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2010 Spring Turkey

Hunting Regulations and Information
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What's New for 2010

- ▶ Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permits are no longer available. Resident and nonresident youth age 6–15 may purchase a spring turkey hunting permit for \$8.50.
- ▶ Reduced-cost nonresident landowner permits are no longer available.
- ▶ The price of the Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit has increased to \$190.
- ▶ When mentoring a firearms hunter who is not hunter-education certified, all mentors, including landowners hunting on their own land, must be at least 18 years old and hunter-education certified unless they were born before Jan. 1, 1967.
- ▶ Nonresident youth may hunt during the youth season.
- ▶ Hunters may apply for managed hunts by March 11.
- ▶ Conservation areas where turkey hunting is allowed are listed on pages 8–15.
- ▶ Thermal imagery equipment cannot be used while hunting.

Continue Your Outdoor Legacy

With a gift to the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation, you can help pass on your love of outdoor recreation to the next generation of turkey hunters. You can specify how want your donation spent—on hunting, fishing, hiking trails, wildlife habitat, stream protection or whatever else you love best about the Missouri outdoors. For more information, visit our web site or call us at 800-227-1488.



Turkey Seasons

Youth Spring Turkey Hunting Season

Who May Participate:

The youth hunter must be:

- ▶ age 6–15 on opening day

Season Dates: April 10–11, 2010

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset Central Daylight-Saving Time

Valid Permits:

Youth hunters must possess any one of the three following permits:

- ▶ **Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit**
- ▶ **Resident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit**
- ▶ **Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit**

Note: Landowner permits are valid only on the land for which they are issued. See page 6 for qualifications.

Youth Season Limit: One male turkey or turkey with visible beard.

Note: Youths who take a turkey during the youth season may not harvest a second bird until April 26. This is because the bird taken during the youth season counts as the first bird for the first week of the regular season.

Regular Spring Turkey Hunting Season

Season Dates: April 19–May 9, 2010

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. Central Daylight-Saving Time

Valid Permits:

- ▶ **Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit**
- ▶ **Resident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit**
- ▶ **Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit**

Season Limit: Two male turkeys or turkeys with visible beard may be taken during the season, with the following restrictions:

- ▶ You may only take one turkey during the first week from April 19–25.
- ▶ If you do not take one during the first week, then you may take two during the second or third week from April 26–May 9, but you may not take them both on the same day.

Note: If you hunt during a managed hunt, season limits still apply. See pages 16–17.

Check your turkey by 10 p.m. on the day taken.

Hunter-education Requirement

All hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1967, and hunting with a Resident or Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit must complete an approved hunter-education program and display their card before they can purchase a firearms turkey hunting permit unless:

- ▶ they first purchase an Apprentice Hunter Authorization. See page 6 for requirements.
- ▶ they are ages 6–15 and will be hunting with a qualified mentor. See page 5.

Hunters who are hunter-education certified do not have to show their card if certification can be verified through the permit vendor's computer terminal. A Missouri Conservation Heritage Card with a hunter-education number is an acceptable hunter-education certificate card.

A person must be at least 11 years old to receive hunter-education certification. Persons hunting with a Resident Landowner Spring Turkey Hunting Permit are exempt from the hunter-education requirement unless they were born on or after Jan. 1, 1967 and are mentoring a firearms hunter who is not hunter-education certified.

How Turkey Season Opening Dates are Set

The formula for setting spring turkey season strikes a balance between the biology of turkey reproduction and hunters' desires for an earlier season, especially in southern Missouri. As a result, the season begins on the third Monday in April, which moves the average opening date up three days from what it was four years ago.

The youth season opens nine days before the regular season, except when that would make it fall over the Easter weekend. In those cases, the season begins the weekend before Easter.

The National Wild Turkey Federation collects and maintains information on record turkeys. For Missouri records, contact:



**The National Wild Turkey Federation
P.O. Box 530, Edgefield, SC 29824-0530
(800) 843-6983 ■ www.nwtf.org**

General Information for All Spring Turkey Hunters

Wild turkeys may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed or transported only as outlined in this booklet. For complete hunting regulations, refer to the *Wildlife Code of Missouri*, available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.

Methods: The following are allowed during the spring fire-arms turkey hunting seasons:

- ▶ a shotgun with shot not larger than No. 4
- ▶ a longbow, recurve bow or compound bow. Hand-held string releasing devices, illuminated sights, scopes and quickpoint sights are allowed.

The following are prohibited:

- ▶ shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shells in magazine and chamber combined
- ▶ shot larger than No. 4 (in use or in possession)
- ▶ a bow fastened to a stock or other device that maintains the bow in a drawn position
- ▶ any sighting device that casts a beam of light on the game
- ▶ thermal imagery equipment or night vision equipment (in use or in possession)
- ▶ recorded calls (in use or in possession)
- ▶ use of dogs or live decoys

- ▶ use of bait, which includes grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to attract turkeys. An area is considered baited for 10 days even after complete removal of the bait. A hunter can be in violation even if he or she did not know an area was or is baited. It is illegal to place bait in a way that causes others to be in violation of the baiting rule.

Tagging and Checking: All turkeys must be tagged immediately after harvest and checked by 10 p.m. on the day taken using the Telecheck system. See pages 19–21.

Safety Sticker Requirement: All hunters using a shotgun must affix the “Be Safe” sticker to the receiver of their gun so it will be in their line of sight when shooting. The sticker must be maintained on the gun while hunting. Stickers are available wherever permits are sold.

Note:

- ▶ Any hunter who kills or injures a turkey must make a reasonable effort to retrieve and include it in his or her season limit, but this does not authorize trespass.
- ▶ It is a violation to wantonly leave, abandon or waste commonly edible portions of game.
- ▶ Anyone using a turkey call to assist another hunter must be properly licensed with either a filled or unfilled spring turkey hunting permit.

Help Stop Feral Hogs

Feral hogs destroy wildlife habitat, compete with native wildlife for food, and spread diseases to people, pets and livestock. They are a menace that must be eradicated.

A feral hog is defined as any hog, including Russian and European wild boar, that is not conspicuously identified by ear tags or other identification and is roaming freely on public or private land without the landowner’s permission. If you kill a feral hog on public land or on private land where you have permission to hunt, you are not liable if someone later claims to own the animal. It is illegal to release feral hogs on public land or on private land that is not fenced to contain them.

Feral hogs may be killed in any number at any time. During most of the year, no permit is required and any method, including baiting and the use of dogs, is allowed. However, during the youth and regular spring turkey hunting seasons, special restrictions apply.

During the youth and spring turkey hunting seasons, to kill feral hogs you must:

- ▶ possess a valid, unfilled turkey hunting permit
- ▶ only use methods allowed for taking turkeys.

Note: Resident landowners on land they own and lessees on land they reside on may use any method to take feral hogs at any time without any permit.



If you encounter a feral hog while hunting turkeys, shoot it on sight.

Report sightings of feral hogs to the Conservation Department at (573) 522-4115, ext. 3147. For more information about feral hogs, the problems they cause and the diseases they spread, visit our web site at mdc.mo.gov/7849.

2010 Spring Turkey Permits

Valid Permits

See page 3 to see which permit you need for the season in which you are hunting.

Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit

Age 16 and older \$17
New! age 6–15 \$8.50¹

Resident Landowner

Spring Turkey Hunting Permit no cost

Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit

Age 16 and older \$190
New! age 6–15 \$8.50¹

¹Youth age 6 through 15 are not required to be hunter education certified. If the youth is hunter-education certified and hunting on a resident or nonresident spring turkey permit, he or she may hunt alone. However, if the youth is not hunter-education certified, he or she must be in the immediate presence of a properly licensed adult who has a valid hunter-education certificate card or was born before Jan. 1, 1967. The adult, however, may not hunt turkey during the youth spring turkey season.

- ▶ “Immediate presence” means close enough for normal conversation, without shouting.
- ▶ “Properly licensed” means a valid filled or unfilled spring turkey hunting permit.
- ▶ “Adult” means someone age 18 or older.

Regardless of age, the youth must be capable of holding, aiming and shooting the firearms by him or herself.

Note: Resident landowners or lessees born after Jan. 1, 1967, accompanying youths on the landowner’s property or property on which the lessee is residing must be hunter-education certified.

Qualifications for Resident Permits

A Missouri resident, for permit purposes, is a person:

- ▶ who does not claim resident privileges in another state or country
- ▶ and whose actual residence and legal permanent home address are both in Missouri and have been for at least 30 days before obtaining the permit.

Owning real estate or attending a Missouri school does not in itself make you a legal resident. Immigrants who possess an I-551 Resident Alien Card may receive resident permit privileges if they meet the resident requirements listed above.

A nonresident who is a registered student attending a public or private secondary, post secondary, or vocational school in Missouri and who lives in Missouri while attending school may purchase resident permits, except lifetime permits. Students must carry evidence of a Missouri residence and student status while hunting, fishing or trapping. Permits

SUNRISE AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. Central Daylight-Saving Time

| DAY | SUNRISE | | SUNSET | |
|--------------|---------|-------|--------|--|
| | A.M. | | P.M. | |
| APRIL | | | | |
| 10 | 6:40 | | 7:41 | |
| 11 | 6:39 | | 7:42 | |
| 19 | 6:27 | | | |
| 20 | 6:26 | | | |
| 21 | 6:24 | | | |
| 22 | 6:23 | | | |
| 23 | 6:22 | | | |
| 24 | 6:20 | | | |
| 25 | 6:19 | | | |
| 26 | 6:18 | | | |
| 27 | 6:16 | | | |
| 28 | 6:15 | | | |
| 29 | 6:14 | | | |
| 30 | 6:13 | | | |
| MAY | | | | |
| 1 | 6:12 | | | |
| 2 | 6:10 | | | |
| 3 | 6:09 | | | |
| 4 | 6:08 | | | |
| 5 | 6:07 | | | |
| 6 | 6:06 | | | |
| 7 | 6:05 | | | |
| 8 | 6:04 | | | |
| 9 | 6:03 | | | |

This table is for Jefferson City and points on the same longitude north or south. For locations east, subtract one minute from the table for each 13 1/2 miles (airline) of distance. For locations west, add one minute for each 13 1/2 miles. For example, St. Louis is 106 miles east: subtract 8 minutes; Kansas City is 133 miles west: add 10 minutes. Or for the sunrise and sunset times anywhere in the United States, see the U.S. Naval Observatory web site: <http://aa.usno.navy.mil>

must be purchased at Conservation Department offices that sell permits.

