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ON THE COVER
Lake Wilson,
Wilson State Park

Milford State Park



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Scott State Park

WELCOME

I invite you to discover and enjoy Kansas' state parks and the wonderful outdoor recreational opportunities they provide. People of all generations are seeking active, authentic, participatory experiences—the kind of memory-making, family activities that connect families in healthy, meaningful ways. There are no better places to enjoy the Kansas outdoors than our 26 state parks; after all, the more than 6.5 million people who visit our state parks every year can't be wrong.

Kansas state parks include 32,200 acres of land, more than 500 miles of trails, over 280 miles of roads, 10,000 campsites, and access to more than 130,000 surface-acres of water. Each year, our parks offer in excess of 220 special events, ranging from triathlons to music festivals, enhancing your park experience. Then again, some people want to just kick back, relax and leave the stress of daily life behind. Our state parks are perfect for that, too.

As you browse through the Kansas State Parks Guide, you will notice the amazing variety of landscapes, facilities and activities available. There are options to suit a wide diversity of tastes, abilities and interests. We think you will find just the right park and just the right spot to connect with nature and rejuvenate your spirit.

I hope to see you at a Kansas state park!

Linda Lanterman
State Parks Director

MISSION

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) is the public steward of the state's natural resources and is charged with inspiring people to visit these and all attractions in Kansas. KDWPT's mission is to:

- Conserve and enhance Kansas' natural heritage, its wildlife and its habitats to ensure the benefits of the state's diverse, living resources for future generations;
- Provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate the natural resources of Kansas, consistent with conserving those resources;
- Inform the public about the natural resources of Kansas to promote understanding and develop assistance with this mission;
- Encourage the public to visit and travel in Kansas and stimulate tourism and travel-related spending in the state by promoting its recreational, historic, cultural and natural attractions.

The agency works toward its mission through activities in the following categories:

- Administration
- State Parks
- Hunting and Public Lands
- Fishing and Public Waters
- Boating
- Tourism
- Conserving Habitats and Species
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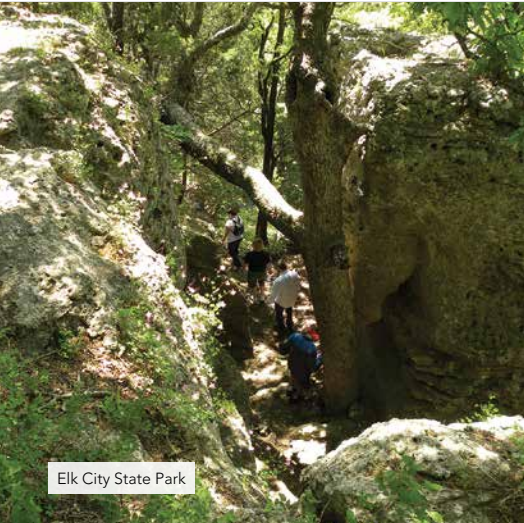
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Elk City State Park

KANSAS STATE PARKS

Now is the time to discover the rich variety of outdoor adventures at Kansas' state parks.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism manages 26 state parks located throughout the state. Many offer utility hookups, cabins, primitive camping sites, beaches and boat ramps. Most parks feature easy access to reservoirs, trails and wildlife areas. All state parks are immersed in natural areas highlighting beautiful and untamed Kansas landscapes. Whatever your outdoor interest—hiking, camping, wildlife watching, fishing, boating, bike riding, horseback riding, hunting or just plain relaxing—a Kansas state park has what you're looking for.

Use this guide to discover the Kansas state parks in your area, or to find a park that offers the activities that interest you. Visit our website, www.ksoutdoors.com, for park fees and additional details. You may also contact any state park directly using the phone numbers or emails listed with each park.

FEES

State park fees can vary depending on location and desired activity. For a complete listing of permit fees, visit www.ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Park-Fees.

MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS

Daily or annual vehicle permits are required to use most state parks. Senior and disabled vehicle owners can take advantage of special discounts (Kansas residents only). Motor vehicle permits are available at KDWPT park and regional offices. A motor vehicle permit is not required for Kaw River State Park, and unauthorized motor vehicles are not allowed on Prairie Spirit Trail State Park (see Trail Permits, below).

STATE PARKS PASSPORT

Kansas motor vehicle owners can purchase a "Kansas State Parks Passport," an annual park vehicle permit, as part of their vehicle registration process. The permit costs \$15.50. This non-transferable permit is only available during the vehicle registration process at a motor vehicle registration office, through the online vehicle registration site (www.kswebtags.org), or when registering by mail. The Kansas State Parks Passport is valid for one year from the date of purchase.

TRAIL PERMITS

A "per-person" trail permit is required to use Prairie Spirit Trail State Park (except the portion of the trail within the city limits of Iola, Garnett and Ottawa). These permits are available for daily or annual use. Other than a motor vehicle park permit, no additional permits are required to use trails in other state parks.

CAMPING

A camping permit is required in addition to the motor vehicle permit for overnight stays at state parks where camping is allowed. In addition to daily camping, visitors can purchase 14-day or annual camping permits. All daily camping permits expire at 2 p.m. Special seasonal camping permits are available at some parks. Camping is not allowed at Kaw River, Mushroom Rock and Prairie Spirit Trail state parks.

RV UTILITIES

Parks with RV sites require a camping permit in addition to a utility fee. Visitors can purchase up to three utilities.

CABIN RENTAL

Rates vary depending on location, dates and amenities desired. Visit www.reserveamerica.com for availability and reservations.

Special Event and Youth Camping permits are also available. Seasonal camping permits are available at some parks. Fees can vary depending on the season.



CAMPSITE AND CABIN RESERVATIONS

To browse parks, see amenities, check availability and make reservations visit www.ksoutdoors.com or reserveamerica.com or call a KDWPT state park office or the KDWPT Operations Office at (620) 672-5911 during normal business hours.

The number of campsites available for reservation will vary by park—in most parks about half of the sites can be reserved. The rest will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Shelter and group campground reservations can be made through the park office where the facilities are located. When camping is allowed at a state fishing lake or wildlife area, sites are available only on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved.

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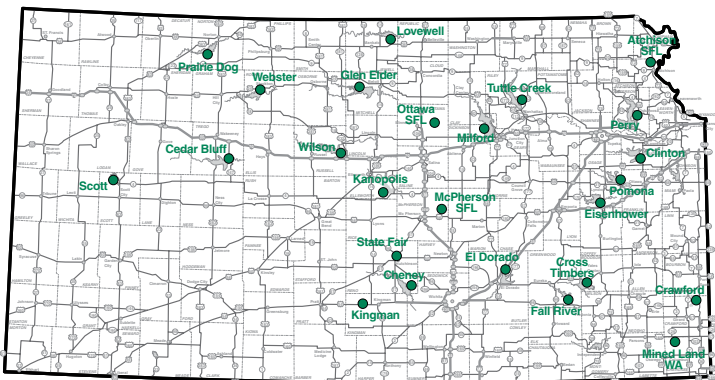


Crawford State Park

CABINS

Complement any outing with a relaxing stay in a comfortable cabin at a Kansas state park, wildlife area or state fishing lake. More than 120 cabins are available across the state, located at 19 state parks and five wildlife areas or state fishing lakes, and one at the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

Deluxe cabins feature refrigerators, stoves, microwaves and coffee pots, as well as separate bedrooms and full bathrooms with showers. Basic sleeper cabins are also available. Most cabins can sleep four to six adults, while others can sleep up to 10 adults. Roughly half of the cabins are ADA-accessible. Nightly rental rates vary depending on location, season, day of the week and available amenities.



	SLEEPER CABINS	DELUXE CABINS	TOTAL CABINS
ATCHISON STATE FISHING LAKE	0	1	1
CEDAR BLUFF STATE PARK	3	3	6
CHENEY STATE PARK	7	2	9
CLINTON STATE PARK	0	7	7
CRAWFORD STATE PARK	0	5	5
CROSS TIMBERS STATE PARK	0	4	4
EISENHOWER STATE PARK	3	4	7
EL DORADO STATE PARK	5	5	10
FALL RIVER STATE PARK	0	3	3
GLEN ELDER STATE PARK	0	2	2
KANOPOLIS STATE PARK	0	6	6
KANSAS STATE FAIRGROUNDS	0	1	1
KINGMAN STATE FISHING LAKE	0	2	2
LOVEWELL STATE PARK	5	4	9
MCPHERSON STATE FISHING LAKE	0	1	1
MILFORD STATE PARK	0	10	10
MINED LAND WILDLIFE AREA	0	2	2
OTTAWA STATE FISHING LAKE	0	1	1
PERRY STATE PARK	0	4	4
POMONA STATE PARK	0	4	4
PRAIRIE DOG STATE PARK	2	2	4
SCOTT STATE PARK	0	2	2
TUTTLE CREEK STATE PARK	0	11	11
WEBSTER STATE PARK	0	2	2
WILSON STATE PARK	0	8	8

SLEEPER CABINS

Minimum amenities
Beds, heat/AC, electricity.

No cooking facilities
provided.

DELUXE CABINS

Beds, heat/AC, electricity,
water, bathroom with
toilet, shower, and sink,
kitchen with stove, oven,
and refrigerator.

No linens provided.

Bring your own linens, toiletries and food.

No telephone or TV.

