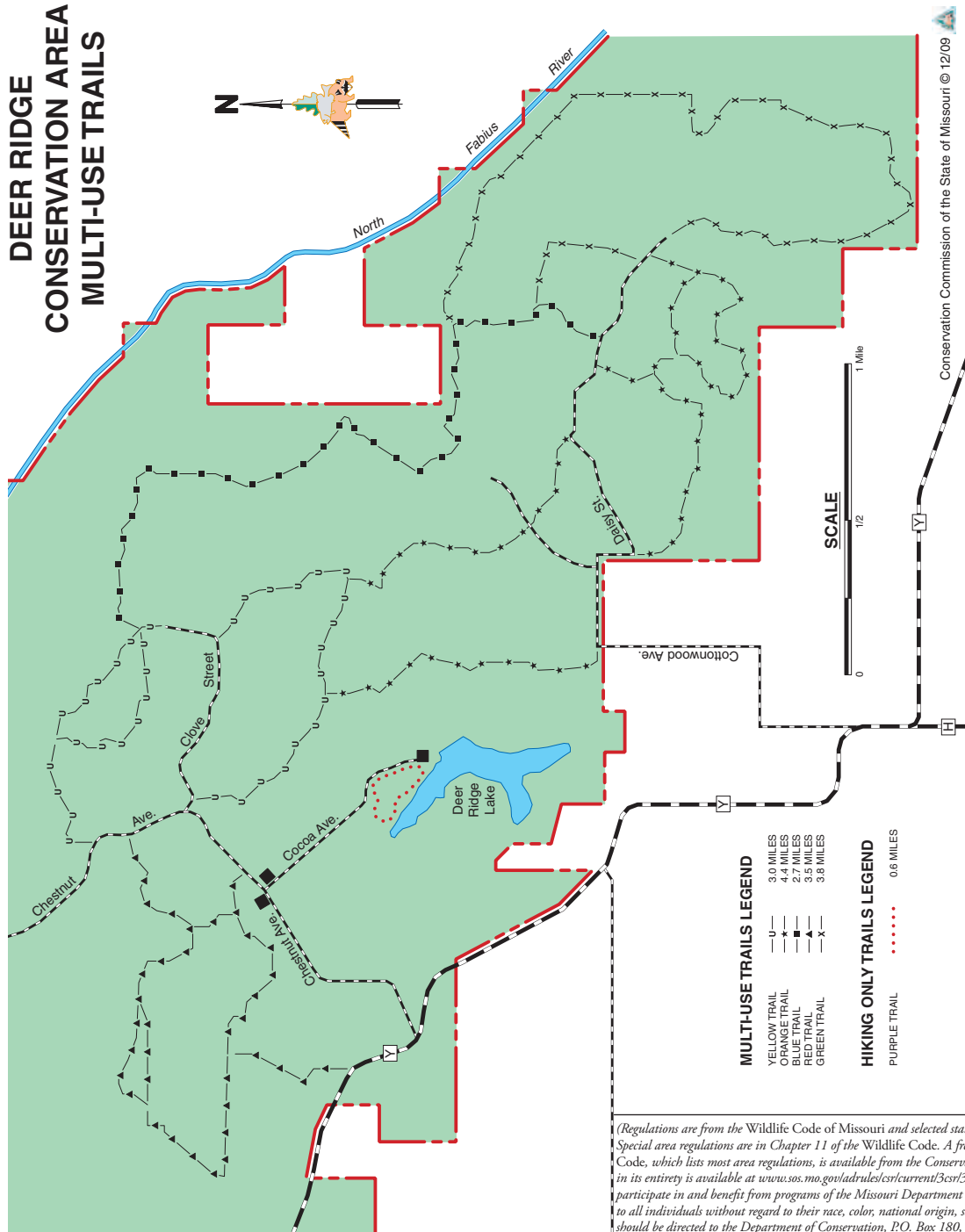


**DEER RIDGE
CONSERVATION AREA
MULTI-USE TRAILS**



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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.

Deer Ridge

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

Recreational Opportunities

Bicycling – Bird Watching – Camping – Fishing
Hiking – Horseback Riding – Hunting –
Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Conservation Areas are open 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. Please visit our website for more information.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads except during all portions of the firearm deer and spring turkey seasons. Multi-use trails and service roads can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>
- Bicycles and horses allowed on public roadways year-round.
- Camping is allowed anytime in designated camping areas. These may or may not have defined campsites. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. No unattended open campfires allowed. No amenities are provided. Groups of more than 10 campers require a special use permit. Stays are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Walk-in/backpack camping is allowed EXCEPT during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. Same rules apply.
- Target shooting is permitted only on designated public shooting ranges. Shooting hours one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. Use shall be in accordance with posted rules or as directed on special use permit. Department reserves the right to inspect permits, firearms and ammunition. Only paper targets attached to provided target holders may be used.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all ranges

and associated parking lots.

- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken for personal use. Digging roots is prohibited.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. A hunting permit is required to train dogs in pursuit of wildlife.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited.
- Field trials prohibited.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

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

- On lakes and ponds fish may be taken only with pole and line and no more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) person at any time.
- On Deer Ridge Lake daily limits are six black bass, four channel catfish and 30 crappie. All other fish taken may not exceed 20. 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.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- The following regulations apply in streams: no more than three (3) unlabeled poles may be used; trotlines, throwlines, limb lines, bank lines and jug lines may be used but no more than 33 hooks may be used at any time; hooks on trotlines must be staged 2 feet apart; hooks and lines must be attended every 24 hours or removed. Unanchored jug lines must be personally attended at all times.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written permission of the Conservation Department.

- Boats, including sailboats, may be used on lakes and ponds designated as open to boats. Boats may not be left unattended overnight.
- Only electric motors are permitted on lakes and ponds.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply:

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey booklets for current regulations.
- Only portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a 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.
- Decoys and blinds are permitted but must be disassembled and removed daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers allowed with a special use permit. Visit our website for more information.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

For local information, contact:

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