

Statewide Public Use Guidelines

The following guidelines are used by Area Managers to determine if a requested use is appropriate for a specific conservation area (for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices SUPs, see Special Use Permit Policy, Activity Specific Guidance, Attachment 4):

1. Will the activity interfere with or in any way compromise management of the Conservation Areas' fish, forest, wildlife, and natural communities?
2. Will the activity conflict with local ordinances, state constitution, Department regulations, or Federal Aid assistance?
3. Will the activity cause an unacceptable level of damage to resources or facilities?
4. Is the long-term impact of the proposed activity—and the commitment in budget and staffing—full evaluated and understood?
5. Will the activity conflict with scheduled or seasonal primary public uses?
6. Will the activity require undue accommodation from Department staff, including reservations, special setup, cleanup, or maintenance?
7. Will the activity impede foot, boat, or vehicular traffic flow or restrict access to area locales normally open to the general public?
8. Will the activity pose a threat to public health, safety, and welfare?

Note: The 2017 Mayview Picnic Committee has assured that all these guidelines will be followed.

All Special Use Permits are subject to statewide conditions 1-10.

The Conservation Area or property selected as the site for your Special Event is shared by many different groups. A *Special Use Permit ("SUP") is not an exclusive reservation. Other concurrent uses may be occurring on the area.* Mutual respect is crucial. Please be considerate. Before leaving the Area please examine the site to assure that: (1) human and animal sanitation issues have been properly addressed, and (2) all trash and litter have been removed. Since the Conservation Area belongs to all citizens, please return the site to pre-event condition prior to leaving.

1. Special Use Permits are required for: (1) more than ten (10) people for camping, horseback riding, bicycling, and use of shooting ranges; (2) individuals with mobility disabilities who wish to operate certain Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (including all-terrain vehicles, off-road vehicles, golf carts, or other motorized vehicles) on Department roads that are closed to public vehicular traffic or off-trail; and (3) other group or special activities at the discretion of the area manager. The use of Segway® PT devices or devices of similar size and type by individuals with mobility disabilities on Department roads or trails and in Department buildings does not require a Special Use Permit.
2. This permit is non-transferable.
3. Permittee is responsible for sharing the terms of this Special Use Permit with all participants of the permitted activity, and accepts responsibility for monitoring compliance with this Permit.
4. Violation of any of the permit conditions or safety rules is cause for revocation of current permit and denial of future permits.
5. If weather or other conditions and circumstances warrant, MDC reserves the right to modify or cancel the permit.
6. After contacting emergency service, promptly notify the area manager or the designated representative of any serious accident, death, or damage that occurs on MDC areas and property.
7. MDC area and property may be used only for the purposes designated in this Permit. Care shall be taken to avoid damage to the conservation area and property. No one participating in or observing an activity may cut any vegetation, open any gates, cut or damage any cables or fences, start any fire in non-designated area, post any signs, or construct any structure without the written permission of the area manager. The permittee shall be held personally responsible for any costs MDC incurs repairing or replacing infrastructure and grass, food plots, or other vegetation, or for injury to persons, if damaged or caused by the permittee(s).
8. Permittee may be required to provide portable toilets or other means for disposal of human waste approved by the area manager.
9. Vehicle use is restricted to graveled and paved roads and established parking areas, unless otherwise posted. Emergency vehicles or other specific vehicles may be authorized special access by an MDC representative.
10. Permittee agrees that the Missouri Department of Conservation, its employees and agents shall not be held liable for any claim whatsoever for damage to equipment, property or injury to persons which arise out of or in connection with any activity conducted or undertaken pursuant to this Permit.