

Area Highlights

Forest 44 Conservation Area is located in west St. Louis County. To reach the area, take Highway 141 south from I-44 to Meramec Station Road, which is the first stoplight. Turn right (west) and drive .9 mile to Hillsboro Road. Turn left and go .4 of a mile to the area parking lot. The 998-acre area borders I-44 for three miles. This tract once was part of a 10,000-acre cattle ranch. The Conservation Department purchased the area in 1990 from the heirs of the Reinken Estate. One more acquisition of 40 acres was acquired by a partial donation and is known as the Dorothy E. Aselman Memorial Addition (see area map). This rugged forest land is situated on the northeastern-most extension of the Ozark uplift and contains plants and animals typical of Ozark ecology. Several springs feed Williams Creek, which flows along the eastern portion of the area. Flowering dogwood and redbud trees add to the area's natural beauty, especially in the springtime. Hiking, wildlife viewing and horseback riding are popular activities.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Hiking – Horseback Riding
Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized fishing and hunting activities.

- No camping.
- No bicycling.
- No open fires or fireworks.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training. Dog training allowed by special-use permit only.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Horseback riding is allowed on multi-use trails and parking lot. Groups of more than 10 need a special-use permit.

Fishing

- Fishing is prohibited.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may not be taken.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

- Deer hunting by managed hunt permit only. Hunters must apply for a permit through the online managed hunt drawing system. Application information is available at most Conservation Department offices and available online.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed on the area by participants drawn for the managed hunts during their approved hunt only and must be removed by the last day of their hunt. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping is prohibited.
- Collection of any wildlife is prohibited.

For local information, contact:

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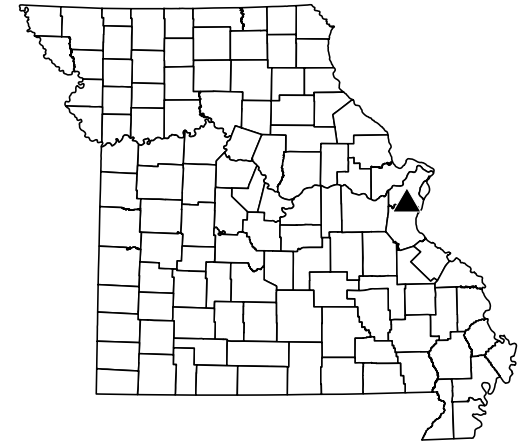
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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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/ladrules/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, religion, national origin, sex, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, veteran status, 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 Chief, Public Civil Rights, Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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