# 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, sailboating, skateboarding, boating, entry on areas closed to public use, bicycling, camping, shooting, hunting, fishing, trapping, removal of water, commercial use, vending, fires outside of designated camping areas, rock collecting, digging and other soil disturbance, field trials, horseback riding, ranging of horses and other livestock, possession of pets and hunting dogs, caving, rock climbing, rappelling, paintballing, scuba diving, water skiing, placing a geocache or letterbox, the use and possession of vehicles and aircraft, the use of decoys, and the use or construction of blinds and tree stands.

(2) Collecting or possessing wild plants and wild animals (including invertebrates) and unprocessed parts thereof must be authorized by a Letter of Authorization for Plant Collecting or a Wildlife Collector’s Permit, respectively, except as otherwise authorized in this Code.

(3) On Thomas Hill Reservoir, swimming, sailboarding, scuba diving, and water skiing are permitted, except water skiing is prohibited north of Highway T on the Stinking Creek Arm of the lake and on the warm water arm of the lake upstream from the marker buoys.

(4) The destruction, defacing, or removal of department property and use of fireworks are prohibited.

(5) Possession of glass food and beverage containers is prohibited within the Castor River Shut-Ins Natural Area on Amidon Memorial Conservation Area.

(6) Waste containers may be used only for disposal of garbage, trash, refuse, or rubbish generated on the department area.

(7) Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.


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 as authorized by posting:

(A) Louis H. Bangert Memorial Wildlife Area

(B) August G. Beckemeyer Conservation Area

(C) Bellefontaine Conservation Area

(D) Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area

(E) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

(F) Jean and Joan Goodson Conservation Area

(G) Gravois Creek Conservation Area

(H) Ronald and Maude Hartell Conservation Area

(I) Hickory Woods Conservation Area

(J) Roger Klamberg Woods Conservation Area

(K) Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area

(L) Phantom Forest Conservation Area

(M) James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area

(N) Rockwoods Range

(O) Rockwoods Reservation

(P) Wild Cherry Ridge Conservation Area

(4) 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 thirty-four feet (34’) on the New Madrid gage.

(B) 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 forty-three feet (43’) on the Cairo, Illinois gaging station.

(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 Hornersville gage.

(5) The following department areas are closed to protect waterfowl:

(A) On Stockton Lake waterfowl refuge, hunting, fishing, trapping, boating and vehicles are prohibited from October 15 through the area’s prescribed duck season on all Corps of Engineers lands and waters on and adjacent to the Little Sac Arm between the Highway 123 bridge on the west, the high bank of Stockton Lake on the south, Highway T on the north, and the area boundary on the east.

(B) On the portion of Ralph and Martha Perry Memorial Conservation Area which has been designated a waterfowl refuge, hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, entry by the public and vehicles are prohibited from October 15 through the close of the waterfowl season.

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. This rule previously filed as 3 CSR 10-4.115. Original rule filed April 30,
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 Campus Nature Center;
  3. Engelmann Woods Natural Area;
  4. Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center;
  5. Rockwoods Reservation;
  6. Runge Conservation Nature Center;
  7. Springfield Conservation Nature Center; and
  8. White Alloe Creek Conservation Area.

(B) On Duck Creek Conservation Area, training of hunting dogs is permitted only by holders of a valid area dog training permit.

(2) 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.

(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.


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) Amurugia Highlands Conservation Area
(B) August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
(C) Belcher Branch Lake
(D) Bois D’ Arc Conservation Area
(E) Bushwacker Lake Conservation Area
(F) Donaldson Point Conservation Area
(G) Duck Creek Conservation Area
(H) Eagle Bluff Conservation Area
(I) Fort Crowder Conservation Area
(J) The Wayne Helton Memorial Wildlife Area
(K) Maintz Conservation Area
(L) Nodaway County Community Lake
(M) Pony Express Conservation Area
(N) Poosiey Conservation Area
(O) James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area
(P) Rocky Fork Conservation Area
(Q) Shawnee Trail Conservation Area
(R) Stockton Reservoir
(S) Robert E. Talbot Conservation Area
(T) Whetstone Creek Conservation Area
(U) White River Trace Conservation Area
(V) Wilhemina 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) 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.

(C) 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.


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 must obtain a special use permit.

(3) Equestrian use is permitted only on designated multi-use trails and on roads open to vehicular traffic, except as provided in sections (7) and (8) of this rule. Groups of more than ten (10) people must obtain a special use permit.

