# Rules of Department of Conservation
## Division 10—Conservation Commission
### Chapter 11—Wildlife Code: Special Regulations for Department Areas

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Title 3—DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
Division 10—Conservation Commission
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3 CSR 10-11.105 Title; Authority

PURPOSE: This rule defines which department areas these regulations apply to and how exceptions to the regulations are made.

The special regulations in this chapter apply on lands and waters (referred to as department areas) owned or leased by the Department of Conservation. The director may issue temporary written exceptions to rules and provisions of this chapter for emergencies, special events and other compatible uses.


3 CSR 10-11.108 Commercial Use

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3 CSR 10-11.111 Commercial Use

PURPOSE: This rule establishes requirements and conditions for allowing commercial use on department areas.
(1) Certain commercial uses are permitted on department areas and require a commercial use permit or a special use permit as provided in this chapter. Commercial use is defined as any activity that directly or indirectly results in financial benefit or gain, or where money is exchanged in connection with the activity.

(2) Permits for commercial use of department areas may be obtained only upon satisfaction of all requirements imposed by this Code, including payment of fees when required. Permits for commercial use of department areas are non-transferable and no permit may be loaned, falsified, altered, or misrepresented in any manner.

(3) Annual commercial use permits are valid from July 1 through June 30 of the prescribed permit year. All other permits for commercial use of department areas are valid only for the dates listed on the permit. The acceptance of a permit authorizing commercial use of department areas shall constitute an acknowledgement of the duty to comply with the provisions of this Code. Failure to comply with the conditions of any permit authorizing commercial use of department areas shall be sufficient cause for the department to revoke the current permit and deny applications for future permits. The commission may suspend, revoke, or deny a permit or privilege for cause, but not until an opportunity has been afforded for a hearing before the commission or its authorized representative. The hearings under this section shall be a contested case pursuant to Chapter 536, RSMo, and any person aggrieved by a final decision shall be entitled to judicial review as provided in Chapter 536, RSMo.

(4) Photography/Videography. A commercial use permit is required for any person or entity engaged in commercial photography or videography, such as professional photographers, commercials, advertising, promotional, television, or documentaries. No commercial use permit is required for news agencies. A permit may be denied if the use is determined to be incompatible with the department’s mission, in conflict with other uses, or potentially harmful to persons or property. Permit fees may be waived for conservation-related organizations where the project will promote or benefit conservation interests. A separate approval is required when using an unmanned aerial system (UAS) or drone for photography or videography. Liability insurance may be required for any commercial photography or videography permit.

(A) A Commercial Photography Permit is required for commercial photographers taking photographs on department areas. Fee: one-hundred dollars ($100) annually.

(B) A Commercial Videography Permit is required for all commercial videography on department areas. Fee: five-hundred dollars ($500) per day.


3 CSR 10-11.115 Closings

PURPOSE: This rule establishes hours department areas are closed to public use and designates conditions under which some areas are closed to certain activities.

(1) Department areas are open to public use only from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily; however, hunting, fishing, trapping, dog training, camping, launching boats, and landing boats are permitted at any time in areas where these activities are authorized, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(2) Any department area may be opened during closed hours for department sponsored events or programs. Parking or storage of watercraft and commercial vehicles is prohibited during the closed hours.

(3) Department lands associated with offices, education centers, nature centers, hatcheries, staffed shooting ranges, and the following conservation areas are open to public use only during the hours authorized by posting: (A) Beckemeier (August G.) Conservation Area

(B) Bellefontaine Conservation Area

(C) Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area

(D) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

(E) Goodson (Jean and Joan) Conservation Area

(F) Gravois Creek Conservation Area

(G) Hickory Woods Conservation Area

(H) Klamborg (Roger) Woods Conservation Area

(I) Peck Ranch Conservation Area (inside the fenced portions designated as a refuge by posting or as shown on the area map or the online conservation atlas)

(J) Phantom Forest Conservation Area

(K) Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area

(L) Rockwoods Range

(M) Rockwoods Reservation

(N) Rush Creek Conservation Area

(O) Wild Cherry Ridge Conservation Area

(4) The following department areas are closed during high waters:

(A) On Black Island Conservation Area, all public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat, when the Mississippi River water level is at or above twenty-eight feet (28') on the Caruthersville, MO gauge;

(B) On Donaldson Point Conservation Area, all public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat, when the Mississippi River water level is at or above thirty-four feet (34') on the New Madrid, MO gauge;

(C) On Girvin (John L. and Georgia) Conservation Area, all public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat, when the Mississippi River water level is at or above twenty-nine feet (29') on the New Madrid, MO gauge;

(D) On Hornersville Swamp Conservation Area, all public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat, when the water level is at or above thirty-eight feet (38') on the Little River Floodway Ditch No. 1 at Hornersville, MO, gauge; and

(E) On Seven Island Conservation Area, all public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat, when the Mississippi River water level is at or above thirty feet (30') on the New Madrid, MO, gauge.

(5) On the following department areas, portions designated as Waterfowl Refuge are closed to all public use according to the dates listed below and as shown on the area map or the online conservation atlas. Portions of these designated areas may be open to other activities by posting.

(A) October 15 through March 1:

1. Brown (Bob) Conservation Area

2. Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

3. Coon Island Conservation Area

4. Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area

5. Fountain Grove Conservation Area

6. Four Rivers (August A. Busch Jr. Memorial Wetlands at) Conservation Area

7. Grand Pass Conservation Area

8. Leach (B.K.) Memorial Conservation Area
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3 CSR 10-11.125 Field Trials

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for allowing field trials on department areas.

(1) Field trials are only permitted on the department areas listed below. A field trial special use permit issued by the area manager is required. Unless otherwise provided on the field trial special use permit, field trials are permitted from September 1 through the Monday closest to March 31. Field trial types and locations may be further restricted on each designated area:

(A) Amarugia Highlands Conservation Area
(B) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
(C) Bois D’ Arc Conservation Area
(D) Bushwacker Lake Conservation Area
(E) Canaan Conservation Area
(F) Duck Creek Conservation Area
(G) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
(H) Fort Crowder Conservation Area
(I) Helton (The Wayne) Memorial Wildlife Area
(J) Maintz Wildlife Preserve
(K) Pony Express Lake Conservation Area
(L) Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area
(M) Rocky Fork Lakes Conservation Area
(N) Shawnee Trail Conservation Area
(O) Talbot (Robert E.) Conservation Area
(P) Truman Reservoir Management Lands
(Upper Tebo Creek)
(Q) Whetstone Creek Conservation Area
(R) White River Trace Conservation Area


3 CSR 10-11.120 Pets and Hunting Dogs

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for allowing pets and hunting dogs on department areas.

(1) Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all times, except as otherwise provided by signs, area brochures, or this chapter.

(A) Pets and hunting dogs are prohibited on the following department areas:

1. Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area
2. Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center
3. Engelmann Woods Natural Area
4. Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
5. Runge Conservation Nature Center
6. Springfield Conservation Nature Center
7. White Allee Creek Conservation Area

(B) Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and for training for the purposes of chasing, locating, tracking, or retrieving game when hunting and dog training as defined by this Code. Legally obtained rock pigeon may be released and taken in any number from August 1 through March 31, on those department areas where and when hunting and dog training are permitted.

