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## Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Grand Pass, MO



*Looking downstream at the restored chute*

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### Location

7 miles northwest of Marshall in Saline County, Missouri at the Grand Pass Conservation Area (GPCA).

### Description

GPCA is existing public land owned and operated by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). GPCA is approximately 5,100 acres in size. The area is adjacent to the right descending bank of the Missouri River at river miles 273 to 266.

Along the banks of the GPCA, the Corps of Engineers has installed numerous river structures and miles of revetments. This work included a closure structure near river mile 271 that was installed to keep flows out of a small chute that was

located there. In 1991, the Corps of Engineers worked with MDC on re-opening this chute. The closure structure was modified and the filled in chute was excavated and dredged so that the river flow could return to the chute.

In addition to re-opening the chute, the Corps installed brush piles and rock hard points to increase the diversity within the chute. The restored chute is now approximately 50 feet wide and the restoration has returned approximately 130 acres of riverine and forested wetland habitats to the area.

### Current Status

MDC operates and manages the lands at GPCA around the restored chute. The Corps maintains the river structures at this location to assure the side channel continues to provide shallow and slow moving water for native big river fishes. The GPCA is open to the public for a variety of uses including fishing, bird watching, hiking, and hunting.



*View of the excellent shallow water habitat created by restoration of the Grand Pass chute*