

- Only federally approved, non-toxic shot may be used or possessed on the area. Single projectile firearms are prohibited.

- Hunters must possess a valid daily hunting tag before entering the field to hunt any species.

- Hunters should check the area information board for specific instructions for signing in before hunting.

- Hunters must check out at the card box immediately after the close of their hunting trip before processing birds.

- Waterfowl hunting is allowed in designated pools/fields on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Hunters are limited to one party per pool/field. Check waterfowl hunting information posted at the bulletin board, or contact the local office for more details.

- Non-hunters are prohibited within the shooting area during the waterfowl season unless they are members of and remain with a party authorized to use the area.

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used. Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited.

- Portable tree stands may be used 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 tree 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.

- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.

**For local information, contact:**

**Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area**  
**PO Box 40**  
**East Prairie, MO 63845**  
**(573) 649-2770**

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

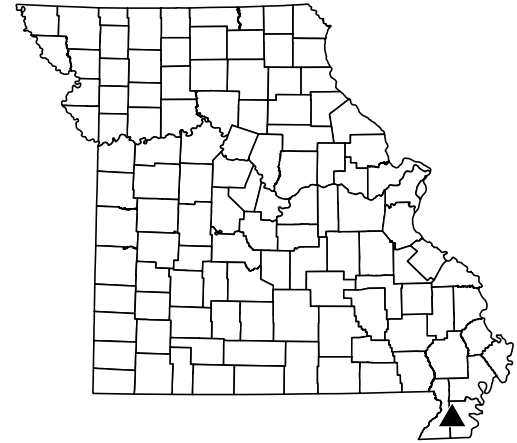


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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/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.

# LITTLE RIVER

## CONSERVATION AREA



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION**

## About This Area

Little River Conservation area is located in Dunklin and Pemiscot counties, five miles east of Kennett on Highway 412.

Purchased by the Conservation Department in 1993 from Charles D. Adams, Little River Conservation Area is located within the Lower Mississippi Delta region, which is associated with Sharkey soils. The vegetation that originally dominated this area consisted of oak, gum and cypress. The area also contained some prairie zones which would have been dominated by cane, Virginia wild rye, ricecut grass and sedges.

Little River CA contains the 150-acre Jerry P. Combs Lake, as well as floodway ditch numbers 1, 66, 81, 251 and 259. The area also contains 103 acres of reforested bottomland hardwood, 477 acres of marshes and 306 acres in use as agricultural fields.

Before they became extinct, millions of passenger pigeons passed through this area as they migrated north and south. Least terns and black terns can be seen every year feeding at Jerry P. Combs Lake.

Eleven wetland units have been developed with levees and water control structures which allow these areas to be managed for the benefit of wading birds and waterfowl during the spring and fall. In addition, the 103 acres of reforested bottomland hardwoods have been leveed to be managed as a green tree reservoir.

Jerry P. Combs Lake has six fishing jetties, one concrete fishing platform, one covered, floating fishing dock, one boat ramp (two lanes) with handicap parking and three parking lots. The main parking area is a 50-car parking lot which is located at the east side of Combs Lake. Disabled-accessible ramps lead from the parking lot to the fishing docks and platform. There is also a pavillion with picnic tables as well as men's and women's privies which are located at the parking lot.

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Bicycling is only allowed on roads open to vehicles.
  - Any activities involving ten or more people require a special use permit from the area manager.
- Hiking is permitted on interior roads and trails.
- No camping is permitted.
- Field trials are prohibited.
- Destruction, defacing, or removal of department property and use of fireworks are prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.
- There are no waste containers for disposal of garbage, trash refuse or rubbish. These items must be removed when leaving the area.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on paved and graveled public roadways and parking areas. Vehicles are not allowed on any dirt access roads or levees, or any portion of the levee of Combs Lake.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for hunting or training.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding and skateboarding are not allowed.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing is permitted. See the special size limits and other special regulations at the area's information boards.*

- In Jerry P. Combs Lake, fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Daily limit is 2 black bass (18 inch minimum length limit), 4 catfish and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Boats may be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.
- Outboard motors larger than 10 horsepower must be operated at no-wake speed.

## Hunting and Trapping

*Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:*

- Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the entire area after 1:00 p.m.
- Refuge areas are closed to all activities November 1 - January 31.
- The refuge boundary begins on the south side of the abandoned railroad bed (see map).