

Hunting Opportunities by County (alphabetical order)

Bates County

Butler City Lake – 71 acres - 4 miles west of Butler on Highway 52. Area consists of grassland, forest and old fields. Facilities/features: boat ramp, boat dock, picnic tables and pavilion, fishing dock, Butler City Lake (71 acres). **Hunting:** deer² (P), dove (P), quail (P), rabbit (P), squirrel (P), turkey (P), waterfowl (F).

Four Rivers CA – see listing under Vernon County.

Harmony Mission Lake CA – 1,379 acres - Area is three-quarters of a mile west of Rich Hill on Route A and 4.25 miles southwest on Route PP. The pavement on PP ends, and an unnamed county gravel road continues west about a mile to the area. Area is mostly cropland, grassland and old fields with a 93-acre wood. Facilities/features: boat ramp, Harmony Mission Lake (96 acres), several small ponds (4 acres total). **Hunting:** deer³ (F), dove (G), quail (G), rabbit (G), squirrel (F), turkey (F), waterfowl (F).

Old Town Access – 310 acres - 3 miles north of Rich Hill on the west side of Highway 71. Area is mostly forest and cropland. Facilities/features: boat ramp, primitive camping, permanent stream (Marais Des Cygnes River), intermittent stream (Bates County Drainage Ditch), and an oxbow lake and fishing pond (10 acres total). **Hunting:** deer³ (G), dove (P), quail (P), rabbit (P), squirrel (G), turkey (F), waterfowl (P).

Peabody CA – 303 acres - Area is approximately 4 miles west of Rich Hill on Route A. Area is dominated by strip pits and spoil banks. Facilities/features: two boat ramps, 23 acres of lakes and ponds. **Hunting:** deer³ (G), dove (G), quail (G), rabbit (G), squirrel (G), turkey (G), waterfowl (P).

Ripgut Prairie NA – 280 acres - Area is a quarter-mile east of Rich Hill on Route B, then 1.25 miles north and east on a gravel road (marked on Route B with a sign), and a quarter-mile north on another unnamed gravel road (also marked with a sign). This area contains 140 acres of native wet prairie and the Bates County Drainage Ditch. **Hunting:** deer⁶ (F), dove (P), quail (P), rabbit (F), squirrel (F), turkey (F), waterfowl (F).

Settle’s Ford Conservation Area – 6,732 acres - Main entrance is 4 miles west of Creighton on Route B and a mile south on Index Road. 2,500 acres of wetlands as well as old fields, cropland and forest. Facilities/features: one disabled waterfowl blind, five fishable ponds (5 acres total), five permanent streams. **Hunting:** deer³ (G), dove (G), quail (F), rabbit (G), squirrel (G), turkey (G), waterfowl (G -all waterfowl hunters must pre-register at area parking lots prior to hunting). **Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited for all hunting in designated zones. All waterfowl hunters must pre-register and check out daily at designated hunter record boxes prior to and immediately after completing the hunt.**

St. Clair County

Birdsong CA – 430 acres - Area is west of Collins on Highway 54 to Route J, then 2.5 miles south. This area is mostly forest with old fields and cropland. Facilities/features: permanent stream (Brush Creek), Brush Creek Natural Area. **Hunting:** deer¹ (F), dove (P), quail (F), rabbit (P), squirrel (F), turkey (F), waterfowl (P).

Blackjack Access – 212 acres - West of Collins on Highway 54 to Route J. Continue 3 miles on J to Route W and on W two miles west to the area. This forest and grassland area offers access to Brush Creek and the Sac River. There is a boat ramp. **Hunting:** deer¹ (F), dove (P), quail (P), rabbit (P), squirrel (F), turkey (F), waterfowl (P).

Dave Rock CA – 133 acres – one mile south of Lowry City on Highway 13, then a mile west on County Road NE700 and south on County Road NE301. This tract features a 44-acre Designated Natural Area containing a sandstone glade, savanna and forest. **Hunting:** deer⁶ (F), dove (P), quail (P), rabbit (F), squirrel (F), turkey (F), waterfowl (P).