(A) Any person training hunting dogs must have the permit required by 3 CSR 10-7.405.

(B) On Duck Creek Conservation Area, training of hunting dogs is permitted only by holders of a valid area dog training permit during dates and hours established for this activity.


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(S) Wilhelmina Conservation Area

(2) Field trial participants must comply with 3 CSR 10-7.410 except as otherwise provided by the special use permit.

(3) During field trials, wildlife not prohibited in 3 CSR 10-7.410 may be chased by dogs under control but may be pursued and taken only during the open seasons and only by persons possessing a valid hunting permit, except as provided in section (4) of this rule.

(4) For game bird field trials:

(A) Designated shooters, under the field trial special use permit, may shoot only legally obtained and captive-reared quail, pheasants, exotic partridges, and mallard ducks. The permit holder may purchase quail, pheasants, and mallard ducks no more than ten (10) days prior to a trial and hold them no longer than ten (10) days after a trial.

(B) All birds to be released must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection signed by an accredited veterinarian.

(C) Quail, pheasants, and exotic partridges shall be marked with a permanent avian leg band prior to release. Mallard ducks shall be marked by removal of the hind toe from the right foot, or by tattooing a readily discernible number or letter or combination on the web of one (1) foot.

(D) Legally obtained quail, pheasants, exotic partridges, and mallard ducks may be taken in any number during a field trial and may be possessed and transported from the field trial area by persons other than the field trial permit holder only when accompanied by a receipt listing the date, number, and species, and the name, address, and permit number of the field trial permit holder. In addition, the marked foot must remain attached to mallard ducks.

(5) Field trials using running dogs pursuing raccoon may be conducted on department areas not listed in 3 CSR 10-11.180(3) or 3 CSR 10-11.180(4) and greater than one thousand (1,000) acres where appropriate from September 1 through March 31 only by Field Trial Special Use Permit.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. and section 252.040, RSMo 2016.*

3 CSR 10-11.130 Vehicles, Bicycles, Horses, and Horseback Riding

PURPOSE: This rule restricts the use of certain transportation methods on department areas.

(1) Vehicle use is restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking areas, unless otherwise posted.

(2) Bicycles are permitted only on designated multi-use trails and on roads open to vehicular traffic, unless otherwise posted. Groups of more than ten (10) people using bicycles on department areas must obtain a special use permit. Bicycles are also permitted on locations designated as service roads in the online conservation atlas, unless otherwise posted, and except as follows:

(A) Bicycles are not allowed on service roads on department lands associated with nature and education centers, fish hatcheries, staffed ranges, offices, designated natural areas, and on the following department areas:

1. Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area;
2. Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area;
3. Henning (Ruth and Paul) Conservation Area;
4. Little Bean Marsh Conservation Area;
5. McCormack (Jamerson C.) Conservation Area;
6. Platte Falls Conservation Area;
7. Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area;
8. Rocky Barrens Conservation Area;
9. Star School Hill Prairie Conservation Area; and
10. Twenty-Five Mile Prairie Conservation Area;

(B) Locations designated as service roads in the online conservation atlas are closed to bicycling on the conservation areas listed in section (5) of this rule during all portions of the firearms deer hunting season and the spring turkey hunting seasons.

(3) Equestrian use is permitted only on designated multi-use trails and on roads open to vehicular traffic, except as provided in sections (6) and (7) of this rule. Groups of more than ten (10) people must obtain a special use permit.

(4) Designated multi-use trails are open for use year-round as specified on the following department areas:

(A) Areas with multi-use trails open to bicycling—

1. Big Creek Conservation Area

(B) Areas with multi-use trails open to equestrian use—

1. Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area;
2. Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area;
3. Columbia Bottom Conservation Area;
4. Davis (The Lester R.) Memorial Forest;
5. Hart Creek Conservation Area;
6. Hinkson Woods Conservation Area;
7. Howell Island Conservation Area;
8. Klamberg (Roger) Woods Conservation Area;
9. Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area;
10. Logan (William R.) Conservation Area;
11. Steyermark (Julian) Woods Conservation Area;
12. Sunbridge Hills Conservation Area;
13. Walnut Woods Conservation Area;
14. Weldon Spring Conservation Area;
15. Youngdahl (Mark) Urban Conservation Area.

(C) Areas with multi-use trails open to bicycling and equestrian use—

1. Bicentennial Conservation Area;
2. Big Buffalo Creek Conservation Area;
3. Busiek State Forest and Wildlife Area;
4. Flag Spring Conservation Area;
5. Huckleberry Ridge Conservation Area;
6. Prairie Home Conservation Area;
7. Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area;
8. Rockwoods Range;
9. Stockton Lake Management Lands;
10. Three Creeks Conservation Area;
11. Wappapello Lake Management Lands; and
12. Wire Road Conservation Area.

(5) Designated multi-use trails are open for use as specified except during all portions of the firearms deer hunting season and the spring turkey hunting seasons on the following department areas:

(A) Areas with multi-use trails open to bicycling—

1. Poosy Conservation Area (Green Hills Trail)

(B) Areas with multi-use trails open to equestrian use—

1. Angelina Conservation Area; and
2. Bonanza Conservation Area; and
3. Bunch Hollow Conservation Area;
4. Bushwhacker Lake Conservation Area;
5. Canaan Conservation Area;
6. Caney Mountain Conservation Area;

3 CSR 10-11.135 Wild Plants, Plant Products, and Mushrooms

PURPOSE: This rule limits harvesting wild plants, plant products, and mushrooms on department areas.

(1) Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens, and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption, unless further restricted in this chapter.

(A) Taking of nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens, and mushrooms is prohibited on the following department areas:

1. Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center
2. Conservation Commission Headquarters
3. Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
4. Runge Conservation Nature Center
5. Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center
6. Springfield Conservation Nature Center
7. Twin Pines Conservation Education Center

(B) On Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area and Rockwoods Reservation only mushrooms may be taken.

(C) On areas designated by the Conservation Commission as Missouri Natural Areas, taking edible wild greens is prohibited.


3 CSR 10-11.140 Camping

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for camping on department areas.

(1) Camping is permitted only within areas designated by signs, area maps, or in accordance with posted regulations or by special use permit. Stays are limited to a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days in any thirty-(30)-day period, with the period to commence the date the site is occupied or camping within any given department area first occurs. Personal property must be removed at the end of the fourteen-(14)-day period. Total camping days on all department lands are limited to thirty (30) days within one (1) calendar year. Camping requests in excess of thirty (30) days within a calendar year may be granted with a special use permit. On those areas with established campsites, only two (2) camping or sleeping units are permitted in each site. Quiet hours are effective from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily. Visitors who are not occupying a campsite are required to leave the campground by 10:00 p.m. Quiet hours are defined as the cessation of excessive noise from people or any mechanical device which causes disturbance to other campers. Campfires are allowed only in designated camping areas or by special use permit. Groups of more than ten (10) people must obtain a special use permit prior to camping.

