# Rules of 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 10-11.110 General Provisions

PURPOSE: This rule establishes restricted activities on department areas.

(1) The following activities are allowed on department areas only where and as authorized by this chapter or by signs and area brochures or by a special use permit issued by the area manager: swimming, sailboarding, skateboarding, boating, entry on areas closed to public use, bicycling, camping, shooting, hunting, fishing, trapping, collecting or possessing wild plants and wild animals and unprocessed parts thereof, removal of water, commercial use, vending, disposal of garbage, trash, refuse or rubbish generated on the department area.

(2) On Donaldson Point Conservation Area, all public use is prohibited, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. 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) On Bluff Pony Lake Conservation Area, Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area and Riverwoods Conservation Area, all public use is prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. daily.

(4) On Springfield Conservation Nature Center, all public use is prohibited from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily from March 1 through October 31, and from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily from November 1 through March 31.


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 closed to public use from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.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. Any department area may be opened during closed hours for department sponsored events or programs.

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

(A) 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 forty-three feet (43') on the Cairo gauge.

(B) On Seven Island Conservation Area, all public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat, when the water level is at or above two hundred thirty-nine feet (239') on the Horner'sville gauge.

(C) 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 two hundred thirty-nine feet (239') on the Horner'sville gauge.

(3) On Springfield Conservation Nature Center, all public use is prohibited, except fishing and waterfowl hunting by boat, when the water level is at or above two hundred thirty-nine feet (239') on the Horner'sville gauge.
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. Bellefontaine Conservation Area
   2. Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area
   3. Engelmann Woods Natural Area
   4. Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
   5. Rockwoods Reservation
   6. Runge Conservation Nature Center
   7. Springfield Conservation Nature Center

(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 as defined by this Code, on those department areas where and when hunting and dog training are permitted. Any person training hunting dogs must have the permit required by 3 CSR 10-7.405.

(c) 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.


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 field trial special use permit.


(B) On Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area and Rockwoods Reservation, taking of nuts, berries, fruits and edible wild greens is prohibited.

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


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 trails designated for their use and on roads and trails open to vehicular traffic, unless otherwise posted. Groups of more than ten (10) people must obtain a special use permit.

(3) Horses and horseback riding are permitted only on trails designated for their use and on roads and trails open to vehicular traffic, unless otherwise posted. Riding may be permitted on other portions of department areas, but only with a special use permit. Groups of more than ten (10) people must obtain a special use permit.


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 or brochures. 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 posted, groups of more than ten (10) people must obtain a special use permit.
Department of Conservation 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 exces-sive noise from people or any mechanical device which causes disturbance to other campers. Camping fees are required at some areas. Groups of more than ten (10) people must obtain a special use permit prior to camping.

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


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. 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.


3 CSR 10-11.155 Decoys and Blinds

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

(1) Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows (Salicaceae) and nonwoody vegetation.

(A) 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 within ten (10) yards of an assigned site before October 1 and meet department specifications. 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. 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. After 6:00 a.m., unoccupied blinds may be used by the first hunter to arrive.

(B) On Thomas Hill Reservoir, waterfowl blinds may be constructed only on the Stinking Creek Arm and on the lake south of Highway T, but may not be locked, transferred, rented or sold. The builder must post his/her full name and address on the blind. After 6:00 a.m., unoccupied blinds may be used by the first hunter to arrive. Blind sites may not be claimed by staking or other means prior to September 1. Blinds must be completely removed from the area before April 1 each year.


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 sailboats, may be used on lakes and ponds designated as open to boats, except as further restricted in this chapter. Boats may not be left unattended overnight. Houseboats, and personal watercraft as defined in section 306.010, RSMo, are prohibited. Registration and a fee are required for rental of department-owned boats. Fees must 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)3. 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)4. of this rule.

1. On August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area and James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area, only department-owned boats may be used and only electric motors are permitted.