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[TRAILS]



Perry State Park

HIT THE TRAIL

With thousands of miles of trails available, opportunities for hiking, biking and horseback riding can be found throughout Kansas. All state parks and many wildlife areas and fishing lakes have hiking trails available that encompass a wide variety of terrain, distances and physical abilities. ADA accessible trails are available at many state parks.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism maintains nearly 500 miles of recreational trails, providing visitors with plenty of options for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding and nature appreciation. Trails provide visitors the opportunity to get close to flora, fauna and natural geological formations unique to the state or to walk where Native Americans or early Kansas settlers once traveled. The natural settings of Kansas state park trails renew the spirit and offer peace of mind.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also maintains trails at many of the state's major reservoirs. Some of these trails connect with state park trails, creating expansive hiking experiences.

Discover Kansas trails—truly a moving experience.

	HIKING TRAILS	BIKING TRAILS	EQUESTRIAN TRAILS (*camping)	NUMBER OF TRAILS/TOTAL MILES
CEDAR BLUFF	1	1	1	1 trail, 5 miles
CHENEY	3			3 trails, 6.5 miles
CLINTON	3	1		3 trails, 29.75 miles
CRAWFORD	4	4		4 trails, 8.25 miles
CROSS TIMBERS	5	4		5 trails, 15.75 miles
EISENHOWER	2	1	1*	3 trails, 27.5 miles
EL DORADO	6	5	1*	6 trails, 30 miles
ELK CITY	4	2		5 trails, 10.75 miles
FALL RIVER	5	5		5 trails, 6.5 miles
GLEN ELDER	3			3 trails, 7.5 miles
HILLSDALE	2	2	1*	2 trails, 39 miles
KANOPOLIS	5	2	1*	5 trails, 31.44 miles
MUSHROOM ROCK	1			1 trail, .5 miles
KAW RIVER	6	6		6 trails, 3.5 miles
MEADE	1	1		1 trail, 3.4 miles
MILFORD	4	4	1*	4 trails, 13.6 miles
PERRY	2	1	1*	2 trails, 40 miles
POMONA	3	2		3 trails, 3 miles
PRAIRIE DOG	1	1		1 trail, 1.4 miles
PRAIRIE SPIRIT RT	1	1		1 trail, 52 miles
SAND HILLS	8		5	8 trails, 15 miles
SCOTT	2	1	1*	2 trails, 7.3 miles
TUTTLE CREEK	6	3	1*	7 trails, 22.5 miles
WEBSTER	1			1 trail, 3 miles
WILSON	3	1		3 trails, 26 miles

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THINGS TO DO

Kansas state parks offer a variety of activities—from archery ranges to hunting areas, basketball courts to baseball fields, fishing to boating, and even disc golf. For a list of activities available at state parks, visit the individual park pages, starting on page 9.

ARCHERY

Recreational archery is a fast-growing sport that can be enjoyed – and mastered – by enthusiasts young and old. It can be practiced as a sport on its own, as a stepping stone or adjunct to bowhunting or bowfishing.

Recreational archery ranges can be found at the following state parks:

- Clinton State Park
- Eisenhower State Park
- El Dorado State Park
- Elk City State Park
- Lovewell State Park
- Hillsdale State Park
- Prairie Dog State Park
- Tuttle Creek State Park

HUNTING

Hunting is allowed by special permission in remote areas at a handful of state parks. Most state parks are adjacent or close to a state wildlife area where public hunting is allowed with fewer restrictions. Check with the specific park office for more information. Renting a cabin or parking an RV at a state park are great options for hunters seeking comfortable lodging during their hunt.



SHOOTING RANGES

Supervised shooting ranges are located at Hillsdale State Park and the Fancy Creek Area of Tuttle Creek State Park, as well as Shawnee State Fishing Lake and Cheney Wildlife Area. All supervised ranges have limited hours. Unsupervised ranges are located at Maxwell Wildlife Refuge (Don Brown Memorial Shooting Range), and Glen Elder Wildlife Area.

Fully automatic firearms are not allowed at any range on department lands.



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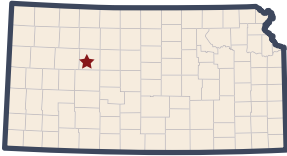
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	FISH CLEANING STATION		SHOOTING RANGE
	FISHING		SHOWERS
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	GROUP CAMP		WATERSKIING
			WILDLIFE WATCHING

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ELLIS

History buffs will want to head to nearby Ellis. The town is home to three museums, including the Walter P. Chrysler Boyhood Home, the Railroad Museum and the Bukovina Museum. The community also boasts a golf course, outdoor basketball and tennis courts, and even a disk golf course (www.ellis.ks.us). Visitors will also enjoy a drive along the **Smoky Valley Scenic Byway** that runs from WaKeeney to Ogallah (www.ksbyways.org).



THRASHING MACHINE CANYON

, the site of an 1867 Native American attack on a wagon train bearing a threshing machine, is accessed by a road west of the park. In the historic canyon, you will find carvings dating back to the mid-1800s.

FISHING

Cast a line in the stilling basin just below the Cedar Bluff Dam, where rainbow trout are stocked November 1-April 15.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Cedar Bluff Reservoir is located along the old Butterfield Overland Despatch trail (BOD). A stone marker for the BOD trail can be seen along the highway near the Cedar Bluff dam.

on the reservoir's north shore is the Bluffton Area, arguably the most widely used by outdoor recreation enthusiasts. The Page Creek Area, on the south shore, offers beautiful primitive camping and the 5-mile Agave hiking/biking trail. Cedar Bluff is popular among anglers, boaters, windsurfers and water-skiers. Areas surrounding the park offer ideal wildlife-watching opportunities enhanced by food plots and a waterfowl refuge. Catch a glimpse of deer, turkey, pheasant, Canada geese, pelicans and eagles in the winter. A portion of the Page Creek Area is designated as a handicapped hunting access area. For a stunning view of the lake, take a drive to the top of the 150-foot high limestone bluffs that give the lake its name.

AMENITIES



STAY

- 6 cabins
- 267 primitive campsites
- 3 shelters
- 16 standard full hookups
- 20 standard electric hookups
- 102 standard water and electric hookups

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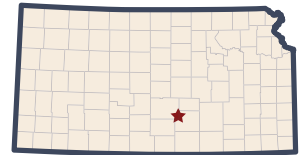
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ONLY 20 MILES WEST OF WICHITA, CHENEY STATE PARK FRAMES CHENEY RESERVOIR WITH ITS 1,900 ACRES OF PARK AMENITIES. The Ninescah Sailing Center on the West Shore Area is a mecca for local sailing enthusiasts. A marina is located on the East Shore for other water activities.

Giefer Creek and Spring Creek nature trails offer scenic hiking around the reservoir. The park sprawls across Reno, Kingman and Sedgwick counties, and offers boat ramps and cleaning stations for anglers. Anglers enjoy fishing for channel catfish, white bass, crappie, striped bass, wiper and walleye. The park's 22 boat-launching lanes provide convenient access to the 9,500-acre lake. An ADA accessible fishing complex is available at the Toadstool Loop Jetty.



EVENTS

Cheney Reservoir is known nationally for its wind and is considered a top attraction for sailing and windsurfing enthusiasts. The Ninescah Sailing Organization has hosted several regatta events, as well as informal races. The association also offers junior sailing and camps for those looking to get their feet wet early.

www.ninescah.org

STAY

- 9 cabins
- 277 primitive campsites
- 8 shelters
- 3 standard full hookups
- 222 standard hookups with electric and water

DAYTRIP

CHENEY

Nearby Wichita boasts a wide variety of things to see and do. Check out the Great Plains Nature Center in Chisolm Creek Park, south of K-96 and Woodhull Road. Beautiful dioramas, a large freshwater aquarium, interpretive displays, live animals and a network of trails help visitors learn about the natural history of the Great Plains. www.gpnc.org. For a worldly view of nature, visit the Sedgwick County Zoo on Zoo Boulevard west of I-235. Spend the day with colorful birds, playful penguins, great apes, hippos and more than 3,000 other animals. www.scz.org. And, don't miss Exploration Place: the Sedgwick County Science and Discovery Center, a world-class science museum along the river in central Wichita. Visit www.gowichita.com for more ideas.



WILDLIFE

The wildlife and nature trails around Cheney Reservoir provide excellent viewing opportunities for deer, turkey and a variety of birds. In the winter, the reservoir will host thousands of ducks and geese. It's not uncommon to see bald eagles when waterfowl are present.

CLINTON STATE PARK

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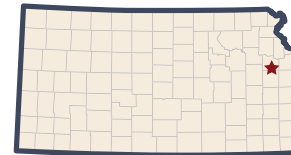
AMENITIES



STAY

- 7 cabins
- 173 primitive campsites
- 6 shelters
- 205 standard hookups with electric and water

LOCATED JUST WEST OF THE CLINTON PARKWAY/K-10 HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE.



WILDLIFE

In addition to endless beautiful scenery, Clinton State Park offers plenty of native wildlife in the area. Don't be surprised if you spot white-tailed deer, turkey, cranes and songbirds during your hike among wildflowers and prairie grasses.

DAYTRIP

LAWRENCE

Clinton State Park is just west of Lawrence, home of the University of Kansas and a vibrant downtown. The city is known for its eclectic events that attract visitors from across the country, and for its pleasant parks, museums, dining and sporting events.

EVENTS

Many events occur at Clinton State Park throughout the year. Eagle Day is popular among wildlife watchers, occurring in January. The Legend Triathlon is held in June; see world-renowned triathletes conquer Kansas.

BOATING

Boating enthusiasts stay active at Clinton Lake. Clinton Lake Marina offers boat slips, fishing, boating supplies, equipment rental and a floating restaurant—the Submarina Deli. The boat launch area includes 16 lanes, eight accessible courtesy docks and a fish-cleaning station.



