Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary

- RMBS was created in 1988, after the construction of the Melvin Price Locks & Dam
- Sanctuary was designated as an Important Birding Area by the Audubon Society in 2005
- The Audubon Center at Riverlands opened in 2011
- The Sanctuary comprises of approximately 1,200 acres of restored prairie/marsh habitat, 550 acres of bottomland forest habitat and 1100 acres of open water
- Federal and state threatened and endangered species like least tern, decurrent false aster, and smooth softshell turtle are management priorities
- Trails offer immense birding opportunities throughout prairie/marsh areas
- Environmental Learning Facility onsite for educational programs
- Civil War memorial dedicated to the remembrance of smallpox victims located at Lincoln Shields recreation area
- National Great Rivers Museum offers Melvin Price Locks & Dam tours daily at 10 am, 1 pm, and 3pm

Area Guidelines:
- Visitors must remain on designated trails or roadways at all times
- Fishing in the Mississippi River, Ellis Bay, Lincoln Shields Access and Maple Island Access requires either an Illinois or Missouri fishing license. One must follow the regulations of their respective state’s fishing license
- To fish in Teal Pond and Ellis Lake requires a Missouri license
- Refuge boundary is marked with a dotted line on map. This area has NO hunting year round
- No boats are allowed within the safety zone 500 feet upstream and downstream the Melvin Price Locks & Dam
- Further refuge regulations on back

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