

Area Highlights

Westport, Mozier, Sterling and several smaller islands encompass 2,500 acres of mostly forested land located between river miles 251–261. Most areas can be accessed only by boat. Norton Woods Access and Hamburg Ferry Access provide boat launching opportunity for this section of river.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting
Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- 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.
- Motor vehicles, including ATVs, are prohibited.
- For safety reasons target shooting is prohibited.
- Walk-in camping is allowed year round, except during all firearms deer and turkey seasons. During these seasons camping is not permitted. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of more than 10 campers need a special-use permit.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations in the Mississippi River. The following special regulations also apply:

- Bullfrogs and green frogs may not be taken with firearms.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- There are no Conservation Department restrictions on boats and motors used on the waters of the Mississippi River.

Hunting and Trapping

- Hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits.
- 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.
- Waterfowl hunting on the Upper Mississippi Conservation Area is by one of two designations: Open or Restricted. Westport and Sterling islands are designated as open sites.
- Blinds may be constructed without site restrictions.
- Blinds may not be locked, transferred, rented or sold.
- Boats may not be left at blind sites overnight.
- Blinds unoccupied at one-half hour before legal shooting time may be used by the first hunter to arrive.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2360 Hwy D
St. Charles, MO 63304
636/441-4554

Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas.

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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.soi.mo.gov/adrules/cnr/current/3cncr.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) 751-1115 (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.

Upper Mississippi

Mozier – Sterling Islands Pool 25

CONSERVATION AREA



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

POOL 25 MOZIER ISLAND TO STERLING ISLAND

RIVER MILES 261 TO 251