CLINTON STATE PARK IS LOCATED IN THE SCENIC OSAGE CUESTAS REGION. The 1,425-acre park lies on the north shore of Clinton Reservoir, known for its clear water and good fishing. The park is located next to a 9,200-acre wildlife area.

Popular activities include camping, picnicking and swimming; the beach is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Anglers enjoy channel catfish, walleye and crappie fishing. Lake Henry is stocked with trout during trout season. Pint-size anglers will like the “kids-only” fishing pond at the picnic area.

Clinton State Park is well-known for its extensive trails system used by hikers, nature photographers, mountain bikers, wildflower enthusiasts and wildlife observers. Don't miss the cross-country ski trail on the northern side of the park.

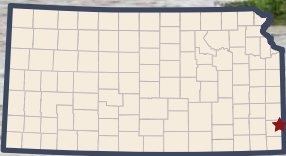
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STAY

- 5 cabins
- 28 primitive campsites
- 1 shelter
- 28 standard hookups with electric
- 38 standard hookups with electric and water

RICH IN HISTORY AND SPECTACULAR SCENERY, CRAWFORD STATE PARK HAS A FLAVOR ALL ITS OWN. This southeast Kansas treasure surrounds a 150-acre state fishing lake. The park dates back to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), whose members built the lake in the 1930s. A short (.25 miles) interpretive trail leads visitors to a CCC memorial. Two recorded archaeological sites lay within the park's boundaries, as well as remnants of a 19th-century U.S. military outpost.

The Farlington Fish Hatchery, below the dam, was built shortly after the lake was completed. Hiking and mountain-bike trails offer recreational opportunities nestled in the regional woodlands. Redbud trees offer spectacular beauty in spring, and the lush foliage of the surrounding forest is a naturalist's delight.

DAYTRIP

WEST MINERAL

A short drive yields visitors a big treat in nearby West Mineral. The former mining community is home to Big Brutus, the largest electric shovel in the world. Weighing in at 11 million pounds and standing 16 stories tall, the out-of-commission shovel remains as a museum dedicated to the history of the coal-mining industry that once shaped the area. www.bigbrutus.org

FISHING

A weekend fishing trip can turn into a serene getaway thanks to Crawford State Park's five modern cabins, which offer many of the comforts of home and beautiful views of the lake. When you're not busy angling for catfish, crappie and bass, head down to the marina restaurant for tasty meals offered throughout the weekend.

HISTORIC BYWAYS

FRONTIER MILITARY HISTORIC BYWAY

Crawford State Park is near the **Frontier Military Historic Byway**. This 167-mile byway runs along the eastern edge of the state, highlighting historical locations with national significance. www.ksbyways.org

WILDLIFE WATCHING

Visitors will find the region is particularly attractive to birds and butterflies, as well as deer, turkey and other woodland species. Spring may be the best time of the year for wildlife viewing at the park.

CROSS TIMBERS STATE PARK

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AMENITIES

LOCATED AT TORONTO LAKE, 12 MILES WEST OF YATES CENTER, SOUTH OF US-54 ON K-105 HIGHWAY, NEAR THE CITY OF TORONTO.



ACCOUNTING FOR 1,075 ACRES IN THE NORTHERN REACHES OF THE PHYSIOGRAPHIC REGION KNOWN AS THE CROSS TIMBERS, THIS PARK PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE 2,800-ACRE TORONTO RESERVOIR.

Those enjoying wildlife watching and nature study will find the park an extraordinary area for their pursuits.

The forested floodplains, surrounded by terraces of prairie and hills of oak savannah, showcase some of the most diverse flora and fauna in Kansas. Picturesque and shaded campsites within easy access of the lake are available for both full RV hookups and primitive camping.

FISHING

Toronto Reservoir is known for producing big crappie and big flathead catfish, but it also provides opportunities for white bass, channel catfish and largemouth bass. In spring, the rocky shorelines and standing timber attract spawning crappie and anglers alike.

RUGGED TRAILS

Hikers and backpackers will feel at home at Cross Timbers thanks to the park's trails. Jogging and mountain biking are popular activities in the area, which includes the Chautauqua Hills Trail, where backcountry camping is allowed by special permit in certain sections.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

The adjacent 4,600-acre Toronto Wildlife Area is a diverse collection of habitats, including forests, grasslands, farmlands and marshes. Species common to the area include white-tailed deer, wild turkey, quail, squirrel, rabbit, dove, waterfowl and raccoon.

STAY

- 4 cabins
- 89 primitive campsites
- 19 standard full hookups
- 8 standard hookups with electric
- 50 standard hookups with electric and water

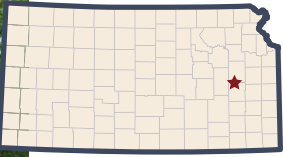
EISENHOWER STATE PARK

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(785) 528-4102 | 29810 S FAIRLAWN RD. OSAGE CITY, KS 66523



LOCATED AT MELVERN RESERVOIR, 30 MILES SOUTH OF TOPEKA, 3 MILES WEST OF US-75 ON K-278.



TRAILS

Don't miss the rapidly growing trails system at Eisenhower State Park. Crooked Knee Horse Trail offers a 20-mile journey for horseback riders. Those looking for a two-wheeled adventure can head down the bike trail near the Five-Star campground.

NAMED AFTER NATIVE SON PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER, THIS 1,785- ACRE PARK FEATURES 1,000 ACRES OF TALLGRASS PRAIRIE, 440 ACRES OF WOODLAND AND A COMPLETE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. The park lies on the north shore of the 6,900-acre Melvern Reservoir, in southern Osage County.

Among the bounty of lodging options, Ike's Shelter House is an excellent area for family reunions within the Jones Family Activity Area. Other recreation facilities include a swimming beach, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, sand volleyball court, picnic shelters, archery trail, kids' fishing pond, fly-fishing pond and an 18-hole disc golf course. Kayak, canoe and dock rentals are available.

The 10,000-acre Melvern Wildlife Area provides a mix of prairie, timber and cropland habitats. Wildlife includes white-tailed deer, eastern wild turkey, bobwhite quail, squirrels, furbearers and waterfowl. Hunting opportunities in the park are available for youth hunters by special permit.



EVENTS

A hot spot like Eisenhower State Park is bound to have popular events throughout the year. Park visitors have enjoyed tie-dyeing parties, ice cream socials and more thanks to the Friends of the Eisenhower State Park. Be sure to check the Events Calendar at ksoutdoors.com.

HISTORIC POINTS OF INTEREST

Eisenhower State Park was once known as Melvern State Park. The name was changed in 1990 to honor President Dwight Eisenhower. The park is located on the eastern edge of the Flint Hills.

FISHING

Melvern Lake is a popular fishing spot where anglers can find walleye, crappie, sauger, white bass, smallmouth bass and channel catfish. Two nine-lane boat ramps make fishing trips an easy getaway at this state park.

STAY

- 7 cabins
- 31 primitive campsites
- 7 shelters
- 37 standard full hookups
- 68 standard hookups with electric
- 81 standard hookups with electric and water

EL DORADO STATE PARK

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(316) 321-7180 | 618 BLUESTEM ROAD EL DORADO, KS 67042

AMENITIES



LOCATED 3 MILES EAST OF EL DORADO ON US-54 AND 1 MILE NORTH.



EVENTS

A large amphitheater with dual stages accommodates a variety of concerts and festivals conducted at the park each year. Visitors have enjoyed live music, a chili cook-off, a tractor-pull and a triathlon. The park regularly updates its Facebook page to keep fans "in the know" about events.

DAYTRIP

EL DORADO
Just a few miles southwest of the park, you'll find the community of El Dorado, with a plethora of attractions. Visit Main Street for shopping and dining, or pop into the Kansas Oil Museum. Creative types will enjoy the El Dorado Main Street Sculpture Program, featuring 16 works of public sculpture downtown. www.360eldorado.com



EL DORADO STATE PARK IS LOCATED ON THE EDGE OF THE SCENIC FLINT HILLS, AND IS KANSAS' LARGEST STATE PARK. EL DORADO'S FOUR AREAS SPRAWL ACROSS 4,000 ACRES ALONG THE EASTERN AND WESTERN SHORES OF EL DORADO RESERVOIR.

Making waves is nothing unusual at El Dorado State Park. Boaters can choose from one of seven boat ramps, as well as facilities at the Shady Creek Marina and Walnut Valley Sailing Club. The 8,000-acre reservoir features approximately 98 miles of rocky shoreline and acres of flooded timber, and is home to excellent populations of crappie, walleye, wiper, white bass, channel catfish, flathead catfish and blue catfish.

Six trails offer outdoor adventure for hikers, bikers and horse riders of all skill levels. The 4,000-acre wildlife area along the shores of the upper end of the reservoir provides hunting opportunities for quail, prairie chicken, deer, turkey, waterfowl and small game.

HORSEBACK

A modern equestrian campground with full-sized arena and attached corrals is open to the public. It offers 23 utility sites with attached corrals, 2 non-utility campsites with corrals and water, 26 non-utility sites, and a reservable shelter near the arena.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

The park area features native prairie and timbered creek bottoms, providing ideal wildlife-watching opportunities for a wide variety of bird species, deer, turkey, furbearers and waterfowl.

STAY

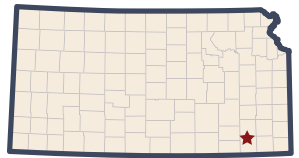
- 10 cabins
- 589 primitive campsites
- 10 shelters
- 165 standard full hookups
- 307 standard hookups with electric and water

ELK CITY STATE PARK

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 (620) 331-6295 | 4825 SQUAW CREEK ROAD INDEPENDENCE, KS 67301



LOCATED
 1 MILE WEST OF
 INDEPENDENCE
 ON US-160, THEN
 2 MILES NORTH
 ON COUNTY
 ROAD 3325.



