

Senator Rick Brattin



HUNTING & FISHING
Guide



Dear fellow hunters and fishermen,

Like you, my family and I spend as much time as possible outdoors hunting deer and turkey, and fishing our lakes and rivers. I compiled this guide to share our joy of the outdoor recreation our area has to offer and to provide information on how you and your family can experience these places as well. Whether it is hunting, fishing or simply hiking our trails, the 31st Senatorial District has it all.

Missouri is a beautiful place and provides some of the best hunting and fishing you'll find anywhere. Our lush forests, open plains and pristine waters are a gift from God, and it is our responsibility to take care of what we've been given. Conservation and preservation are an important part of making that a reality, both now and in the future.

I am proud to call Missouri home. Our people take care of one another, and they care about the land and our wildlife. I hope this guide helps you and your family plan your next adventure in Missouri's great outdoors. God bless, and thank you for the opportunity to work for you in the Missouri Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Brattin".

Senator Rick Brattin, 31st District

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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** to learn more about Missouri's hunting season dates, regulations and required permits.



Senator Brattin and his sons, Rick III and Garrett, prepare for a hunting trip.

MISSOURI OUTDOORS APP

The Missouri Department of Conservation offers apps for Android and iPhone users to help make it easier to find places to hunt, fish and enjoy our state's natural resources. If you are interested in any of these apps, more information can be found at **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

The following pages include a selected list of conservation areas in the 31st Senatorial District, chosen for use and popularity for either hunting or fishing. For a complete list for all conservation areas near you, visit **nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places**.



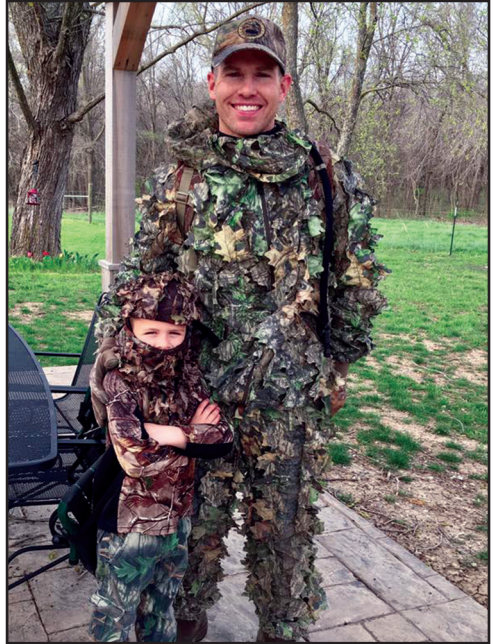
Senator Brattin's daughter, Hannah, and son, Garrett, show off their buck.

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

Barton County

Bushwhacker Lake Conservation Area

This conservation area covers 4,790 acres along the Vernon and Barton county lines. Wildlife, such as quail, rabbits and deer, are common. Each fall and spring, hundreds of waterfowl use the area's lakes and ponds. One of the drainages was dammed in 1982 to make the 157-acre Bushwhacker Lake. This lake, along with a smaller lake and numerous ponds within the area, has been renovated and stocked with bass, bluegill and channel catfish. Deer hunting is only allowed through the MDC-managed deer hunt system. Applications to hunt deer in this area are taken each July. This hunt is designed to provide a quality experience that includes a good number of deer as well as the high potential for older-age trophy bucks.



Senator Brattin and his son, Garrett, prepare for a turkey hunt.

Directions: From Bronaugh, take Highway 43 south 2.5 miles to Zodiac Road, then east 1 mile to the area. For more information, call 417-895-6880.

Clear Creek Conservation Area

This area is mostly prairie, but also contains more than 250 acres of woodland. Five ponds and a stream (Clear Creek) provide fishing opportunities. This area also has good deer and turkey hunting opportunities. Deer hunting is allowed by archery and muzzleloader methods only (antlerless permits are NOT allowed). Trapping is allowed by special use permit.

Directions: From Sheldon, take Route B east a little more than 0.75 mile, then NE 10th Lane south, NE 100th Road east, NE 20th Lane south and then NE 90th Road east. For more information, call 417-895-6880.



Senator Brattin and his daughter, Mariah.