Kings Prairie Access – 285 acres - 4 miles south of Osceola on Highway 13 to Vista, then 2.5 miles east on Route T. This area contains forest and cropland. Facilities/features: permanent stream (Weaubleau Creek). **Hunting:** deer¹ (F), dove (P), quail (P), rabbit (P), squirrel (F), turkey (F), waterfowl (P).

Linscomb WA – 1,874 acres - 9 miles northeast of El Dorado Springs on Highway 82 then 1.5 miles north on Route OO. This area contains grassland, forest, cropland and wetlands. There is a permanent stream (Simms Creek). **Hunting:** deer⁶ (F), dove (G), quail (F), rabbit (F), squirrel (F), turkey (G), waterfowl (P).

Schell-Osage CA – 8,633 acres - 6 miles west of El Dorado Springs on Highway 54 to Route AA. Take AA north 12 miles to Route RA and follow RA a mile east. In addition to Truman Reservoir, this diverse area contains fishable lakes and ponds totaling about 900 acres. The tract also has 42 acres of native prairie (Schell-Osage Prairie Natural Area), two boat ramps, waterfowl blinds. **Hunting:** deer² (G), dove (P), quail (F), rabbit (F), squirrel (G), turkey (G), waterfowl (G – special regulations apply, contact area office). **Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited for hunting in designated zones. Hunting of wildlife other than waterfowl is prohibited, except in designated areas, from October 15 through the prescribed waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited after 1:00 PM in designated areas. Waterfowl may be taken 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. Area is closed to waterfowl hunting on December 25. Only authorized persons are allowed within the waterfowl shooting areas during the waterfowl hunting season.**

Taberville Prairie CA – 1,680 acres - 12 miles north of El Dorado Springs on Route H. This tract contains the 1,360-acre Taberville Prairie Natural Area, which, as the largest such resource in the state, is registered as a National Natural Landmark. **Hunting:** deer³ (P), dove (P), quail (F), rabbit (F), squirrel (P), turkey (P), waterfowl (P).

Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie – 3,035 acres - 2.5 miles northeast of El Dorado Springs on Highway 82. This is a prairie area with two small, fishable ponds. Hunting (in designated areas ONLY): deer³ (F), dove (P), quail (F), rabbit (P), squirrel (P), turkey (P), waterfowl (P). **Hunting is prohibited on portion south of Hwy 82.**

Vernon County

Balltown Access – 194 acres - 9 miles north of Nevada off Highway 71. Take the Horton exit and travel 1.5 miles west and a half-mile north on an unnamed gravel road. This forest and cropland area offers access to the Little Osage River. **Hunting:** deer¹ (G), dove (P), quail (P), rabbit (P), squirrel (G), turkey (G), waterfowl (P).

Big Drywood Creek CA – 13 acres - This forest and cropland area offers access to the Little Osage River. This is a mostly wetlands area. **Hunting:** deer² (F), dove (P), rabbit (P), squirrel (P), turkey (P), waterfowl (P).

Bristow CA – 158 acres - 5.5 miles on Route K southeast of Highway 71 and a half-mile south on County Road 2100. This area contains cropland, grassland, prairie and very little forest. There are three small, fishable ponds (1 acre total). **Hunting:** deer⁶ (F), dove (F), quail (F), rabbit (F), squirrel (P), turkey (P), waterfowl (P).

Bushwhacker Lake CA – 4,457 acres - one mile east of Highway 43 on Barton-Vernon County Road. This area contains prairie, forest, old fields, cropland, grassland and savanna. Facilities/features: boat ramp, primitive camping, three fishing jetties, fishing dock, archery range, Bushwhacker and Willow lakes (196 acres total), permanent stream (Drywood Creek). **Hunting:** deer³ (G), dove (F), quail (G), rabbit (G), squirrel (G), turkey (G), waterfowl (F).

Cephas Ford Access – 107 acres - 7 miles north of Nevada on Highway 71. At 71 and Route D, turn east on the gravel road. When this road ends in a “T” intersection, turn south and go a quarter-mile. This is an old field and forest area offering access to the Marmaton River. There is a boat ramp. **Hunting:** deer¹ (F), dove (P), quail (P), rabbit (F), squirrel (G), turkey (F), waterfowl (P).