STAY

- 53 primitive campsites
- 2 shelters
- 14 standard full hookups
- 85 standard hookups with electric and water

FISHING

The world-record 123-pound flathead catfish was taken from Elk City Reservoir. In their quest for trophy fish, anglers can also pursue channel catfish, white bass, crappie, largemouth bass and saugeye. State Park officials hold a free fishing weekend every summer.



INDEPENDENCE

Nearby is the bustling community of Independence. Visitors will enjoy the Little House on the Prairie Museum, a replica of the Ingalls family home. The annual "Neewollah" (Halloween spelled backwards) celebration is in October. The tradition, which began in 1919, features a variety of contests, the Neewollah Queen crowning, 5K and 10K races and much more. Independence also features a host of quaint little shops in its charming downtown area. www.indkschamber.org

DENSE OAK-HICKORY WOODLANDS MEET ROLLING MEADOWS OF BIG BLUESTEM AND INDIANGRASS AT THIS STRIKING 857-ACRE PARK.

The 4,500-acre Elk City Reservoir and 12,000-acre Elk City Wildlife Area adjacent to the state park offer outdoors-lovers ample room to pursue their pastimes.

A nationally-recognized trails system invites visitors to take a closer look at the rich variety of flora and fauna in and around Elk City State Park. Four miles of trails stretch across the state park, which is open year-round. This is where hikers come to enjoy open prairies, wooded hills and limestone bluffs.

Hunters will enjoy the Elk City Wildlife Area, where they will find white-tailed deer, wild turkey, bobwhite quail, cottontail, fox and gray squirrels and prairie chickens. Common furbearers include beaver, raccoon, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, opossum, mink and muskrat.

HIKING

Elk City Reservoir is known for its seven scenic trails, which meander through oak-hickory forest, rock formations and offer spectacular lake and river views. Three of the trails are designated as National Recreation Trails.



This scenic state park is known for events like the Glow in the Park Run, Kids Day and August Bash. Archery enthusiasts also hold events at the park, and teams of participants have enjoyed the horseshoe tournaments in the spring.

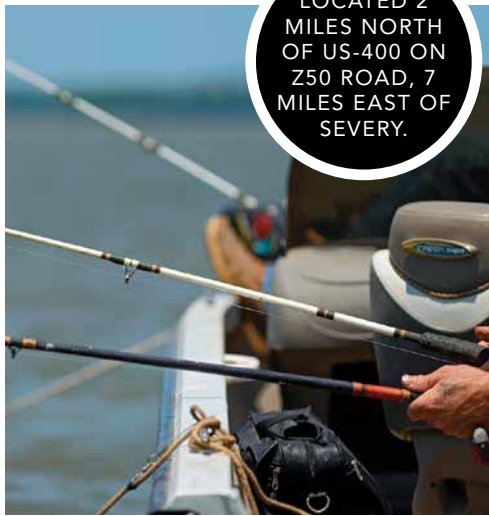
FALL RIVER STATE PARK

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(620) 637-2213 | 2381 CASNER CREEK RD. FALL RIVER, KS 67047



LOCATED 2 MILES NORTH OF US-400 ON Z50 ROAD, 7 MILES EAST OF SEVERY.



POSITIONED IN THE TRANSITION BETWEEN THE CROSS TIMBERS REGION AND THE FLINT HILLS, FALL RIVER STATE PARK IS HOME TO A REMARKABLE DIVERSITY OF PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE. The 1,107-acre park is a unique blend of forested floodplains, blackjack savannahs and tallgrass prairie. Camping, swimming, boating, waterskiing, hiking and picnicking are popular pursuits at Fall River.

A favorite pastime is canoeing Fall River, which feeds into the 2,450-acre reservoir. Bird watchers, photographers and naturalists will enjoy viewing a variety of native plants and animals. An 8,000-acre public wildlife area next to the park is managed for a variety of game and nongame species, including dove, quail, deer, turkey, rabbit, squirrel, waterfowl and prairie chicken.

Fall River offers good fishing opportunities for channel catfish, white bass, crappie, flathead catfish, largemouth bass and walleye. White bass fishing can be excellent during the spring spawning run, particularly in Otter Creek and Fall River above the reservoir.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

Wildlife buffs will feel right at home at Fall River State Park. Visitors can get an up-close view of many species that call the park home, including dove, quail, deer, waterfowl and prairie chicken. Bird watchers and naturalists alike will enjoy the view from the six hiking trails nestled among the native plants.

TRAILS

FALL RIVER may be one of the best off-the-beaten-path adventures you'll find in the region. On the six hiking trails split between Fredonia Bay and Quarry Bay, visitors can enjoy hiking, mountain biking, running and other pursuits. Don't miss the orienteering course.

EVENTS

When darkness settles in, astronomy buffs head to Fall River State Park. Armed with telescopes pointed at the star-filled skies, the Kansas Astronomical Observers host a star party at the end of the summer. It's a feast for the eyes best served from this unique park.

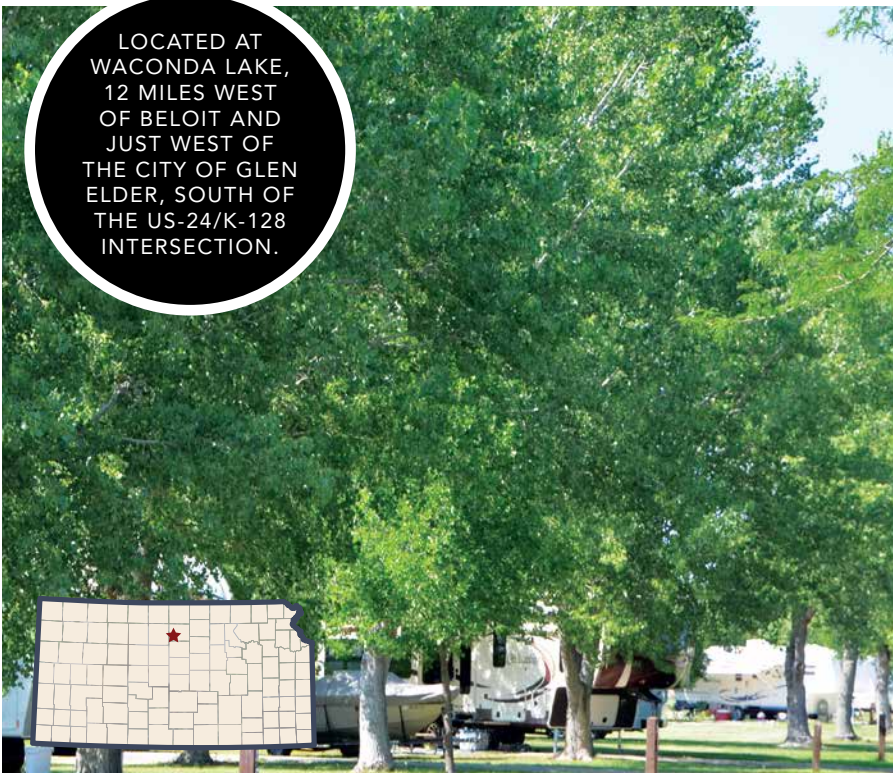
STAY

- 3** cabins
- 53** primitive campsites
- 2** standard full hookups
- 44** standard hookups with electric and water

GLEN ELDER STATE PARK

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(785) 545-3345 | 2131 180 RD. (HWY 24 AND HWY 128 JUNCTION) GLEN ELDER, KS 67446



LOCATED AT WACONDA LAKE, 12 MILES WEST OF BELOIT AND JUST WEST OF THE CITY OF GLEN ELDER, SOUTH OF THE US-24/K-128 INTERSECTION.



LAKESIDE PARK

Take your best swing at nearby Cawker City's Lakeside Park, a pristine nine-hole golf course. Regardless of your score, enjoy the beautiful views of Waconda Lake, located directly off the course. While memberships are available, the public is welcome to pay a small course fee to play nearly year-round.



THE WACONDA SPRINGS REPLICA

overlooking the lake re-creates a mineral spring called Waconda Springs, an ill-fated site of Native American history and Kansas geology that was a gathering place for early Native Americans. The first recorded visit by a non-native was in 1806, when General Zebulon Pike (for whom Pike's Peak is named) visited while enroute to Colorado. The spring was covered by the lake in the 1960s.

The trail to the Waconda Springs Replica begins at the historic Hopewell Church which was built in 1878 south of Beloit. It closed in 1989 and was moved to the park in 1994 where it plays host to occasional weddings. A key is available at the park office.

STAY

- 2 cabins
- 195 primitive campsites
- 3 shelters
- 8 standard with electric hookups
- 99 standard hookups with electric and water
- Boat ramps in Kanza and Osage with ADA courtesy docks



GLEN ELDER STATE PARK IS SITUATED ON THE SHORES OF WACONDA LAKE. The 12,500-acre lake is named for the mineral spring which was covered when the lake was filled. Native Americans called the spring Wakonda, meaning "great spirit."

Anglers will enjoy outstanding crappie; walleye; white, largemouth and smallmouth bass; channel and flathead catfish angling opportunities. The marina (open April through October) offers amenities for anglers and boaters.

Swimming, boating, hiking, volleyball and bicycling accommodations are all available at the park. The Chautauqua Fishing Pond offers easy access for individuals with disabilities and children. The pond is stocked with trout in the winter (a trout permit is required).

