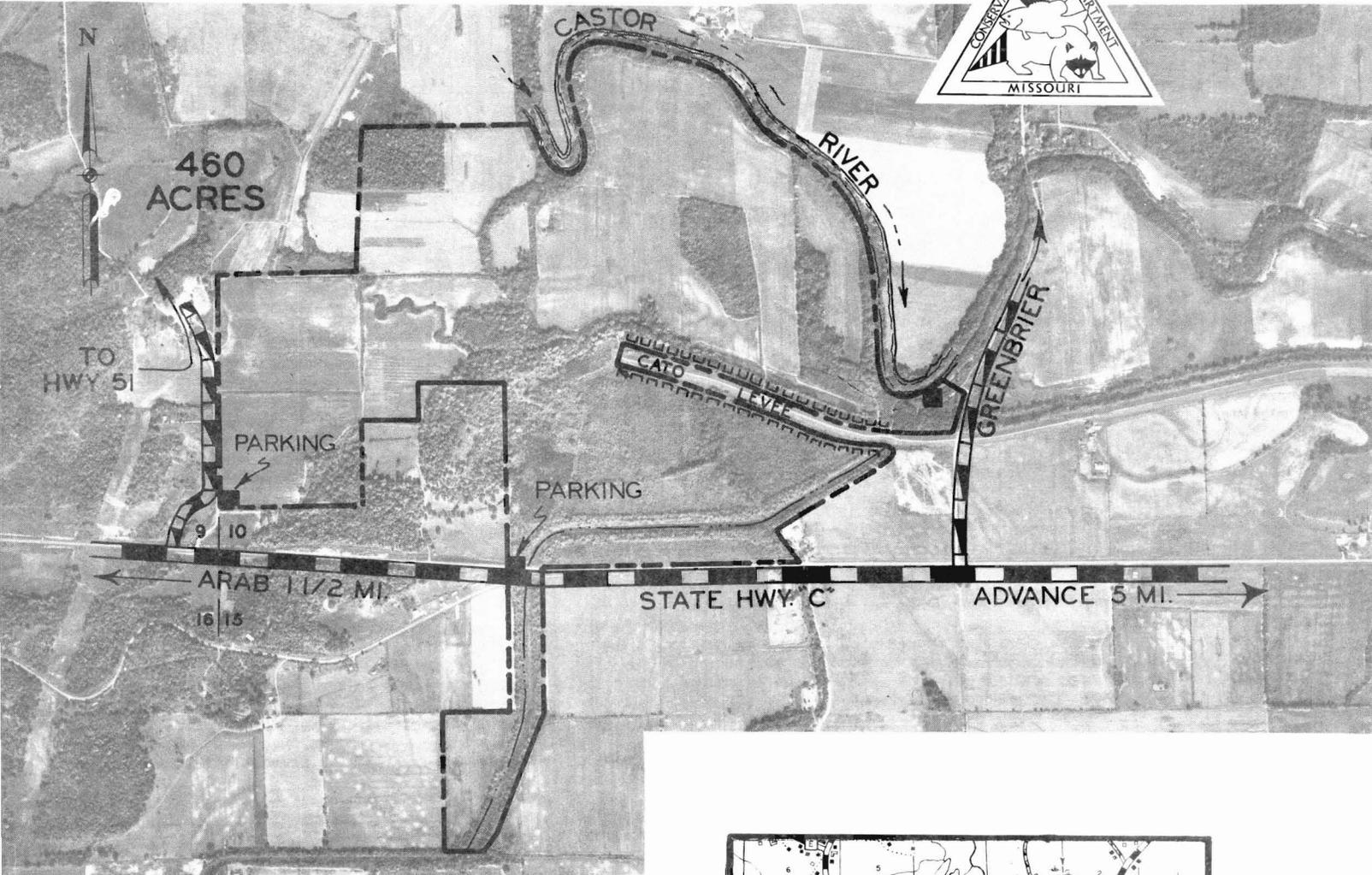


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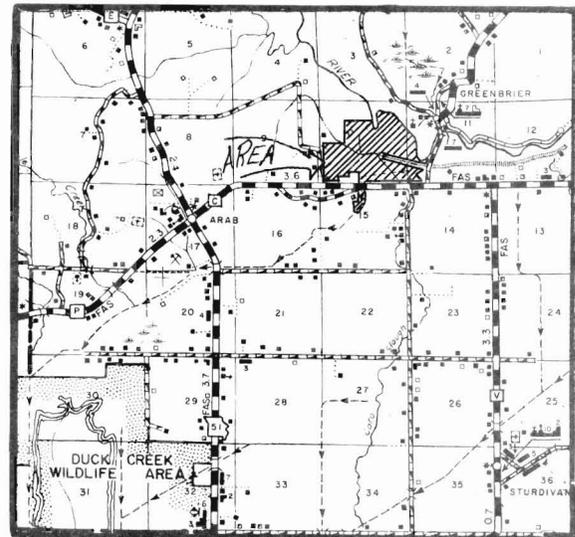
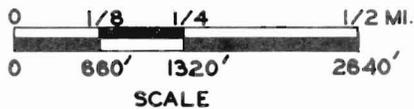
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DARK CYPRESS SWAMP WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