Clear Creek CA – 762 acres - 4 miles east of Highway 71 on NE 80 Road and a mile north on NE 40 Lane. This area is mostly prairie with more than 200 acres of woodlands. Facilities/features: five fishable ponds (5.2 acres total) and an intermittent stream (Clear Creek). **Hunting:** deer³ (G), dove (P), quail (F), rabbit (G), squirrel (G), turkey (G), waterfowl (P).

Douglas Branch CA – 511 acres - 4 miles north of Nevada on Highway 71 then west on a gravel road. This area contains prairie, cropland, forest, pasture and some wetlands. There are three fishable ponds (2 acres total). **Hunting:** deer¹ (F), dove (G), quail (F), rabbit (F), squirrel (F), turkey (F).

Flight Lake CA – 159 acres - 7 miles north of Nevada on Highway 71, then 2.5 miles west on Route D and 4 miles south on Route O. At the sign on O, take the gravel road a mile south then turn west at the cantilever sign. This area contains 54 acres of native prairie along with wetlands, forest and old fields. Flight Lake provides 42 acres of fishable water. **Hunting:** deer⁶ (F), dove (P), quail (P), rabbit (F), squirrel (F), turkey (F), waterfowl (G to F).

Four Rivers CA – 13,732 acres - Area lies in Bates and Vernon Counties. The main entrance is in Vernon County 15 miles north of Nevada on Highway 71, a mile east on Route TT, then 2.5 miles south on a gravel road marked with a cantilever sign. Area contains nearly 6,000 wetland acres and 3,800 forest acres. There is also cropland, grassland, old fields and prairie. Facilities/features: two boat ramps (one lake and one stream), primitive camping, two hiking trails, four permanent streams (Little Osage, Marmaton, Marais Des Cygnes and Muddy Creek), Four Rivers Reservoir (142 acres), four fishable ponds (about 60 acres total), Horton Bottoms Natural Area, and an Osage Indian village site. **Hunting:** deer (G - special regulations apply, call contact office for details), dove (G), quail (F), rabbit (F), squirrel (G), turkey (G), waterfowl (G – managed hunt, daily draw at headquarters). **Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited for all hunting in designated zones. In Units 1 and 2, waterfowl may be taken 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. Area is closed to waterfowl hunting on December 25. Only authorized persons are allowed within the waterfowl shooting areas during the waterfowl hunting season. In Units 3 and 4, waterfowl hunters must pre-register and check out daily at designated hunter record boxes prior to and immediately after completing the hunt.**

Gama Grass Prairie CA – 80 acres - 12 miles north of Nevada off Highway 71. Watch for the sign and go a mile west on a gravel road. This area contains about 60 acres of native prairie. The rest is forest. **Hunting:** deer³ (F), dove (P), quail (F), rabbit (F), squirrel (P), turkey (P), waterfowl (P).

Osage Prairie CA – 1,545 acres - 6 miles south of Nevada on Highway 71, then 1.5 miles west on Talley Bend Road and a half-mile south on County Road 1735. This tract, which contains a 615-acre Designated Natural Area, is mostly native prairie along with forest, cropland and some old fields. There are three small, fishable ponds (2 acres total). **Hunting:** deer³ (F), dove (P), quail (F), rabbit (G), squirrel (F), turkey (F), waterfowl (P).

Schell-Osage CA – see listing under St. Clair County

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* Refer to Discover Missouri Outdoor Map for Map Codes