The area hosts special youth hunting opportunities for waterfowl, upland birds and deer. The 13,000-acre wildlife area surrounding the lake provides outstanding public hunting opportunities.

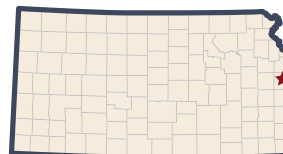


HILLSDALE STATE PARK

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(913) 783-4507 | LAKE ROAD AND HARMONY ROAD PAOLA, KS 66071

LOCATED
BETWEEN SPRING
HILL AND PAOLA,
SOUTHWEST OF
KANSAS CITY ABOUT
3 MILES EAST OF
THE US-169/K-7 AND
255TH STREET
INTERCHANGE



HUNTING

Within the bounds of the wildlife area and the state park, roughly 7,000 acres are open to hunting; trapping is authorized on the wildlife area.

The Hillsdale Range and Training Facility includes a 100-yard rifle range, a 200-yard range, a 50-yard pistol range and a trap/skeet shooting range. hillsdalerange.org

WILDLIFE WATCHING

The Hillsdale Wildlife Area, located across the reservoir, includes nearly 5,000 acres on the northern arms of the Little Bull and Big Bull creeks. See white-tailed deer, bobwhite quail, squirrel, rabbit, beaver, muskrat and a variety of waterfowl. Bird-watchers may spot bald eagles, finches, warblers, sparrows and more.

HILLSDALE STATE PARK OFFERS A BROAD ARRAY OF OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ROLLING HILLS OF EASTERN KANSAS. Campers, anglers, boaters, hunters, swimmers, horseback riders, model-airplane flyers, hikers, naturalists, picnickers, photographers and sightseers all enjoy special opportunities at this picturesque state park.

Horseback riding is a popular activity at Hillsdale, with the Saddle Ridge Equestrian Area on the east side of the reservoir. There is designated area south of the dam for model-airplane flying.

Boating and fishing are popular Hillsdale's activities. The park features a beach area that is open from sunrise to sunset.

When the lake was filled in the early 1980s, more than 70 percent of the standing timber in the lake basin was left to provide fish habitat. As a result, walleye, catfish, largemouth bass, crappie and bluegill are abundant. Fishing is allowed on all 51 miles of shoreline.

TRAILS

Mosey through some of the 48 miles of trails that Hillsdale has to offer. You'll be led through grassy meadows, cedar-dotted prairies, forested hills and deep-wooded valleys. On the east side of the reservoir, the Saddle Ridge Equestrian Area has approximately 32 miles of marked trails available to horseback riders. Outside of this area, horseback riding is available on maintained roads and parking areas.

DAYTRIP

MIAMI COUNTY is known for its picturesque Somerset Wine Trail featuring four distinct Kansas wineries and the Louisburg Cider Mill. Follow the trail and taste delicious wines made with Kansas grapes. For more information, visit Facebook.



STAY

74 primitive campsites

10 shelters

181 standard hookups with electric and water

KANOPOLIS STATE PARK

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LOCATED
ALONG K-141,
ABOUT 5 MILES
NORTH OF
THE K-4/K-141
JUNCTION 16
MILES WEST OF
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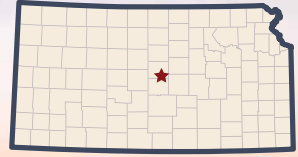
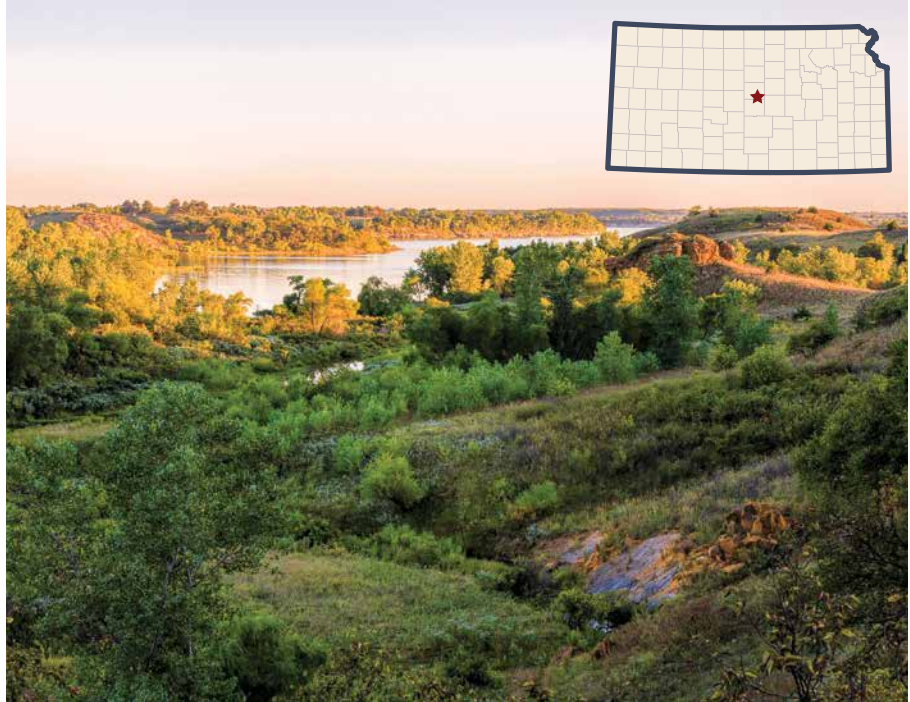
DAYTRIP

THE PRAIRIE TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY takes travelers through Kansas' early days. With stories and landmarks highlighting Native American heritage, pioneers and early traders, the scenery and history of the area is unparalleled.

www.ksbyways.org

TRAILS

KANOPOLIS has 27 miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders. Relax on the Buffalo Track Canyon Nature Trail while observing plants, wildlife and the geology of the canyon. Numbered posts along the trail correspond to numbers in the trail's brochure, available at the park office, providing interesting facts. The Horsethief Trail loops through canyons and trees, the Prairie Trail traverses high prairie and Red Rock Canyon. The Alum Creek Trail takes visitors across vast prairie and through many water crossings. *It can take more than a day to complete some trails on foot.*



STAY

- 6 cabins
- 200 primitive campsites
- 5 shelters
- 16 standard full hookups
- 63 standard hookups with electric
- 54 standard hookups with electric and water

KANOPOLIS STATE PARK IS SITUATED IN THE ROLLING HILLS, BLUFFS AND WOODS OF THE SCENIC SMOKY HILLS REGION OF CENTRAL KANSAS. From the towering Dakota sandstone bluffs to the caves and crevices of Horsethief Canyon, the park and surrounding area offer rugged beauty and stunning vistas.

The park features a full-service marina, beaches, picnic areas, trails for horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking, cabins and campsites. The 3,500-acre Kanopolis Reservoir offers excellent fishing opportunities for white bass, crappie, walleye, saugeye, wiper, largemouth bass and channel catfish.



HISTORIC POINTS OF INTEREST

FORT HARKER
In nearby Kanopolis, visitors can see the remnants of historic Fort Harker, an active military installation from 1866-1872. The fort was one of the most important military stations west of the Missouri River. Three of the original buildings have been maintained as a museum, and include the guardhouse, commanding officers' quarters and junior officers' quarters.

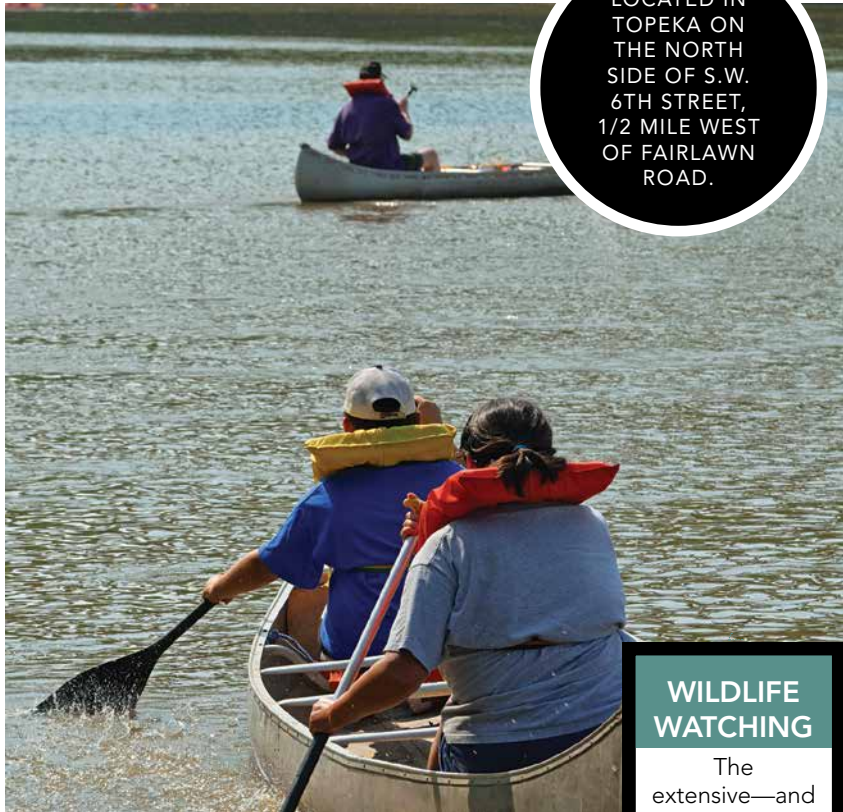
WILDLIFE WATCHING

The Kanopolis Wildlife Viewing Area offers a rare opportunity to find foxes, bobcats, songbirds, wildflowers and more, all in one spot. This 40-acre viewing area has more than half a mile of surfaced ADA-accessible trails circling through a marsh, two ponds, five photo blinds and an observation deck.

