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MISSOURI'S

GREAT

OUTDOORS

HUNTING AND FISHING GUIDE



Dear fellow outdoor enthusiast,

If you're like me, you enjoy being outdoors as much as possible. I believe it is our responsibility to protect and preserve our state's natural resources, while encouraging Missourians to discover the beauty our state has to offer.

I have compiled this hunting and fishing guide for the citizens of the 20th Senatorial District to provide information about the conservation areas in our community. Whether you are looking to hunt, fish or simply

hike through nature, there are several places you can take the whole family.

We are truly lucky to call Missouri home. Our conservation department is one of the best in the country, and I am thrilled we have the opportunity to explore our state's natural beauty. I hope this guide provides a starting point for you and your family to begin your next adventure in Missouri's great outdoors.

Sincerely,

Senator Eric Burlison  
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# MISSOURI HUNTING SEASONS

Missouri offers some of the best deer, turkey and small game hunting in the nation.

Deer hunting seasons are typically scheduled for the late fall and early winter months. Missouri's turkey season dates vary from the late fall to early winter months. Our state also offers an additional turkey hunting season in the spring.

Please visit [huntfish.mdc.mo.gov](http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov) to learn more about Missouri's hunting season dates, regulations and required permits.



# MISSOURI OUTDOORS APP

The Missouri Department of Conservation offers free apps for Android and iPhone users to help make it easier to hunt, fish and enjoy our state's natural resources. If you are interested in any of these apps, more information can be found here: [mdc.mo.gov/contact-engage/mobile-apps](http://mdc.mo.gov/contact-engage/mobile-apps).

Download the  
Missouri  
Department of  
Conservation's app  
by searching "MO  
Outdoors" in your  
phone's app store.



# CONSERVATION AREAS

Many Missourians are within a 30-minute drive of a conservation area. To find one near you, visit: [nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places).



# PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

## *Christian County*

### **Busiek State Forest and Wildlife Area**



**Directions:** From Springfield, take Highway 65 south 18 miles. For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/busiek-sf-and-wa](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/busiek-sf-and-wa)

## *Greene County*

### **Bois D'Arc Conservation Area**



**Directions:** From Springfield Interstate 44 and Highway 160 interchange (Exit 75), take Highway 160 west about 12 miles to Farm Road 61. Turn south 2.5 miles to the Andy Dalton Shooting Range entrance. For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/bois-darc-ca](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/bois-darc-ca)

## Little Sac Woods Conservation Area



**Directions:** From Willard, take Route Z north 6.5 miles, then Route BB east (right) 2 miles and then Farm Road 115 south (right) 0.8 miles.

For more information, call 417-326-5189.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/little-sac-woods-ca](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/little-sac-woods-ca)

## Phenix Access Conservation Area



**Directions:** From Ash Grove, take Route V north 3 miles, then Farm Road 33 east 0.33 miles.

For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/phenix-access](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/phenix-access)

## Rocky Barrens Conservation Area



**Directions:** From Willard, take Route O east, then Farm Road 105 north.

For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/rocky-barrens-ca](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/rocky-barrens-ca)

## Dale Sare Conservation Area



**Directions:** From Springfield, take Highway 13 north 5 miles, then Farm Road 56 east and North Farm Road 141 north.

For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/sare-dale-ca](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/sare-dale-ca)

# PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

## *Christian County*

### **Delaware Town Access Conservation Area**

**Directions:** From Nixa, take Highway 14 west 5 miles to Delaware Town Road north.

For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/delaware-town-access](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/delaware-town-access)

### **Shelvin Rock Access Conservation Area**

**Directions:** From Nixa, take Highway 14 west, then Route M south 4 miles and Shelvin Rock Road west 2 miles.

For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/shelvin-rock-access](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/shelvin-rock-access)



## *Greene County*

### **Crighton Access**

**Directions:** In Springfield, go east on Battlefield Road off Highway 65 to Farm Road 164. Area is north on Farm Road 193.

For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/crighton-joe-access](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/crighton-joe-access)

## **Fellows Lake (Owned by City of Springfield Utilities)**



**Directions:** From Springfield, take Highway 65 north 4 miles, then Route AA west 0.5 mile, then Farm Road 197 north.

For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/springfield-city-util-fellows-lake](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/springfield-city-util-fellows-lake)

## **Lake Springfield (Owned by City of Springfield Utilities)**

**Directions:** On Highway 65, go west on James River Expressway to National Avenue and turn south. At Briar Street, turn east and continue as Briar becomes Kissick Avenue and tracks south to the dam. Clay Henshaw Memorial Access (on the west side of Lake Springfield) is just past the dam on the left. To reach Southwood Access (on the east side of Lake Springfield just west of the Highway 65 Bridge), take the Evans Road exit off Highway 65, take Evans Road west, then Southwood Road north.

For more information, call 417-891-1550.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/springfield-city-util-lake-springfield](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/springfield-city-util-lake-springfield)

## **Phenix Access Conservation Area**

**Directions:** From Ash Grove, take Route V north 3 miles, then Farm Road 33 east 0.33 mile.

For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/phenix-access](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/phenix-access)

## Springfield Conservation Nature Center



**Directions:** Located in southeast Springfield just west of Highway 65 off the James River Freeway (Highway 60). Follow brown conservation direction signs to the center.

For more information, call 417-888-4237.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/springfield-cnc](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/springfield-cnc)

## Tailwaters Access (Owned by City of Springfield Utilities)



**Directions:** Located below Lake Springfield dam on the James River. From Highway 65, go west on James River Expressway to National Avenue and turn south. At Briar Street, turn left and continue east as Briar turns into Kissick Avenue and continues south across the dam; look for the access road on the right (next to the James River power plant). For more information, call 417-891-1550.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/springfield-city-util-tailwaters-access](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/springfield-city-util-tailwaters-access)

## Valley Water Mill Lake (Maintained by the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks)



**Directions:** From Springfield, take Highway 65 north, exit at County Road/Farm Road 102 (Valley Water Mill Road), then go west approximately 1.4 miles to Valley Water Mill Park. The entrance to the park is on the left side of the road.

For more information, call 417-895-6880.

[nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/watershed-committee-ozarks-valley-water-mill-lake](http://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/watershed-committee-ozarks-valley-water-mill-lake)



# CONSERVATION DISTRICT AREA CONTACTS

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**If you witness or suspect a  
wildlife violation, report it to  
your local conservation agent  
or call the toll-free number  
1-800-392-1111 - which is  
operated 24 hours a day.**

# HUNTER EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING

## How do I get my MDC permit card?

1. Study and pass the \$19.95 online course.
2. Complete your age-dependent certification requirements.
  - If you are 16 years or older, after successfully completing the online course, you will print out your proof of completion. If you are under 16 years of age, you will print out your proof of completion and bring it with you to the Hunter Education Skills Session. To sign up, go to [hunter-ed.com/missouri](http://hunter-ed.com/missouri).
  - Remember: Passing the online course does not guarantee you a spot at the Hunter Education Skills Session.
3. Get your conservation permit card.
  - If you are 16 years or older, your permanent conservation permit card will be mailed to you by the Missouri Department of Conservation.
  - If you are under 16 years of age, you'll receive your permanent conservation permit card after successfully completing the Hunter Education Skills Session.

For more information, please visit [hunter-ed.com/missouri](http://hunter-ed.com/missouri) and [huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/hunter-education-skills-training](http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/hunter-education-skills-training).