The following military personnel and their immediate family members who reside with them also may purchase resident permits:

- ▶ Missouri residents employed by the United States in the District of Columbia or serving in the U.S. armed forces
- ▶ all members of the U.S. armed forces stationed and residing in Missouri who are on permanent change of station status

Purchasing Permits

Purchase your turkey hunting permits using any of the methods below.

- ▶ Over the counter from any permit vendor. Buy early to avoid long lines.
- ▶ By telephone at (800) 392-4115 any time. Use your credit card, and pay a \$2 surcharge. Allow 10 days for delivery.
- ▶ Online anytime at www.wildlifelicenses.com/mo. Use your credit card, and pay a \$2 surcharge. Allow 10 days for delivery.

Note: No-cost resident landowner permits also are available at permit vendors. See page 6 for more details.

Resident Landowner Permits

No-cost Resident Landowner Permits

All turkey hunters, including landowners and lessees, must have a permit issued from a permit vendor. You qualify for no-cost spring turkey hunting permits if you are a Missouri resident, who

- ▶ owns at least 5 acres,
- ▶ resides on at least 5 acres of leased land, or
- ▶ lives in the home with a landowner or residing lessee

To obtain your no-cost permits, go to any permit vendor and tell them:

- ▶ your name
- ▶ your Conservation I.D. number, Heritage Card number, Social Security number or driver's license number
- ▶ the county where your land is located
- ▶ the number of acres you own or lease and reside on

Note: All landowner hunting permits are valid *only* on the land for which they are issued. You must purchase permits to hunt on land you do not own or lease and reside on.



Definitions for Landowner Permits

Resident landowner: Any Missouri resident who owns at least 5 continuous acres, or members of his or her immediate household. In the case of corporate ownership, only registered officers of the corporation and members of his or her immediate household can qualify to receive no-cost permits, and they are not required to reside on the land. Persons who own stock in a corporation (shareholds) do not qualify under this definition.

Lessee: Any Missouri resident who resides on and leases at least 5 continuous acres owned by others, or members of his or her immediate household.

Immediate household member: Someone, related or unrelated, who has lived in the home with a qualifying landowner or lessee for at least the last 30 days. Family members who live elsewhere do not qualify.

Mentor Apprentice Hunters

Would you like to share those beautiful spring mornings in the turkey woods with a good friend or a spouse who has never hunted before? You know they would love it, but you can't get them to invest the time to take the hunter-education course.

To help introduce adults to hunting, the Conservation Department now allows hunters age 16 and older who are not hunter-education certified to hunt with firearms, as long as they:

- ▶ first purchase the new Apprentice Hunter Authorization for \$10
- ▶ then purchase a firearms hunting permit for the season they want to hunt; for example, a Spring Turkey Hunting Permit
- ▶ hunt in the immediate presence of a properly licensed hunter 18 years old or older who is hunter-education certified. The mentor must have a filled or unfilled permit for the prescribed season. "Immediate presence" means close enough for normal conversation, without shouting.

Note: The Apprentice Hunter Authorization allows the holder to purchase firearms permits throughout the permit year, and it can be purchased twice. After the second year, the apprentice hunter will be required to become hunter-education certified if he or she wants to continue hunting on a firearms permit.

Missouri is a leader in hunter recruitment, and the Apprentice Hunter Authorization is just one more tool to help you share your hunting knowledge and tradition with your friends and family. Encourage your apprentices to attend a hunter-education class or take the new online course at mdc.mo.gov/17844.

Harsh Weather Takes Toll on Young Turkeys, But Population Remains Strong

Blame it on the weather if turkeys, especially younger ones, are harder to find this spring. For a third year in a row, the number of poults is low with 1.2 poults per hen counted. The good news is that the poult count was up in much of southern Missouri, but too much rain in the north diminished the rebound there. Several years of difficult weather account for much of the decline.

Cold, wet conditions during nesting and early brood rearing from April through June have limited wild turkey reproduction in four out of the last five years. The 2006 hatch was relatively strong; but cool, wet weather in 2005, an extended freeze around Easter in 2007, record high rainfall in 2008 and a late spring in 2009 resulted in some of the worst years for turkey production on record.

The 2007 Easter freeze also destroyed oak buds and blossoms possibly leading to winter food shortages for turkeys. Acorn studies in 2007 showed the lowest yield by white oaks since 1960, and 2008 research showed record lows for red oak acorns.

Acorns are a very important food for turkeys. The combination of a rough winter and an acorn shortage means some birds will not make it through the winter, or they will enter the nesting season in poor condition.

Whatever the cause, Conservation Department surveys show the state's wild turkey population has been declining in recent years in some areas. The poult-to-hen ratio was 1.2 in 2005, well below the 10-year average of 1.9. The previous two years' poult-to-hen ratios were below average, too.

The ratio climbed to a relatively strong 1.6 in 2006, but then slid to 1.0 in 2007, 1.1 in 2008 and 1.2 in 2009. With multiple years of low production behind it, the 2010 season will be challenging.

Transitional times

Even factoring out the effects of weather, Missouri's turkey flock seems to be in transition. During the time when our turkey flock was expanding and population growth was extremely rapid, people often saw turkey flocks numbering in the hundreds. Those days may be gone.

As turkey populations expanded, natural forces such as disease and predation also increased. Many predators prey on turkeys including raccoons, bobcats, coyotes and owls. Although turkeys and their predators eventually will reach a point of equilibrium, Missouri's turkey population is expected to stabilize at a lower level than the peaks of the 1980s and 1990s.

Instead of seeing more turkeys every year, hunters will see year-to-year variations, mostly related to weather during the nesting season. We could have very good turkey populations in a couple of years in the same areas where their numbers currently are down a lot. Populations may not be as high as they were in the past, but they should be better than they are now.



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Quality hunting is goal

Although some look to the Department to reduce season length or bag limits, such changes would not bring more turkeys. Because males and rarely bearded hens are shot during the spring season, spring hunting season isn't a limiting factor on population growth. Likewise, fall harvest has not contributed to the turkey decline, with fall hunting being mostly self-limiting. Fall harvest lately has been below 10,000 turkeys, a level easily absorbed by Missouri's fall population of almost 1/2 million turkeys. Unless there's a widespread, long-term decline in the population, going to more restrictive hunting regulations isn't going to affect population trends.

Missouri's turkey regulations are geared to maintain quality turkey hunting, and they are guided by a system created in 1998, the Missouri Wild Turkey Harvest Management Plan. The plan was created by a committee of citizens and biologists assembled by the Conservation Commission, and it was based on turkey population research and the desire by hunters for a quality hunt. Each year the Regulations Committee and the Conservation Commission review recommendations for regulations based on this plan and the current scientific data and survey results. This information includes turkey-harvest age structure, hunting success, hunter satisfaction, and summer brood counts.

Turkey populations remain strong

Although turkeys are down in some parts of the state, Missouri still leads the nation in turkey abundance and harvest. But just like other wildlife, turkey numbers go up and down in response to weather conditions. We have had several rough years recently, but give them two or three years of good weather during the nesting season and our turkeys will bounce back.

Turkey Hunting Regulations on Areas Managed or Owned by the Conservation Department

This table is intended to inform hunters of opportunities for hunting wild turkeys on public land managed or owned by the Conservation Department.

Turkey hunting is only allowed on Department areas that are listed in the chart. If an area that is owned or managed by the Conservation Department is not listed, turkey hunting is not allowed. For hunting opportunities on public land that is not owned or managed by the Conservation Department, contact the appropriate agency.

For maps and more details of areas listed on the following pages, contact the regional office or go to the website listed on the inside front cover.

Regulation key for chart

1. Statewide turkey seasons and limits apply.
2. Only archery methods may be used. Turkey hunting with firearms is prohibited. All other statewide turkey seasons and limits apply.
3. Only nontoxic shot may be used on this area.
4. Managed hunt. See pages 16–17 for details.

NORTHWEST



(816) 271-3100

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---------------------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Agency | Buchanan | ✓ | | | |
| Aspinwall Bend | Atchison | ✓ | | | |
| Bagley Woods ¹ | Mercer | ✓ | | | |
| Belcher Branch Lake | Buchanan | ✓ | | | |
| Bilby Ranch Lake | Nodaway | ✓ | | | |
| Bluffwoods | Buchanan | ✓ | | | |
| Bonanza | Caldwell | ✓ | | | |
| Brickyard Hill | Atchison | ✓ | | | |
| Brown (Bob) | Holt | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Bunch Hollow | Carroll | ✓ | | | |
| Chloe Lowry Marsh | Mercer | ✓ | | | |
| Christie | Andrew | ✓ | | | |
| Corning | Atchison, Holt | ✓ | | | |
| Crooked River | Ray | ✓ | | | |
| Dalton Bottoms Access | Chariton | ✓ | | | |
| Davis Memorial | Andrew | ✓ | | | |
| Denton Access | Gentry | ✓ | | | |

¹Area is landlocked; must get permission from landowner to gain access

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Deroin Bend | Atchison, Holt | ✓ | | | |
| Dupree Memorial | Buchanan | ✓ | | | |
| Elam Bend | Gentry | ✓ | | | |
| Elrod Mill Access | Andrew | ✓ | | | |
| Floyd Memorial | Chariton | ✓ | | | |
| Fountain Grove | Linn, Livingston | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Gallatin | Daviess | ✓ | | | |
| Grand Pass | Saline | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Grand Trace | Harrison | ✓ | | | |
| Hadorn Bridge Access | Andrew | ✓ | | | |
| Happy Holler Lake | Andrew | ✓ | | | |
| Hardin | Ray | ✓ | | | |
| Helton Memorial | Harrison | ✓ | | | |
| Holmes Bend Access | Daviess | ✓ | | | |
| Honey Creek | Andrew | ✓ | | | |
| Jamesport Community Lake | Daviess | | ✓ | | |
| King Lake | DeKalb, Gentry | ✓ | | | |
| Kneib Memorial | Buchanan | ✓ | | | |
| Lake Paho | Mercer | ✓ | | | |
| Little Compton Lake | Carroll | ✓ | | | |
| Little Tarkio Prairie | Holt | ✓ | | | |
| Logan Memorial | Buchanan | ✓ | | | |
| Lotts Creek | Harrison | ✓ | | | |
| Lower Hamburg Bend | Atchison | ✓ | | | |
| McClure | Mercer | ✓ | | | |
| McCormack | Holt | ✓ | | | |
| McKinny | Carroll | ✓ | | | |
| Mockingbird Hill Access | Grundy | ✓ | | | |
| Monkey Mountain | Holt | ✓ | | | |
| Mussel Fork | Linn, Macon | ✓ | | | |
| Nishnabotna | Atchison | ✓ | | | |
| Nodaway County Community Lake | Nodaway | ✓ | | | |
| Nodaway Valley | Holt, Andrew | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Pawnee Prairie | Harrison | ✓ | | | |
| Pigeon Hill | Buchanan | ✓ | | | |
| Pony Express Lake | Dekalb | ✓ | | | |
| Poosey | Livingston | ✓ | | | |
| Price Bridge Access | Chariton | ✓ | | | |

