

Truman Access

Ten Year Area Management Plan FY 2013-2022



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OVERVIEW

- **Official Area Name:** Truman Access, # 9916
- **Year of Initial Acquisition:** 1999
- **Acreage:** 19.8 acres
- **County:** Jefferson
- **Division with Administrative Responsibility:** Forestry
- **Division with Maintenance Responsibility:** Forestry
- **Statements of Primary Purpose:**
 - A. Strategic Direction**

Provide public fishing access to the Mississippi River for both boat and bank anglers as well as offer walk-in access to the adjoining Harlow Island which is part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.
 - B. Desired Future Condition**

The desired future condition of Truman Access is a forested river access on the Mississippi River.
 - C. Federal Aid Purpose**

This area, or a portion thereof, was acquired with Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars to provide land or facilities for public outdoor recreation.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

- I. Special Considerations**
 - A. Priority Areas:** Isle du Bois Aquatic Conservation Opportunity Area (COA); Brickley Hills COA
 - B. Natural Area:** None
- II. Important Natural Features and Resources**
 - A. Species of Conservation Concern:** Species of conservation concern are known from this area. Area Managers should consult the Natural Heritage Database annually and review all management activities with the Natural History Biologist.
 - B. Caves:** None
 - C. Springs:** None
 - D. Other:** None
- III. Existing Infrastructure**
 - 2 parking lots
 - Concrete boat ramp
 - Concrete bridge for walk in access to Harlow Island (USF&WS)

IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations

A. Deed restrictions or ownership considerations:

Agreement with Jefferson County places conditions on acquisition of property. See files in area manager's office for details.

B. Federal Interest: This land must provide land/facilities for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity. Federal funds may also be used in the management of this land. Fish and wildlife agencies may not allow recreational activities and related facilities that would interfere with the purpose for which the State is managing the land. Other uses may be acceptable and must be assessed in each specific situation.

C. Easements: Access easement to property granted by Ameren Missouri to allow public access to the area.

D. Cultural resources findings: None

E. Hazards and hazardous materials: None observed.

F. Endangered species: None observed.

G. Boundary Issues: None

MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

V. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Mississippi River fluctuations regularly flood this area and on some years for long periods of time which restricts access to the area, deposits silt and debris and influences the vegetation.
- 2) Many invasive species occur within the Mississippi watershed and can displace native vegetation including native trees.

Management Objective 1: Maintain forested cover on area to minimize soil erosion.

Strategy 1: Monitor after flood events and other disturbances to ensure trees remain established on the area. If there is significant tree mortality on the area, the use of natural seeding or hand planting of seedlings will be used to reestablish forest (trees) on the area.

Strategy 2: Monitor for invasive species that are threatening the forest or displacing native species on the area and treat as necessary.

VI. Aquatic Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) The area is flooded regularly and on some years for long periods of time which restricts access to the area and deposits large volumes of sediment on infrastructure.
- 2) Provide access to bank for anglers and to the river for boat anglers and recreational boaters.

Management Objective 1: Ensure boat ramp and parking areas are accessible.

Strategy 1: Inspect area regularly and after flood events to ensure boat ramp is accessible for users.

Strategy 2: Remove excess sediments and debris and address erosion issues when necessary.

VII. Public Use Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Maintain a clean, safe, and user friendly public use area for boaters, anglers, and other visitors to the area.
- 2) This property provides boat and fishing access to the Mississippi River and walk-in access to the adjoining Harlow Island which is part of the US Fish and Wildlife Service – Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.

Management Objective 1: Maintain parking lots, concrete boat ramp, and concrete foot bridge in a manner which promotes their aesthetics and utility.

Strategy 1: Perform routine trash pickup, painting, mowing, and other maintenance activities.

Management Objective 2: Provide walk-in access for area users and walk-in access to the adjoining Harlow Island.

Strategy 1: Maintain smaller parking lot for access for all users.

VIII. Administrative Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Challenge: Ensure a safe, clean and attractive area for the public to visit.
- 2) Challenge: Off-road vehicle access on area and to adjoining Ameren property occurs during periods of low water.
- 3) Challenge: vandalism, littering, and illegal activities occur on area.

Management Objective 1: Maintain well marked, accurate boundary lines and area signs.

Strategy 1: Paint boundary trees and maintain signs along boundary lines every five years.

Strategy 2: Paint and maintain area signs required for this access.

Management Objective 2: Reduce vandalism, regulation violations, and littering.

Strategy 1: Maintain infrastructure to encourage good public stewardship.

Strategy 2: Ensure area regulations and policies are clearly posted.

Strategy 3: Perform regular area inspections and patrols.

Strategy 4: Utilize open communication with Conservation Agents about activities on area and address issues as they are reported.

Management Objective 3: Deter off-road vehicle use.

Strategy 1: Inspect and make sure boulders and trees along roadway are intact and prevent trespass onto neighboring property and off road vehicle use.

Strategy 2: During periods of low water, place natural barricades and temporary signs indicating boundary and restricting vehicle access along bank of Mississippi River.