(4) For the purposes of this rule, a multi-use trail is a trail upon which hiking and at least one (1) of the following other activities are allowed concurrently: bicycling and equestrian use.

(5) 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. Bangert (Louis H.) Memorial Wildlife Area
  2. Big Creek Conservation Area
  3. Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
  4. Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
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5. Davis (Lester R.) Memorial Forest
6. Hartwick Conservation Area
7. Hinkson Creek Conservation Area
8. Howell Island Conservation Area
10. Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area
11. Logan (William R.) Conservation Area
12. Walnut Woods Conservation Area
13. Weldon Spring Conservation Area
14. Youngdahl (Mark) Urban Conservation Area

(B) Areas with multi-use trails open to equestrian use—
1. Forest 44 Conservation Area
2. Prairie Home 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. Reed (James A.) Memorial Wildlife Area
7. Rockwoods Range
8. Stockton Lake Management Lands
9. Wappapello Lake Management Lands
10. Wire Road Conservation Area

(6) 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)
2. Swope (Henry) Lake Conservation Area

(B) Areas with multi-use trails open to equestrian use—
1. Angeline Conservation Area
2. Bushwhacker Lake Conservation Area
3. Long Ridge Conservation Area
4. Scrivner Road Conservation Area
5. Sever (Henry) Lake Conservation Area

(C) Areas with multi-use trails open to bicycling and equestrian use—
1. Apple Creek Conservation Area
2. Bennett (Rudolf) Conservation Area
3. Bonanza Conservation Area
4. Bunch Hollow Conservation Area
5. Canaan Conservation Area
6. Caney Mountain Conservation Area
7. Castor River Conservation Area
8. Compton Hollow Conservation Area
9. Daniel Boone Conservation Area
10. Deer Ridge Conservation Area
11. Fort Crowder Conservation Area
12. Heath (Charlie) Memorial Conservation Area
13. Holly Ridge Conservation Area
14. Honey Creek Conservation Area
15. Lead Mine Conservation Area
16. Little Indian Creek Conservation Area
17. Little Lost Creek Conservation Area
18. Meramec Conservation Area
19. Pleasant Hope Conservation Area
20. Poosy Conservation Area (other than Green Hills Trail)
21. Riverbreaks Conservation Area
22. Sugar Creek Conservation Area
23. Talbot (Robert E.) Conservation Area
24. Three Creeks Conservation Area
25. University Forest Conservation Area

(7) Bicycling or equestrian use may be authorized by special use permit on the following department areas:

(A) Atlanta Conservation Area
(B) Current River Conservation Area
(C) Fuson Conservation Area
(D) Logan Creek Conservation Area
(E) Marion Bottoms Conservation Area
(F) Pony Express Conservation Area
(G) Ranacker Conservation Area
(H) Shannon Ranch Conservation Area
(I) Union Ridge Conservation Area (excluding Spring Creek Ranch Natural Area)

(8) Equestrian use is not permitted on roads open to vehicular traffic on the following department areas:

(A) Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area
(B) Busch (August A.) Memorial Conservation Area
(C) Cuiivre Island Conservation Area
(D) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(E) Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
(F) Rockwoods Reservation
(G) Saint Stanislaus Conservation Area
(H) Springfield Conservation Nature Center
(I) Weldon Spring Conservation Area


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 or as provided in subsection (1)(B) of this rule. 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. Camping fees are required at some areas. Groups of more than

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.


(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.

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 campsite.

(B) Persons traveling the Missouri River by boat may camp on any suitable site within one hundred (100) yards of the river and moor overnight adjacent to camp but outside the navigation channel between April 1 and September 30 on the following conservation areas:

1. Bob Brown Conservation Area
2. Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
3. Cooley Lake Conservation Area
4. Deroin Bend Conservation Area
5. Diana Bend Conservation Area
6. Dupree Memorial Conservation Area
7. Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
8. Grand Pass Conservation Area
9. Howell Island Conservation Area
10. Lower Hamburg Bend Conservation Area
11. Marion Bottoms Conservation Area
12. Monkey Mountain Conservation Area
13. Nishnabotna Conservation Area
14. Pelican Island Natural Area
15. Plowboy Bend Conservation Area
16. Rush Bottoms Conservation Area
17. Saint Stanislaus Conservation Area
18. Smoky Waters Conservation Area
19. Tate Island Conservation Area
20. Thurau Conservation Area
21. Weldon Spring Conservation Area
22. Wolf Creek Bend Conservation Area
23. Worthwine Island Conservation Area


3 CSR 10-11.150 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 the tree, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.