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| Punkin Center Access | Livingston | ✓ | | | |
| Riverbreaks | Holt | ✓ | | | |
| Rush Bottoms | Holt | ✓ | | | |
| Schifferdecker Memorial | Carroll | ✓ | | | |
| Seat Memorial | Gentry, Worth | ✓ | | | |
| Sowards Ford Access | Worth | ✓ | | | |
| Star School Hill Prairie | Atchison | ✓ | | | |
| Sterling Price Community Lake | Chariton | ✓ | | | |
| Sunbridge Hills | Buchanan | ✓ | | | |
| Tarkio Prairie | Atchison | ✓ | | | |
| Thurnau | Holt | ✓ | | | |
| VanDyke | Mercer | ✓ | | | |
| Wagner | Ray | ✓ | | | |
| Wiese ² | Chariton | ✓ | | | |
| Wolf Creek Bend | Holt | ✓ | | | |
| Worth County Community Lake | Worth | ✓ | | | |
| Worthwine Island | Andrew | ✓ | | | |
| Yellow Creek | Chariton | ✓ | | | |

NORTHEAST



(660) 785-2420

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Anderson | Ralls, Pike | ✓ | | | |
| Arrow-Wood | Shelby | ✓ | | | |
| Atlanta—Long Branch Lake | Macon | ✓ | | | |
| Bee Hollow | Macon, Randolph | ✓ | | | |
| Big Creek | Adair | ✓ | | | |
| Black Hawk Access | Marion | ✓ | | | |
| Bollow | Shelby | ✓ | | | |
| Buck and Doe Run | Clark | ✓ | | | |
| Callahan Mound Access | Marion | ✓ | | | |
| Cedar Bluff Access | Monroe | ✓ | | | |
| Clark | Clark | ✓ | | | |
| Dark Hollow | Sullivan | ✓ | | | |
| Deer Ridge | Lewis | ✓ | | | |
| Dodd Access | Macon | ✓ | | | |
| Dunn Ford Access | Marion | ✓ | | | |
| Dupont Reservation | Pike | ✓ | | | |
| Elmslie Memorial | Marion | ✓ | | | |

²Area is accessible by boat via Grand River or with permission from surrounding landowners.

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Ewing Lake | Scotland | ✓ | | | |
| Fox Valley Lake | Clark | ✓ | | | |
| Frost Island | Clark | ✓ | | | |
| Griffiths Memorial | Macon | ✓ | | | |
| Heath Memorial | Clark | ✓ | | | |
| Henry Sever Lake | Knox | ✓ | | | |
| Hidden Hollow | Macon | ✓ | | | |
| Hunnewell Lake | Shelby | ✓ | | | |
| Indian Hills | Scotland | ✓ | | | |
| LaBelle Lake | Lewis | ✓ | | | |
| Locust Creek | Sullivan | ✓ | | | |
| McPike Access | Marion | ✓ | | | |
| Mineral Hills | Putnam | ✓ | | | |
| Montgomery Woods | Adair, Macon | ✓ | | | |
| Morris Prairie | Sullivan | ✓ | | | |
| Mound View Access | Shelby | ✓ | | | |
| Neeper | Clark | ✓ | | | |
| Pin Oak | Shelby | ✓ | | | |
| Ranacker | Pike | ✓ | | | |
| Ray Memorial | Marion | ✓ | | | |
| Rebel's Cove | Putnam, Schuyler | ✓ | | | |
| Redman | Macon | ✓ | | | |
| Rocky Hollow | Monroe | ✓ | | | |
| Rose Pond | Clark | ✓ | | | |
| Sears Community Lake | Sullivan | ✓ | | | |
| Shanks | Pike | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Shoemaker | Adair | ✓ | | | |
| Soulard Access | Marion | ✓ | | | |
| Sugar Creek | Adair | ✓ | | | |
| Sunnyside School Access | Lewis | ✓ | | | |
| Sunrise Access | Marion | ✓ | | | |
| Thomas Hill Reservoir | Macon | ✓ | | | |
| Tolona Access | Lewis | ✓ | | | |
| Union Ridge | Adair, Putnam, Sullivan | ✓ | | | |
| Upper Mississippi—Angle, Blackbird, Blackburn, Ducher, Gilbert, Mozier, North, Pharrs and South Fritz islands | Pike | ✓ | | | |
| Upper Mississippi—Bay Island | Marion | ✓ | | | |
| Upper Mississippi—Cottonwood Island | Lewis | ✓ | | | |

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|--------|---|---|---|---|
| Upper Mississippi—Fabius, Orton, Poage, Whitney, Ziegler islands | Marion | ✓ | | | |
| White Oak Bend Access | Knox | ✓ | | | |
| Willingham Memorial | Monroe | ✓ | | | |
| Woodlawn Access | Monroe | ✓ | | | |
| Wyaconda Crossing | Lewis | ✓ | | | |

KANSAS CITY  **(816) 655-6250**

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|------------------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Amarugia Highland | Cass | ✓ | | | |
| Balltown Access | Vernon | ✓ | | | |
| Baltimore Bend | Lafayette | ✓ | | | |
| Big Buffalo Creek | Benton, Morgan | ✓ | | | |
| Big Drywood Creek | Vernon | ✓ | | | |
| Birdsong | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Blackjack Access | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Brickley Hollow Access | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Bridger Urban | Jackson | | ✓ | | |
| Bristow | Vernon | ✓ | | | |
| Brun's Tract | Pettis | ✓ | | | |
| Bryson's Hope | Pettis | ✓ | | | |
| Cephas Ford Access | Vernon | ✓ | | | |
| Chapel View Prairie | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Cooley Lake | Clay | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Dave Rock | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Dorsett Hill Prairie | Cass | ✓ | | | |
| Douglas Branch | Vernon | ✓ | | | |
| Edmonson Access | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Ferguson-Herold | Lafayette | ✓ | | | |
| Fewel | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Flight Lake | Vernon | ✓ | | | |
| Four Rivers | Vernon, Bates | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Gama Grass Prairie | Vernon | ✓ | | | |
| Grandfather Prairie | Pettis | ✓ | | | |
| Granny's Acres | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Grove Memorial | Lafayette | ✓ | | | |
| Harmony Mission Lake | Bates | ✓ | | | |
| Hartwell | Pettis | ✓ | | | |
| Hazel Hill Lake | Johnson | ✓ | | | |
| Hi Lonesome Prairie | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Ionia Ridge | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Kahrs-Boger Park | Pettis | ✓ | | | |

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| J.N. "Turkey" Kearn Memorial Units 1,2 | Pettis, Johnson | ✓ | | | |
| J.N. "Turkey" Kearn Memorial Unit 3 | Pettis, Johnson | ✓ | | | |
| W.R. Kearn | Pettis | ✓ | | | |
| Kenzora | Buchanan, Platte | ✓ | | | |
| Kings Prairie Access | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Ladue Bottoms | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Liberty Bend | Clay | ✓ | | | |
| Linscomb | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Little Bean Marsh | Platte | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Lone Jack Lake | Jackson | ✓ | | | |
| Lost Valley Fish Hatchery | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Maple Leaf Lake | Lafayette | ✓ | | | |
| Marshall | Platte | ✓ | | | |
| Montrose | Henry | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Mora | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Mount Hulda Towersite | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Old Town Access | Bates | ✓ | | | |
| Osage Prairie | Vernon | ✓ | | | |
| Paint Brush Prairie | Pettis | ✓ | | | |
| Park, Guy B. | Platte | ✓ | | | |
| Parma Woods Range & Training Center—North of powerlines only | Platte | ✓ | | | |
| Peabody | Bates | ✓ | | | |
| Perry Memorial | Saline, Pettis, Johnson | ✓ | | | |
| Platte Falls | Platte | ✓ | | | |
| Poague | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Rippgut Prairie | Bates | ✓ | | | |
| Schell-Osage | Vernon, St. Clair | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Settle's Ford | Bates, Cass | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Sni-A-Bar | Lafayette | ✓ | | | |
| Taberville Prairie | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Bethlehem | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Brownington | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Brush Creek | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Cedar Creek | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Cross Timbers | Hickory | ✓ | | | |

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|-----------|---|---|---|---|
| Truman Reservoir—Deepwater Creek | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Gallinipper Creek | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Gouge Eye | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Grand River Bottoms | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Leesville | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Little Pomme de Terre | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Little Tebo Creek | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Sac-Osage | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Salt Creek | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Tebo Islands | Benton | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Upper Tebo Creek | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Valhalia | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Truman Reservoir—Weaubleau Creek | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |
| Urich | Henry | ✓ | | | |
| Wah-Kon-Tah Prairie—north of Highway 82 | St. Clair | ✓ | | | |

CENTRAL



(573) 884-6861

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Ben Branch Lake | Osage | ✓ | | | |
| Bennitt, Rudolf | Boone, Howard, Randolph | ✓ | | | |
| Blind Pony Lake | Saline | | ✓ | | |
| Blue Lick | Saline | ✓ | | | |
| Branch Towersite | Camden | ✓ | | | |
| Bruns Access | Osage | ✓ | | | |
| Burnt Mill Cave | Camden | ✓ | | | |
| Canaan | Gasconade | ✓ | | | |
| Carpenter Memorial | Morgan | ✓ | | | |
| Clifty Creek | Maries | ✓ | | | |
| Cooper Hill | Osage | ✓ | | | |
| Danville | Montgomery | ✓ | | | |
| Danville—Baldwin Annex | Montgomery | ✓ | | | |