MANAGEMENT TIMETABLE

Strategies are considered ongoing unless listed in the following table:

	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Administrative Considerations										
Objective 1										
Strategy 1			X					X		

APPENDICES

Area Background:

Truman Access is in southeast Jefferson County, about twelve miles southeast of Festus. The area was acquired in 1999 through an agreement with Jefferson County and Ameren Missouri.

This property provides boat and fishing access to the Mississippi River and walk-in access to the adjoining Harlow Island which is part of the US Fish and Wildlife Service – Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge.

The area is subject to flooding in times of high water along the Mississippi River. The area is closed to the public when water, heavy mud, and debris are on the road and ramp.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Feet	% of Area
Bottomland Forest	15		76
Other	4.8		24
Total	19.8		100
Frontage on the Mississippi River		1270	

Public Input Summary:

The draft Truman Access Area Management Plan was available for a public comment period November 1 – November 30, 2013. The Missouri Department of Conservation received no comments during this time period.

Maps:

Figure 1: Area Map

Figure 2: Aerial Map

Figure 3: Topographical Map

Figure 1: Area Map

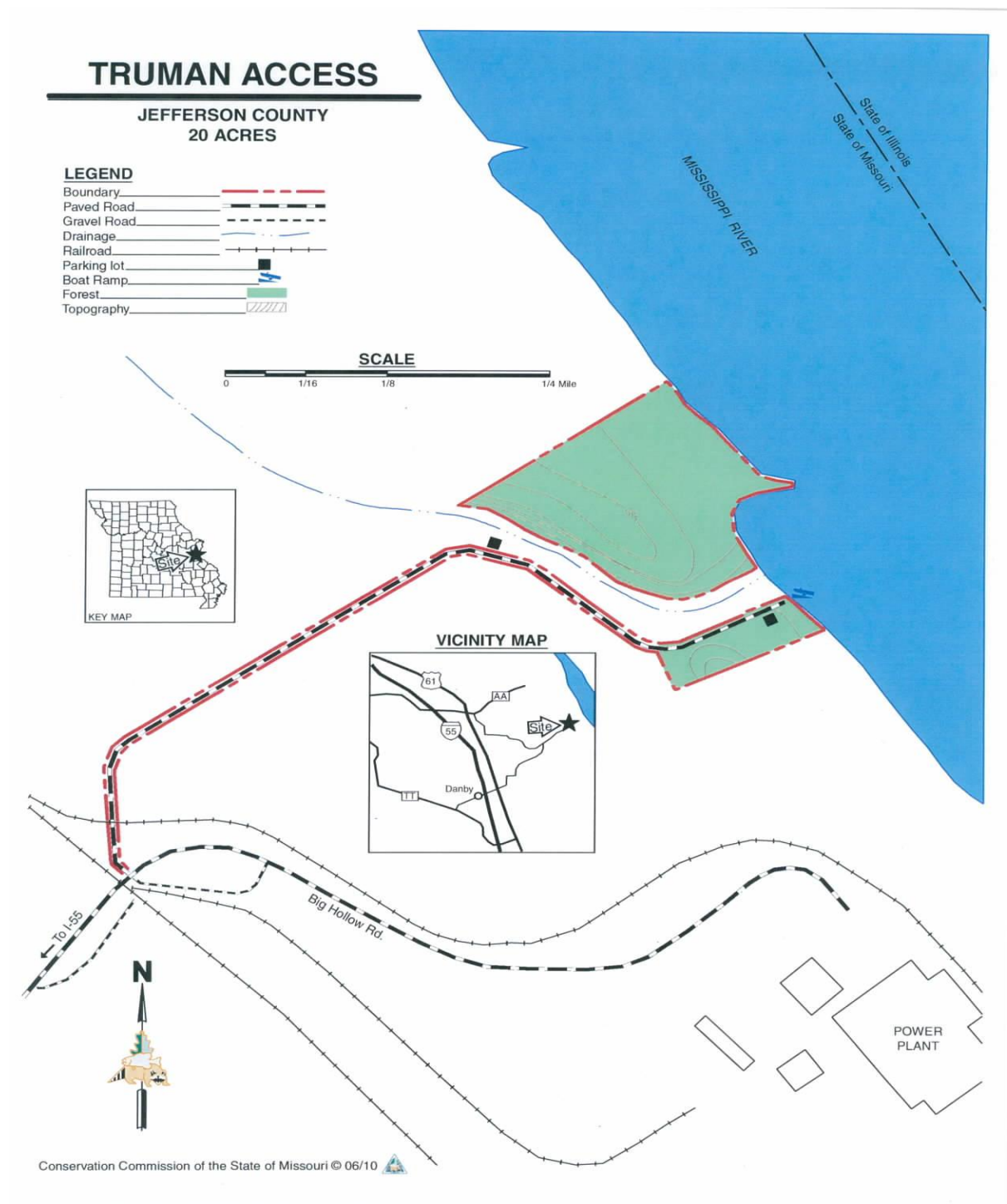


Figure 2: Aerial Map

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Figure 3: Topographical Map