Within the Horsethief area of Kanopolis State Park lies an active prairie-dog town.

KAW RIVER STATE PARK

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LOCATED IN TOPEKA ON THE NORTH SIDE OF S.W. 6TH STREET, 1/2 MILE WEST OF FAIRLAWN ROAD.

AMENITIES



PARK HOURS

6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

KAW RIVER STATE PARK IS THE ONLY URBAN PARK IN KANSAS' STATE PARK SYSTEM.

The park property consists of 76 acres of land on the south bank of the Kansas River in west Topeka. The area is mostly hardwood forest overlooking the Kansas (Kaw) River and is adjacent to MacLennan Park and Cedar Crest (the Kansas governor's residence) to the east.

Wildlife species are common in the oak and hickory forest of the area. Eagles and various species of waterfowl can be seen on the river through winter.

Trail usage includes walking, hiking, running and mountain biking. The wide range of trails was designed for erosion protection, sustainability and access. Both double-wide gravel surface trails and dirt-surface single-track trails comprise the system. Combined with MacLennan Park and KTWU property, there is trail access to approximately 340 acres that are open to the public. Some of the remote areas of the park provide interesting natural features and views.

The Kansas River is accessible from a boat ramp and parking area. This river access is available for canoes, kayaks and other small craft. Two miles downstream is Portage Park, which provides a portage around the city water wier (low-head dam). Learn about river conditions and know your skill level and abilities before entering the water.



THE KANSAS RIVER

is a National Water Trail, offering scenic recreational, historic and cultural opportunities for boaters and families of all skill levels. Beginning in Junction City, the river flows to Kansas City where it meets the Missouri River.

www.ksrivertrail.com

WILDLIFE WATCHING

The extensive—and growing—trail system at the Kaw River State Park offers the prospect of spotting deer, turkey, eagles and waterfowl.



The park is in the capital city of Kansas, with its magnificent state capitol building, the Kansas Museum of History, Topeka Zoological Park in Gage Park, and numerous cultural and historic attractions.

www.visittopeka.com

LOVEWELL STATE PARK

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LOCATED ABOUT 4 MILES EAST OF MANKATO, THEN 9 MILES NORTH OF US-36 ON K-14, THEN 4 MILES EAST ON NORTH SHORE ROAD.



STAY

- 9 cabins
- 323 primitive campsites
- 10 shelters
- 28 standard full hookups
- 49 standard hookups with electric
- 78 standard hookups with electric and water

EVENTS

Lovewell hosts several annual events, including a children's fishing clinic, sand castle-building contest, Lovewell Fun Day and 3D archery shoot. The park also offers Campground Christmas in August, when campers festoon their campsites with yuletide decor. Various other special events and fishing tournaments take place each year.

DAYTRIP

The third weekend in September marks the US 36 Highway Treasure Hunt. Enjoy shopping near Mankato during this antique-filled weekend. A few miles east of Lovewell Reservoir and about 8 miles north of US 36 along K-266 is the city of Republic, where you can visit the Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site. Learn about the people of the Pawnee Nation and discover the story of a Pawnee village that existed there in the late 1700s.

www.kshs.org/pawnee_indian

LOVEWELL OFFERS AN INVITING BLEND OF CAMPING, FISHING, WILDLIFE WATCHING AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

The Pioneer Day-Use Area features a playground, sand volleyball court, disc golf course, basketball court and horseshoe pits—ideal for casual visitors. The historic limestone schoolhouse serves as a nondenominational church, hosting church services each Sunday in the summer.

The 2,200-acre Lovewell Wildlife Area invites hunters and wildlife enthusiasts to experience a variety of well-managed habitats.

Lovewell is a haven for those who love the water. The south shore's high bluffs block the summer winds and help calm rough waters on the 2,900-acre Lovewell Reservoir. The full-service marina offers boat rentals and breakfast, lunch and dinner specials. Courtesy docks and boat ramps are available throughout the park. For the land-lubbers, Southwinds Swimming Beach offers plenty of sun and shade.

FISHING

The reservoir is home to quality fishing for walleye, white and largemouth bass, wiper, crappie, bluegill and three varieties of catfish. Once you've caught your dinner, visit Lovewell's lighted, accessible fish-cleaning stations, with outlets for electric knives.

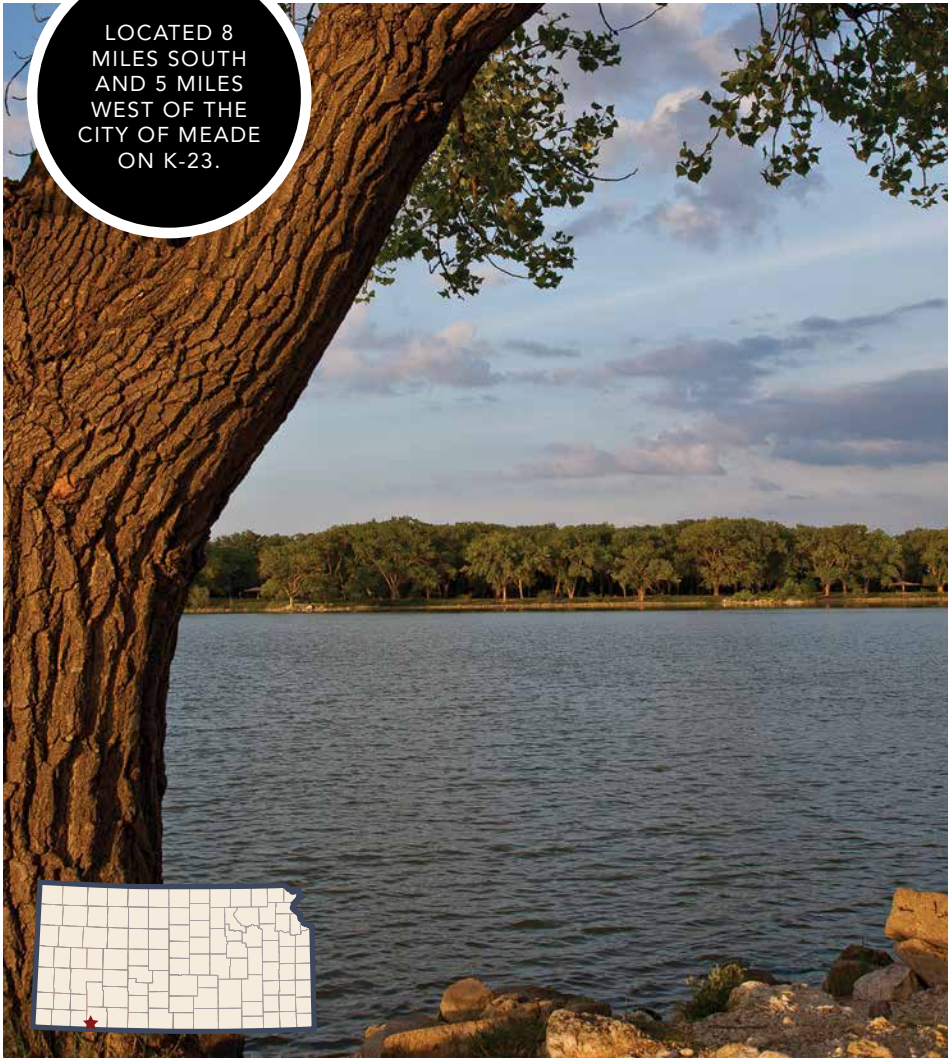
The full-service marina sells bait, tackle and fishing licenses.

MEADE STATE PARK

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(620) 873-2572 | 13051 V ROAD MEADE, KS 67864

LOCATED 8 MILES SOUTH AND 5 MILES WEST OF THE CITY OF MEADE ON K-23.



HISTORIC POINTS OF INTEREST

THE MEADE FISH HATCHERY was constructed in the 1930s and is the only hatchery in southwest Kansas. Today, the hatchery consists of seven lined ponds covering more than 10 surface acres. Intermediate channel catfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye and grass carp are among the fish species cultured at the Meade facility. Tours are available by appointment by calling (620) 873-2701. The best times to see fish are April through June.

GOOD TO KNOW!

Meade State Park hosts Halloween in the Park each year in October. Children are invited to trick-or-treat through the decorated campsites. For those who are brave enough, there also is a “haunted” trail through the woods.

AMENITIES



STAY

- 54 primitive campsites
- 2 shelters
- 42 standard hookups with electric and water

CRAVING AN ESCAPE TO SOUTHWEST KANSAS? Then you'll enjoy Meade—considered an oasis in the shortgrass prairie region of the state.

The park comprises 440 acres of land and recreational facilities situated around the 80-acre Meade State Fishing Lake. This park is ideal for fishing, hunting and nature enthusiasts, but it also includes day-use areas and a swimming beach.

The lake invites anglers to sample excellent fishing for bluegill, crappie, channel catfish and largemouth bass. Boats with motors must only be used for fishing only.

Nature lovers will enjoy identifying various types of trees, grasses, flowers and birds at Meade State Park's nature trail, located on the northwest corner of the lake. Bird watchers enjoy spotting Mississippi kites, redheaded woodpeckers, northern orioles, western kingbirds and the occasional brown pelican. White-tailed deer and turkey vultures also are frequently seen in the surrounding woods.