(A) On Thomas Hill Reserve, only one (1) camping or sleeping unit and a maximum of six (6) people are permitted in each campsite.


3 CSR 10-11.145 Tree Stands

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for use of tree stands on department areas.

Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31 on areas where black bears, deer, or elk hunting is allowed, by special use permit, or except as otherwise authorized in 3 CSR 10-11.181, 3 CSR 10-11.182, and 3 CSR 10-11.191 of this chapter. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material
3 CSR 10-11.150 Target Shooting and Shooting Ranges

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for target shooting and use of shooting ranges on department areas.

Target shooting is permitted on designated public shooting ranges or by special use permit. Shooting hours on unstaffed ranges are one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour before legal shooting time. Range use shall be in accordance with posted range rules or as directed by the range officer listed on the special use permit, and is contingent upon the right to inspect permits, firearms, and ammunition by an agent of the department or certified law enforcement officer. Only paper targets attached to provided target holders may be used on unstaffed target shooting ranges, except that on portions of shooting ranges restricted to shotguns with shotshells, only clay targets may be used. Use of incendiary, including tracer ammunition, armor piercing, or explosive ammunition is prohibited. Fully automatic firearms are permitted only with a special use permit. Range use fees are required at some areas. Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on all ranges and associated parking lots. Groups of more than ten (10) people must obtain a special use permit prior to use of a range.


3 CSR 10-11.155 Decoys and Blinds

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for the use of decoys and blinds on department areas.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

(1) Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily and may not be left unattended between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Blinds may not be constructed on-site from woody vegetation except for willows (Salicaceae spp.).

(A) The current Upper Mississippi Conservation Area Waterfowl Hunting Information booklet is hereby incorporated in this Code by reference. This booklet is published annually in March by, and a printed copy can be obtained from, the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180 and is also available online at www.missouriconservation.org. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(B) On those portions of Upper Mississippi Conservation Area designated as restricted waterfowl hunting areas, blind sites shall be designated and allotted through a system of registration and drawing established by the department. Blinds must be constructed in accordance with specifications, dates, and other requirements as described in the Upper Mississippi Conservation Area Waterfowl Hunting Information booklet. Waterfowl may be taken only from a designated blind except that hunters may retrieve dead birds and pursue and shoot downed cripples. This rule does not apply during the early teal season and the early Canada goose season. On portions of the area designated as open, blinds may be constructed without site restrictions. Blinds or blind sites on both restricted and open portions of the area may not be locked, transferred, rented, or sold. Boats shall not be left overnight at blind sites. Blinds unoccupied at one-half (1/2) hour before legal shooting time may be used by the first hunter to arrive.


3 CSR 10-11.160 Use of Boats and Motors

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for use of boats and motors on department areas.

(1) Boats (including canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, and sailboats) may be used on lakes and ponds except as further restricted in this chapter. Boats may not be left unattended overnight. Houseboats, airboats, and personal watercraft as defined in section 306.010, RSMo, are prohibited. Float tubes may be used for authorized fishing and hunting activities. Registration and a fee may be required for rental of department-owned boats. Fees shall be paid prior to use.

(A) Except as provided below, only electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds of less than seventy (70) acres. Electric motors and outboard motors are permitted on lakes of seventy (70) or more acres and on certain areas in conjunction with waterfowl hunting, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (1)(A)2. of this rule. Outboard motors in excess of ten (10) horsepower must be operated at slow, no-wake speed, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (1)(A)3. of this rule.

1. Only department-owned boats may be used, only electric motors are permitted, and the use of float tubes is specifically prohibited on the following department areas:

   A. Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area
   B. Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
   C. Hunnewell Lake Conservation Area
   D. Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area

2. On DeLane (Robert G.) Lake Conservation Area, only electric motors are permitted.

3. On Thomas Hill Reservoir Conservation Area, houseboats are prohibited at all times, and all boating is prohibited on the main arm of the lake above Highway T from October 15 through January 15. No other restrictions in this section apply to this area.
4. Boats are prohibited on the following department areas:
   A. Bellefontaine Conservation Area
   B. Weldon Spring Conservation Area
   (lakes and ponds)


3 CSR 10-11.165 Bullfrogs and Green Frogs

**PURPOSE:** This rule establishes provisions for harvesting bullfrogs and green frogs on department areas.

(1) Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, pole and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow, only on waters and within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing or hunting, except as further restricted in this chapter. An artificial light may be used.


3 CSR 10-11.180 Hunting, General Provisions and Seasons

**PURPOSE:** This rule establishes general provisions for hunting on department areas.

(1) Hunting is permitted on department areas, except as further restricted by signs, area maps, or this chapter and except turkey, deer, and elk hunting are allowed as authorized in 3 CSR 10-11.181 Turkey Hunting, 3 CSR 10-11.182 Deer Hunting, and 3 CSR 10-11.190 Elk Hunting of this chapter. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter or by managed hunt, statewide permits, seasons, methods, and limits apply. A valid area daily hunting tag may be required in addition to statewide permits.

(2) Hunting may be further restricted on designated portions of department areas which include, but are not limited to, refuges, wildlife sanctuaries, shooting ranges, residences, work areas, campgrounds, and other public use or service areas.

(3) Except for deer, elk, and turkey hunting as authorized in 3 CSR 10-11.181 Turkey Hunting, 3 CSR 10-11.182 Deer Hunting, and 3 CSR 10-11.190 Elk Hunting of this chapter, hunting is prohibited on outdoor education sites, conservation education center sites, nature center sites, and any of the following areas that are less than forty (40) acres in size: public fishing accesses, radio facilities, office sites, tower sites, cave sites, and staffed shooting ranges.

(4) Hunting is prohibited on the following department areas except for deer and turkey hunting as authorized in 3 CSR 10-11.181 Turkey Hunting and 3 CSR 10-11.182 Deer Hunting of this chapter:

(A) Allred Lake Natural Area
(B) Ashe Juniper Natural Area
(C) Austin Community Lake
(D) Beckemeier (August G.) Conservation Area
(E) Bellefontaine Conservation Area
(F) Bicentennial Conservation Area
(G) Binder Community Lake
(H) Bird’s Blue Hole
(I) Bittern Bottoms Conservancy Area
(J) Bray (Marguerite) Conservation Area
(K) Caldwell Memorial Wildlife Area
(L) DeLaney (Robert G.) Lake Conservation Area
(M) Dripping Springs Natural Area
(N) Engelmann Woods Natural Area
(O) Forest 44 Conservation Area
(P) Foxglove Conservation Area
(Q) Goodson (Jean and Joan) Conservation Area
(R) Gravois Creek Conservation Area
(S) Gravois Mills Access
(T) Grundy Memorial Wildlife Area
(U) Harten (Ronald and Maude) Conservation Area
(V) Harter (James R.) Conservation Area
(W) Hemmig (Ruth and Paul) Conservation Area
(X) Hickory Canyons Natural Area
(Y) Hickory Woods Conservation Area
(Z) Hinkson Woods Conservation Area
(AA) Juden Creek Conservation Area
(BB) Klambro (Roger) Woods Conservation Area
(CC) La Petite Gnome Prairie Conservation Area
(DD) Lichen Glade Conservation Area
(EE) Lily Pond Natural Area
(FF) Limpp Community Lake
(GG) Lipton Conservation Area
(HH) Little Osage Prairie
(II) Malta Bend Community Lake
(JJ) Maple Flats Access
 KK) Maple Woods Natural Area
(LL) Miller Community Lake
(MM) Mint Spring Conservation Area
(NN) Mount Vernon Prairie
(OO) Niawathe Prairie Conservation Area
(PP) Parma Woods Range and Training Center (south portion)
(RR) Pawhuska Prairie
(SS) Perry County Community Lake
(TT) Phantom Forest Conservation Area
(UU) Pickles Springs Natural Area
(VV) Port Hudson Lake Conservation Area
(WW) Ray County Community Lake
(XX) Rocheport Cave Conservation Area
(TY) Rockwoods Range
(ZZ) Rockwoods Reservation
(AAA) Rush Creek Conservation Area
(BBB) Saeger Woods Conservation Area
(CCC) Saint Stanislaus Conservation Area
(DDD) Sears (F. O. and Leda J.) Memorial Wildlife Area
(EEEE) Shawnee Mac Lakes Conservation Area
(FFF) Sims Valley Community Lake
(GGG) Steyermark (Julian) Woods Conservation Area
(HHH) Teszars Woods Conservation Area
(III) Thirtyfour Corner Blue Hole
(JJJ) Thompson (Robert H.) Conservation Area
(KKK) Tower Rock Natural Area
(LLL) Truman Reservoir Management Lands (designated portion of the Grand River Bottoms Wildlife Management Area)
(MMM) Twin Borrow Pits Conservation Area
(NNN) Tywappity Community Lake
(OOO) Upper Mississippi Conservation Area (Clarksdale Refuge)
(PPP) Wah Kon-Tah Prairie (portion south
of Highway 82)  
(QQQ) Wah-Sha-She Prairie  
(RRR) Walnut Woods Conservation Area  
(SSS) White Alloee Creek Conservation Area  
(TTT) Wildcat Glade Natural Area  
(UUU) Wild Cherry Ridge Conservation Area  
(VVV) Woods (Walter) Conservation Area  
(WWW) Youngdahl (Mark) Urban Conservation Area  

(5) Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited on the following department areas except for deer hunting as authorized in 3 CSR 10-11.182 Deer Hunting of this chapter:

(A) Beaver Creek Conservation Area  
(B) Bennett Spring Access  
(C) Berrier (Dr. Harry and Lina) Memorial Conservation Area  
(D) Black Island Conservation Area (Wolf Bayou Unit of)  
(E) Bois D'Arc Conservation Area  
(F) Branch Towersite  
(G) Brickley Hollow Conservation Area  
(H) Brown (Girheld and Graham) Conservation Area  
(I) Cape LaCroix Bluffs Conservation Area  
(J) Catawissa Conservation Area  
(K) Charity Access  
(L) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area  
(M) Cuivre Island Conservation Area (mainland portion)  
(N) Diamond Grove Prairie Conservation Area  
(O) Dorris Creek Prairie Conservation Area  
(P) Dorsett Hill Prairie Conservation Area  
(Q) Dupree (Arthur) Memorial Conservation Area  
(R) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area  
(S) Earthquake Hollow Conservation Area  
(T) Eck (Peter A.) Conservation Area  
(U) Edmonson Access  
(V) Ferguson-Herold Conservation Area  
(W) Fort Leonard Wood Towersite  
(X) Gale (Larry R.) Access  
(Y) Glassberg (Myron and Sonya) Family Conservation Area  
(Z) Grand Bluffs Conservation Area  
(AA) Horse Creek Prairie Conservation Area  
(BB) LaBarque Creek Conservation Area  
(CC) Lewis (The) Family, Dean, Anna Mae and David D. Lewis Memorial Conservation Area  
(DD) Liberty Bend Conservation Area  
(EE) Little Bean Marsh Conservation Area  
(FF) Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area  
(GG) Little Prairie Conservation Area  
(HH) Little River Conservation Area  
(II) Logan (Caroline Sheridan) Memorial Wildlife Area  
(JJ) Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area  
(KK) Lost Valley Fish Hatchery  
(LL) Lowe (William) Conservation Area  
(MM) Mansfield (Alice Ahart) Conservation Area  
(NN) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area  
(OO) Mockingbird Hill Access  
(PP) Mo-No-I Prairie Conservation Area  
(QQ) Mon-Shon Prairie Conservation Area  
(RR) Noser Mill Conservation Area  
(SS) Pacific Palisades Conservation Area  
(TT) Parma Woods Range and Training Center (south portion)  
(UU) Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area  
(VV) Reform Conservation Area  
(WW) Rocky Barrens Conservation Area  
(xx) Saint Stanislaus Conservation Area  
(YY) Shelton (Wade and June) Memorial Conservation Area  
(ZZ) Sloan (Dr. O. E. and Eloise) Conservation Area  
(AAA) Sterling Price Community Lake  
(BBB) Sunbridge Hills Conservation Area  
(CCC) Swift Ditch Access  
(DDD) Tipton Ford Access  
(EEEE) Treaty Line Prairie Conservation Area  
(FFF) Tri-City Community Lake  
(GGG) Valley View Glades Natural Area  
(HHH) Vandalia Community Lake  
(IJJ) Victoria Glades Conservation Area  
(KKK) Vonaventure Memorial Forest and Wildlife Area  
(LLL) Wigwam School Access  
(MMM) Young Conservation Area  

(6) Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited, except for deer as authorized in 3 CSR 10-11.182 Deer Hunting of this chapter, and except furbears tred with the aid of dogs may be taken with a twenty-two (.22) or smaller caliber rimfire firearm on the following department areas:

(A) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area  
(B) Howell Island Conservation Area  
(C) Truman Reservoir Management Lands (Designated portion of the Grand River Bottoms Wildlife Management Area)  
(D) Upper Mississippi Conservation Area (Dresser Island portion)  
(E) Weldon Spring Conservation Area  

(7) Firearms hunting is prohibited on the following department areas:

(A) Boston Ferry Conservation Area  
(B) Bridger (Jim) Urban Conservation Area  
(C) Jamesport Community Lake  
(D) Ray (J. Thad) Memorial Wildlife Area  
(E) Lon Sanders Canyon Conservation Area  
(F) Waters (Henry Jackson) and C.B. Moss Memorial Wildlife Area  

(8) Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited for hunting on the following department areas:

(A) Aspinwall Bend Conservation Area  
(B) Black Island Conservation Area  
(C) Brown (Bob) Conservation Area  
(D) Church Farm Conservation Area  
(E) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area  
(F) Cooley Lake Conservation Area  
(G) Coon Island Conservation Area  
(H) Corning Conservation Area  
(I) Deroin Bend Conservation Area  
(J) Diana Bend Conservation Area  
(K) Duck Creek Conservation Area  
(L) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area  
(M) Franklin Island Conservation Area  
(N) Frost Island Conservation Area  
(O) Fountain Grove Conservation Area  
(P) Four Rivers (August A. Busch, Jr. Memorial Wetlands at) Conservation Area  
(Q) Grand Pass Conservation Area  
(R) Leach (B. K.) Memorial Conservation Area  
(S) Little Bean Marsh Conservation Area  
(T) Little River Conservation Area  
(U) Lower Hamburg Bend Conservation Area  
(V) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area  
(W) Montrose Conservation Area  
(X) Nishnabotna Conservation Area  
(Y) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area  
(Z) Otter Slough Conservation Area  
(_AA) Perry (Ralph and Martha) Conservation Area  
(BB) Platte Falls Conservation Area  
(CC) Plowboy Bend Conservation Area  
(DD) Schell-Osage Conservation Area  
(EE) Settle's Ford Conservation Area  
(FF) Shanks (Ted) Conservation Area  
(GG) Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area  
(HH) Thurnau (H. F.) Conservation Area  
(II) Rose Pond Conservation Area  
(JJ) Rush Bottom Conservation Area  
(KK) Wolf Creek Bend Conservation Area  

(9) On Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area—

(A) Rabbits may be hunted only with shotgun from January 1 through February 15, except on designated portions where special management restrictions apply. The daily limit is four (4) rabbits;  
(B) Furbers other than coyotes not tred with the aid of dogs may be taken only by shotgun during the prescribed season; and  
(C) All furbers may be taken during managed deer hunts that coincide with the prescribed furbear season using methods allowed for deer by participants holding a valid managed deer hunting permit and the prescribed permit for taking furbers.
(10) Hunting is permitted on the following department areas only by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag or as authorized in 3 CSR 10-11.181 Turkey Hunting and 3 CSR 10-11.182 Deer Hunting of this chapter:
(A) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
(B) Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area
(C) Forest 44 Conservation Area
(D) Green (Charles W.) Conservation Area
(E) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(F) Prairie Fork Conservation Area
(G) Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area

1. Rabbits, squirrels, and crows may be taken between sunrise and sunset from December 1 through the end of the statewide season except furbearers may be taken during managed deer hunts that coincide with the prescribed furbearer season using methods allowed for deer by participants holding a valid managed deer hunting permit and the prescribed permit for taking furbearers.

(11) On Lake Girardeau Conservation Area, firearms firing a single projectile are prohibited, except a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller rimfire firearm may be used from November 1 through April 1.

(12) On the portion of Nodaway River bordered by the portion of Nodaway Valley Conservation Area which has been designated a waterfowl refuge, all hunting is prohibited from October 15 through March 1.

(13) On Leach (B. K.) Memorial Conservation Area, hunting of wildlife other than waterfowl is allowed during prescribed seasons, except that from October 15 through the end of the appropriate zone’s duck season other wildlife may be hunted only by archery methods and only in designated areas.

(14) On Cover (Dan and Maureen) Prairie Conservation Area, rabbits may not be chased, pursued, or taken during the prescribed quail hunting season.

(15) Firearms firing single projectiles larger than twenty-two (.22) caliber rimfire are prohibited on the following areas except for deer hunting as authorized in 3 CSR 10-11.182 Deer Hunting of this chapter:
(A) Church Farm Conservation Area
(B) Horton Farm Conservation Area
(C) Kendzora (Anthony and Beatrice) Conservation Area
(D) Montrose Conservation Area
(E) Park (Guy B.) Conservation Area
(F) Platte Falls Conservation Area

(16) Hunting is prohibited inside the fenced portions of Peck Ranch Conservation Area designated as a refuge by posting or as shown on the area map or the online conservation atlas, except for deer, turkey, and elk hunting as authorized by 3 CSR 10-11.181, 3 CSR 10-11.182, and 3 CSR 10-11.190 of this chapter.


3 CSR 10-11.181 Turkey Hunting

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for turkey hunting on department areas.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

Turkeys may be hunted on department areas as authorized in the current Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet and the current Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, both of which are hereby incorporated in this Code by reference. These booklets are published annually in March and August, respectively, by, and printed copies can be obtained from, the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180 and are also available online at www.missouriconservation.org. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.


3 CSR 10-11.182 Deer Hunting

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for deer hunting on department areas.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

Deer may be hunted on department areas as authorized in the current Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet, which is hereby incorporated in this Code by reference. This booklet is published annually in August by, and a printed copy can be obtained from, the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180 and is also available online at www.missouriconservation.org. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. and section 252.240, RSMo
3 CSR 10-11.183 Managed Deer Hunts
(Rescinded March 30, 2005)


3 CSR 10-11.184 Quail Hunting

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for quail hunting on department areas.

(1) Quail hunting is permitted on department areas in accordance with statewide regulations except as further restricted in this chapter.

(2) On Whetstone Creek Conservation Area quail hunting is permitted only through December 15.

(3) On Cover (Dan and Maureen) Prairie Conservation Area quail hunting is permitted only by holders of the prescribed hunting permit who have been selected to participate in the area’s managed quail hunts.

(4) Quail hunting is prohibited on the following department areas:
   (A) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
   (B) Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area


3 CSR 10-11.185 Dove Hunting

PURPOSE: This rule incorporates deleted portions of 3 CSR 10-11.180 into a single dove-specific rule to clarify and simplify the Wildlife Code. It also clarifies that dove hunting is permitted only by holders of the prescribed hunting permit in accordance with state law. Statewide permits, seasons, methods, and limits apply unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(1) Dove hunting is permitted on department areas in accordance with statewide regulations, except as further restricted in this chapter.

(2) On the following areas, during the month of September, dove hunters must possess a valid area daily hunting tag while hunting and must accurately report their harvest immediately upon completing their hunting trip:
   (A) Dove hunting is permitted during legal shooting hours in accordance with statewide regulations:
      1. Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
      2. Bois D’Arc Conservation Area
      3. Logan (William R.) Conservation Area
      4. Pony Express Lake Conservation Area
      5. Talbot (Robert E.) Conservation Area
      6. White (William G. and Erma Parke) Memorial Wildlife Area
   (B) Dove hunting is permitted by managed hunt during the first seven (7) days and during legal shooting hours for the entire dove hunting season:
      1. Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
      2. Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
      3. Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area
   (C) On Columbia Bottom Conservation Area, dove hunting is permitted only by managed hunt after 1:00 p.m. during the first seven (7) days of the dove hunting season and during legal shooting hours for the remainder of the season.
   (D) On Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area, dove hunting is permitted only by managed hunt during the first seven (7) days of the dove hunting season, except that dove hunting is prohibited on Labor Day and the weekend immediately preceding. Shooting hours are from 1:00 p.m. to sunset for the entire season.
   (E) Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited.

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for waterfowl hunting on department areas.

(1) Waterfowl hunting is permitted on department areas except as further restricted in this chapter. Statewide permits, seasons, methods, and limits apply unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(2) On Lake Girardeau Conservation area, waterfowl hunting is prohibited.