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 not be constructed on-site from woody vegetation except for willows (Salicaceae spp.).


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 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. 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. On August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area, Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area, Hunnewell Lake Conservation Area, Lake Paho Conservation Area, and James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area, only department-owned boats may be used and only electric motors are permitted. Use of float tubes is specifically prohibited.

2. On Robert G. DeLaney Lake Conservation Area, only electric motors are permitted.

3. On Thomas Hill Reservoir, 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. On Bellefontaine Conservation Area, boats are prohibited.


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, or pole and line, only on waters and within dates and hours 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, August A. Busch Memorial Conservancy Area, and Northeast Regional Office bowis are prohibited for taking 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. An area daily hunting permit 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) Hunting is prohibited on public fishing access areas less than forty (40) acres in size except for deer hunting as authorized in the current Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet published in August and the current Spring Turkey Hunting Information booklet published in March, which are hereby incorporated in this Code by reference. A printed copy of these booklets can be obtained from the Missouri Department of Conservation, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180 and are also available online at www.missouriconserva-tion.org. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

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

(A) Allred 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) August G. Beckemeier Conservation Area
(H) Bellefontaine Conservation Area
(I) Bicentennial Conservation Area
(J) Binder Community Lake
(K) Bird’s Blue Hole
(L) Bittern Bottoms Conservation Area
(M) Robert L. Blattner Conservation Area
(N) Lois Arlene Boesl Outdoor Educational
(O) Bolivar Forestry Office
(P) Marguerite Bray Conservation Area
(Q) Brookfield Maintenance Center
(R) Buffalo Radio Facility
(S) Caldwell Memorial Wildlife Area
(T) Cambdenton Conservation Service Center
(U) Cape Girardeau Conservation Campus Nature Center
(V) Caruthersville Rookery Conservation Area
(W) Clearwater District Headquarters
(X) Climax Springs Towersite
(Y) Clinton Office
(Z) Conservation Commission Headquarters

(AB) Robert G. DeLaney Lake Conservation Area
(BB) Doniphan Towersite
(CC) Drovers Prairie Conservation Area
(DD) Engelmann Woods Natural Area
(EE) Eugene Towersite
(FF) Forest 44 Conservation Area
(GG) Foxglove Conservation Area
(HH) Friendly Prairie Conservation Area
(II) Gay Feather Prairie Conservation Area
(JJ) Goodson (Bittersweet Woods) Conservation Area
(KK) Grandpa Chipley’s Conservation Area
(LL) Gravois Creek Conservation Area
(MM) Gravois Mills Access
(NN) Great Spirit Cave Conservation Area
(00) Grundy Memorial Wildlife Area
(PP) Ronald and Maude Hartell Conservation Area
(QQ) James R. Harter Conservation Area
(RR) Ruth and Paul Henning Conservation Area
(SS) Hickory Canyons Natural Area
(TT) Hickory Woods Conservation Area
(UU) Houston Forestry Office
(VV) Hurley Radio Facility
(WW) Hurricane Deck Towersite
(XX) Jefferson City Radio Facility
(YY) Joplin Towersite
(ZZ) Juden Creek Conservation Area
(EEE) Rooster Creek
(AAA) Roger Klamberg Woods Conservation Area
(BBB) LaPetite Gemme Prairie Conservation Area
(CCC) Lebanon Forestry Office
(DDD) Lebanon Towersite
(EEE) Lenox Towersite
(FFF) Lichen Glade Conservation Area
(GGG) Limp Community Lake
(HHH) Lipton Conservation Area
(III) Little Osage Prairie
(JJJ) Lower Taum Sauk Lake
(KKK) Malta Bend Community Lake
(LLL) Mansfield Shop
(MMM) Maple Flats Access
(NNN) Maple Woods Natural Area
(OOO) Miller Community Lake
(PPP) Mint Spring Conservation Area
(QQQ) Mount Vernon Prairie
(RRR) Neosho District Headquarters
(SSS) New Madrid Forestry Office
(TTT) Niawathe Prairie Conservation Area
(UUU) Northeast Regional Office
(VVV) Northwest Regional Office
(WWW) Onyx Cave Conservation Area
(XXX) Ozark Regional Office
(YYY) Parma Woods Range and Training Center (south portion)
(ZZZ) Pawhuska Prairie
(AAAAA) Pelican Island Natural Area
(BBBB) Perry County Community Lake
(CCCC) Perryville District Headquarters
(DDDD) Phantom Forest Conservation Area
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(BBBBB) Springfield Conservation Nature Center
(CCCCC) Julian Steyermark Woods Conservation Area
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(5) Firearms firing single projectiles are prohibited on the following department areas except for deer hunting as authorized in the annual Fall Deer & Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet:

