

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

- **Public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat only, when Mississippi River is at or above twenty-eight (28') feet on the Caruthersville Gauge.**
- No littering, digging, fireworks, target shooting, open fires, swimming, scuba diving or speed boating.
- Vehicles are restricted to graveled surfaces only. All other access is by walk-in only.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined 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.
- Camping is permitted only in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period, with a total of 30 days within a calendar year. Groups of 10 or more need a special use permit.
- Feeding and baiting of wildlife prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.

Fishing and Boating

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

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person fishing in waters outside of the Mississippi River channel, and not more than 2 unlabeled poles may be used by any person when fishing the Mississippi River.
- **MISSISSIPPI RIVER:** When fishing the Mississippi River from Gayoso Bend, fishermen are restricted to Mississippi River fishing regulations.
- **FISHING OUTSIDE OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER CHANNEL:** Statewide stream regulations.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken from waters open to fishing or hunting during the statewide season in accordance with statewide limits and methods.
- 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 for fishing and wildlife-related 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. Closed to firearms deer hunting during the urban zones and antlerless portions. All other statewide deer seasons and limits apply.
- Portable tree stands may be placed and used between September 1 and January 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 before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is 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.
- Only non-toxic shot, as defined and approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, may be possessed and used while hunting, with the exception of firearms shooting single projectiles.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted only by special use permit.

For local information, contact:

Southeast Regional Office
2302 County Park Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 290-5730

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

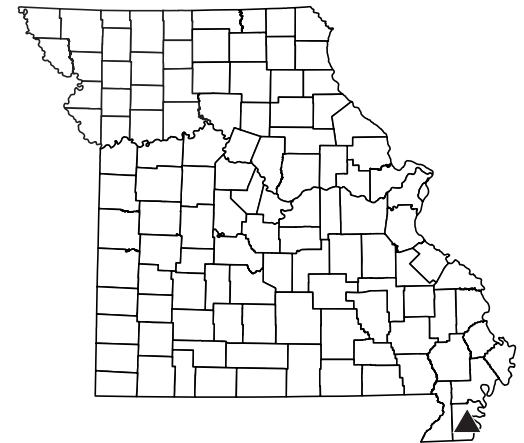
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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/ad/rules/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.

Black Island

**Stephen C. Bradford
and Gayoso Bend Units**

CONSERVATION AREA



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