(3) Waterfowl hunting is prohibited after 1:00 p.m. on designated portions of the following department areas:
   (A) Amarugia Highlands Conservation Area
   (B) Brown (Bob) Conservation Area
   (C) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
   (D) Coon Island Conservation Area
   (E) Duck Creek Conservation Area
   (F) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
   (G) Fountain Grove Conservation Area

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(H) Grand Pass Conservation Area
(I) King Lake Conservation Area
(J) Leach (B. K.) Memorial Conservation Area
(K) Little River Conservation Area
(L) Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area
(M) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
(N) Otter Slough Conservation Area
(O) Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area
(P) Pony Express Lake Conservation Area
(Q) Schell-Osage Conservation Area
(R) Shanks (Ted) Conservation Area
(S) Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area

(4) Waterfowl may be taken on the department areas listed below only by holders of a valid area Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag and only from a blind or in a designated area, except that hunters may retrieve dead birds and pursue and shoot downed cripples outside the designated area. Waterfowl hunters must check out immediately after the close of their hunting trip and prior to processing birds by accurate completion and return of the Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag to designated locations. These department areas are closed to waterfowl hunting on December 25.

(A) Brown (Bob) Conservation Area
(B) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
(C) Duck Creek Conservation Area
(D) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
(E) Fountain Grove Conservation Area
(F) Four Rivers (August A. Busch, Jr. Memorial Wetlands at) Conservation Area
(G) Grand Pass Conservation Area
(H) Leach (B. K.) Memorial Conservation Area
(I) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(J) Montrose Conservation Area
(K) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
(L) Otter Slough Conservation Area
(M) Schell-Osage Conservation Area
(N) Shanks (Ted) Conservation Area
(O) Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area

(5) On Thomas Hill Reservoir, waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the lands and waters of the main arm between Highway T and county road 462, three and one-half (3 1/2) miles north of Highway T from October 15 through the close of the waterfowl season.

(6) Waterfowl hunters must self-register at designated hunter record boxes prior to hunting by completing a Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag and accurately report harvest and check out immediately after the hunt on the following department areas:

(A) Coon Island Conservation Area
(B) Fountain Grove (Southside Wetland Complex)
(C) Four Rivers (August A. Busch, Jr. Memorial Wetlands at) Conservation Area
(D) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
(E) Settle’s Ford Conservation Area

(7) On Little River Conservation Area, waterfowl hunting is permitted only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays in designated pools by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag.

(8) On Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area:

(A) Teal hunting is allowed from sunrise to sunset during the prescribed teal hunting season.
(B) Goose hunting is allowed from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset during those portions of the prescribed goose hunting season that occurs outside of the prescribed duck hunting season, and from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset during the prescribed conservation order for light geese.

(C) Waterfowl hunting is allowed only until 1:00 p.m. and only on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday during the prescribed duck hunting season.

(9) Waterfowl may be hunted only during managed waterfowl hunts on the following department areas:

(A) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
(B) Cooley Lake Conservation Area
(C) Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area

(10) On Little Bean Marsh Conservation Area, waterfowl may be hunted only in designated areas and only during the appropriate zone’s duck and Canada goose seasons.

(11) Managed Waterfowl-Hunting Areas; Draw Participation Requirements.

(A) Hunting party members may participate in only one (1) morning drawing on the same day and may only submit one (1) Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag per morning drawing. This includes having one (1) hunting party member submit a Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag for another hunting party member in their absence.

(B) A hunter must be properly licensed prior to participating in the morning drawing or applying for a reservation.

(C) Hunting parties, including observers, may not exceed four (4), except during youth seasons.

(D) Hunters must qualify for Missouri resident permits or be exempt from purchasing Missouri permits to apply for reservations. Hunters do not need to be a Missouri resident to reserve an Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible blind.

(E) Hunting parties who have reserved an Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible blind are not eligible to enter an in-person drawing unless they first forfeit their Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible blind reservation for that day.

(F) Hunters may not be registered for more than one (1) location or possess more than one (1) valid Daily Waterfowl Hunting Tag at the same time. Hunters must check out of one (1) location prior to registering for another location.

(G) Hunting parties must hunt in their assigned location, as designated during the morning drawing.

(H) Parties not registered or signed in prior to the draw time will not be allowed to enter the drawing. This includes parties with reservations.

(I) Individuals may not be added to a party once the party has drawn.


3 CSR 10-11.187 Trapping

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for trapping on department areas.

Trapping on department areas is allowed only with a special use permit issued by the area manager. Trappers must comply with Chapter 8 of this Code.
3 CSR 10-11.190 Elk Hunting

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for elk hunting on department areas.

Elk may be hunted on department areas located within Carter, Reynolds, and Shannon counties in accordance with statewide regulations, except as further restricted in this chapter.


3 CSR 10-11.191 Black Bear Hunting

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for black bear hunting on department areas.

Black bears may be hunted on department areas located within the black bear management zones as described in 3 CSR 10-7.900(5) in accordance with statewide regulations, except as further restricted in this chapter.


3 CSR 10-11.200 Fishing, General Provisions and Seasons

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for fishing on department areas.

(1) Fishing is permitted on department areas, except as further restricted by signs, area maps, or this chapter. Statewide permits, seasons, methods, and limits apply unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(2) Fishing is prohibited on the following department areas or individually-named lakes:
   (A) Allred Lake Natural Area
   (B) Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area
   (C) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area (Lake 8)
   (D) Gama Grass Prairie Conservation Area
   (E) Gay Feather Prairie Conservation Area
   (F) Green (Charles W.) Conservation Area
   (G) Little Osage Prairie
   (H) Mount Vernon Prairie
   (I) Niawathe Prairie Conservation Area
   (J) Pawhuska Prairie
   (K) Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
   (L) Springfield Conservation Nature Center
   (M) Wah’Kon-Tah Prairie (portion south of Highway 82)
   (N) Wah-Sha-She Prairie
   (O) Waters (Henry Jackson) and C.B. Moss Memorial Wildlife Area
   (P) Youngdahl (Mark) Urban Conservation Area

(3) On Prairie Lake and Fire Lake (Weldon Spring Conservation Area), fishing is prohibited during the appropriate zone’s Canada goose season.


3 CSR 10-11.205 Fishing, Methods and Hours

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for fishing methods and hours of restricted public use on department areas.

