Area Highlights

Pea Ridge Conservation Area is a forested area with fields on the Main and Hi Pointe tracts. There is a 2-acre fishing lake on the Hi Pointe tract. The area is marked with a sign on Highway 185 between Sullivan and Potosi.

Recreational Opportunities

Hunting - Camping - Fishing

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

- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated areas.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited. Taking of wild greens from natural areas is prohibited.
- Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Camping is permitted only in designated areas. Groups of more than 10 campers need a special-use permit. Campsites along Indian Creek are open September 15–May 15. Other campsites are open during firearms deer season.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Target shooting is not allowed.
- No littering. Waste containers may be used only for trash generated on the area.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited. Gizzard shad may be taken from lakes and ponds by dip net or throw net.
- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.

• In lakes and ponds, daily limits are catfish in the aggregate (channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish), four (4); black bass, six (6); crappie, thirty (30); and all other fish, state wide limits, but not to exceed twenty (20) in the aggregate. All black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released immediately after being caught.

Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only 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 before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation St. Louis Regional Office 2360 Highway D St. Charles, MO 63304 (636) 441-4554

Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards 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 entirely is available at www.sos.mogovladrules/cofwurent/85/78cs.ap.) 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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