

**Grand Prairie District**  
(Callaway, Audrain, Montgomery, Monroe)

**Federal Areas**

There are no federally operated areas in this district.

## State Parks

### Graham Cave State Park

Compared to other Missouri parks, Graham Cave is relatively small, with under 400 acres. However, despite its lack of size, it is a nice park and good for scout units, especially for a weekend activity.

The park has nice variety of land cover, with several short trails running through the park. The highlight of the park is Graham Cave itself, an archeological site containing artifacts of Native and ancient Americans, some up to 10,000 years old. A visitor's center explains more of the dig site (which is inactive) as well as local flora and fauna. Park staff are more than willing to assist scouts in various activities. The park has a nice campground, but no group area. Two miles west of Danville, off I-70, on Hwy TT.

*Comments:* "Good for district camporees or a single troop weekend. Good, fun place to camp."

*Contact:* 217 Hwy TT  
Montgomery City, MO 63361  
(573) 564-3476  
[www.mostateparks.com/grahamcave.htm](http://www.mostateparks.com/grahamcave.htm)

**Campsites:** yes  
**Groups?:** not really  
**Water:** yes  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** yes  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** for a fee  
**Shelters:** yes  
**Privacy:** yes  
**Special:** yes; see description

## **Mark Twain State Park**

See Mark Twain district for information on this park.

## Conservation Areas

### *Audrain County*

**Jacks Conservation Area—no information given; contact local conservation office.**

Lakeview Park Lake—in city of Mexico. Decent fishing; biking trails can also be used for hiking; no mileage or markers. Contact City Hall: 581-2100.

**Campsites:** 2  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** unk  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** yes  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** no  
**Shelters:** yes  
**Privacy:** yes  
**Special:** no

Northcutt Memorial Conservation Area—small area, primarily for hunting. West of Mexico Hwy 22 5.5 miles, then north Hwy E, 1.75 miles, then CR 214 ¼ mile.

**Campsites:** 1  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** no  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** no  
**Aquatics:** no  
**Service:** unk  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** no

Northeast Park—in Mexico, run by Mexico Parks and rec. Day use fishing area. One mile trail shows water and land management along stream. 573-581-2100.

**Campsites:** no  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** yes  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** no  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** no  
**Shelters:** yes  
**Privacy:** limited  
**Special:** no

Plunkett Park Lake—Run by Mexico Parks and Rec. Fishing day use only.

**Campsites:** no  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** no  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** no  
**Shelters:** yes  
**Privacy:** limited  
**Special:** no

Sears Memorial—prairie grassland for wildlife observation. Hunting not allowed. Contact local office for more information.

Vandalia City Lake—Small area with camping and fishing. Fishing is decent. Six miles east of Laddonia off Hwy K.

**Campsites:** 6  
**Groups?:** yes; small  
**Water:** unk  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** yes  
**Privacy:** limited  
**Special:** no

White Conservation Area—large area, decent fishing. Some variability in land cover. North on Hwy 15 from Mexico 8 miles, east on Hwy Z 1.75 miles, east on ZZ 2 miles.

**Campsites:** 1  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** no  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** unk  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** no

*Callaway County*

Capitol View Access—decent fishing area, limited to fishing. Very small area. North of Jefferson City on west side of Hwy 63.

**Campsites:** no  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** no  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** no

Earthquake Hollow Conservation Area—hunting area only.

Hams Prairie Access—Small fishing area, giving access to Auxvasse Creek. Fishing rated only “fair”. Nine miles east of Fulton on Hwy O, then 1.5 miles south on Hwy CC, then 2 miles west on CR 428.

**Campsites:** no  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** no  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** no  
**Firewood:** no  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** no

Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area—not terribly large, but well developed area. Fishing is decent, especially for bass. Three different trails, longest is 6 miles. Boat rentals, staffed office; programs available from staff. West of Kingdom City on I-70, exit at Rte J, south to RA.

**Campsites:** no  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** yes  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** yes  
**Privacy:** limited  
**Special:** yes; see staff office

McCredie Farm Lake—fishing access to lake only. Fishing is good. East on outer road from I-70/54.

**Campsites:** no  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** no  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** unk  
**Firewood:** unk  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** no

MoKane Access—fishing access only. Fishing is good. Hwy 94, west of Mokane.

**Campsites:** no  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** no  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** no  
**Service:** no  
**Firewood:** no  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** no

Moore's Mill Access—access to Auxvasse Creek, not very good fishing. From Calwood, take JJ south to CR 136, then east to CR 139.

**Campsites:** 1  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** no  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** unk  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** no

Reform Conservation Area—VERY large area (in excess of 5000 acres). Multiple land covers; good for nature and environmental work. Fishing is only fair at best. Nine miles east of Fulton on Hwy O.

**Campsites:** no  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** no  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** yes; nature/environmental projects

Tate Island—Forested area, giving access to Missouri River. Islands in river are also part of area, and are reachable only by boat. Camping may be possible on islands. Two miles east of Portland south of KATY trail state park.

**Campsites:** no  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** no  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** yes  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** yes; islands

Whetstone Creek Conservation Area—large area, lots of campsites, fishing is okay, staff on site. Natural area is part of site; good for nature and environmental projects. From I-70, Williamsburg exit (Hwy D) north. Turn west at stop sign to CR 1003. North 2 miles to area.

**Campsites:** 30  
**Groups?:** yes  
**Water:** unk  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** yes  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** limited  
**Special:** yes; natural area

**Monroe County**

See Mark Twain District

*Montgomery County*

Danville Conservation Area—interesting area, with multiple land covers, ranging from forest to savanna to glade to grassland. Short trail passes through glade area. Fishing is poor. South of I-70 at Hwy 161 exit; 2 miles south on CR RB.

**Campsites:** 3  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** yes  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** no  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** yes; glade

Diggs Conservation Area—medium sized area with an array of land cover. Wildlife observation is abundant here. Fishing is decent; relatively well developed for a conservation area. Three miles west of Wellsville on ZZ, watch for signs.

**Campsites:** 1  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** yes  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** yes  
**Privacy:** limited  
**Special:** no

Grand Bluffs Conservation Area—small area that is fantastic in the fall. Overlooks Missouri Rivers; large bluffs. There is a small pond to fish, but access to the pond is difficult. ¼ miles north on CR 291, off Hwy 94.

**Campsites:** 1  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** no  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** limited  
**Aquatics:** no  
**Service:** unk  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** no

Loutre Lick Access—Small area, with one camping area, mostly designed for fishing. Fishing isn't that great. Three miles south of I-70 on Hwy N, then ¾ mile on CR 278.

**Campsites:** 1  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** no  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** unk  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** no

Wellsville Lake Conservation Area—small area, with fair fishing. From Wellsville, south on Hwy 19, then 1.5 miles south on CR 21, then ¼ mile west on CR 22.

**Campsites:** 1  
**Groups?:** no  
**Water:** no  
**Scout rates:** no  
**Toilets:** yes  
**Trails:** no  
**Fishing:** yes  
**Aquatics:** limited  
**Service:** unk  
**Firewood:** yes  
**Shelters:** no  
**Privacy:** no  
**Special:** no