Bates County

Settle's Ford Conservation Area

Settle's Ford Conservation Area is located on both sides of the South Grand River in southeast Cass and northeast Bates counties. This 7,364-acre area is rich in wildlife diversity and contains approximately 3,100 acres of bottomlands and 4,200 acres of uplands. The area contains small glades, upland and lowland hardwoods, three small intermittent streams, six permanent water streams, two large open bottomland tracts, six fishable ponds, one fishless pond and 14 wetland management pools. These features and others provide a wealth of habitat for many wild plants and animals, and many recreation opportunities.

Directions: From Creighton, take Route B west 4 miles and then Index Road south 1 mile to the area's main entrance. For more information, call 660-885-6981.

Cass County

Amarugia Highlands Conservation Area

Amarugia Highlands Conservation Area is a 1,081-acre area that was purchased by MDC in 1983. One of its main attractions is the 45-acre Amarugia Lake, which was completed in 1987. The lake was stocked in 1988 with channel catfish, largemouth bass and bluegill. The lake was restocked in 2016 with largemouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill and redear sunfish. The area also has numerous small ponds and contains a short stretch of the South Grand River. The area's openlands include a variety of game and non-game wildlife species. Disabled accessible fishing, parking and restrooms are available within the area. Access to a boat ramp is available on the lake.

Directions: From I-49/Highway 71 at Archie, take Route A west 5 miles and then Route W north 4.5 miles to the area. For more information, call 816-622-0900.

Dr. Harry and Lina Berrier Memorial Conservation Area

Berrier Memorial Conservation Area is in south-central Cass County, about 6 miles south of Freeman. The southern portion of this area is a remnant of a once-vast prairie ecosystem that provides habitat for a diverse group of plants and animals.

Directions: From Freeman, go south on Route O approximately 6 miles. For more information, call 816-622-0900.





Senator Brattin and his wife, Athena, deer hunting on their property.

Henry County

Truman Reservoir Management Lands

Harry S. Truman Reservoir Management Lands consist of 58,133 acres distributed around the reservoir, which lies within the upper Osage River basin where the Ozarks meet the plains. The reservoir management lands are found in the following locations:

Bethlehem: From Clinton, take Highway 7 east 3 miles and then Route AA south to the area.

Brownington: From Deepwater, take Highway 52 east, Highway 13 south 1 mile and then SE 900 east to the area.

Brush Creek: From Clinton, take Highway 7 east approximately 6.25 miles, Route C north approximately 11 miles, Route T south and then Route TT west to the area.

Cedar Creek: There is no access by land. By water, from Bucksaw boat ramp, go north approximately 2 miles to the mouth of Cedar Creek.

Deepwater Creek: From Deepwater, take Highway 52 west, SW 401 north and then SW 600 east.

Gouge Eye: From Clinton, take Highway 7 east, Route W south and then east on SE 550.

Grand River Bottoms: South of Clinton on Highway 13, take SW 450 west to Route T, west to SW 351 and then north past SW 300. Grand River Bottoms is on both sides of SW 351.

To the shooting range: From Clinton, take Highway 18 west to SW 100 and then south 0.75 mile to the entrance on the right side of the road.

Leesville: From Tighthead, take Route PP north for 2.25 miles and then SE 80 east to the area.

Upper Tebo Creek: From Calhoun, take Route V south 1 mile and then NE 701 south to the area. For more information, call 660-885-6981.



Senator Brattin and his children enjoy youth deer season.

Connor O. Fewel Conservation Area

Connor O. Fewel Conservation Area is in northern Henry County, north of Lewis on Route AC and is divided into north and south units. The southern unit is characterized by crop fields, brushy draws and reclaimed mine spoils. The north unit primarily consists of mature oak and hickory timber on rolling hills. The area features a wide variety of habitat and wildlife.

Directions: From Calhoun, take Highway 52 southwest 3 miles and then Route AC west 2 miles. For more information, call 660-885-6981.

Vernon County

Schell-Osage Conservation Area

Schell-Osage Conservation Area features a unique combination of habitats, including wetlands, upland and bottomland forests, cropland, old fields, lakes and ponds. The 1,425 acres of managed wetlands provide habitat for a wide variety of waterfowl, shore birds, wading birds and other wetland-dependent species, which makes this area popular for both waterfowl hunters and birders.