(A) Beaver Creek Conservation Area
(B) Bennett Spring Access
(C) Black Island Conservation Area (Wolf Bayou Unit of)
(D) Bois D'Arc Conservation Area
(E) Branch Towersite
(F) Brickley Hollow Access
(G) Gerhild and Graham Brown Memorial Wildlife Area
(H) Catawissa Conservation Area
(I) Charity Access
(J) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
(K) Cuivre Island Conservation Area (mainland portion)

(L) Diamond Grove Prairie Conservation Area
(M) Dorris Creek Prairie Conservation Area
(N) Dorsett Hill Prairie Conservation Area
(O) Arthur Dupree Memorial Conservation Area
(P) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
(Q) Peter A. Eck Conservation Area
(R) Earthquake Hollow Conservation Area
(S) Ferguson-Herold Conservation Area
(T) Fort Leonard Wood Towersite
(U) Larry R. Gale Access
(V) Grand Bluffs Conservation Area
(W) Horse Creek Prairie Conservation Area
(X) LaBarque Creek Conservation Area
(Y) Liberty Bend Conservation Area
(Z) Little Bean Marsh Conservation Area
(AA) Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area
(BB) Little Prairie Conservation Area
(CC) Little River Conservation Area
-DD) Caroline Sheridan Logan Memorial Wildlife Area
(EE) Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area
(FF) Lost Valley Fish Hatchery
(GG) William Lowe Conservation Area
(HH) Alice Ahart Mansfield Memorial Conservation Area
(II) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(JJ) Mo-No-I Prairie Conservation Area
(KK) Mon-Shon Prairie Conservation Area
(LL) Pacific Palisades Conservation Area
(MM) Parma Woods Range and Training Center (north portion)
(NN) Pelican Island Natural Area
(00) James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area
(PP) Reform Conservation Area
(QQ) Rocky Barrens Conservation Area
(RR) Saint Stanislaus Conservation Area
(SS) Dr. O. E. and Eloise Sloan Conservation Area
(TT) Sunbridge Hills Conservation Area
(UU) Tipton Ford Access
(VV) Treaty Line Prairie Conservation Area
(WW) Tri-City Community Lake
(XX) Valley View Glades Natural Area
(YY) Vandalia Community Lake Conservation Area
(ZZ) Archie and Gracie VanDerhoef Memorial State Forest
(AAAA) Victoria Glades Conservation Area
(BBBB) Vonaventure Memorial Forest and Wildlife Area
(CCCC) Wig Wam Access
(DDDD) 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) or
smaller caliber rimfire firearm on the following department areas:

(A) August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
(B) Howell Island Conservation Area
(C) Upper Mississippi Conservation Area
(Dresser Island portion)
(D) Weldon Spring Conservation Area

(7) Firearms hunting is prohibited 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) Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited for hunting on the following department areas:
(A) Black Island Conservation Area
(Stephen C. Bradford Unit)
(B) Bob Brown Conservation Area
(C) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
(D) Cooley Lake Conservation Area
(E) Coon Island Conservation Area
(F) Duck Creek Conservation Area
(G) Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area
(H) Fountain Grove Conservation Area
(I) Four Rivers Conservation Area (August A. Busch, Jr. Memorial Wetlands at)
(J) Grand Pass Conservation Area
(K) B. K. Leach Memorial Conservation Area
(L) Little Bean Marsh Conservation Area
(M) Little River Conservation Area
(N) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(O) Montrose Conservation Area
(P) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
(Q) Otter Slough Conservation Area
(R) Schell-Osage Conservation Area
(S) Settle's Ford Conservation Area
(T) Ted Shanks Conservation Area
(U) Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area

(9) On Caney Mountain Conservation Area:
(A) On the designated fenced portion of the area firearms squirrel hunting is permitted from the fourth Saturday in May through August 31, and December 1 through February 15.
(B) On the remainder of the area, firearms squirrel hunting is permitted under statewide regulations.