2. On Hunnewell Lake Conservation Area, only department-owned boats may be used.

3. On Robert G. DeLaaney Lake Conservation Area, only electric motors are permitted.

4. On Thomas Hill Reservoir, 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.

5. All boating is prohibited from November 15 through February 15 on the Theodosia Arm of Bull Shoals Lake described as: All of Section 13, and south half of Section 12, T22N, R16W; all of Section 17, south half of Sections 7 and 8, and that part of Sections 19 and 20 north of Highway 160 bridge, all in T22N, R15W. No other restrictions in this section apply to this area.

6. On Bellefontaine Conservation Area, boats are prohibited.

7. Outboard motors of any size may be used on Overton Bottoms Conservation Area, but must be operated at slow, no-wake speed.


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, gig, longbow, snagging, snaring, grabbing or pole and line, only on waters and within dates and hours that those waters are open to fishing, except as further restricted in this chapter. Firearms may not be used to take bullfrogs and green frogs.

(A) On Louis H. Bangert Memorial Wildlife Area, Bellefontaine Conservation Area and August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area, longbows are prohibited for harvesting bullfrogs and green frogs.


3 CSR 10-11.180 Hunting, General Provisions and Seasons

PURPOSE: This rule establishes general provisions for 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.

1. Hunting is permitted on department areas, except as further restricted by signs, area brochures or this chapter. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, statewide permits, seasons, methods and limits apply.

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. Hunting is prohibited on public fishing access areas less than forty (40) acres in size except for deer hunting as authorized in the annual Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet. This publication is incorporated by reference. A copy of this booklet is published by and can be obtained from the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180. It is also available online at www.missouriconserver.org. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

4. Hunting is prohibited on the following department areas except for deer hunting as authorized in the annual Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet:

(A) Alired Lake Natural Area
(B) Ashe Juniper Natural Area
(C) Austin Community Lake
(D) Ava Forestry Office
(E) Louis H. Bangert Memorial Wildlife Area
(F) Bat Cave Conservation Area
(G) Bellefontaine Conservation Area
(H) Bicentennial Conservation Area
(I) Binder Community Lake
(J) Bird’s Blue Hole
(K) Bittern Bottoms Conservation Area
(L) Robert L. Blattner Conservation Area
(M) Lois Arlene Boesl Outdoor Education Area
(N) Bolivar Forestry Office
(O) Marguerite Bray Conservation Area
(P) Brookfield Maintenance Center
(Q) Buffalo Radio Facility
(R) Caldwell Memorial Wildlife Area
(S) Camdenton Conservation Service Center
(T) Caruthersville Rookery Conservation Area
(U) Clearwater District Headquarters
(V) Climax Springs Towersite
(W) Clinton Office
(X) Conservation Commission Headquarters
(Y) Robert G. DeLaney Lake Conservation Area
(Z) Doniphan Towersite
(AA) Drovers Prairie Conservation Area
(BB) Engelmann Woods Natural Area
(CC) Eugene Towersite
-DD) Foxglove Conservation Area
(EE) Friendly Prairie Conservation Area
(FF) Gay Feather Prairie Conservation Area
(GG) Grandpa Chipley’s Conservation Area
(HH) Gravois Mills Access
(II) Ronald and Maude Hartell Conservation Area
(JJ) James R. Harter Conservation Area
(KK) Ruth and Paul Henning Conservation Area
(LL) Hickory Canyons Natural Area
(MM) Houston Forestry Office
(NN) Hurley Radio Facility
(OO) Hurricane Deck Towersite
(PP) Jefferson City Radio Facility
(QQ) Joplin Towersite
(RR) Juden Creek Conservation Area
(SS) LaPetite Gemme Prairie Conservation Area
(TT) Lebanon Forestry Office
(UU) Lebanon Towersite
(VV) Lichen Glade Conservation Area
(WW) Limpp Community Lake
(CCC) Maple Flats Access
(DDD) Maple Woods Natural Area
(EEE) Miller Community Lake
(FFF) Mint Spring Conservation Area
(GGG) Mount Vernon Prairie
(HHH) Neosho District Headquarters
(III) New Madrid Forestry Office
(JJJ) Niawathie Prairie Conservation Area
(KKK) Northeast Regional Office
(LLL) Northwest Regional Office
(MMM) Onyx Cave Conservation Area
(NNN) Ozark Regional Office
(OOO) Parma Woods Range and Training Center (south portion)
(PPP) Pawhuska Prairie
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(QQQQ) Pelican Island Natural Area
(RRRR) Perry County Community Lake
(SSSS) Perryville District Headquarters
(TTTT) Pickle Springs Natural Area
(UUUU) Pilot Knob Towersite
(VVVV) Plad Towersite
(WWWW) Port Hudson Lake Conservation Area