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Danville—Thornhill & Schulze Annex | Montgomery | ✓ | | | |
| Davisdale | Howard | ✓ | | | |
| Diana Bend | Howard | ✓ | | | |
| Diggs | Audrain | ✓ | | | |
| Eagle Bluffs | Boone | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Earthquake Hollow | Callaway | ✓ | | | |
| Fiery Fork | Camden | ✓ | | | |
| Franklin Island | Howard | ✓ | | | |
| Gale Access | Camden | ✓ | | | |
| Grand Bluffs | Montgomery | ✓ | | | |
| Hart Creek | Boone | ✓ | | | |
| Hite Prairie | Morgan | ✓ | | | |
| Honey Creek Access | Cole | ✓ | | | |
| Hungry Mother | Howard | ✓ | | | |
| Lamine River | Cooper, Morgan | ✓ | | | |
| Lick Creek | Boone | ✓ | | | |
| Little Dixie Lake | Callaway | ✓ | | | |
| Loutre Lick Access | Montgomery | ✓ | | | |
| Lowe | Audrain | ✓ | | | |
| Madden Ford Access | Miller | ✓ | | | |
| Manito Lake | Morgan, Moniteau | ✓ | | | |
| Mansfield | Camden | ✓ | | | |
| Marion Bottoms | Cole, Moniteau | ✓ | | | |
| Marshall Junction | Saline | ✓ | | | |
| Moniteau Creek | Howard | ✓ | | | |
| Moores Mill Access | Callaway | ✓ | | | |
| Northcutt Memorial | Audrain | ✓ | | | |
| Painted Rock | Osage | ✓ | | | |
| Pikes Camp Access | Cole | ✓ | | | |
| Plowboy Bend | Moniteau | ✓ | | | |
| Prairie Home | Moniteau, Cooper | ✓ | | | |
| Proctor Towersite | Morgan | ✓ | | | |
| Reform | Callaway | ✓ | | | |
| Rinquelin Trail Community Lake | Maries | ✓ | | | |
| Rocky Fork Lakes | Boone | ✓ | | | |
| Rocky Mount Towersite | Miller | ✓ | | | |
| Saline Valley | Miller | ✓ | | | |
| Scrivner Road | Cole | ✓ | | | |
| Smith | Moniteau, Cole | ✓ | | | |
| Smoky Waters | Osage, Cole | ✓ | | | |
| Spring Creek Gap | Maries | ✓ | | | |

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------------------------|------------|---|---|---|---|
| Stringtown Bridge Access | Cole | ✓ | | | |
| Tate Island | Callaway | ✓ | | | |
| Three Creeks | Boone | ✓ | | | |
| Toronto Springs | Camden | ✓ | | | |
| Tri-City Community Lake | Boone | ✓ | | | |
| Waters & Moss Memorial | Boone | | ✓ | | |
| Wellsville Lake | Montgomery | ✓ | | | |
| Whetstone Creek | Callaway | ✓ | | | |
| White | Audrain | ✓ | | | |
| Wigwam School Access | Morgan | ✓ | | | |
| Wilson Camp Access | Miller | ✓ | | | |

ST. LOUIS



(636) 441-4554

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Anderson Memorial | Crawford | ✓ | | | |
| August A. Busch | St. Charles | | | | ✓ |
| Blue Springs Creek | Crawford | ✓ | | | |
| Bootleg Access | Washington | ✓ | | | |
| Catawissa | Franklin | ✓ | | | |
| Crooked Creek | Crawford | ✓ | | | |
| Cuivre Island—Island portion only | Lincoln, St. Charles | ✓ | | | |
| Cuivre Island—Mainland portion | Lincoln, St. Charles | ✓ | | | |
| Daniel Boone | Warren | ✓ | | | |
| Howell Island | St. Charles | ✓ | | | |
| Hughes Mountain | Washington | ✓ | | | |
| Huzzah | Crawford | ✓ | | | |
| Kessler Memorial | Lincoln | ✓ | | | |
| Keysville Towersite | Crawford | ✓ | | | |
| Kingston Access | Washington | ✓ | | | |
| LaBarque Creek | Jefferson | ✓ | | | |
| Leach Memorial | Lincoln | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Little Indian Creek | Franklin, Washington | ✓ | | | |
| Little Lost Creek | Warren | ✓ | | | |
| Logan | Lincoln | ✓ | | | |
| Long Ridge | Franklin | ✓ | | | |
| Meramec—All area except Wildlife Refuge ³ | Franklin | ✓ | | | |

³ Hunting not allowed in Wildlife Refuge.

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| Meramec—Heynes Memorial Annex | Franklin | ✓ | | | |
| Merrill Horse Access | Jefferson | ✓ | | | |
| Pacific Palisades | Jefferson | ✓ | | | |
| Pea Ridge | Washington | ✓ | | | |
| Prairie Slough | Pike, Lincoln | ✓ | | | |
| Redhorse Access | Franklin | ✓ | | | |
| Reifsnider | Warren | ✓ | | | |
| River 'Round | Franklin | ✓ | | | |
| Sandy Island | Lincoln | ✓ | | | |
| Sizemore Memorial | Crawford | ✓ | | | |
| Upper Mississippi—Dresser Island | St. Charles | ✓ | | | |
| Upper Mississippi—Pool 26 Tracts | St. Charles | ✓ | | | |
| Upper Mississippi—Stag, Sterling, Westport islands | Lincoln | ✓ | | | |
| Valley View Glades | Jefferson | ✓ | | | |
| Victoria Glades | Jefferson | ✓ | | | |
| Vonaventure Memorial | Lincoln | ✓ | | | |
| Weldon Spring | St. Charles | | | | ✓ |
| White Memorial | Lincoln | ✓ | | | |
| Young | Jefferson | ✓ | | | |

SOUTHWEST



(417) 895-6880

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Barclay | Dallas | ✓ | | | |
| Bear Creek | Laclede | ✓ | | | |
| Bennett Spring Access | Dallas | ✓ | | | |
| Berry Bluff | Dallas | ✓ | | | |
| Bethel Prairie | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Bluff Springs | Cedar | ✓ | | | |
| Bois D'Arc ⁴ | Greene | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Boston Ferry | Taney | | ✓ | | |
| Brush Creek | Polk | ✓ | | | |
| Buffalo Hills | McDonald | ✓ | | | |
| Buffalo Wallow Prairie | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Bushwhacker Lake | Barton, Vernon | ✓ | | | |
| Busiek | Christian | ✓ | | | |
| Capps Creek | Newton | ✓ | | | |
| Charity Access | Dallas | ✓ | | | |
| Clear Creek | Vernon, Barton | ✓ | | | |

⁴ Area closed May 1–2 for managed hunt.

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Coffin Cave | Laclede | ✓ | | | |
| Compton Hollow | Webster | ✓ | | | |
| Comstock Prairie | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Cowskin Access | McDonald | ✓ | | | |
| Cross Timbers Access | Hickory | ✓ | | | |
| Dale Sare | Greene | ✓ | | | |
| Davis Memorial | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Deep Ford Access | McDonald | ✓ | | | |
| Diamond Grove Prairie | Newton | ✓ | | | |
| Dorris Creek Prairie | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Drury-Mincy | Taney | ✓ | | | |
| Drynob Access | Laclede | ✓ | | | |
| Drywood | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Fiddlers Ford Access | Dade | ✓ | | | |
| Flag Spring | McDonald, Barry | ✓ | | | |
| Fort Crowder | Newton | ✓ | | | |
| Goodman Towersite | Newton | ✓ | | | |
| Goose Creek | Laclede | ✓ | | | |
| Hayes Spring | Stone | ✓ | | | |
| Holland | Stone | ✓ | | | |
| Hollister Towersite | Taney | ✓ | | | |
| Horse Creek Prairie | Dade | ✓ | | | |
| Huckleberry Ridge | McDonald | ✓ | | | |
| Indigo Prairie | Dade | ✓ | | | |
| Jessie Hollow | Stone | ✓ | | | |
| Kickapoo Prairie | Lawrence | ✓ | | | |
| Lanagan Towersite | McDonald | ✓ | | | |
| Lead Mine | Dallas | ✓ | | | |
| Little Sac Woods | Greene | ✓ | | | |
| Mary Lawson | Laclede | ✓ | | | |
| Monegaw Prairie | Cedar | ✓ | | | |
| Mo-No-I Prairie | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Mon-Shon Prairie | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Mule Shoe | Camden, Hickory | ✓ | | | |
| Murphy Memorial | Hickory | ✓ | | | |
| Neosho Towersite | Newton | ✓ | | | |
| Niangua | Webster | ✓ | | | |
| Osage Fork | Laclede | ✓ | | | |
| Pa Sole Prairie | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Paris Springs Access | Lawrence | ✓ | | | |
| Phenix Access | Greene | ✓ | | | |
| Pilot Knob | Stone | ✓ | | | |
| Pleasant Hope | Polk | ✓ | | | |

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|---|---|---|
| Pomme de Terre Lake Management Lands | Hickory, Polk | ✓ | | | |
| Powell Towersite | McDonald | ✓ | | | |
| Providence Prairie | Lawrence | ✓ | | | |
| Rader Access | Webster | ✓ | | | |
| Redwing Prairie | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Risch | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Roaring River | Barry | ✓ | | | |
| Rocky Barrens | Greene | ✓ | | | |
| Sentinel | Polk | ✓ | | | |
| Shawnee Trail | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Sky Prairie | Cedar | ✓ | | | |
| Sloane | Dade | ✓ | | | |
| Stockton Lake— Big Sac Unit | Dade, Polk | ✓ ✓ | | | |
| Stockton Lake— Little Sac Unit | Dade, Polk | ✓ | | | |
| Stony Point Prairie | Dade | ✓ | | | |
| Stubblefield Access | Barry | ✓ | | | |
| Talbot | Lawrence | ✓ | | | |
| Tipton Ford Access | Newton | ✓ | | | |
| Treaty Line Prairie | Barton | ✓ | | | |
| Turkey Creek | Cedar | ✓ | | | |
| Twenty-Five Mile Prairie | Polk | ✓ | | | |
| Williams Ford Access | Dallas | ✓ | | | |
| Wire Road | Stone | ✓ | | | |

OZARK



(417) 256-7161

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| Allen Memorial | Wright | ✓ | | | |
| Angeline | Shannon | ✓ | | | |
| Barn Hollow | Howell, Texas | ✓ | | | |
| Barnes | Texas | ✓ | | | |
| Beaver Creek | Phelps | ✓ | | | |
| Birch Creek | Shannon | ✓ | | | |
| Bohigian | Phelps | ✓ | | | |
| Brown | Dent | ✓ | | | |
| Bull Shoals Lake | Ozark | ✓ | | | |
| Buzzard Bluff Access | Wright | ✓ | | | |
| Cabool Towersite | Texas | ✓ | | | |
| Caney Mountain— out- side fenced area | Ozark | ✓ | | | |
| Caney Mountain— inside fenced area | Ozark | | | | ✓ |

