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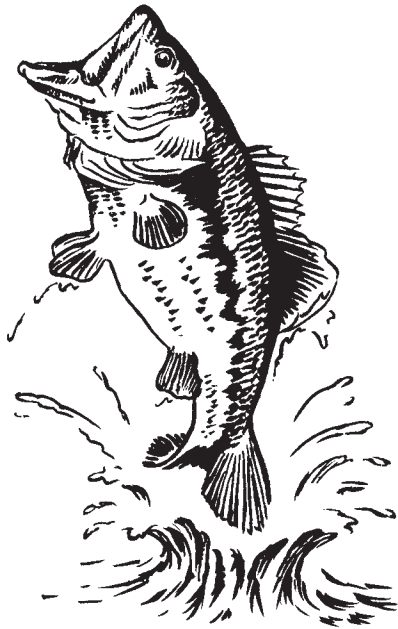
All boats must comply with regulations outlined by the Division of Water Safety. An approved floatation device is required for each person in a boat.

- Electric motors only are allowed.

Hunting and Trapping

- Area is closed to hunting

(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are from Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. Free copies of the Wildlife Code and Special Area Regulations are available from the Conservation Department.)



Welcome

Missouri is a state rich in history, folklore and natural resources. The Conservation Department encourages you to visit, use and enjoy this and other Department areas. Conservation areas are managed to protect and conserve wildlife and other natural resources. Any activities that may harm or impede conservation efforts are not allowed.

Land surrounding the Hartell Conservation Area (Clinton County Sportsmen's Club) belongs to private landowners. The boundaries adjoining private property are clearly marked. Please respect landowner's rights with these simple courtesies: obtain permission before going on private property, pick up all litter, be careful with fire, do not damage property, and practice safe hunting.

Nearby Department Areas:

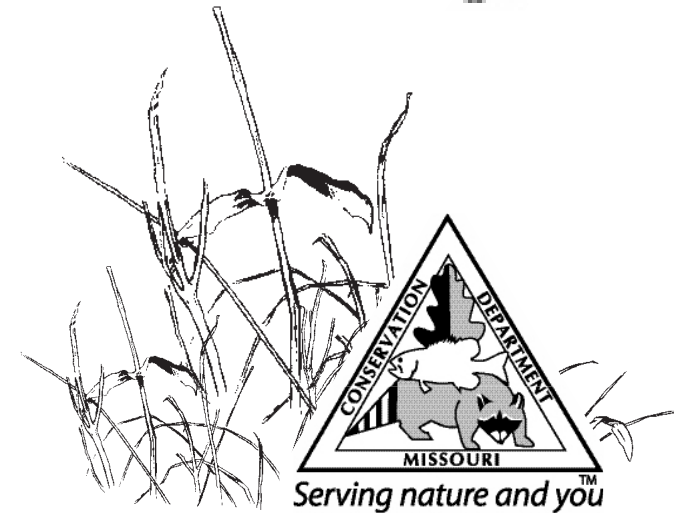
Lathrop Bridge Access
Pony Express Lake Conservation Area
Bonanza Conservation Area
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Conservation Area

For local information, contact:
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Ronald and Maude Hartell CONSERVATION AREA



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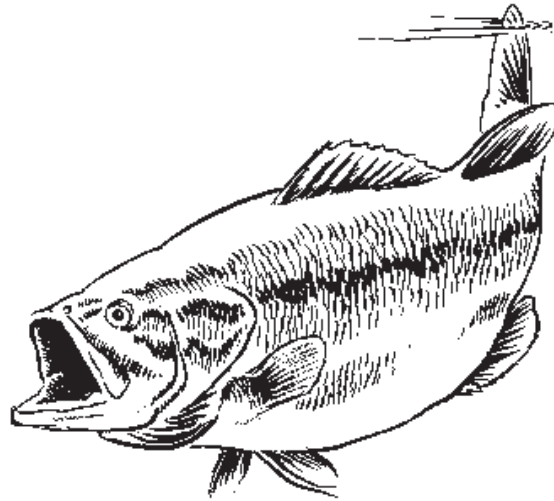
About This Area

The Ronald and Maude Hartell Conservation Area is located in central Clinton County approximately 5 miles Northeast of Plattsburg, Missouri. Visitors can reach the area by taking Hwy 116 East out of Plattsburg, then North on Hwy 33 and East on 280th St.

In 1947, a group of outdoor enthusiasts purchased land from Mrs. A.C. Hartell, five miles northeast of Plattsburg, Missouri. Two lakes were built in 1950 and the Clinton County Sportsmen's Club was born. Over the years the club grew to nearly 80 acres including seven lakes. For over 50 years it was a popular area for club members to fish and picnic. As other recreational areas were developed in the area (i.e. Smithville Reservoir), however, interest in the club declined. Dwindling membership and a desire to preserve this area for public fishing and educational opportunities prompted the Sportsmen's Club to donate the property to the Missouri Department of Conservation. In July, 1999, the area was officially donated and named after Ronald and Maude Hartell, one family who helped organize the Sportsmen's Club, and worked as caretakers for several years.

The Ronald and Maude Hartell Conservation Area (Clinton County Sportsmen's Club) consists of 114 acres. The prominent features of the area are its' six small impoundments ranging in size from 2-5 acres. Each impoundment is intensively managed to provide the public with high quality/trophy bass and bluegill fish-

ing. In addition to the trophy fishery, the area is highly geared to provide educational opportunities related to natural resources including teacher workshops, fishing clinics, demonstration sites, and interpretive trails. Facilities on the area include an outdoor classroom, two disabled-accessible parking lots, a fishing pier and dock and two ADA accessible privies.



Things to Do

- Fishing
- Hiking
- Nature study and wildlife viewing
- Outdoor photography
- Picnicking

Rules and Regulations

Area hours: All public use is prohibited from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily from April 1 to September 30 and from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily from October 1 to March 31.

- No littering. Waste containers may be used only for disposal of trash generated on the area.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only. Taking of wild greens from natural areas is not allowed.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to graveled roadways and parking areas.
- No horseback riding permitted.
- Bicycles allowed on designated service roads year-round. Service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- No camping permitted.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sail boarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- Catch-and-release fishing only on all streams and impoundments. All fish caught must be released unharmed immediately.
- Only flies, artificial lures, and soft plastics baits (unscented) may be used.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all streams, impounded waters and their discharge channels.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish is not permitted.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.