(XXX) Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
(YYYY) Ray County Community Lake
(ZZZZ) Resource Science Center
(AAAA) Riverwoods Conservation Area
(BBBB) Rocheport Cave Conservation Area

(CCCC) Rockwoods Reservation
(DDDD) Rockwoods Towersite
(EEEE) Runge Conservation Nature Center

(FFFF) Rush Creek Conservation Area
(GGGG) Saeger Woods Conservation Area
(HHHH) Salem Maintenance Center
(IIII) Schnabel Woods
(JJJJ) F. O. and Leda J. Sears Memorial Wildlife Area
(KKKK) Sedalia Conservation Service Center

(LLLL) Shawnee Mac Lakes Conservation Area
(MMMM) Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery
(NNNN) Sims Valley Community Lake
(OOOO) Southeast Regional Office
(PPPP) Southwest Regional Office
(QQQQ) Springfield Conservation Nature Center

(RRRR) Julian Steyermark Woods Conservation Area
(SSSS) Sullivan Office
(TTTT) Thirtyfour Corner Blue Hole
(UUUU) Tower Rock Natural Area
(VVVV) Tri-City Community Lake
(WWWW) Twin Borrow Pits Conservation Area

(XXXX) Tywappity Community Lake
(YYYY) Ulman Towersite
(ZZZZZ) Upper Mississippi Conservation Area

(AAAA) Vandalia Community Lake
(BBBB) Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie (portion south of Highway 82)
(CCCC) Wah-Sha-She Prairie
(DDDD) Walnut Woods Conservation Area

(EEEE) Warrenton Office

(GGGGG) White Alloe Creek Conservation Area
(HHHHH) Wildcat Glade Natural Area
(IIII) Walter Woods Conservation Area
(JJJJJ) Mark Youngdahl Urban Conservation Area

(5) Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited on the following department areas:

(A) Beaver Creek Conservation Area
(B) Bennett Spring Access
(C) Branch Towersite
(D) Brickley Hollow Access
(E) Gerhild and Graham Brown Memorial Wildlife Area
(F) Catawissa Conservation Area
(G) Charity Access
(H) Crooked Creek Conservation Area
(I) Cuivre Island Conservation Area (mainland portion)
(J) Diamond Grove Prairie Conservation Area
(K) Dorris Creek Prairie Conservation Area
(L) Dorsett Hill Prairie Conservation Area
(M) Arthur Dupree Memorial Conservation Area
(N) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
(O) Peter A. Eck Conservation Area
(P) Earthquake Hollow Conservation Area
(Q) Ferguson-Herold Conservation Area
(R) Fort Leonard Wood Towersite
(S) Larry R. Gale Access
(T) Grand Bluffs Conservation Area
(U) Horse Creek Prairie Conservation Area
(V) Anthony and Beatrice Kendzora Conservation Area
(W) Liberty Bend Conservation Area
(X) Little Bean Marsh Conservation Area
(Y) Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area
(Z) Little Prairie Conservation Area
(AA) Little River Conservation Area
(BB) Caroline Sheridan Logan Memorial Wildlife Area
(CC) Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area
-DD) Lost Valley Fish Hatchery
(EE) William Lowe Conservation Area
(FF) Alice Ahart Mansfield Memorial Conservation Area
(GG) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(HH) Mo-No-I Prairie Conservation Area
(II) Mon-Shon Prairie Conservation Area
(JJ) Pacific Palisades Conservation Area
(KK) Guy B. Park Conservation Area
(LL) Parma Woods Range and Training Center (north portion)
(MM) Reform Conservation Area
(NN) Rocky Barrens Conservation Area
(OO) Dr. O. E. and Eloise Sloan Conservation Area
(PP) Sunbridge Hills Conservation Area
(QQ) Tipton Ford Access
(RR) Treaty Line Prairie Conservation Area
(SS) Valley View Glades Natural Area
(TT) Archie and Gracie VanDerhoef Memorial State Forest
(UU) Victoria Glades Conservation Area
(VV) Vonaventure Memorial Forest and Wildlife Area
(WW) Wig Wan Access
(XX) Wolf Bayou Conservation Area
(YY) Young Conservation Area