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Carter Creek | Carter | ✓ | | | |
| Cedar Gap | Wright | ✓ | | | |
| Cedar Grove | Dent | ✓ | | | |
| Clement Memorial Forest | Dent | ✓ | | | |
| Cover Memorial | Oregon | ✓ | | | |
| Cover Prairie | Howell | ✓ | | | |
| Davidson-Paris | Howell | ✓ | | | |
| Davis | Howell | ✓ | | | |
| Dixon Towersite | Pulaski | ✓ | | | |
| Eck | Texas | ✓ | | | |
| Fort Leonard Wood Towersite | Pulaski | ✓ | | | |
| Fourche Creek | Ripley | ✓ | | | |
| Fuson | Wright | ✓ | | | |
| Gasconade Hills | Pulaski | ✓ | | | |
| Gist Ranch | Texas | ✓ | | | |
| Grandin Towersite | Ripley | ✓ | | | |
| Horseshoe Bend | Texas | ✓ | | | |
| Houston Towersite | Texas | ✓ | | | |
| Hunter Towersite | Carter | ✓ | | | |
| Hyer Woods | Dent | ✓ | | | |
| Indian Trail | Dent | ✓ | | | |
| Little Black | Ripley | ✓ | | | |
| Little Prairie | Phelps | ✓ | | | |
| Massengill | Douglas | ✓ | | | |
| Midvale | Texas | ✓ | | | |
| Montauk Towersite | Dent | ✓ | | | |
| Mountain View Towersite | Howell | ✓ | | | |
| Mudpuppy | Ripley | ✓ | | | |
| Norfork Lake | Ozark | ✓ | | | |
| Odin Access | Wright | ✓ | | | |
| Patrick Bridge Access | Ozark | ✓ | | | |
| Peck Ranch | Shannon, Carter | ✓ | | | |
| Piney River Narrows | Texas | ✓ | | | |
| Rippee | Douglas | ✓ | | | |
| Rocky Creek | Shannon | ✓ | | | |
| Rosati Towersite | Phelps | ✓ | | | |
| Rose Hill Towersite | Oregon | ✓ | | | |
| Roubidoux Creek | Pulaski | ✓ | | | |
| Sand Pond | Ripley | ✓ | | | |
| Shannon Ranch | Douglas | ✓ | | | |
| Short Bend Access | Dent | ✓ | | | |

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------------------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Sunklands | Shannon | ✓ | | | |
| Tecumseh Towersite | Ozark | ✓ | | | |
| Thomasville Towersite | Shannon | ✓ | | | |
| Timber Knob Towersite | Ozark | ✓ | | | |
| Tingler Prairie | Howell | ✓ | | | |
| Twin Knobs Towersite | Douglas | ✓ | | | |
| Vanderhoef Memorial | Howell | ✓ | | | |
| Vera Cruz Access | Douglas | ✓ | | | |
| Warm Fork | Oregon | ✓ | | | |
| White State Forest Nursery | Texas | ✓ | | | |
| White Ranch | Howell | ✓ | | | |
| White River Trace | Dent | ✓ | | | |
| Woods Memorial | Phelps, Crawford | ✓ | | | |

SOUTHEAST



(573) 290-5730

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Amidon Memorial | Bollinger | ✓ | | | |
| Apple Creek | Cape Girardeau | ✓ | | | |
| Aquilla Access | Stoddard | ✓ | | | |
| Big Cane | Butler | ✓ | | | |
| Bismarck | St. Francois, | ✓ | | | |
| Black Island—Stephen C. Bradford, Gayoso Bend, Desoto, Wolf Bayou units only | Pemiscot | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Buck Mountain* | St. Francois | ✓ | | | |
| Buford Mountain | Iron, Washington | ✓ | | | |
| Carmichael | Butler | ✓ | | | |
| Cash Memorial | Dunklin | ✓ | | | |
| Cash Memorial—Largent Annex | Dunklin | ✓ | | | |
| Castor River | Bollinger | ✓ | | | |
| Cedar Mountain | Iron | ✓ | | | |
| Chalk Bluff Trail Access | Dunklin | | ✓ | | |
| Champion Springs | Reynolds | ✓ | | | |
| Clearwater | Reynolds | ✓ | | | |
| Clearwater Lake | Reynolds | ✓ | | | |
| Clubb Creek | Bollinger | ✓ | | | |
| Coldwater Access | Wayne | ✓ | | | |
| Coldwater | Wayne | ✓ | | | |
| Crowley's Ridge | Stoddard | ✓ | | | |

*Area is landlocked; must get permission from landowner to gain access

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Current River | Shannon, Reynolds, Carter | ✓ | | | |
| Donaldson Point | New Madrid | ✓ | | | |
| Duck Creek—Green-brier and Dark Cypress units only | Bollinger | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Flatwoods | Wayne | ✓ | | | |
| Frisbee Cutoff Access | Dunklin | ✓ | | | |
| Funk Memorial | Iron | ✓ | | | |
| General Watkins | Scott | ✓ | | | |
| Gipsy Towersite | Bollinger | ✓ | | | |
| Girvin | New Madrid, Pemiscot | ✓ | | | |
| Grassy Towersite | Bollinger | ✓ | | | |
| Graves Mountain | Wayne, Iron | ✓ | | | |
| Hammer Memorial | Wayne | ✓ | | | |
| Hawn Access | Bollinger | ✓ | | | |
| Holly Ridge | Stoddard | ✓ | | | |
| Hornersville Swamp | Dunklin | ✓ | | | |
| Iron Bridge Access | Wayne | | ✓ | | |
| Ketcherside Mountain | Iron, Reynolds | ✓ | | | |
| Knob Lick Towersite | St. Francois | ✓ | | | |
| Lake Girardeau | Cape Girardeau | ✓ | | | |
| Little River | Dunklin, Pemiscot | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Little Whitewater | Bollinger | ✓ | | | |
| Logan Creek | Shannon, Reynolds | ✓ | | | |
| Lon Sanders Canyon | Wayne | | ✓ | | |
| Magnolia Hollow | Ste. Genevieve | ✓ | | | |
| Maintz Wildlife Preserve | Cape Girardeau | ✓ | | | |
| Marquand Access | Madison | | ✓ | | |
| Millstream Gardens | Madison | ✓ | | | |
| Oak Ridge | Stoddard | ✓ | | | |
| Old Plantation Access | Cape Girardeau | ✓ | | | |
| Poplar Bluff | Butler | ✓ | | | |
| Red Rock Landing | Perry | ✓ | | | |
| Riverside | Reynolds, Iron, Wayne | ✓ | | | |
| Sank | Bollinger | ✓ | | | |
| Seven Island | Mississippi | ✓ | | | |
| Seventy-Six | Perry | ✓ | | | |
| Sun | Butler | ✓ | | | |
| Sweetgum Access | Bollinger | ✓ | | | |
| Swift Ditch Access | New Madrid | ✓ | | | |

| Area Name | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------------------|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| Thompson Ford Access | Madison | ✓ | | | |
| University Forest | Wayne, Butler | ✓ | | | |
| Wappapello Reservoir | Wayne | ✓ | | | |
| Warbler Woods | Dunklin | ✓ | | | |
| Wilhelmina | Butler | ✓ | | | |
| Yokum School | Wayne | ✓ | | | |

Walk-in Hunting Areas

in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service

▶ **Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs Ranger District:**

- *Carman Springs Area*, Howell and Douglas counties;
- *Dabbs Creek Area* and *Hercules Glades Wilderness Area*, Taney County;
- *Devil's Backbone Wilderness Area*, Ozark County;
- *Piney Creek Wilderness Area*, Barry and Stone counties, *Shell Knob Area*, Barry County;
- *Spring Creek Area*, Douglas and Howell counties;
- *Steam Mill Hollow Area*, Douglas, Howell and Ozark counties;
- *Thompson Hollow Area*, Ozark County;
- *Swan Creek Area*, Christian County.

▶ **Eleven Point Ranger District:**

- *Cedar Bluff Area*, Carter, Oregon and Ripley counties;
- *Compton Area*, Ripley County;
- *Irish Wilderness Area*, Oregon County;
- *Round Mountain Area*, Shannon and Carter counties;
- *Wildhorse Hollow Area*, Carter County.

▶ **Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger District:**

- *Smith Creek Area*, Boone and Callaway counties;
- *Decker Cave Area*, Pulaski County;
- *Mill Creek Area*, Phelps County;
- *Pine Creek Area*, Laclede County;
- *Paddy Creek Wilderness Area*, Texas County.

▶ **Poplar Bluff Ranger District:**

- *Cane Ridge Area*, Butler and Wayne counties;
- *Otter Creek Area*, Wayne County.

▶ **Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District:**

- *Bell Mountain Wilderness Area*, Iron County;
- *Clear Creek Area*, Washington County;
- *Crane Lake Area*, Iron County;
- *Peter Cave Hollow Area*, Iron County;
- *Rock Pile Mountain Wilderness Area*, Madison County.

▶ **Salem Ranger District:**

- *Scotia-Marcoot Area*, Dent and Reynolds counties.