(1) 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, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.
   (A) Fish may be taken with bank lines, jug lines, limb lines, throwlines, and trotlines on the following department areas or individually-named lakes:
      1. Montrose Conservation Area
      2. Schell-Osage Conservation Area
      3. Shanks (Ted) Conservation Area
     (B) Carp, buffalo, suckers, and gar may be taken by atlatl, gig, bow, or crossbow during statewide seasons on the following department areas or individually-named lakes:
      1. Atlanta Conservation Area
      2. Bismarck Conservation Area
      3. Blackjack Access
      4. Brown (Bob) Conservation Area
      5. Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
      6. Cooley Lake Conservation Area
      7. Deer Ridge Conservation Area
      8. Deroin Bend Conservation Area
      9. Duck Creek Conservation Area
     10. Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
     11. Femme Osage Slough (Weldon Spring Conservation Area)
     12. Fewel (Connor O.) Conservation Area
     13. Fountain Grove Conservation Area
     14. Four Rivers (August A. Busch, Jr.) Memorial Wetlands at) Conservation Area
     15. Franklin Island Conservation Area
     16. Grand Pass Conservation Area
     17. Hunnewell Lake Conservation Area
     18. King Lake Conservation Area
     19. Kings Prairie Access
     20. Lake Palo Conservation Area
     21. Lamine River Conservation Area
     22. Leach (B. K.) Memorial Conservation Area
     23. Limpp Community Lake
     24. Little Compton Lake Conservation Area
     25. Locust Creek Conservation Area
     26. Manito Lake Conservation Area
     27. Marais Témar Clair Conservation Area
     28. Nodaway County Community Lake
     29. Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
     30. Otter Slough Conservation Area
     31. Peabody Conservation Area
     32. Perry (Ralph and Martha) Memorial Conservation Area
     33. Poague (Hayesler A.) Conservation Area
     34. Pony Express Lake Conservation Area
     35. Rebel’s Cove Conservation Area
     36. Schell-Osage Conservation Area
     37. Sever (Henry) Lake Conservation Area
     38. Settle’s Ford Conservation Area
     39. Shanks (Ted) Conservation Area
     40. Thrurnau (H. F.) Conservation Area
     41. Truman Reservoir Management Lands
     42. Worth County Community Lake
     43. Worthwine Island Conservation Area
   (C) Gizzard shad may be taken from lakes and ponds by dip net or throw net.

(2) Fishing is permitted only by reservation by educational groups, and fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately

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after being caught, except as provided by special use permit on the following department areas or individually named lakes:

(A) Bass Pond, Catfish Pond, Hybrid Pond (Bellefontaine Conservation Area)
(B) Belladonna Pond (Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery)
(C) Bois D’Arc Conservation Area Aquatic Education Pond
(D) Bray Pond (Bray (Marguerite) Conservation Area)
(E) Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area Aquatic Education Pond
(F) Caldwell Memorial Wildlife Area
(G) Lost Valley Fish Hatchery;
(H) Mule Camp Pond (Twin Pines Conservation Education Center);
(I) Prairie Fork Conservation Area;
(J) Sunfish Lake (Hartell (Ronald and Maude) Conservation Area); and
(K) Woods (Walter) Conservation Area Aquatic Education Pond.

(3) On Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center Pond fishing is restricted to persons fifteen (15) years of age or younger.

(4) Fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught except by holders of a special use permit on the following department areas or individually named lakes:

(A) Conservation Commission Headquarters
(B) Clinic Pond 1, Clinic Pond 2 (Platte Falls Conservation Area).

(5) On Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area:
(A) Fishing is permitted only on designated waters from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, and from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily during the remainder of the year;
(B) On Honker Pond, fishing is restricted to persons fifteen (15) years of age or younger and not more than one (1) pole and line may be used by any one (1) person at any time; and
(C) On Prairie Hollow Lake, fishing is permitted only by reservation by educational groups, and fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught, except as provided by special use permit.

(6) On Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area:
(A) Fishing is permitted only on designated waters from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily;
(B) On Lakes 16, 31, and 32, only flies, artificial lures, and soft plastic baits (unscented) may be used and fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught;
(C) On Lakes 7 and 21, only flies, artificial lures, and soft plastic baits (unscented) may be used from November 1 through January 31;
(D) On Lake 12, fishing is restricted to persons fifteen (15) years of age or younger and not more than one (1) pole and line may be used by any one (1) person at any time;
(E) On Lakes 1, 2, and 15, fishing is permitted only by reservation by educational groups, and fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught, except as provided by special use permit; and
(F) On Lakes 3, 7, 21, 22, and 23, from November 1 through January 31, not more than one (1) pole and line may be used by one (1) person at any time and the use of natural or scented baits as chum is prohibited.

(7) On Binder Community Lake, fishing is permitted only from 3:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily.

(8) Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all lakes and ponds, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. (A) Seining or trapping live bait, excluding all frogs and tadpoles, in compliance with 3 CSR 10-6.605 is permitted on designated lakes and ponds on the following department areas:
1. Atlanta Conservation Area;
2. Leach (B. K.) Memorial Conservation Area;
3. Brown (Bob) Conservation Area;
4. Cooley Lake Conservation Area;
5. Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area;
6. Fountain Grove Conservation Area;
7. Grand Pass Conservation Area;
8. Long Branch Lake Management Lands;
9. Locust Creek Conservation Area;
10. Nodaway Valley Conservation Area;
11. Rebel’s Cove Conservation Area; and

(9) On Mule Shoie Conservation Area, seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on streams and the discharge channels of impoundments.

(10) The taking of crayfish, is prohibited on the following department areas:
(A) Caney Mountain Conservation Area;
(B) Cover (Dan and Maureen) Prairie Conservation Area;
(C) Martin (George and Vida) Access; and
(D) Paris Springs Access.

(11) Salvage seining of other fish as designated in 3 CSR 10-6.550 may be permitted seasonally for personal use with a special use permit.

(12) On Wire Road Conservation Area, other fish as designated in 3 CSR 10-6.550 may be taken by snagging, snaring, or grabbing from March 15 through May 15.

(13) Bait transported or held in containers with water is prohibited on the following department areas:
(A) Blackwell Lake (Indian Trail Conservation Area);
(B) Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area;
(C) Hunnewell Lake Conservation Area; and
(D) Lost Valley Fish Hatchery.

(14) On the Ozark Regional Office Pond—
(A) Fishing is permitted only on designated waters from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., May 1 through September 30, Monday through Friday;
(B) Fishing is restricted to persons fifteen (15) years of age or younger and not more than one (1) pole and line may be used by any one (1) person at any time; and
(C) Fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

3 CSR 10-11.210 Fishing, Daily and Possession Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for daily and possession limits on department areas.