(6) Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited, except during managed deer hunts, and except furbearers treed with the aid of dogs may be taken with a twenty-two (.22) caliber firearm on the following department areas:

(A) August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
(B) Platte Falls Conservation Area
(C) Weldon Spring Conservation Area
(D) Truman Reservoir Management Lands
(Clinton Wildlife Management Area)

(7) Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited, except during managed deer hunts on the following department areas:

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

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

(A) Bob Brown Conservation Area
(B) Columbus Bottom Conservation Area
(C) Cooley Lake Conservation Area
(D) Coon Island Conservation Area
(E) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
(F) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
(G) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
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(Q) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

(9) Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited for hunting in designated zones on the following department areas:

(A) Bob Brown Conservation Area
(B) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
(C) Cooley Lake Conservation Area
(D) Coon Island Conservation Area
(E) Duck Creek Conservation Area
(F) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
(G) Fountain Grove Conservation Area
(H) Four Rivers Conservation Area
(I) Grand Pass Conservation Area
(J) B. K. Leach Memorial Conservation Area
(K) Little Bean Marsh Conservation Area
(L) Little River Conservation Area
(M) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(N) Montrose Conservation Area
(O) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
(P) Otter Slough Conservation Area
(Q) Schell-Osage Conservation Area
(R) Settle’s Ford Conservation Area
(S) Ted Shanks Conservation Area
(T) Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area

(10) On Otter Slough Conservation Area, turkey hunting is prohibited.

(11) On Duck Creek Conservation Area (south of Highway Z), Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area and Grand Pass Conservation Area fall firearms turkey hunting is prohibited.

(12) On Weldon Spring Conservation Area, spring turkey hunting is permitted only by holders of a Spring Turkey Hunting Permit who have been selected to participate in the area’s managed spring turkey hunt. Fall firearms turkey hunting is permitted under statewide seasons, methods, and limits. Fall archery turkey hunting is permitted only by holders of an Archer’s Hunting Permit who have been selected to participate in the area’s archery managed deer hunt; turkeys may only be taken prior to taking a deer.

(13) On designated portions of Peck Ranch Conservation Area, spring turkey hunting is permitted only with a Managed Turkey Hunting Permit in addition to prescribed statewide permit. Fall turkey hunting is prohibited.

(14) On Caney Mountain Conservation Area (fenced portion) spring turkey hunting is permitted only by holders of a Spring Turkey Hunting Permit who have been selected to participate in the managed hunt.

(15) On Caney Mountain Conservation Area (fenced portion), firearms squirrel hunting is prohibited from September 1 through November 30.

(16) On August A. Busch 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) Doves may be hunted only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. during the statewide season.
(C) Squirrels and groundhogs may be hunted only with shotgun from the fourth Saturday in May through October 15.
(D) Furbearers may only be hunted from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. from December 15 through the end of the prescribed furbearer season. Coyotes may be taken only by shotgun during daylight hours from the fourth Saturday in May through September 30 and from December 15 through March 31, except coyotes may be taken during managed deer hunts by participants possessing a valid Managed Deer Hunting Permit and the prescribed hunting permit.
(E) Spring turkey hunting is permitted only by holders of a Spring Turkey Hunting Permit who have been selected to participate in the area’s managed spring turkey hunt. Fall fireworks turkey hunting is prohibited. Fall archery turkey hunting is permitted only by holders of an Archer’s Hunting Permit who have been selected to participate in the area’s archery managed deer hunt; turkeys may only be taken prior to taking a deer.
(F) Quail hunting is permitted only during managed quail hunts.