Senator Brattin and his daughter, Kayla, enjoy time on a turkey hunt.

Directions: From El Dorado

Springs, take Highway 54 west 6 miles, Route AA north 12 miles, Route RA east 1.5 miles (last 0.5 mile is gravel) and then 2950 Road south 0.25 mile to the area. For more information, call 417-432-3414.

PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

Barton County

Shawnee Trail Conservation Area

The 3,635-acre area includes shrub plantings that provide woody cover for quail, rabbits and other wildlife species. Lakes on the area are often used by shorebirds and waterfowl. Deer hunting is allowed by archery and muzzleloader only. Antlerless permits are NOT allowed. Trapping is allowed by special use permit.

Directions: From Mindenmines, take Highway 160 east and then Route M south 1 mile to the area. For more information, call 417-895-6880.

Bates County

Harmony Mission Lake Conservation Area

The 1,080-acre Harmony Mission Lake Conservation Area and 299-acre Peabody Conservation Area provide hunting, trapping and camping opportunities. Both areas also provide good fishing opportunities in a 96-acre lake and six water-filled strip-pits totaling 23 acres.

Directions: From Rich Hill, take Route A west 0.75 mile and then Route PP southwest 4.25 miles. Route PP turns into gravel as Bates County Road 10508 and continues west about 1 mile to the lake entrance. For more information, call 417-395-2341.



Senator Brattin's son, Rick III, shows off his catch of the day.

Cass County

North Lake (Harrisonville)

This area contains a 34-acre fishing lake, boat ramp, ADA-accessible privy, parking lot and floating fishing dock.

Directions: From Lee's Summit, take Highway 291 south 11 miles and then County Road 235 east 0.5 mile. For more information, call 816-380-8900.

Johnston Lake (Raymore)

Totaling 12 acres, Johnston Lake is open seven days a week, between 4 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Directions: From the junction of I-49/Highway 71 and Highway 58 (W. Foxwood Drive), take Highway 58 (W. Foxwood Drive) east approximately 1.5 miles and then Johnston Boulevard north 0.5 mile to the lake. The road ends at the lake parking lot. For more information, call 816-622-0900.

Henry County

Montrose Conservation Area

Montrose Lake offers excellent fishing opportunities, especially for catfish. Over the years, it has also become a favorite for waterfowl hunters. Spectacular concentrations of ducks and geese visit the area each winter.

Directions: From Montrose, take Route HH north 1.5 miles and then SW 1151 (RA) north 1 mile to area headquarters. For more information, call 660-693-4666.

Vernon County

August A. Busch Jr., Memorial Wetlands at Four Rivers Conservation Area

The 13,929-acre area is largely wetlands with several large tracts of bottomland forest. The area also provides waterfowl hunting opportunities.

Directions: The area is located about 15 miles north of Nevada and 5 miles south of Rich Hill in Bates and Vernon counties. To reach headquarters from I-49/Highway 71, take Route TT east 2 miles to 1600 Road and then south 2 miles. For more information, call 417-395-2341.



Izaak Walton Lake (Nevada)

Directions: In Nevada, from the junction of Highway 54 (E. Austin Rd.)/N. Ash Street, take N. Ash north 0.9 mile and then Atlantic west 0.2 mile to the lake.

CONSERVATION AGENTS

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HUNTER EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING

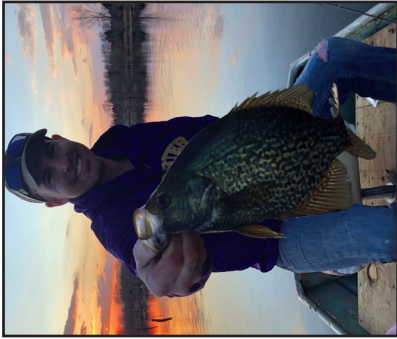
How do I get my MDC permit card?

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**.
 - 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** and **huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/hunter-education-skills-training**.

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It’s a great way to spend
quality time and build a
lifetime of memories.”*

— Sen. Rick Brattin

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