

Saint Louis
COUNTY
PARKS

**FISHING
DEPARTMENT POLICY**

PURPOSE:

To provide safe and enjoyable sport fishing experiences on lakes and streams in and adjoining St. Louis County Parks.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation to provide lakes and access to streams as well as support facilities in County Parks to offer quality sport fishing opportunities to park visitors. Also, the Parks Department, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation, will actively manage its fisheries to further ensure fishing quality.

PROCEDURE:

Lakes and Ponds

*** CAP – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

| PARK | WATER | ACRES | PROGRAM * | FEATURES |
|-------------------|------------------|-------|-----------|--------------|
| Creve Coeur | Creve Coeur Lake | 320 | CAP | ramps, docks |
| Tilles | Tilles Pond | 2 | CAP/UFP | pier |
| Bellafontaine | Fountain Lake | 2 | CAP/UFP | dock |
| Suson | Island Lake | | CAP/UFP | dock |
| Suson | Carp Lake | | CAP/UFP | |
| Bee Tree | Bee Tree Lake | 10 | CAP | dock |
| Queeny | Jarville Pond | 2 | CAP | |
| Queeny | Complex Pond | 2 | none | |
| Queeny | 2 North Lakes | 7 | none | |
| Spanish Lake | Spanish Lake | 34 | CAP | ramp, docks |
| Spanish Lake | North Lake | 31 | CAP | ramp |
| Veterans Memorial | Black Jack Lake | 1 | UFP | docks |
| Unger | Unger Lake | 30 | none | |
| Simpson | Simpson Lake | 60 | CAP | ramp, dock |

*** UFP – URBAN FISHING PROGRAM**

In addition, the 20 acre Lone Elk Lake in Lone Elk County Park is managed as a **catch and release fishing lake**. Reservations are required to fish at this location and fishing from the dock or shore is prohibited. For information call **314-615-8371**.

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Rivers

| PARK | WATER | FEATURES |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Jefferson Barracks | Mississippi | undeveloped access |
| West Tyson | Meramec | trail access |
| Buder | Meramec | undeveloped access |
| Sherman Beach | Meramec | under development |
| Sioux Passage | Missouri | undeveloped access |
| Cliff Cave | Mississippi | undeveloped access |
| George Winter | Meramec | ramp, good access |
| Unger | Meramec | undeveloped access |
| Simpson | Meramec | trail access |
| Lower Meramec | Meramec | trail access |
| Coldwater Creek | Missouri | trail access |

Missouri Department of Conservation

1. St. Louis County has entered into contractual agreements with the Missouri Department of Conservation for the management of the fisheries of several of its lakes.
2. The Community Assistance Program (CAP) is designed to monitor and manage larger lakes to assure a balanced fishery. It includes periodic stocking as needed.
3. The Urban Fishing Program (UFP) is designed for smaller lakes with high fishing pressure. Management includes frequent stocking of adult fish, such as channel catfish during the summer. Additionally, three County Parks lakes are stocked with rainbow trout during the winter: Island & Carp Lakes at Suson Park, and Tilles Pond.

Rules

1. All pursuit of waterborne wildlife is governed by the Wildlife Code of Missouri as prescribed in SLCRO 616.045.
2. Fishing is permitted during times when parks are officially open to public use. Fishing permits as outlined in the Wildlife Code are required.
3. Creel limits and special rules are set by the Missouri Department of Conservation, often on a lake by lake basis, and are posted at County Parks Lakes. River fishing rules are defined in the Wildlife Code of Missouri.
4. Special rules and permits are required for rainbow trout fishing, and this information is posted at the appropriate lakes. Trout fishing is currently offered at Suson and Tilles County Parks.

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5. Three poles are allowed per person (except during the Nov. 1 - Jan.31 trout season when only one pole may be used at Suson and Tilles Parks). Gig and long bow fishing is **not** permitted except carp, buffalo, suckers and gar may be taken by atlatl, gig, bow or crossbow during statewide seasons on Sunfish Lake. Additionally, trot lines; limb lines; throw lines; jug fishing and frogging are prohibited in County Park lakes. Seining and/or collecting for bait are **not** allowed.
6. Rivers bordering County Parks are under the jurisdiction of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Water Patrol Division, and all fish and wildlife regulations are in accordance with the Wildlife Code of Missouri.

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