Hunting Opportunities Summary		Methods		Species							Other Activities							
Map Codes*	Contact Office	Hunting Area	County	Acres	Deer Archery	Deer Firearms	Muzzleloading Deer	Turkey	Dove	Duck	Goose	Quail	Rabbit	Squirrel	Blinds	Primitive Camping	Dog Training	Range
B3	2	Balltown Access	Vernon	194	G	G	G	G	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	X	X	X
B30	2	Big Drywood Creek CA	Vernon	13	F	X	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	X	X	X
B38	3	Birdsong CA	St. Clair	430	F	F	F	F	P	P	P	F	P	P	31	ODA	SUP	X
B42	3	Blackjack Access	St. Clair	212	F	F	F	F	P	P	P	P	P	P	31	ODA	SUP	X
B74	3	Bristow CA	Vernon	158	F41	F41	F41	P	F	F	P	F	F	P	31	X	X	X
B93	4	Bushwhacker Lake CA	Vernon	4,457	G	X	G	G	F	F	F	G	G	G	31	ODA	SUP	35
B95	3	Butler City Lake	Bates	71	P	X	X	P	P	F	F	P	P	P	31	X	X	X
C24	2	Cephas Ford Access	Vernon	107	F	F	F	F	P	P	P	P	F	G	31	ODA	X	X
C36	4	Clear Creek CA	Vernon	762	G	X	G	G	P	P	P	F	G	G	CAO	CAO	CAO	X
D8	3	Dave Rook CA	St. Clair	133	F41	F41	F41	F	P	P	P	P	F	F	X	X	X	X
D33	2	Douglas Branch CA	Vernon	511	F	F	F	F	G	P	P	F	F	F	X	X	X	X
F17	2	Flight Lake CA	Vernon	159	F41	F41	F41	F	P	G	F	F	F	F	X	X	X	X
F24	2	Four Rivers CA	Vernon	13,732	G37	G37	G37	G	G	G30	G30	F	F	G	31	ODA	SUP	X
G3	2	Gama Grass Prairie CA	Vernon	80	F	X	F	P	P	P	P	F	F	F	X	X	X	X
H8	2	Harmony Mission Lake CA	Bates	1,379	F	F	F	F	G	F	F	F	G	F	31	X	SUP	X
K12	3	Kings Prairie Access	St. Clair	285	F	X	F	F	P	P	P	P	P	F	31	ODA	X	X
L33	3	Linscomb WA	St. Clair	1,874	F41	F41	F41	G	G	P	P	F	F	F	31	X	X	X
O6	2	Old Town Access	Bates	310	G	X	G	F	P	P	P	P	P	G	31	ODA	SUP	X
O8	3	Osage Prairie CA	Vernon	1,545	F	X	F	F	P	P	P	F	G	F	SUP	X	X	X
H8	2	Peabody CA	Bates	303	G	X	G	G	G	P	P	G	G	G	31	ODA	SUP	X
R19	2	Ripgut Prairie NA	Bates	280	F41	F41	F41	F	P	F	F	P	F	F	31	X	X	X
S13	3	Schell-Osage CA	St. Clair	8,633	G	X	X	G	P	G30	G30	F	F	G	31	ODA	SUP	X
S26	1	Settles' Ford CA	Bates	6,732	G	X	G	G	G	G30	G30	F	F	G	31	SUP	SUP	X
T1	3	Taberville Prairie CA	St. Clair	1,680	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	F	F	G	31	X	SUP	X
W3	3	Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie (In Designated Areas Only)	St. Clair	3,035	F	X	F	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	31	X	SUP	X

Deer Hunting Key

- deer¹ Statewide regulations apply.
- deer² Archery only.
- deer³ Archery & muzzleloader only.
- deer⁴ No archery antlerless and firearms antlerless permits may be used.
- deer⁵ Antlered only during firearms season; no archery antlerless permits may be used.
- deer⁶ No archery antlerless and firearms antlerless permits may be used; area is closed during the urban and antlerless portions of the firearms season.

(G) or G = Good; (F) or F = Fair; (P) or P = Poor

- X Not Allowed
- SUP Special Use Permit
- ODA Only in Designated Areas
- CAO Contact Area Office for Additional Information
- 30 Waterfowl Special Regulations Apply
- 31 Permitted but MUST be removed daily
- 32 Shotgun ONLY
- 33 Single Projectile Firearms Prohibited
- 34 Shotgun & Archery ONLY
- 35 Archery ONLY
- 36 Antlered BUCK only
- 37 Special Regulations Apply – Contact Area Office
- 38 Steel Shot ONLY
- 39 Pistol/Rifle ONLY
- 40 Antlered only during firearms season; no archery antlerless permits may be used.
- 41 No archery antlerless and firearms antlerless permits may be used; area is closed during the urban and antlerless portions of the firearms season.

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Guide for the Kansas City Hunter



Bates, St. Clair and Vernon Counties

Supplement to the Discover Outdoor Missouri map