

Nearby Conservation Areas
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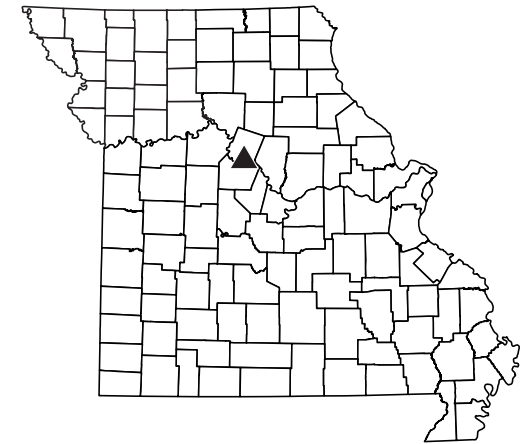
Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows (*Salicaceae*) and nonwoody vegetation.
- Trapping allowed only with special use permit. Contact area manager
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area by February 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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About this Area

Franklin Island Conservation Area is 2 miles east of New Franklin on Highway 40.

This area contains forest, old fields, cropland and wetlands. There are two permanent streams (Bonne Femme Creek, Missouri River).

The area contains 1,625 acres, including bottomland timber in the Missouri River and Bonne Femme Creek corridors, permanent grasses on the levees, and grain fields, portions of which are left unharvested to provide food for wildlife. The Missouri River once cut a channel on the area's north boundary, and the land was surrounded by water. In 1952, the remnant chute was closed permanently by a flood control levee. The Conservation Department purchased the land in 1978. The Missouri River conveyed both French trappers, who provided the name of Bonne Femme Creek, and American explorers, including Lewis and Clark, who camped near the creek's mouth. The first early settlers to come down the river were wealthy tobacco farmers from Virginia and Kentucky. Soon, agricultural products were being shipped from the ports of Franklin, Glasgow, and Rocheport. Farming increased in the bottomlands as the river was narrowed and straightened in the early part of the century. By the 1950s, continued narrowing and straightening and the construction of flood protection levees combined to provide relief from recurrent flooding. Current management goals are to restore much of the area to bottomland timber by allowing natural succession and supplementing plantings of selected native tree species. About 150 acres of the area remain in crop production; a portion of which is left unharvested for wildlife benefit.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting
Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

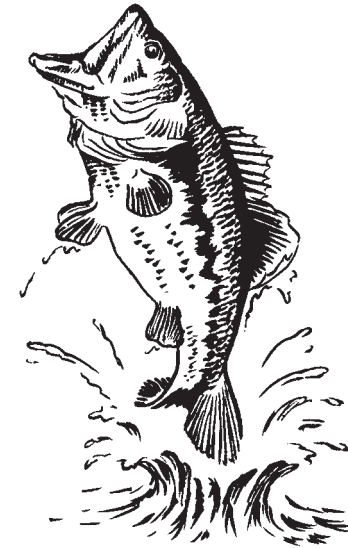


Rules and Regulations

Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas where these activities are permitted.

- Groups of more than 10 and some special activities may require a special use permit. Contact area manager for more information.
- Camping is allowed anytime in designated camping areas shown on map. These may or may not have defined campsites. No amenities are provided. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use.
- Digging roots is prohibited.
- Pets and hunting dogs are permitted but must be on a leash or confined at all times. Hunting dogs may be used off the leash and unconfined for hunting and training purposes. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- No bicycling opportunity except on public roadways.

- Vehicles are only permitted on public roadways and in parking lots.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Destroying, cutting, or removing vegetation is prohibited.
- Target shooting is prohibited.



Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions.

- Seining or trapping live bait is permitted in streams.
- Boats are allowed. Only Electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds of less than seventy (70) acres and boats may not be left unattended or overnight.