What it lacks in size, the 360-acre Meade State Park Wildlife Area makes up for in quality and quantity. Hunters often find success with dove and quail, as well as deer, turkey, rabbit and the occasional waterfowl. This wildlife area is a great mixed bag of hunting. Deer may be hunted with any type of legal equipment.

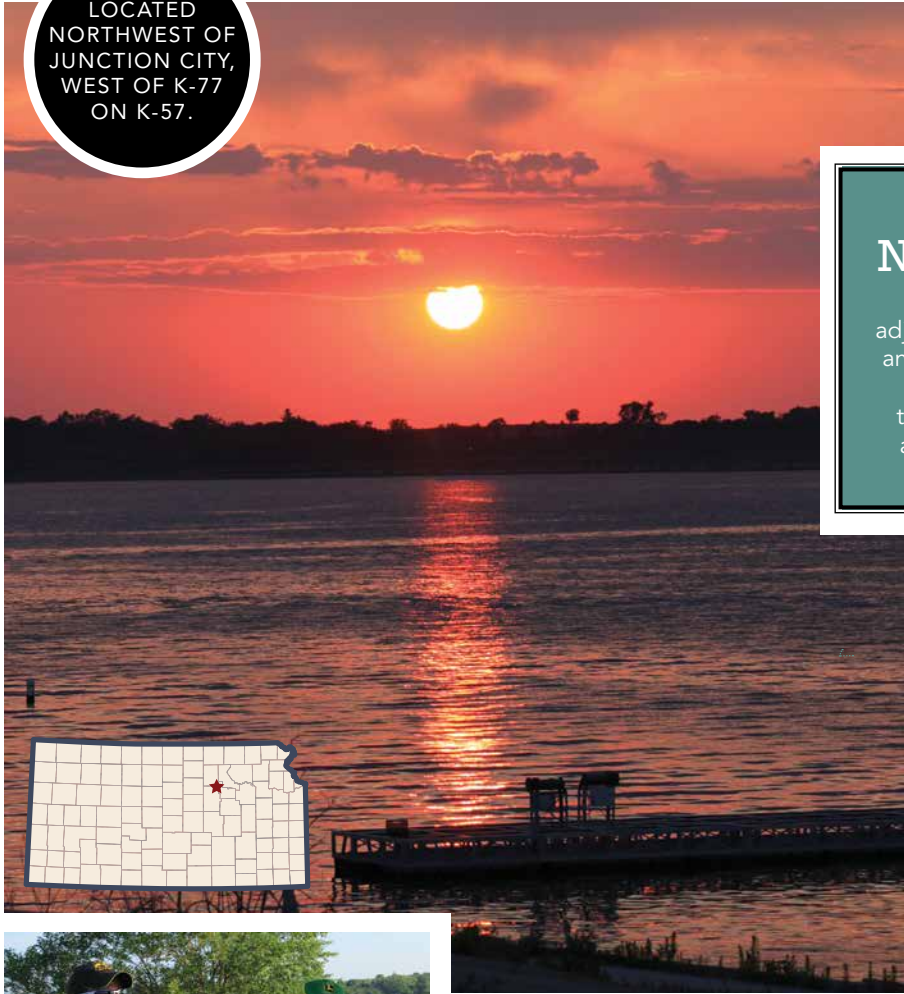
MILFORD STATE PARK

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LOCATED
NORTHWEST OF
JUNCTION CITY,
WEST OF K-77
ON K-57.



MILFORD NATURE CENTER

The Nature Center, located adjacent to the fish hatchery, offers an up-close view of wildlife native to the Flint Hills area. Be sure to check out the outdoor perks as well, such as a prime eagle-viewing spot.

MILFORD FISH HATCHERY

Visit the Milford Hatchery, one of only a few warm-water, intensive-culture facilities in the U.S. Fish eggs are hatched in small containers, and the young fish are grown in fiberglass tanks and concrete raceways. The hatchery also has six one-acre plastic-lined ponds that are used to raise fish.

STAY

10 cabins
103 primitive campsites

14 shelters

51 standard full hookups

90 standard hookups with electric and water



MILFORD STATE PARK IS A FAVORITE GETAWAY ON THE SHORES OF THE STATE'S LARGEST LAKE—16,000-ACRE MILFORD RESERVOIR.

The state park is a popular destination for anglers eager to experience the outstanding fishing available in Milford Reservoir. Walleye, crappie, largemouth bass, white bass, wipers and catfish are plentiful. Milford Nature Center and Milford Fish Hatchery are located below the dam, offering a variety of interpretive exhibits and displays.

Milford is also a popular destination for boating; the park features a large yacht club. The park includes swimming beaches, boat ramps, picnic shelters, a full-service marina and a multi-purpose trails system.

The horse campground is an ideal destination for equestrian enthusiasts, offering 20 campsites with full hookups, covered corrals with lighting and two wash bays.

Whether you're hunting or viewing, the Milford Wildlife Area is packed with all types of native species. Roughly 19,000 acres are available for public access to hunting, wildlife viewing and hiking.

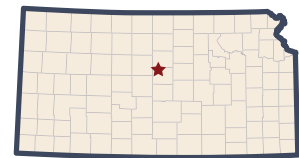


NEARBY JUNCTION CITY is the site of Fort Riley, home to the 1st Infantry Division—the Big Red One. Be sure to visit the U.S. Calvary Museum, Custer House, the Buffalo Soldier Memorial, the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas, Geary County Historical Museum and the 1st Infantry Division Museum. www.junctioncity.com

MUSHROOM ROCK STATE PARK

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(785) 546-2565 | 200 HORSETHIEF ROAD MARQUETTE, KS 67464



EAT

Pretty Boy Floyd's, an underground eatery, pays homage to the famed 1930s gangster in historic Ellsworth. Known for hand-cut steaks, ambiance and delicious cocktails.

DAYTRIP

ELLSWORTH

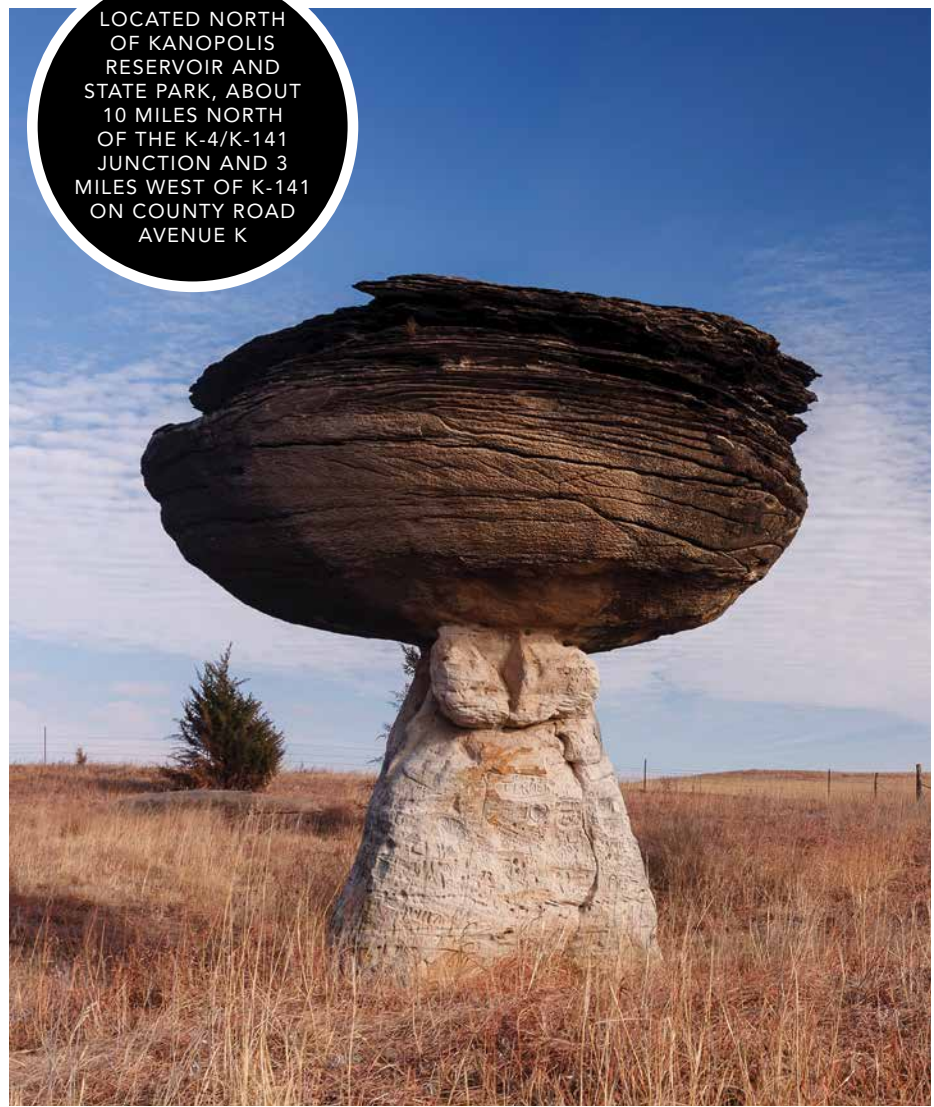
Only 12 miles west of Mushroom State Park, Ellsworth welcomes visitors in fine fashion. Ellsworth was a thriving cowtown in the late 1860s and early 1870s where the likes of Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild Bill Hickok and Wyatt Earp once stayed. The Ellsworth Downtown Historic District is on the National Register of Historic Places. Be sure to visit the National Drovers Hall of Fame, honoring the founders of the great American cattle industry.

