which is adjacent to the Missouri River is 5/8-mile down a gravel road. This 1,343-acre area is bounded on the south by the Missouri River, on the east by Moniteau Creek, on the north by the MKT Trail, and on the west by a levee. Diana Bend Conservation Area is subject to seasonal flooding. Two water control structures help control inundation, but no pumps have been installed. Vegetation is dependent on river fluctuations. The area may contain up to 400 acres of water less than two feet deep, which can provide excellent waterfowl hunting opportunities. The Missouri River and Moniteau Creek provide good fishing, but visitors need a boat to access them. A 3-acre blue hole on the west portion of the area provides walk-in fishing. In the past, this area was intensively farmed. About 30% of the area is now regenerating cottonwoods and willows. Bottom-

land hardwood trees were planted in 1998. The Conservation Department continues to plant about 10% of the area in row crops which are left unharvested to provide food for wildlife. A 100-acre semi-permanent marsh is being developed adjacent to the MKT Trail.

## Recreational Opportunities

*Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing*

## Rules and Regulations

*Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.; hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas where these activities are permitted.*

- A handicap accessible boardwalk leads from the KATY Trail onto the area near Rocheport; ending at an accessible wildlife viewing/hunting blind.
- A scenic overlook, which provides a commanding view of the MO River floodplain, can also be found near Rocheport tunnel.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all time. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. Hunting permit required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Camping is allowed anytime in designated camping areas. These may or may not have defined campsites. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. Camping is allowed by Missouri River boat travelers within 100 yards of the river between April 1 and Sept. 30.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Vehicles are only permitted on public roadways and in parking lots.
- No bicycling opportunity except on public roadways.



## Fishing and Boating

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

- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) person at any time.
- Seining or trapping live bait is permitted in streams.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight. Electric motors only are allowed.
- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are catfish in the aggregate (channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish), four (4); black bass, six (6); crappie, thirty (30); and all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed twenty (20) in the aggregate. On lakes and ponds, black bass more than twelve inches (12") but less than fifteen inches (15") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.