

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Bicycling — Fishing  
Hiking — Hunting — Wildlife Viewing

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

- No littering, digging, fireworks, target shooting, open fires, swimming or speed boating.
- Do not park in front of, or block gates.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not used for training or hunting.
- Special use permits are required for field and retriever trials.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. The taking of wild greens is prohibited on locations designated as Natural Areas. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles and horseback riding are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas. Speed limit is 20 mph for motorized vehicles.
- Primitive camping is permitted in designated areas. Walk-in camping is allowed, EXCEPT during all deer and turkey seasons. Camping is allowed on or adjacent to parking lots, unless otherwise posted.
- Campers are 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.
- Hiking and bicycling is allowed on interior service roads and roads open to vehicles.
- All public use is prohibited except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat only, when the Mississippi River water level is at or above 34' feet on the New Madrid gauge.
- 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 exemptions:*

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person fishing in lakes (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.
- LAKES: Statewide daily and possession limits shall apply for all species, except that: in lakes and ponds, daily limits are 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish), 6 black bass, 30 crappie; all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- LAKES: All black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released immediately after being caught.

- MISSISSIPPI RIVER: When fishing the Mississippi River from Donaldson Point, fishermen are restricted to Mississippi River fishing regulations.
- 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.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted only by special use permit.

**For local information, contact:**

**Missouri Department of Conservation  
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/adrules/csr/current/5csr/3csr.asp](http://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.

# Donaldson Point

## CONSERVATION AREA



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