AREA INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS

Dark Cypress Swamp Wildlife Management Area, a 460 acre public use area managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation represents only a remnant of the once 6,500 acre Dark Cypress Swamp, an area which was typical of much of the Missouri bootheel before the turn of the century. This lowland swamp, located between Crowley's Ridge and the Ozark Uplift, in southeastern Bollinger County formed when the Mississippi River flowed through the area and left a fiat, poorly drained topography. Flooding of the swamp occurred through runoff from Ozark creeks, heavy rainfalls, and overflow from the Castor River. The swamp consisted of lowland hardwood forests of bald cypress, tupelo gum, overcup, pin, cherrybark and willow oaks, and wildlife species such as swamp rabbits, deer, raccoon and bowfin. The Dark Cypress Wildlife Area was purchased by the Missouri Conservation Department with funds made possible by the conservation sales tax to provide public hunting and fishing and to insure that at least a small part of the hardwood bottomland swamps that once covered over 2.4 million acres of southeast Missouri will be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Visitors to the Dark Cypress Area will find a combination of Castor River frontage, small agricultural fields surrounded by oxbows and sloughs, old river bluffs, and oak-hickory ridges. In addition to these natural surroundings, several acres of the area have been planted to plantations of walnut, sweet gum, corkwood and pine trees. Good populations of rabbits, squirrel, quail, deer and turkey occur on the area year around and the area is heavily used by waterfowl when flooded. The area is open to both public hunting and fishing under statewide seasons and limits.

Access to parking areas on the Dark Cypress Area is provided off Bollinger County Highway C between the towns of Arab and Advance, two miles east of State Highway 51. Additional information concerning the Dark Cypress Swamp Wildlife Area can be obtained by writing the Area Manager, Duck Creek Wildlife Area, Route 1, Box 63, Puxico, MO 63960, ph: 314/222-3337.

AREA REGULATIONS

3CSR10-4.115 Special Management Areas.

(1) No wildlife of any kind may be molested, pursued, hunted or taken on any state or federal wildlife refuge or state park posted as such, or on any wildlife management area listed herein, except under such conditions as the commission may permit and declare by regulation. However, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service may permit hunting and fishing according to statewide regulations or more restrictive provisions on refuges under their administration. The director may waive the daily fishing tag where it is required, or issue a special daily fishing tag without fee, to persons twelve (12) years of age or younger, on specified dates for the purpose of encouraging youth participation in fishing, and may authorize fishing in restricted waters for educational purposes.

(2) On all wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas, state forests, natural areas, commission lakes, fishing accesses and all other commission owned, managed or leased lands and waters, swimming, camping, shooting, fires, digging, tree stands, horses and other livestock, cave exploring, motor driven land conveyances and aircraft are permitted only where and when specifically authorized. No motor vehicle shall be operated within the boundary of any land owned, leased or managed by the commission except upon roads, thoroughfares or areas specifically designated for such travel. Unless otherwise specifically established and posted, the speed limit within any of these lands shall be forty-five (45) miles per hour. Every person operating a motor driven land conveyance within the boundaries of any land owned, leased or managed by the commission shall operate such conveyance in a careful and prudent manner and with the highest degree of care so as not to endanger the property of another or the life and limb of any person. Pets are permitted except where prohibited or restricted by specific area rules. Camping is permitted only at specifically posted or otherwise designated sites, and for not to exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days in any thirty (30) day period on any area, said period to commence the date the site is occupied. All camping equipment, including vehicles, must be removed from the area at the end of such fourteen (14) day period. The destruction, cutting or removal of any vegetation except edible wild greens, mushrooms, and berries or other fruits is prohibited on such areas; nuts and water may be removed only when specifically authorized. The use of fireworks is prohibited on all such areas. Containers provided for litter on such areas may be used only for disposal of garbage, trash, refuse or rubbish generated on the area.

(3) The head and tail must remain attached to all fish for which length limits are established while such fish are on the areas or waters to which length limits apply, until such fish have been checked by an agent of the commission.

(4) The special management areas covered by this rule are subject to all rules of the Code; provided, that wildlife may be pursued or taken only as established herein and posted on the areas.

31. Dark Cypress Wildlife Management Area.

A. Hunting and fishing are permitted under statewide regulations.