(17) On James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area:
(A) Rabbits may be hunted only from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily from December 1 through the end of the statewide season by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag.
(B) Doves may be hunted only in assigned areas from assigned shooting stations from noon to sunset each Monday through Friday, except Labor Day, during the statewide season by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag.
(C) Squirrels may be hunted only from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily from December 1 through December 31 by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag.
(D) Turkey, furbearer and quail hunting are prohibited except during managed hunts.

(18) On Bois D’Arc Conservation Area and White River Trace Conservation Area, quail and dove hunting are permitted only until 1:00 p.m. daily. During the first seven (7) days of dove season, doves may be taken in assigned areas only by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag. Quail may be taken only by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag until the area is posted closed based on harvest surveys.

(19) On Lake Pahoe Conservation Area, doves may be hunted only from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. during the statewide season.

(20) On Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area, William R. Logan Conservation Area and William G. and Erma Parke White Memorial Wildlife Area, doves may be hunted only in assigned areas from an assigned shooting station on designated days from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the September portion of statewide season by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag.

(21) On Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area:
(A) Dove hunting is permitted only until 1:00 p.m. daily.
(B) Quail, rabbit, pheasant, woodcock, squirrel, groundhog, furbearer, turkey and crow hunting is prohibited.
(C) All hunters must possess a valid daily hunting tag.

(22) On Robert E. Talbot Conservation Area, quail may be taken only by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag.

(23) Quail hunting is permitted only until 1:00 p.m. daily from November 1 through December 15 on the following department areas:
(A) Capps Creek Conservation Area
(B) Reform Conservation Area
(C) Dr. O. E. and Eloise Sloan Conservation Area
(D) Robert E. Talbot Conservation Area
(E) Whetstone Creek Conservation Area

(24) On Columbia Bottom Conservation Area and Saint Stanislaus Conservation Area, hunting is permitted only during managed hunts or by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag.

(25) On Lake Girardeau Conservation Area, hunting is permitted only from November 1 through April 1.

(26) On Settle’s Ford Conservation Area, hunting of wildlife other than waterfowl is prohibited in designated waterfowl hunting areas from October 15 through the end of the prescribed Canada goose season.

(27) Hunting of wildlife other than waterfowl is prohibited, except in designated areas, from October 15 through the prescribed waterfowl season on the following department areas:
(A) Bob Brown Conservation Area
(B) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
(C) Coon Island Conservation Area
(D) Duck Creek Conservation Area
(E) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
(F) Fountain Grove Conservation Area
(G) Grand Pass Conservation Area
(H) B. K. Leach Memorial Conservation Area
(I) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(J) Montrose Conservation Area
(K) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
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(N) Ted Shanks Conservation Area
(O) Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area
(28) On the portion of Nodaway River bordering the portion of Nodaway Valley Conservation Area which has been designated a waterfowl refuge, all hunting is prohibited from October 15 through the end of the prescribed waterfowl season.

(29) On Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area, spring turkey hunting is permitted only by persons under sixteen (16) years of age holding a Managed Turkey Hunting Permit in addition to the prescribed turkey hunting permit; provided, s/he is hunting in the immediate presence of a properly licensed adult who has in his/her possession a valid hunter education certificate card.


3 CSR 10-11.183 Managed Deer Hunts

(Rescinded March 30, 2005)


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) Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the following department areas:

(A) Cooley Lake Conservation Area
(B) Lake Girardeau Conservation Area
(C) Lake Paho Conservation Area

(3) Waterfowl hunting is prohibited after 1:00 p.m. on designated portions of the following department areas:

(A) Amarugia Highlands Conservation Area
(B) Bob Brown 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
(H) Grand Pass Conservation Area
(I) King Lake Conservation Area
(J) B. K. Leach Memorial Conservation Area
(K) Little River Conservation Area
(L) Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area
(M) Long Branch Lake Management Lands
(N) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
(O) Otter Slough Conservation Area
(P) James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area
(Q) Pony Express Conservation Area
(R) Schell-Osage Conservation Area
(S) Ted Shanks Conservation Area
(T) Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area
(U) Yellow Creek 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. Only authorized persons are allowed within the waterfowl shooting areas during the waterfowl hunting season. Portions of these department areas may be open to fishing during all or part of the waterfowl season.

