

Hunting and Trapping

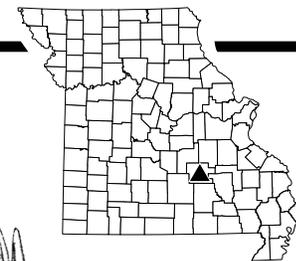
Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations.

The following special regulations also apply.

- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 15 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.



Indian Trail Conservation Area



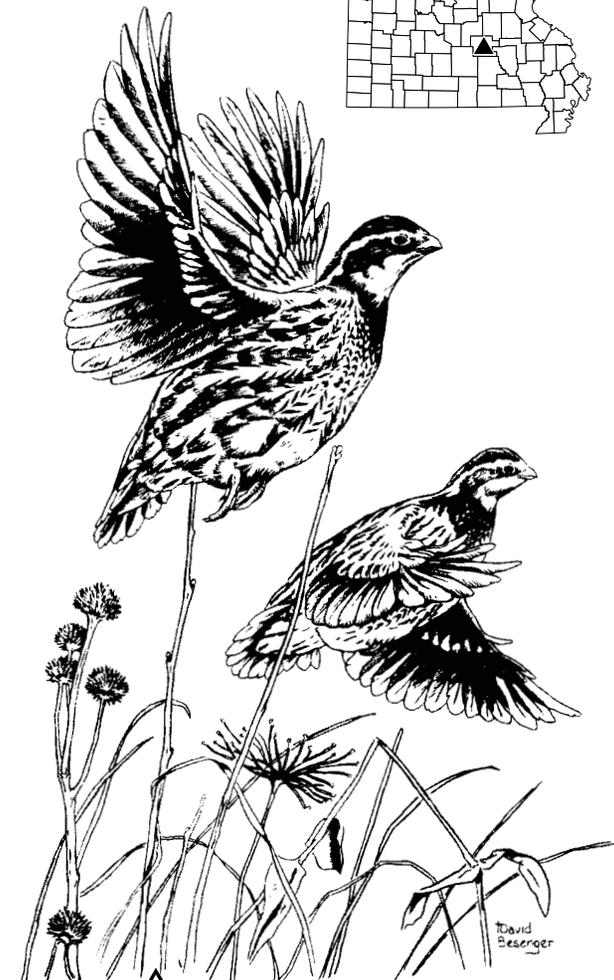
Nearby Department Areas

Crooked Creek Conservation Area
Huzzah Conservation Area
Short Bend Access
Shawnee Mac Lakes

For local information contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
Salem Forestry Office
PO Box 386
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-3182

*Additional information is posted on bulletin boards in
parking areas, area offices, and online at
www.missouriconservation.org*



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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.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/5csr/3csr.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) 751-4115 (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.

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Area Highlights

Indian Trail Conservation Area covers 13,503 acres in northeast Dent County, between Salem and Steelville. The entrance to the area is off Highway 19. The area is mostly forested, but also includes food plots, fishless wildlife ponds, and a 350-acre warm water fish hatchery, which provides channel catfish, bluegill, and bass for stocking throughout the state. The area contains a complex mosaic of dolomite glades and chert savannas with open-grown trees on exposed slopes. The canopy of the slopes is dominated by post, black, white, and blackjack oaks and hickories. The ground cover of the glades and savannas includes little bluestem, big bluestem, sideoats, grama and Indian grasses and wildflowers, such as white and purple prairie clovers and pale purple coneflower. Dolomite bedrock outcrops and ledges are scattered throughout the glades. Formerly, the area was the sight of the Sligo Iron Company. Heavy cutting of cordwood to fuel the smelters depleted local timber supplies, eventually forcing the iron work to close. Private owners acquired the Indian Trail area in 1906 for use as rangeland. Grazing and burning to encourage grass growth continued until the state purchased the tracts comprising the area from 1924 to 1927, largely in an effort to control wildfires. One route of the Trail of Tears went through Indian Trail Conservation Area. Markers and a plaque depict the Indians' trail and describe their ordeal. From 1930 until 1960, the area served as a game refuge, providing deer and turkey for the state's restocking programs. Civilian Conservation Corps crews, based at the area from 1933 to 1946, built most of the area's 55 miles of access roads, constructed the hatchery pond and planted pine trees in many of the open areas.

During your visit to the area, various forest improvement practices designed to improve wildlife habitat, maintain watershed quality and enhance tree growth, quality, and species composition may be evident. Any disturbance is only temporary and the forest will soon return to normal.

Driving Directions

Indian Trail Conservation Area is approximately 12 miles northeast of Salem on Highway 19.

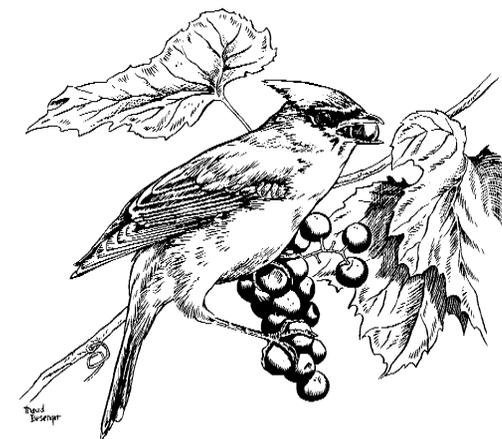
Recreational Opportunities

Camping – Hiking – Hunting - Nature Viewing
- Outdoor Photography - Picnicking

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

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Destroying, cutting, or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, fruits, berries, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only. Taking of wild greens from natural areas is not allowed. Digging of roots is prohibited on all Department areas.
- No ATVs allowed.
- Horseback riding allowed on roads open to vehicular traffic.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas.

- Primitive camping on a walk in basis is allowed, but campsites must be at least 100 yards from all public access roadways, open fields, and parking lots.
- Target shooting is allowed only at shooting ranges.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on all Department areas.
- Bicycles are allowed only on roads open to vehicles.
- Swimming, scuba diving, sail boarding, skate boarding, caving, and rappelling are not allowed.



Fishing and Boating

No fishing opportunities are available on the area.