(10) 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 may be hunted only with shotgun from the fourth Saturday in May through October 15 and from January 1 through February 15.
(D) Groundhogs may be hunted only with shotgun from the day following the prescribed spring turkey hunting season through October 15.
(E) Furbearers treed with the aid of dogs may be taken only by holders of a valid area daily hunting permit, except that:
1. Coyotes may be taken only by shotgun from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset from the fourth Saturday in May through September 30 and from December 15 through March 31.
2. Furbearers other than coyotes not treed with the aid of dogs may be taken only by shotgun from December 15 through the end of the prescribed furbearer season.
3. All 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 James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area:
(A) Rabbits may be hunted between sunrise and sunset from December 1 through the end of the statewide season by holders of a valid area daily hunting permit.
(B) Doves may be hunted only in designated areas from noon to sunset each Monday through Friday, except Labor Day, during the statewide season by holders of a valid area daily hunting permit.
(C) Squirrels may be hunted between sunrise and sunset from December 1 through the end of the statewide season by holders of a valid area daily hunting permit.
(D) Furbearer and quail hunting are prohibited except during managed hunts.

(12) On Bois D'Arc Conservation Area and White River Trace Conservation Area dove hunting is 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 permit.

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

(14) 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 sunset during the September portion of the statewide season by holders of a valid area daily hunting permit.

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

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

(17) On Columbia Bottom Conservation Area, hunting is permitted only during managed hunts or by holders of a valid area daily hunting permit.

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

(19) 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.

(20) 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) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(I) Montrose Conservation Area
(J) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
(K) Otter Slough Conservation Area
(L) Schell-Osage Conservation Area
(M) Ted Shanks Conservation Area
(N) Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area
3 CSR 10-11.181 Turkeys: Special Hunts

PURPOSE: This rule establishes a framework to offer a disabled hunter or other turkey hunts on certain conservation areas to run concurrent with the statewide spring youth turkey season or other dates as determined.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference in 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 in 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.


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 rule.

(2) Quail may be taken only by holders of the prescribed hunting permit and a valid area daily hunting tag, and hunters must check out immediately after the close of their hunting trip on the following department areas:

(A) Bunch Hollow Conservation Area
(B) Crowleys Ridge Conservation Area
(C) Davisdale Conservation Area
(D) Maintz Wildlife Preserve

(E) Emmett and Leah Seat Memorial Conservation Area

(3) Quail hunting is permitted only through December 15 on the following department areas:
(A) Dr. O. E. and Eloise Sloan Conservation Area
(B) Whetstone Creek Conservation Area

(4) Quail hunting is permitted only through December 15 by holders of the prescribed hunting permit and a valid area daily hunting tag, and hunters must check out immediately after the close of their hunting trip on the following department areas:
(A) Bois D’Arc Conservation Area
(B) Robert E. Talbot Conservation Area
(C) White River Trace Conservation Area

(5) 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 on the following department areas:
(A) Dan and Maureen Cover Prairie Conservation Area
(B) Carrick W. Davidson – Robert G. Paris Wildlife Area

(6) Quail hunting is prohibited on the following department areas:
(A) August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area
(B) Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
(C) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(D) James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area
(E) Saint Stanislaus Conservation Area


3 CSR 10-11.186 Waterfowl Hunting

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) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
(N) Otter Slough Conservation Area
(O) James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area
(P) Pony Express Conservation Area
(Q) Schell-Osage Conservation Area
(R) Ted Shanks Conservation Area
(S) Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area
(T) 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
(H) Four Rivers Conservation Area (September 10 through December 15)
(I) J. B. Sawyer Wildlife Area
(J) Leach Memorial Conservation Area
(K) Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area
(L) Montrose Conservation Area
(M) Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
(N) Otter Slough Conservation Area
(O) Schell-Osage Conservation Area
(P) Ted Shanks Conservation Area
(Q) 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 Settles 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:
(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.

(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 10-11.187 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 10-11.205 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. Ted Shanks 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. 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. Femme Osage Conservation Area
   12. Connor O. Fewel Conservation Area
   13. Fountain Grove Conservation Area
   14. Four Rivers Conservation Area (August A. Busch, Jr. Memorial Wetlands at)
   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 Paho Conservation Area
   21. Lamine River Conservation Area
   22. B. K. Leach 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 Temps Clair Conservation Area
   28. Nodaway County Community Lake
   29. Nodaway Valley Conservation Area
   30. Otter Lake (Otter Slough Conservation Area)
   31. Peabody Conservation Area
   32. Ralph and Martha Perry Memorial Conservation Area
   33. Haysler A. Poague Conservation Area
   34. Pony Express Lake Conservation Area
   35. Rebel’s Cove Conservation Area
   36. Schell-Osage Conservation Area
   37. Henry Sever Lake Conservation Area
   38. Settle’s Ford Conservation Area
   39. Ted Shanks Conservation Area
   40. H. F. Thurnau 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 for educational groups, and fish must be returned to the water unharmed immediately 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) Bois D’ Arc Conservation Area (Aquatic Education Pond)
   (C) Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area (Aquatic Education Pond)
   (D) Caldwell Memorial Wildlife Area (Aquatic Education Pond)
   (E) Bray Pond (Margurite Bray Conservation Area)
   (F) Ozark Regional Office Pond
   (G) Walter Woods Conservation Area (Aquatic Education Pond)
   (H) Sunfish Lake (Ronald and Maude Hartell Conservation Area)
   (I) Mule Camp Pond (Twin Pines Conservation Education Center)
   (J) Gizzard shad may be taken from lakes and ponds by dip net or throw net.