(A) Bob Brown Conservation Area
(B) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
(C) Coon Island Conservation Area
(D) Duck Creek Conservation Area
(E) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
(F) Fountain Grove Conservation Area
(G) Four Rivers Conservation Area (Designated waterfowl hunting areas of Units 1 and 2)
(H) Grand Pass Conservation Area
(I) B. K. Leach Memorial Conservation Area
(J) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(K) Montrose Conservation Area
(L) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
(M) Otter Slough Conservation Area
(N) Schell-Osage Conservation Area
(O) Ted Shanks Conservation Area
(P) 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) On Settle’s Ford Conservation Area and Four Rivers Conservation Area Units 3 and 4, waterfowl hunters must preregister and check out daily at designated hunter record boxes prior to and immediately after completing the hunt.
(7) On Little River Conservation Area, waterfowl hunting is permitted only during managed waterfowl hunts or by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag.

(8) On James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area, waterfowl may be hunted by reservation only by holders of a valid area daily hunting tag on designated days and only in designated areas, except that hunters may retrieve dead birds and shoot downed cripples outside designated areas.

(9) On Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area, waterfowl hunting is permitted only on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday and only until 1:00 p.m. during the prescribed duck and Canada goose seasons, except the area is open daily from sunrise to sunset during the early season.

(10) On August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area and Charles W. Green Conservation Area, waterfowl may be hunted only during managed waterfowl hunts.

(11) On Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area, waterfowl may be hunted only in designated areas and only during the regular waterfowl hunting seasons.


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 brochures 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) Robert L. Blattner Conservation Area
(C) Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area
(D) Gama Grass Prairie Conservation Area
(E) Gay Feather Prairie Conservation Area
(F) Charles W. Green Conservation Area
(G) Little Osage Prairie
(H) Chloe Lowry Marsh Natural Area
(I) Mon-Shon Prairie Conservation Area
(J) Mount Vernon Prairie
(K) Niawathe Prairie Conservation Area
(L) Pawhuska Prairie
(M) Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
(N) Springfield Conservation Nature Center
(P) Wah-Sha-She Prairie
(Q) Henry Jackson Waters and C.B. Moss Memorial Wildlife Area
(R) Mark Youngdahl Urban Conservation Area

(3) On Jerry J. Presley Conservation Education Center, fishing is permitted only with a special use permit.

(4) On Prairie Lake (Weldon Spring Conservation Area), fishing is prohibited during the area’s prescribed waterfowl hunting 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 limb lines and bank lines on the following department areas or individually named lakes:

1. Montrose Conservation Area
2. Bismarck Conservation Area
3. BlackJack Access
4. Bob Brown 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. Connor O. Fewel Conservation Area
12. Fountain Grove Conservation Area
13. Four Rivers Conservation Area
14. Franklin Island Conservation Area
15. Grand Pass Conservation Area
16. Hunnewell Lake Conservation Area
17. King Lake Conservation Area
18. Kings Prairie Access
19. Lake Paho Conservation Area
20. Lamine River Conservation Area
21. B. K. Leach Memorial Conservation Area
22. Limpp Community Lake
23. Little Compton Lake Conservation Area
24. Locust Creek Conservation Area
25. Manito Lake Conservation Area
26. Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
27. Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
28. Otter Lake (Otter Slough Conservation Area)
29. Peabody Conservation Area
30. Ralph and Martha Perry Memorial Conservation Area
31. Haysler A. Poague Conservation Area
32. Pony Express Lake Conservation Area
33. Rebel’s Cove Conservation Area
34. Schell- Osage Conservation Area
35. Henry Sever Lake Conservation Area
36. Settle’s Ford Conservation Area
37. Ted Shanks Conservation Area
38. H. F. Thurnau Conservation Area
39. Truman Reservoir Management Area