(1) Statewide daily and possession limits shall apply for all species, except that: 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; except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(2) The daily limit for black bass shall be two (2) on the following department areas or individually named lakes:
   - (A) Amarugia Highlands Conservation Area
   - (B) Atkinson Lake (Schell-Osage Conservation Area)
   - (C) Belcher Branch Lake Conservation Area
   - (D) Bellefontaine Conservation Area
   - (E) Blackwell Lake (Indian Trail Conservation Area)
   - (F) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
   - (G) Combs (Jerry P.) Lake (Little River Conservation Area)
   - (H) DeLaney (Robert G.) Lake Conservation Area
   - (I) Happy Holler Lake Conservation Area
   - (J) Hartell (Ronald and Maude) Conservation Area
   - (K) Kearn (J. N. “Turkey”) Memorial Wildlife Area
   - (L) Lake Paho Conservation Area
   - (M) Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area
   - (N) Maple Leaf Lake Conservation Area
   - (O) Port Hudson Lake Conservation Area
   - (P) Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area
   - (Q) Schell Lake (Schell-Osage Conservation Area)
   - (R) Weldon Spring Conservation Area

(3) The daily limit for crappie shall be fifteen (15) on the following department areas:
   - (A) Bellefontaine Conservation Area
   - (B) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
   - (C) DeLaney (Robert G.) Lake Conservation Area
   - (D) Lake Girardeau Conservation Area
   - (E) Schell-Osage Conservation Area
   - (F) Weldon Spring Conservation Area

(4) The daily limit for white bass, striped bass, and their hybrids in the aggregate shall be four (4) on the following department areas or individually named lakes:
   - (A) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
   - (B) Belcher Branch Lake Conservation Area
   - (C) Harmony Mission Lake (Harmony Mission Conservation Area)
   - (D) Lake Paho Conservation Area
   - (E) Limpp Community Lake
   - (F) Little Compton Lake (Little Compton Conservation Area)
   - (G) Nodaway County Community Lake
   - (H) Perry County Community Lake
   - (I) Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area

(5) The daily limit for bluegill and other sunfish shall be ten (10) in the aggregate on the following department areas:
   - (A) General Watkins Conservation Area
   - (B) Tobacco Hills Lake (Park (Guy B.) Conservation Area)

(6) On Duck Creek Conservation Area, statewide limits shall apply for other fish as designated in 3 CSR 10-6.550.

(7) On Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area—
   - (A) On Lakes 7 and 21, trout must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught from November 1 through January 31. Trout may not be possessed on these waters during this season. No person shall continue to fish for any species after having four (4) trout in possession from February 1 through October 31; and
   - (B) On Lakes 3, 22, and 23, no person shall continue to fish for any species after having four (4) trout in possession.

(8) The daily limit for fish other than those designated as endangered in 3 CSR 10-4.111 or defined as game fish shall be ten (10) in the aggregate on the following department areas:
   - (A) Bluegill Pond (Bellefontaine Conservation Area)
   - (B) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area

(9) On Lake 12 (Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area) the daily limit for all fish shall be two (2) in the aggregate.


3 CSR 10-11.215 Fishing, Length Limits

PURPOSE: This rule establishes provisions for length limits on department areas.

(1) Statewide length limits shall apply for all species, except as further restricted in this chapter.

(2) On lakes and ponds, except as listed below, 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.

   (A) Black bass less than fifteen inches (15”) total length must be returned to the
water unharmed immediately after being caught on the following department areas or individually named lakes:

1. Amarugia Highlands Conservation Area
2. Apple Creek Conservation Area
3. Atkinson Lake (Schell-Osage Conservation Area)
4. Bilby Ranch Lake Conservation Area
5. Binder Community Lake
6. Blackwell Lake (Indian Trail Conservation Area)
7. Blue Springs Branch Conservation Area (Shafer Pond)
8. Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area (except Lakes 33 and 35)
9. Castor River Conservation Area
10. Che-Ru Lake (Fountain Grove Conservation Area)
11. Crowleys Ridge Conservation Area
12. General Watkins Conservation Area
13. Hazel Hill Lake
14. Jamesport Community Lake
15. Kearns (J. N. “Turkey”) Memorial Wildlife Area
16. Limpp Community Lake
17. Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area
18. Magnolia Hollow Conservation Area
19. Maple Leaf Lake Conservation Area
20. Nodaway County Community Lake
21. Otter Slough Conservation Area
22. Painted Rock Conservation Area
23. Perry County Community Lake
24. Pony Express Lake Conservation Area
25. Ray County Community Lake
26. Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area
27. Rinquelin Trail Lake Conservation Area
28. Schell Lake (Schell-Osage Conservation Area)
29. Shanks (Ted) Conservation Area
30. Tobacco Hills Lake (Guy B. Park Conservation Area)
31. Vandalia Community Lake
32. Weldon Spring Conservation Area
33. Worth County Community Lake
34. Black bass less than eighteen inches (18") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught on the following department areas or individually named lakes:
1. Bellefontaine Conservation Area
2. Lakes 33 and 35 (Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area)
3. Belcher Branch Lake Conservation Area
4. Combs (Jerry P.) Lake (Little River Conservation Area)
5. Delaney (Robert G.) Lake Conservation Area
6. Hartell (Ronald and Maude) Conservation Area
7. Happy Holler Lake Conservation Area
8. Lake Paho Conservation Area
9. Port Hudson Lake Conservation Area
10. On LaBelle Lake Conservation Area, black bass more than fourteen inches (14") but less than eighteen inches (18") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
(3) White bass, striped bass, and their hybrids less than twenty inches (20") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught on the following department areas or individually named lakes:
(A) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
(B) Belcher Branch Lake Conservation Area
(C) Harmony Mission Lake (Harmony Mission Conservation Area)
(D) Lake Paho Conservation Area
(E) Limpp Community Lake
(F) Little Compton Lake (Little Compton Lake Conservation Area)
(G) Nodaway County Community Lake
(H) Perry County Community Lake
(I) Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area
(4) Bluegill less than eight inches (8") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught on the following department areas:
(A) General Watkins Conservation Area
(B) Tobacco Hills Lake (Park (Guy B.) Conservation Area)
(5) On Lake Girardeau Conservation Area, crappie less than nine inches (9") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
(6) Flathead catfish less than twenty-four inches (24") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught on the following areas:
(A) Limpp Community Lake
(B) Little Compton Community Lake Conservation Area
(7) Channel catfish less than sixteen inches (16") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught on the following areas:
(A) Current River Conservation Area (Buford Pond)
(B) Tylwappity Community Lake


3 CSR 10-11.220 Taking Feral Swine

PURPOSE: This rule establishes regulations for the take of feral swine on department areas during deer and turkey hunting seasons.

(1) Feral swine (any swine that is born, living, or has lived in the wild, and any offspring of such swine) may not be chased, pursued, or taken on department areas, except:
(A) Feral swine may be taken in any number during the archery deer and turkey hunting seasons, the firearms deer hunting season, the fall firearms turkey hunting season, the spring turkey season, and the youth spring turkey season in accordance with the following:
1. Feral swine may not be chased or pursued, and may be taken only on department areas or portions of these areas designated as open to hunting, and only during hours prescribed for taking deer or turkey during the season being hunted;
2. Hunters taking feral swine must possess a valid unfilled deer or turkey hunting permit for the season being hunted and abide by the methods of pursuit allowed for deer and turkey as provided in this section, as well as any other restrictions that may apply on specific department areas—
   A. During the archery deer and turkey hunting seasons, archer’s hunting permits may only use archery methods
allowed for deer and turkey hunting;

B. During the firearms deer hunting season, firearms deer hunting permittees may only use methods allowed for deer hunting during the portion of the firearms deer hunting season being hunted; and

C. During the firearms turkey seasons, firearms turkey hunting permittees may only use methods allowed for turkey hunting during the firearms turkey season being hunted.


3 CSR 10-11.805 Definitions
(Rescinded September 30, 2001)

NOTE: Information covered in this rule is found at 3 CSR 10-20.805.