

Saint Louis
COUNTY
PARKS

**FISHING
DEPARTMENT POLICY**

PURPOSE:

The St. Louis County Department of Parks & Recreation provides safe and enjoyable 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 (MDC), will actively manage its fisheries to further ensure fishing quality.

PROCEDURE

Lakes and Ponds

PARK	WATER	ACRES	MDC PROGRAM	FEATURES
Bee Tree	Bee Tree Lake	10	CAP	dock
Bella Fontaine	Fountain Lake	2	CAP/UFP	dock
Creve Coeur	Creve Coeur Lake	320	CAP	ramps, docks
Queeny	Jarville Pond	2	CAP	
Queeny	Complex Pond	2		
Queeny	2 North Lakes	7		
Simpson	Simpson Lake	60	CAP	ramp, dock
Spanish Lake	Spanish Lake	34	CAP	ramp, docks
Spanish Lake	North Lake	31	CAP	ramp
Suson	Island Lake		CAP/UFP	dock
Suson	Carp Lake		CAP/UFP	
Tilles	Tilles Pond	2	CAP/UFP	
Unger	Unger Lake	30		
Veterans Memorial	Black Jack Lake	1	UFP	docks

CAP – COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
UFP – URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

Effective 2022 - Due to low water levels, fishing is currently prohibited at Lone Elk Park.

Rivers

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

Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)

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.
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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