(B) Carp, buffalo, suckers and gar may be taken by gig, longbow 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. Bob Brown 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. Connor O. Fewel Conservation Area
12. Fountain Grove Conservation Area
13. Four Rivers Conservation Area
14. Franklin Island Conservation Area
15. Grand Pass Conservation Area
16. Hunnewell Lake Conservation Area
17. King Lake Conservation Area
18. Kings Prairie Access
19. Lake Paho Conservation Area
20. Lamine River Conservation Area
21. B. K. Leach Memorial Conservation Area
22. Limpp Community Lake
23. Little Compton Lake Conservation Area
24. Locust Creek Conservation Area
25. Manito Lake Conservation Area
26. Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
27. Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
28. Otter Lake (Otter Slough Conservation Area)
29. Peabody Conservation Area
30. Ralph and Martha Perry Memorial Conservation Area
31. Haysler A. Poague Conservation Area
32. Pony Express Lake Conservation Area
33. Rebel’s Cove Conservation Area
34. Schell- Osage Conservation Area
35. Henry Sever Lake Conservation Area
36. Settle’s Ford Conservation Area
37. Ted Shanks Conservation Area
38. H. F. Thurnau Conservation Area
39. Truman Reservoir Management Area

3 CSR 10-11.207 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.

40. Worth County Community Lake
41. Worthwine Island Conservation Area

(2) On Conservation Commission Headquarters, fishing is permitted only on designated waters from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., April 1 through October 31 and from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 1 through March 31. All fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

(3) On James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area:
(A) Fishing is permitted only on designated waters from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., April 1 through September 30 and from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., October 1 through March 31.
(B) On Coot Lake, from November 1 through January 31, only flies and artificial lures may be used and fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
(C) 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 one time.
(D) 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.

(4) On August A. Busch 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 21 and 28, 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 21, 22, 23, 24 and 28, 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.

(5) On Ronald and Maude Hartell Conservation Area, fishing is permitted only on designated waters. 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 except by holders of a special use permit.

(6) On Lost Valley Fish Hatchery, fishing is permitted only on designated waters from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. 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 one time.

(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, and on streams and the discharge channels of impoundments on Mule Shoe Conservation Area, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(9) Salvage seining of other fish as designated in 3 CSR 10-6.605 is permitted on designated lakes and ponds on the following department areas:
1. Atlanta Conservation Area
2. Bob Brown Conservation Area
3. Fountain Grove Conservation Area
4. Grand Pass Conservation Area
5. Long Branch Lake Management Lands
6. Locust Creek Conservation Area
7. Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
8. Reel’s Cove Conservation Area
(B) On designated waters on Schell-Osage Conservation Area, gizzard shad may be taken by live bait methods designated in 3 CSR 10-6.605.

(10) On Wire Road Conservation Area, other fish as designated in 3 CSR 10-6.550 may be permitted seasonally for personal use with a special use permit.

(11) On the Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area aquatic education pond, 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.

(12) On the Platte Falls Conservation Area aquatic education ponds, 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) Amarburga Highlands Conservation Area
(B) Atkinson Lake (Schell-Osage Conservation Area)
(C) Baltimore Bend Conservation Area
(D) Belcher Branch Lake Conservation Area
(E) Bellefontaine Conservation Area
(F) August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
(G) Robert G. DeLaaney Lake Conservation Area
(H) Happy Holler Lake (Happy Holler Lake Conservation Area)
(I) J. N. “Turkey” Kearn Memorial Wildlife Area
(J) Lake Paho Conservation Area
(K) Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area
(L) Maple Leaf Lake Conservation Area
(M) Port Hudson Lake Conservation Area
(N) James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area
(O) Schell Lake (Schell-Osage Conservation Area)
(P) Weldon Spring Conservation Area

(3) On Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area, the daily limit for black bass shall be one (1).

(4) On Fox Valley Lake (Fox Valley Lake Conservation Area), the daily and possession
limit for black bass is twelve (12) in the aggregate.

(5) On Bellefontaine Conservation Area, Hazel Hill Lake and Schell-Osage Conservation Area, the daily limit for crappie shall be fifteen (15).

(6) 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) August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
(B) Harmony Mission Lake (Harmony Mission Conservation Area)
(C) Perry County Community Lake
(D) James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area

(7) At Tobacco Hills Lake (Guy B. Park Conservation Area) and August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area, the daily limit for bluegill and other sunfish shall be ten (10) in the aggregate.