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Managed Spring Turkey Hunts

| Hunt No. | Area Name | County | Date | Quota | Odds ⁵ | How to Apply |
|---|--|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Archery (1 hunt—longbow, recurve bow or compound bow only) | | | | | | |
| 11 | Caney Mountain CA | Ozark | April 19–25 | 30 | 100% ⁵ | Online |
| Firearms (12 hunts—shotgun only) | | | | | | |
| 12 | August A. Busch CA* | St. Charles | April 19–22 | 40 | 23% ¹ | Online |
| 13 | August A. Busch CA* | St. Charles | April 24–27 | 40 | | Online |
| 14 | August A. Busch CA* | St. Charles | April 30–May 3 | 40 | | Online |
| 15 | August A. Busch CA* | St. Charles | May 6–9 | 40 | | Online |
| 16 | Caney Mountain CA ² | Ozark | April 27–May 3 | 30 | 39% | Online |
| 17 | Caney Mountain CA ² | Ozark | May 4–9 | 30 | 100% ⁵ | Online |
| 18 | Current River SP | Shannon | April 22–26 | 12 | ‡ | Online |
| 19 | Current River SP | Shannon | April 29–May 2 | 12 | ‡ | Online |
| 21 | Weldon Spring CA | St. Charles | April 19–22 | 40 | 36% ¹ | Online |
| 22 | Weldon Spring CA | St. Charles | April 24–27 | 40 | | Online |
| 23 | Weldon Spring CA | St. Charles | April 30–May 3 | 40 | | Online |
| 24 | Weldon Spring CA | St. Charles | May 6–9 | 40 | | Online |
| Youth-only Firearms (4 hunts—shotgun only) | | | | | | |
| 25 | August A. Busch CA ³ Mandatory pre-hunt orientation begins at 6 p.m., April 8. | St. Charles | April 10–11 | 15 | 43% | Online |
| 26 | Caney Mountain CA ² | Ozark | April 10–11 | 10 | 100% ⁵ | Online |
| 27 | Smithville Lake COE ³ Mandatory pre-hunt orientation begins at 9 a.m., April 17. | Clay/Clinton | May 8–9 | 10 ⁴ | 90% | 816/792-8662 |
| 28 | Weldon Spring CA ³ Mandatory pre-hunt orientation begins at 6 p.m., April 8. | St. Charles | April 10–11 | 15 | 43% | Online |
| Special Hunts for Persons with Disabilities** (2 hunts—shotgun only) | | | | | | |
| 29 | Bois D'Arc CA | Greene | May 1–2 | 15 | ‡ | Online |
| 31 | Smithville Lake COE ³ Mandatory pre-hunt orientation begins at 9 a.m., April 17. | Clay/Clinton | May 8–9 | 10 ⁴ | 90% | 816/792-8662 |

Key

CA = conservation area

COE = Army Corps of Engineers

SP = state park

‡ New hunt; no previous drawing history.

* Persons permanently confined to a wheelchair may bypass the random drawing process but do not displace others in the random drawing. Permit requirements and bag limits apply. Send a request along with a supporting statement by a licensed physician to the Department of Conservation, 2360 Highway D, St. Charles, MO 63304. Requests must be received by Feb. 11.

**These hunts are for persons permanently confined to a wheelchair.

¹ Combined drawing odds results for all four hunts at this location.

² Managed hunt occurs in a designated area; statewide regulations apply outside of designated area.

³ Do not apply for this hunt if you can't attend the mandatory pre-hunt orientation.

⁴ Youth and persons with disabilities hunt concurrently.

⁵ Because odds are for the previous year's hunting season, 100-percent odds do not guarantee that you will be drawn for a hunt this season.

Valid Permits: Resident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit,
Nonresident Spring Turkey Hunting Permit

Bag Limit: 1 male turkey or turkey with visible beard.

Note: Turkey taken at a managed hunt counts toward the two-bird season limit. For example if you take a turkey during a managed hunt before April 26, you may not harvest another turkey during the first week of the regular season.

Hunter Quota: See chart on page 16 for the number of hunters who will be drawn to participate in each hunt.

Odds: See chart on page 16 for the success rate for last year's drawings.

How to Apply: See chart on page 16 for method of application—either online or by phone.

When to Apply: Jan. 11–March 11

Points to remember

- ▶ To participate in a youth-only managed hunt, you must be 11 through 15 years of age.
- ▶ To participate in a non-youth managed hunt, you must be at least age 11. You also must be hunter-education certified or born before Jan. 1, 1967.
- ▶ If you cannot attend, another hunter cannot take your place. Only those hunters who applied and were drawn may attend.
- ▶ Some managed hunts require hunters to attend a mandatory pre-hunt orientation. If you cannot attend the orientation, do not apply.
- ▶ If you have a methods exemption, you may use a crossbow in an archery managed hunt.
- ▶ Individuals not drawn for a managed spring turkey hunt may not accompany a hunter who was successfully drawn.
- ▶ ATVs are prohibited on the managed spring turkey hunt areas.
- ▶ Hunters may apply for only one hunt. They may apply for that hunt individually or as a group of two or three hunters.

Managed Turkey Hunt Application Worksheet

Hunt No.: _____

Method: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

Hunter **Conservation I.D. number(s)** (nine-digit number on your hunting or fishing permit, or on the **back** of your Conservation Heritage Card below the bar code.):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Youth-only Managed Hunts

The four youth-only managed hunts are for youth ages 11 through 15. Apply online for three of the hunts, and apply by phone for the Smithville Lake hunt. Unlike the regular hunt application, youth may only apply singly or with one other youth. Successful applicants will be notified by mail. Youths who apply for a youth-only hunt may not also apply for a “regular” managed hunt.

Hunter-ed certification is required for all successful youth applicants at Smithville Lake, August A. Busch and Weldon Spring. Minimum age to enroll in a hunter-ed course is 11. Hunter-ed certification is not required to apply for these three youth-only managed hunts, but must be achieved before the pre-hunt orientation. Hunter-ed certification is not required for the youth hunt at Caney Mountain.

All youth hunters must have a parent/guardian/adult sponsor who will hunt with them. Department staff will attempt to find a mentor if the youth does not have one, but cannot guarantee a mentor for each youth hunter. The sponsor must attend the pre-hunt orientation if one is required. The sponsor must have hunter-ed certification, unless the sponsor was born before Jan. 1, 1967.

To apply, complete the following steps.

Step 1: Designate one member of your group to either place a call or go online. That person **must** have ready the following information:

- ▶ the two-digit number for the preferred hunt
- ▶ the nine-digit Conservation I.D. number of each hunter in the group. If you need an I.D. number, call (573) 751-4115 during regular business hours to have one assigned. **Note:** A Social Security number is not the same as a Conservation I.D. number. Your Conservation I.D. number is located on your Conservation Heritage Card and on your permit.

Step 2: Complete the worksheet on this page **before** calling or going online so you will have all the information ready.

Step 3: Go online at mdc.mo.gov/hunt/turkey. If you have correctly entered all the required information, you will see or hear a message confirming your application. **Note:** If you are applying for a hunt at Smithville Lake, call the number listed on page 16.

To find out if you've been selected

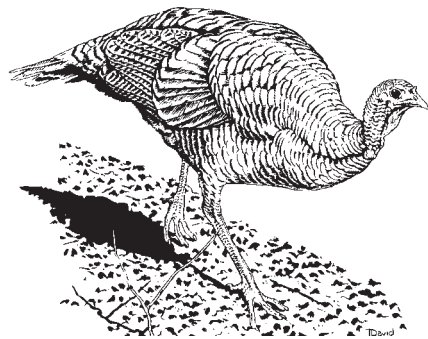
From March 26 through May 9, go online. Be prepared to enter your nine-digit Conservation I.D. number (the same I.D. number you used when you applied) when you call to check the drawing results.

All successful applicants will receive in the mail an area map and other information regarding the hunt. We must have your correct address so you will receive the information you need. If your address has changed, call the Department during regular business hours at 573/751-4115.

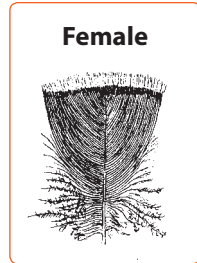
How to Tell a Gobbler from a Hen

Large size, black body and long beard are marks of the gobbler. Hens sometimes have beards, but color, size and behavior distinguish them from gobblers. Hens are smaller, brown birds with blue heads. Bearded hens produce young and help increase the turkey population. They should not be killed, but any turkey with a clearly visible beard is legal in Missouri. Hens without beards are illegal to shoot.

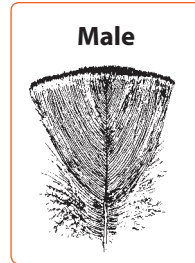
HEN



Breast feathers buff-tipped



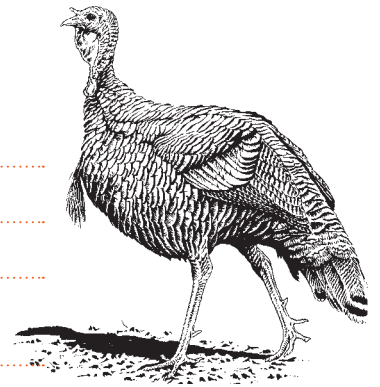
Female



Male

Breast feathers black-tipped

GOBBLER

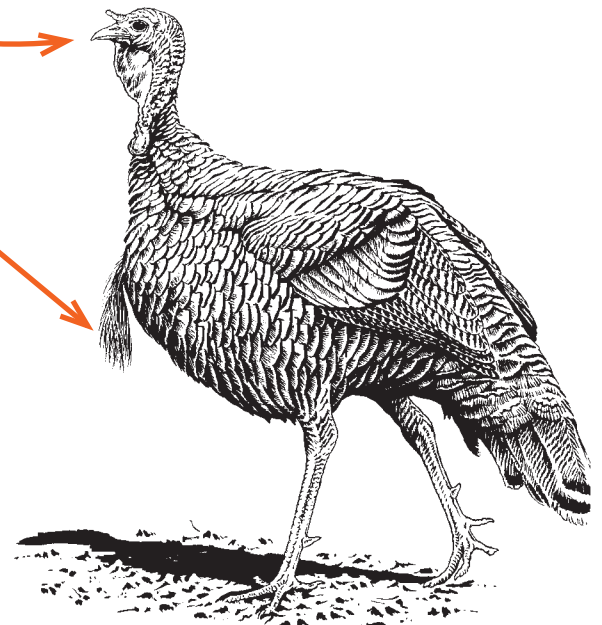


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|------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| mainly blue | HEAD | mainly red |
| usually no beard | BEARD | long tassel-like |
| appears rusty | BREAST | appears black |
| no spurs | SPURS | usually 1/2 inch or more |

JUVENILE GOBBLERS have spurs less than 1/2 inch long and a beard less than 6 inches long.

