## **Hunting in Southeast MO**

There are numerous conservation areas to enjoy nature and hunting in Southeast Missouri. The Sikeston area is considered the crown jewel for dove and waterfowl hunting in the state. Dove hunting, in particular, is extremely popular in the sand ridges occurring in south Scott County. They attract birds due to the high prevalence of natural food sources, harvested crop fields, and sandy substrate. Below is a list of Conservation Areas that offer exceptional hunting opportunities within 30-45 minutes of Sikeston. For more locations or information contact Andrew Mothershead, MDC Agent for Southeast MO (573) 380-2578 or go to www.mdc.mo.gov. For hotels and amenities contact the Sikeston Convention & Visitors Bureau, tourism @sikeston.net

**Ten Mile Pond Conservation Area:** 3,775 acres for fishing, hunting, and bird watching (bald eagles); boat ramp; handicap accessible; Hwy. 80, Mississippi County. This area was once a lowland hardwood forest intermingled with cypress sloughs. Hunting—deer, waterfowl, dove, and rabbit. (573) 649-2770



**Crowleys Ridge Conservation Area:** 1,878 acres surrounded by the lowlands of the Missouri Bootheel. This area also features two small lakes and several small ponds stocked annually with channel catfish. Hunting— quail, squirrel, deer, dove, rabbit, and turkey. (573) 290-5730

Sand Prairie Conservation Area: 200-acres in Scott County near Benton, Missouri. This area is managed for natural communities including sand prairie, sand savanna, and sandy swale ephemeral wetlands. Management on the area is intended to promote species that historically occupied native sand prairies on the Blodgett Terrace. Hunting—dove, quail, and rabbit. (573) 290-5730

Seven Islands Conservation Area: 1,375 acres for fishing in two lakes; Activities include; camping, fishing and hunting (archery & muzzle loading only); Boat ramp/parking lot; Route A, Mississippi County. Hunting—turkey, waterfowl, deer, rabbit, and squirrel. (573) 290-5730

General Watkins Conservation Area: 1,107 acres located on Highway 61, in Scott County. Area includes trails, 9 fishable lakes/ponds, bird watching, hunting, camping and picnic areas; Hunting—quail, deer, rabbit, squirrel, and turkey. (573) 290-5730

Otter Slough Conservation Area: 2,200 acres of native wetlands with 350 acres of fishing in four lakes; bird watching – song birds, eagles, migratory waterfowl and shore birds; hunting – deer (archery only), dove, waterfowl and rabbit; canoeing; primitive camping; handicap accessible; County Road 675, Stoddard County (573) 290-5730

**Donaldson Point Conservation Area:** 5,785 forested acres with 60 acres of ponds. Activities include fishing, hunting (deer, rabbit, squirrel, and turkey); bird watching (bald eagle, giant crane, Mississippi Kites, and Swainson's warbler); canoeing, primitive camping, Mississippi River access, dirt boat ramp, (New Madrid gage). New Madrid County Road 405 (573) 290-5730

**Duck Creek Conservation Area:** 6,318 acres located nine miles north of Puxico on Highway 51 in Stoddard, Bollinger and Wayne counties. This CA contains 1,500 acres of open marsh, 2,700 acres of bottomland forest which includes, 1,200 acres of managed greentree reservoirs and a 1,800 acre lake. Hunting—squirrel, rabbit, turkey, waterfowl, dove, and deer.

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