(8) On Bushwhacker Lake (Bushwhacker Conservation Area), the daily limit for bluegill and other sunfish shall be fifteen (15) in the aggregate.

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

(10) On August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area:

(A) On Lakes 21 and 28, 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.

(B) On Lakes 22, 23 and 24, no person shall continue to fish for any species after having four (4) trout in possession.

(11) On Bellefontaine Conservation Area, Port Hudson Lake Conservation Area and James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area, the daily limit for other fish as designated in 3 CSR 10-6.550 shall be ten (10) in the aggregate.

(12) On Jerry J. Presley Conservation Education Center, except as otherwise provided on the special use permit, fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

(13) On Lake 12 (August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area) and Lost Valley Fish Hatchery, the daily limit for all fish shall be two (2) in the aggregate. On Lost Valley Fish Hatchery, no person shall continue to fish for any species after having two (2) fish in possession.


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 twelve inches (12") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught on the following department areas or individually named lakes:

1. Bois D’Arc Conservation Area
2. Malta Bend Community Lake
3. Painted Rock Conservation Area
4. Peabody Conservation Area
5. Haysler A. Poague Conservation Area
6. Robert E. Talbot Conservation Area

(B) 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. Amarunga Highlands Conservation Area
2. Atkinson Lake (Schell-Osage Conservation Area)
3. Baltimore Bend Conservation Area
4. Bilby Ranch Lake Conservation Area
5. Binder Community Lake
6. Buffalo Bill Lake (Pony Express Lake Conservation Area)
7. August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area (except Lakes 33 and 35)
8. Che-Ru Lake (Fountain Grove Conservation Area)
9. Jerry P. Combs Lake (Little River Conservation Area)
10. Deer Ridge Lake (Deer Ridge Conservation Area)
11. General Watkins Conservation Area
12. Jamesport Community Lake
13. J. N. “Turkey” Kearn Memorial Wildlife Area
14. Limpp Community Lake
15. Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area
16. Maple Leaf Lake Conservation Area
17. Nodaway County Community Lake
18. Otter Slough Conservation Area
19. Perry County Community Lake
20. Pony Express Lake (Pony Express Lake Conservation Area)
21. Ray County Community Lake
22. James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area
23. Rinquelin Trail Community Lake
24. Schell Lake (Schell-Osage Conservation Area)
25. Ted Shanks Conservation Area
26. Tobacco Hills Lake (Guy B. Park Conservation Area)
27. Union Ridge Lake (Union Ridge Conservation Area)
28. Vandalia Community Lake
29. Weldon Spring Conservation Area
30. Worth County Community Lake

(C) 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 (August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area)
3. Belcher Branch Lake Conservation Area
4. Robert G. Delaney Lake Conservation Area
5. Happy Holler Lake (Happy Holler Lake Conservation Area)
6. Lake Paho Conservation Area
7. Port Hudson Lake Conservation Area

(D) On Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area, black bass less than twenty inches (20") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

(E) On Hazel Hill Lake and 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.

(F) On Fox Valley Lake (Fox Valley Lake Conservation Area), there is no length limit on black bass.
(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) August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
   (B) Harmony Mission Lake (Harmony Mission Conservation Area)
   (C) Perry County Community Lake
   (D) James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area

(4) On Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area, Hazel Hill Lake and Manito Lake Conservation Area, channel catfish and blue catfish less than fifteen inches (15") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

(5) On August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area, Che-Ru Lake (Fountain Grove Conservation Area), James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area and Schell-Osage Conservation Area, flathead catfish less than twenty-four inches (24") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

(6) On Tobacco Hills Lake (Guy B. Park Conservation Area), bluegill less than eight inches (8") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

(7) On Bushwhacker Lake (Bushwhacker Lake Conservation Area) the daily limit of bluegill and other sunfish may include no more than five (5) fish more than eight inches (8") in total length.

(8) On Lake Girardeau Conservation Area and Henry Sever Lake Conservation Area, muskellunge less than forty-two inches (42") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.


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

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