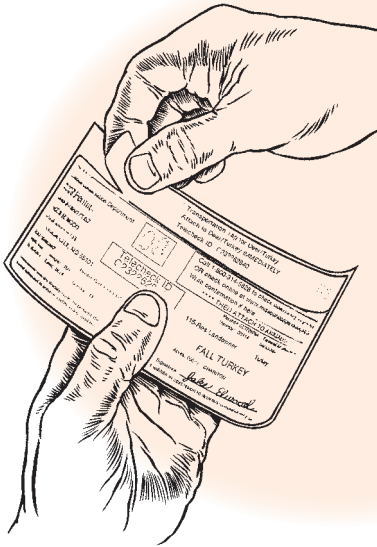
Basic Rules for Safe Turkey Hunting

- ▶ Identify a turkey's head and beard before aiming.
- ▶ Never shoot at sound or movement. Assume it is another hunter until you can clearly see a turkey's head or beard.
- ▶ Wear hunter orange when walking through the woods.
- ▶ Use hunter orange to identify your hunting location.
- ▶ Wrap a bagged turkey or decoy in hunter orange when transporting it.
- ▶ Dress defensively. Never wear red, white, blue or black while hunting turkey.
- ▶ Know the effective range of your gun.
- ▶ Be sure of your target and what lies beyond.



Tagging and Checking Procedures

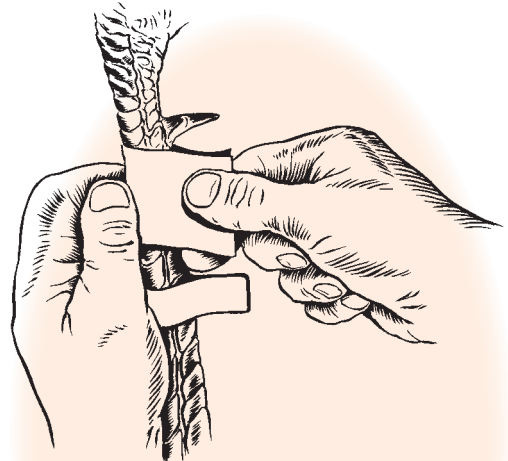
Step 1 Immediately after harvest, separate the transportation tag from your permit.



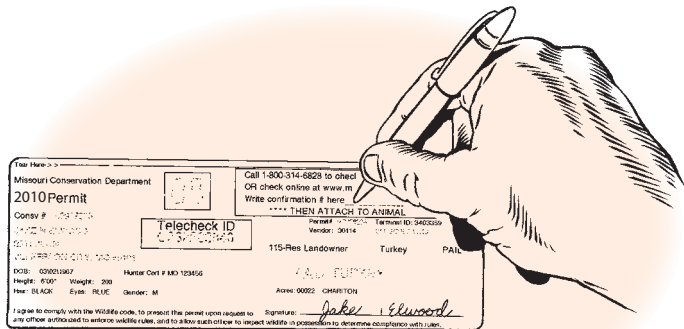
Step 2 Attach the transportation tag to the turkey's leg. You may now legally transport your game within Missouri.



Step 3 Check your turkey by 10 p.m. on the day of harvest using the Telecheck instructions on page 21.



Step 5 Immediately attach your permit to the turkey, and the checking procedure is completed. You may now process your game and transport it out of state.



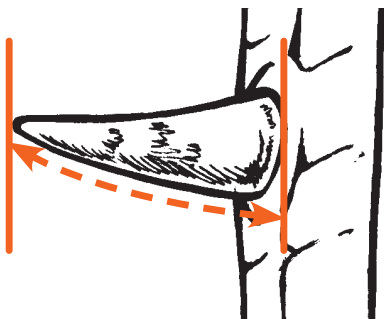
Step 4 Write your confirmation number on your permit.

Additional Tagging and Checking Information

- ▶ Until checked, turkeys must have the head and plumage intact.
- ▶ Detaching the transportation tag invalidates the permit, so do not detach until immediately after harvest.
- ▶ The transportation tag and permit with confirmation number must remain attached to the turkey until processing for consumption begins.
- ▶ All turkeys must be checked before they are removed from the state.
- ▶ Turkeys must be checked by 10 p.m. on the day harvested.
- ▶ Only the taker may possess and transport turkeys before checking.
- ▶ After checking, turkeys may be possessed and transported by anyone, but must be labeled with the taker's full name, address and Telecheck confirmation number.

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| <p>HUNTER N FISHER 3006 WINCHESTER DOE RUN, MO 65101</p> | <p>Transportation Tag for Deer/Turkey Attach to Deer/Turkey IMMEDIATELY Telecheck ID: G123456789</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">10</div> |
| Tear Here ->> | | |
| <p>Missouri Conservation Department 2010 Permit Consv # 880074133 HUNTER N FISHER 3006 WINCHESTER DOE RUN, MO 65101</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">10</div> | <p>Call 1-800-314-6828 to check deer/turkey by phone OR check online at www.missouriconservation.org Write confirmation # here **** THEN ATTACH TO ANIMAL ****</p> |
| <p>DOB: 03/02/1965 Height: " Weight: Hair: OTHER Eyes: OTHER Gender: M</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Telecheck ID G123456789</div> | <p>Permit# 020035462 Terminal ID: 3403359 Vendor: 30114 3/1/2010 10:44</p> <p>055-Resident Spring Turkey Hunting \$17.00</p> |
| <p>Hunter Cert # MO 550454</p> <p>I agree to comply with the Wildlife code, to present this permit upon request to any officer authorized to enforce wildlife rules, and to allow such officer to inspect wildlife in possession to determine compliance with rules.</p> | | |
| | | <p>Signature: _____</p> |

How to Measure Spurs



Spur length measurements help biologists keep track of the age structure of the adult population. Please accurately measure your turkey's spur before checking your turkey. If you don't have a ruler, use the signature line of your permit, which is 2 inches long—with a 1-inch mark in the middle.

Start at the outside center from the point where the spur protrudes from the leg scales, and measure to the tip of the spur.

How to use Telecheck: Phone & Internet Checking

All turkeys must be checked by telephone or on the internet. No in-person checking stations will be available.

If using a cell phone, be sure you have a clear signal. If the signal is spotty, move closer to a major highway, go to higher ground, or wait until you get to a land-based line to call. Avoid calling in areas with loud background noise.

You do not need to call Telecheck immediately after taking the turkey. You can transport unchecked game within the state, as long as the transportation tag is attached to the leg. You have until 10 p.m. to check your turkey.

To use the easy-to-use electronic checking system, follow the steps below.

Step 1: Before calling the toll-free number or going online, find your Telecheck ID number on your permit. If you have more than one permit, be sure you give the number of the permit you want to use. Also get a pencil or pen so you will be able to write your Telecheck confirmation number on your permit.

Step 2: Fill out the form to the right, which contains the same information you will be asked when you use Telecheck.

Step 3: Use a phone to dial the toll-free number below, then follow the instructions in the phone interview. Speak clearly and slowly. You can call between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.



**To check a turkey, call
1-800-314-6828.**

**Or go to:
www.missouriconservation.org**

on the internet and follow the instructions.

Step 4: After you have provided the required information, you will be given an eight-digit confirmation number that verifies you have legally checked your game.

Write this number on the main portion of the permit and attach it to the turkey.

You have now completed the checking process and can handle and process your turkey.

Attention Cell Phone Users



The most common reason hunters are unable to complete their Telecheck transaction is because of a poor cellular telephone connection. Signals that are weak, fade in and out, or clip speech will not work with the system. Once you've attached the temporary transportation tag to your turkey, you have until 10 p.m. on the day of harvest to check the animal. Wait until you are out of the woods and receive a clear, strong cell phone connection before placing your Telecheck call.

▶ Your Telecheck ID number:

▶ Turkey type:

Gobbler

Juvenile gobbler (see page 18 on how to identify a juvenile)

Bearded hen

(see page 18 for details on sexing a turkey)

▶ Spur length (gobblers only)

The signature line on your permit is 2 inches long (1 inch mark in the middle). Use it to measure the spur. See page 20 for details.

less than 1 inch

1 inch or more

▶ Beard length

Your permit is 6 inches long and should be used to measure the beard.

less than 6 inches

6 inches or more

▶ County of harvest

Wildlife Code of Missouri—Turkey Hunting Regulations

3 CSR 10-7.455 Turkeys: Seasons, Methods, Limits

(1) Turkeys may be pursued, taken, killed, possessed or transported only as permitted in this rule.

(A) Spring Season. Spring season annually will begin on the third Monday in April. A person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit may take turkeys according to the season length and bag limit established annually by the Conservation Commission. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun with shot no larger than No. 4, or bow, without the use of dogs, bait, electronic calls or live decoys, from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). Possession of electronic calls or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

(B) Fall Firearms Season. Fall season annually will be October 1 through October 31. A person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit may take two (2) turkeys of either sex during the season. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun with shot no larger than No. 4 or bow; without the use of dogs, bait, electronic calls or live decoys; from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset in all counties except: Dunklin, McDonald, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Pemiscot and Scott. Possession of electronic calls or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys. A person, while in the act of pursuing or hunting turkey on a fall firearms permit, shall not have both a firearm and longbow on his/her person.

(C) Fall Archery Season. A person possessing the prescribed archer's hunting permit may take two (2) turkeys of either sex from September 15 through January 15, excluding the dates of the November portion of the firearms deer season. Turkeys may be taken only by bows; without the use of dogs, bait, electronic calls or live decoys; from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. An archer, while in the act of pursuing or hunting turkey on an archer's permit, shall not have a firearm on his/her person. Possession of electronic calls is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

(D) Youth Spring Season. The two (2)-day youth spring season will begin annually on the Saturday nine (9) days prior to the Monday opening of the spring season, except that when the youth season would overlap with Easter weekend the season will open on the Saturday prior to Easter weekend. Any person possessing the prescribed turkey hunting permit and who is at least six (6) but not older than fifteen (15) years of age on the opening day of the youth spring season may take only one (1) male turkey or turkey with visible beard during the youth spring season. A turkey harvested during the youth spring season will count towards an individual's spring season bag limit; individuals hunting under the prescribed turkey hunting permit may not harvest a second bird during the first week of the spring season. Turkeys may be taken only by shotgun with shot no larger than No. 4, or bow, without the use of dogs, bait, electronic calls or live decoys, from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset. Possession of electronic

Hunting Safety is No Accident

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According to the National Safety Council, hunting is a safe activity, with fewer injuries per 100,000 participants than many other sports, including cycling, bowling, golf and tennis. However, you must always use good judgment and take responsibility for your actions.

If you are involved in a firearms-related hunting accident, the law requires that you identify yourself and render assistance. Failure to do so is a Class A misdemeanor.

There were three nonfatal and one fatal firearms-related hunting accidents during the 2009 spring turkey season. As you will see, simple carelessness and failure to identify game can result in injury or death. Don't make the same mistakes these hunters made.