(3) Fishing is restricted to persons fifteen (15) years of age or younger on the following
department areas or individually named lakes:
(A) Cape Girardeau Conservation Campus Nature Center Pond

(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 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 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.
(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 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 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.
(F) On Lakes 3, 21, 22, 23, 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.
(7) 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.
(8) 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.
(9) On Binder Community Lake, fishing is permitted only from 3:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily.
(10) 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. B.K. Leach Memorial Conservation Area;
3. Bob Brown Conservation Area;
4. Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area;
5. Fountain Grove Conservation Area;
6. Grand Pass Conservation Area;
7. Long Branch Lake Management Lands;
8. Locust Creek Conservation Area;
9. Nodaway Valley Conservation Area;
10. Rebel’s Cove Conservation Area; and
(11) On Mule Shoel Conservation Area, seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on streams and the discharge channels of impoundments.
(12) The taking of crayfish, is prohibited on the following:
(A) Caney Mountain Conservation Area
(B) Cover Prairie Conservation Area
(C) George and Vida Martin Access
(D) Turnback Cave (Paris Springs Access)
(13) 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.
(14) 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.
(15) On Blind Pony Lake Conservation Area, Hunnewell Lake Conservation Area, Blackwell Lake (Indian Trail Conservation Area), and Lake Paho Conservation Area, bait transported or held in containers with water is prohibited.


January 31. Trout may not be possessed on or after being caught from November 1 through February 1, but less than fifteen inches (15") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. (12") 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. (18") total length must be returned to the water immediately after being caught.

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. Amuragia Highlands Conservation Area
2. Apple Creek Conservation Area
3. Atkinson Lake (Schell-Osage Conservation Area)
4. Baltimore Bend Conservation Area
5. Billy Ranch Lake Conservation Area
6. Binder Community Lake
7. Blackwell Lake (Indian Trail Conservation Area)
8. Buffalo Bill Lake (Pony Express Lake Conservation Area)
9. August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area (except Lakes 33 and 35)
10. Castor River Conservation Area
11. Che-Ru Lake (Fountain Grove Conservation Area)
12. General Watkins Conservation Area
13. Hazel Hill Lake
14. Jamesport Community Lake
15. J. N. “Turkey” Kear Memorial Wildlife Area
16. Limpp Community Lake
17. Lone Jack Lake Conservation Area
18. Maple Leaf Lake Conservation Area
19. Nodaway County Community Lake
20. Otter Slough Conservation Area
21. Painted Rock Conservation Area
22. Perry County Community Lake
23. Pony Express Lake (Pony Express Lake Conservation Area)
24. Ray County Community Lake
25. James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area
26. Rinqueen Trail Community Lake
27. Schell Lake (Schell-Osage Conservation Area)
28. Ted Shanks Conservation Area
29. Tobacco Hills Lake (Guy B. Park Conservation Area)
30. Vandalia Community Lake
31. Weldon Spring Conservation Area
32. Worth County Community Lake

(B) 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. Amuragia Highlands Conservation Area
2. Lakes 33 and 35 (August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area)
3. Belcher Branch Lake Conservation Area
4. Jerry P. Combs Lake (Little River Conservation Area)
5. Robert G. Delaney Lake Conservation Area
6. Happy Holler Lake Conservation Area
7. Lake Paho Conservation Area
8. Port Hudson Lake Conservation Area
(C) 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.
(D) 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) Lake Paho Conservation Area
(D) Perry County Community Lake
(E) James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area

(4) On August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area, flathead catfish less than twenty-four inches (24") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.

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

(6) On Lake Girardeau Conservation Area, Robert G. DeLaney Lake Conservation Area, and Otter Slough Conservation Area, all crappie less than nine inches (9") total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.