April 22, 6:30 a.m.—A man was hunting on U.S. Forest Service land when he heard a turkey gobbling on its roost. He sat down with his back to a tree, facing a trail that he hoped the turkey would use. Meanwhile, another hunter heard gobbling and moved toward the sound. When he saw movement, he fired, striking the first hunter on the right side of his face and body.

April 23, 6:10 a.m.—A hunter walked along the edge of a field toward the sound of a gobbling turkey. He knelt next to a tree, surrounded by bushes and started using his turkey call. His father, who thought his son was hunting in a different direction, approached the same field. The father fired at what he thought was a big tom with its "beard blowing in the wind." Instead he struck his son, who suffered gunshot wounds to his back, neck, right arm and head.



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calls or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. 4 is prohibited while hunting turkeys.

(2) Hunters who take a turkey must tag it immediately with the transportation tag portion of the permit; detaching the transportation tag voids the permit. Turkeys may be possessed and transported only by the taker until reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System. All turkeys taken must be accurately reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System by 10:00 p.m. on the day taken by the taker or in the taker's immediate presence. The Telecheck confirmation number must be recorded immediately on the turkey hunting permit as indicated on the permit, and immediately attached to the turkey by the taker. The transportation tag and turkey hunting permit with confirmation number must remain attached to the turkey with the head and plumage intact until the turkey is processed. All turkeys must be reported through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System prior to processing or being removed from the state.

(3) Bait shall mean grain or other feed placed or scattered so as to constitute an attraction or enticement to turkeys. An area shall be considered baited for ten (10) days following complete removal of the bait.

(4) Each permit holder hunting with a shotgun shall first affix an approved safety sticker to the receiver of his/her gun where it will be in his/her line of sight when shooting, and maintain the sticker on the gun when hunting.

(5) A resident landowner or lessee as defined in 3 CSR 10-20.805, possessing a landowner turkey hunting permit,

may take and possess turkeys in accordance with this rule on his/her land or, in the case of the lessee, on the land on which s/he resides and shall report the turkeys through the Telecheck Harvest Reporting System as required in this rule.

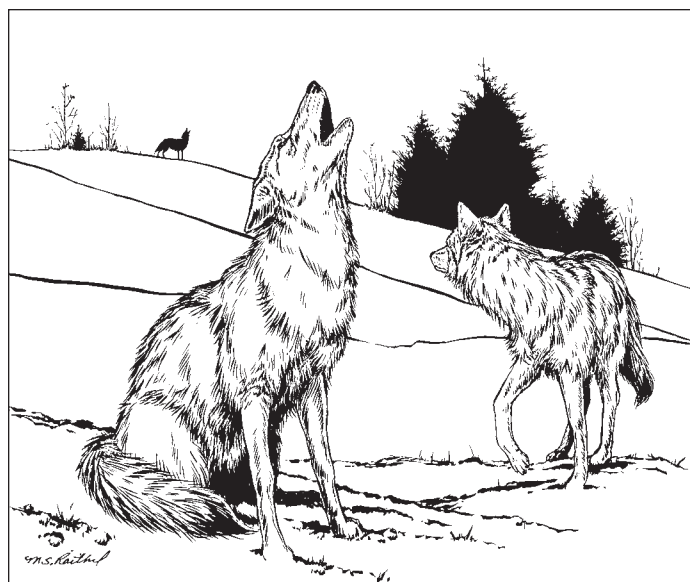
(6) Any person who kills or injures any wild turkey shall make a reasonable effort to retrieve the turkey and include it in his/her season limit.

(7) Turkeys (or parts thereof) reported in accordance with established procedures, when labeled with the full name, address, and confirmation number of the taker, may be possessed, transported, given away, and stored by anyone.

(8) In accordance with section 270.400, RSMo feral hogs (any hog, including Russian and European wild boar, that is not conspicuously identified by ear tags or other forms of identification and is roaming freely upon public or private lands without the landowner's permission) may be taken in any number during the spring firearms turkey season and youth spring season only by the holder of a valid, unused turkey hunting permit; and only by methods and times prescribed for taking turkeys. During the fall firearms turkey season, feral hogs may be taken only by the holder of a valid, unused turkey hunting permit or a small game hunting permit; and only by methods prescribed in Chapter 7 for taking wildlife, and without the use of bait. Other restrictions may apply on public lands. Resident landowners or lessees as defined in this Code may take feral hogs on their own property at any time, by any method and without permit.

April 25, 7 a.m.—A hunter was looking for mushrooms after ending a morning turkey hunt on his property. As he walked back to his car, he saw the silhouette of another hunter on one knee at the edge of the timber on adjoining property. As the first hunter moved to his left in an attempt to avoid the other hunter, he was struck by pellets in his right cheek, forearm and abdomen. The second hunter had fired at two turkeys that were in the same line of fire as the first hunter.

May 8, 10 a.m.—A hunter tried to remove his shotgun from the back seat of his car. The shotgun was lying on top of some tools, and when the hunter grabbed it by the muzzle and pulled it toward him, the trigger caught on one of the tools and discharged, striking him in the chest and killing him.



Coyotes may not be chased, pursued or taken during daylight hours from April 1–18. They may not be hunted at all during the regular turkey season from April 19 through May 9.

2009 Spring Turkey Harvest

April 4–5 and April 20–May 10, 2009

| County | Adults | Juveniles | Total | County | Adults | Juveniles | Total | County | Adults | Juveniles | Total |
|----------------|--------|-----------|-------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Adair | 410 | 98 | 508 | Grundy | 240 | 34 | 274 | Perry | 360 | 178 | 538 |
| Andrew | 268 | 61 | 329 | Harrison | 379 | 88 | 467 | Pettis | 548 | 100 | 648 |
| Atchison | 241 | 63 | 304 | Henry | 384 | 127 | 511 | Phelps | 434 | 104 | 538 |
| Audrain | 190 | 53 | 243 | Hickory | 356 | 53 | 409 | Pike | 374 | 85 | 459 |
| Barry | 110 | 24 | 134 | Holt | 300 | 53 | 353 | Platte | 192 | 59 | 251 |
| Barton | 285 | 65 | 350 | Howard | 238 | 72 | 310 | Polk | 561 | 105 | 666 |
| Bates | 254 | 100 | 354 | Howell | 466 | 111 | 577 | Pulaski | 364 | 100 | 464 |
| Benton | 580 | 115 | 695 | Iron | 143 | 55 | 198 | Putnam | 316 | 51 | 367 |
| Bollinger | 419 | 168 | 587 | Jackson | 148 | 59 | 207 | Ralls | 223 | 68 | 291 |
| Boone | 291 | 106 | 397 | Jasper | 189 | 66 | 255 | Randolph | 309 | 60 | 369 |
| Buchanan | 142 | 28 | 170 | Jefferson | 461 | 174 | 635 | Ray | 344 | 115 | 459 |
| Butler | 96 | 50 | 146 | Johnson | 406 | 140 | 546 | Reynolds | 187 | 43 | 230 |
| Caldwell | 178 | 63 | 241 | Knox | 410 | 65 | 475 | Ripley | 187 | 60 | 247 |
| Callaway | 508 | 213 | 721 | Laclede | 491 | 117 | 608 | Saint Charles | 279 | 110 | 389 |
| Camden | 463 | 100 | 563 | Lafayette | 155 | 72 | 227 | Saint Clair | 593 | 127 | 720 |
| Cape Girardeau | 399 | 131 | 530 | Lawrence | 237 | 77 | 314 | Saint Francois | 208 | 134 | 342 |
| Carroll | 414 | 99 | 513 | Lewis | 257 | 43 | 300 | Saint Louis | 104 | 25 | 129 |
| Carter | 183 | 38 | 221 | Lincoln | 338 | 135 | 473 | Sainte Genevieve | 443 | 232 | 675 |
| Cass | 219 | 113 | 332 | Linn | 210 | 45 | 255 | Saline | 209 | 80 | 289 |
| Cedar | 445 | 111 | 556 | Livingston | 236 | 72 | 308 | Schuyler | 252 | 43 | 295 |
| Chariton | 258 | 45 | 303 | Macon | 467 | 90 | 557 | Scotland | 400 | 79 | 479 |
| Christian | 308 | 115 | 423 | Madison | 196 | 70 | 266 | Scott | 100 | 32 | 132 |
| Clark | 348 | 53 | 401 | Maries | 416 | 135 | 551 | Shannon | 356 | 67 | 423 |
| Clay | 142 | 69 | 211 | Marion | 181 | 66 | 247 | Shelby | 189 | 44 | 233 |
| Clinton | 153 | 49 | 202 | McDonald | 60 | 11 | 71 | Stoddard | 227 | 110 | 337 |
| Cole | 265 | 113 | 378 | Mercer | 337 | 65 | 402 | Stone | 203 | 55 | 258 |
| Cooper | 304 | 66 | 370 | Miller | 449 | 110 | 559 | Sullivan | 334 | 57 | 391 |
| Crawford | 320 | 115 | 435 | Mississippi | 54 | 8 | 62 | Taney | 348 | 70 | 418 |
| Dade | 289 | 86 | 375 | Moniteau | 269 | 82 | 351 | Texas | 714 | 175 | 889 |
| Dallas | 395 | 64 | 459 | Monroe | 293 | 102 | 395 | Vernon | 318 | 89 | 407 |
| Daviess | 288 | 97 | 385 | Montgomery | 244 | 113 | 357 | Warren | 248 | 97 | 345 |
| Dekalb | 201 | 84 | 285 | Morgan | 363 | 71 | 434 | Washington | 235 | 82 | 317 |
| Dent | 404 | 142 | 546 | New Madrid | 41 | 3 | 44 | Wayne | 278 | 103 | 381 |
| Douglas | 461 | 146 | 607 | Newton | 73 | 21 | 94 | Webster | 466 | 143 | 609 |
| Dunklin | 7 | 3 | 10 | Nodaway | 345 | 83 | 428 | Worth | 127 | 21 | 148 |
| Franklin | 681 | 330 | 1011 | Oregon | 383 | 102 | 485 | Wright | 476 | 127 | 603 |
| Gasconade | 441 | 187 | 628 | Osage | 514 | 175 | 689 | GRAND TOTALS: | 34,685 | 10,028 | 44,713 |
| Gentry | 237 | 55 | 292 | Ozark | 361 | 79 | 440 | | | | |
| Greene | 475 | 132 | 607 | Pemiscot | 17 | 4 | 21 | | | | |