HISTORIC BYWAYS

LONG DRIVE

Two Kansas Byways run through the area: the **Prairie Trail Scenic Byway** and the **Post Rock Scenic Byway**. Sharing insight into Kansas' physiographic regions, these picturesque drives also tell a story of Kansas' past. www.ksbyways.org

LOCATED NORTH OF KANOPOLIS RESERVOIR AND STATE PARK, ABOUT 10 MILES NORTH OF THE K-4/K-141 JUNCTION AND 3 MILES WEST OF K-141 ON COUNTY ROAD AVENUE K



TUCKED INTO THE SMOKY HILLS REGION OF NORTH-CENTRAL KANSAS, MUSHROOM ROCK STATE PARK ENCOMPASSES ODDLY-SHAPED SANDSTONE BOULDERS FROM THE DAKOTA FORMATION THAT SEEM TO GROW OUT OF THE GROUND. The sandstone, made of ancient sands and sediments, was deposited along the edge of a Cretaceous sea about 100 million years ago. Over time, mineral deposits cemented together some of the sand, creating large, spherical, harder sandstone forms called concretions. As the surrounding softer rock weathered away, the concretions were left behind and resemble massive mushrooms, the largest of which is 27 feet in diameter.

One of the 8 Wonders of Kansas Geography, this unique area served as a meeting place and landmark for Native Americans and early pioneers such as John C. Fremont and Kit Carson, who called it one of his "favorite little places." The park was donated to the state by the Ellsworth County Historical Society and dedicated in 1965.

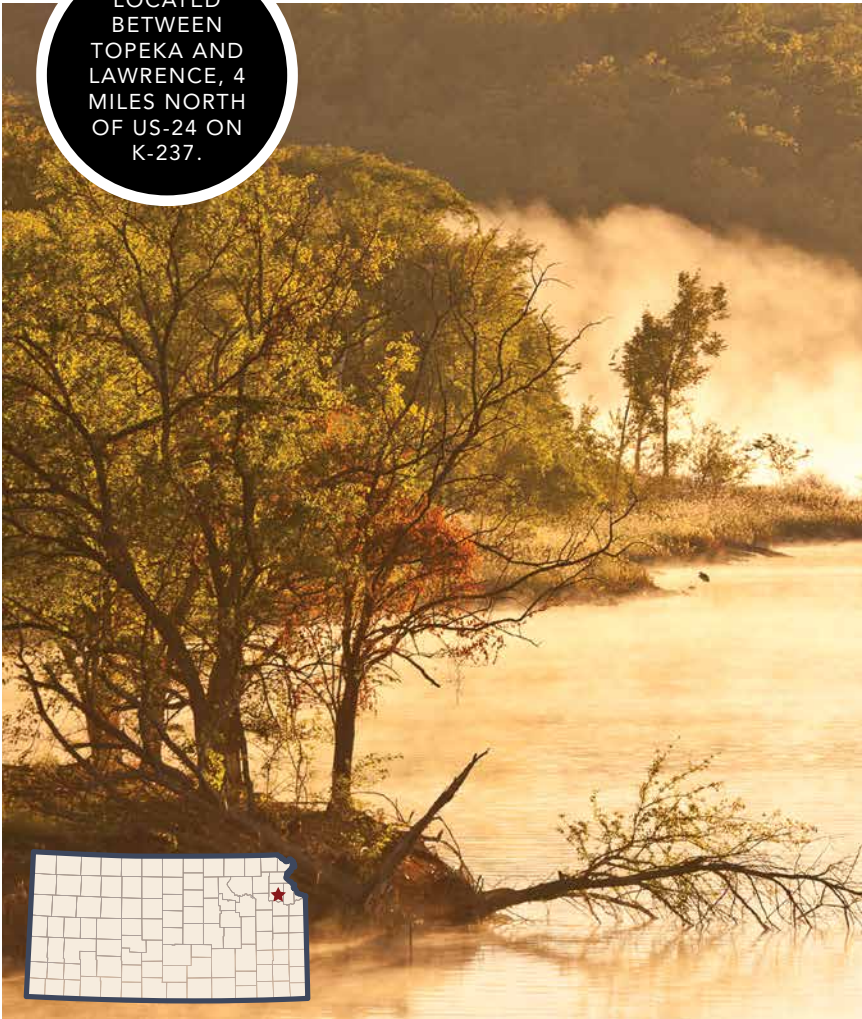
The 5-acre park is designated as day-use only and is a satellite of Kanopolis State Park. There is no camping allowed and no permits are required.

PERRY STATE PARK

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(785) 246-3449 | 5441 WESTLAKE ROAD OZAWKIE, KS 66070

LOCATED BETWEEN TOPEKA AND LAWRENCE, 4 MILES NORTH OF US-24 ON K-237.



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STAY

- 4 cabins
- 9 shelters
- 110 standard hookups with electric and water

DAYTRIP

ROLLING HILLS
Perry Lake, known for its hills and forests, comes with some of the best sights around. Viewers can hike their way into this green oasis, or simply admire the view from their boat. These rolling hills are also home to campgrounds and plenty of recreational shade.

HISTORIC POINTS OF INTEREST

HISTORICAL STOPS
Head to the Old Jefferson Town Historical Museum near Oskaloosa, where an entire re-creation of an antique town has been built. Or stop by Cottonwood Station east of Meriden, a reproduction of an early Kansas town developed and maintained by the Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association, where steam-powered farm equipment can be viewed at different events throughout the year.

NESTLED INTO THE FORESTED HILLS OF NORTHEAST KANSAS, PERRY STATE PARK COMPRISES TWO AREAS COVERING 1,597 ACRES ON THE SHORES OF PERRY RESERVOIR. With the 12,500-acre reservoir and an 11,000-acre wildlife area nearby, this state park is ideal for any outdoor preference.

Perry Reservoir is known for its crappie and channel catfishing. Best angling opportunities for crappie are in the Slough Creek, Rock Creek and Old Town areas. The marshes at Perry Wildlife Area provide early migrant bird hunting, and deepwater areas supply late-season mallard and diving-duck hunting.

Horse lovers can plan for the perfect day trip through Perry Lake's upland forest. These trails were designed specifically for horses, though hiking and biking are also welcome along the designated 16 miles of scenic routes. Plan on one trail for a quick burst of scenery, or take in multiple trails for a more comprehensive tour of the Kansas landscape.

A swimming beach and beach house serve summertime fun-seekers.

HUNTING

Perry Lake offers an extensive supply of wetland due to its location in the floodplains of the Delaware River. This offers a great location for bird-watching, hunting and exploring a wetland environment. White-tailed deer, cottontails, wild turkey, coyotes, raccoons and doves are also common to the area.

POMONA STATE PARK

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AMENITIES



LOCATED 30 MILES SOUTH OF TOPEKA AND EAST OF THE US-75/K-268 JUNCTION, THEN ABOUT 1 MILE NORTH OF K-268 ON K-368, NORTH OF E. 229TH STREET.



WELL-KNOWN BY NORTHEAST KANSAS RESIDENTS FOR SHADY CAMPSITES AND A GREAT FAMILY ATMOSPHERE, THE 490-ACRE POMONA STATE PARK IS LOCATED IN OSAGE COUNTY.

Recreation opportunities at the park abound with camping, picnicking, fishing, boating, hiking and wildlife viewing. Lighthouse Bay Marina provides full services to boaters, anglers, skiers and campers. And four boat ramps are available in the park, providing access to the lake's generally calm waters.

A unique draw, the Southwind Shelter House provides a gathering place for families, friends and coworkers. Reserve this facility for an upcoming event, or stop by its shady porches for a new take on Pomona's amenities. The Southwind Shelter House is available year-round.

RECREATION

When you're not spending time on the water, Pomona State Park offers a number of land-based activities. Visitors can play sand volleyball, horseshoes, disc golf and more. Each activity offers scenic views of the lake and its surrounding natural landscape. Add one or more of these recreations for an extra boost of fun to any Pomona-based trip.

DID YOU KNOW?

The old Santa Fe Trail crossed Kansas a few miles north of Pomona Reservoir, roughly parallel to US-56 highway.

WILDLIFE

Nearby wildlife areas offer upland bird and waterfowl hunting. Bald eagles visit the lake in the winter and are often seen perching in shoreline trees or soaring above the lake. A popular destination for anglers, the 4,000-acre Pomona Reservoir offers some of the best crappie and catfish angling in Kansas, as well as good populations of walleye, white bass and largemouth bass.

DAYTRIP

OTTAWA
Just a 15-minute drive to the east is the historic city of Ottawa, home to a number of sites on the National and State Registers of Historic Places, including the central business district. Be sure to visit the Franklin County Courthouse on the town square and stop by Dietrich Cabin in City Park.



STAY

- 4 cabins
- 310 primitive campsites
- 7 shelters
- 41 standard full hookups
- 93 standard hookups with electric and water

PRAIRIE DOG STATE PARK

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(785) 877-2953 | 13037 STATE HIGHWAY 261 NORTON, KS 67654



LOCATED ABOUT 4 MILES WEST OF NORTON AND 1 MILE SOUTH OF US-36 ON K-261.



STAY

- 4 cabins
- 154 primitive campsites
- 3 shelters
- 13 standard full hookups with electric
- 60 standard hookups with electric and water

DID YOU KNOW?

Kansas is known for its tallgrass prairie in the Flint Hills region; Prairie Dog, however, is known for its shortgrass prairie—where the fields literally stand shorter. Located in northwestern Kansas, this is the perfect spot to view natural grasses and see how they differ from those in the eastern and central parts of the state.

HISTORIC POINTS OF INTEREST

Visitors can see a renovated adobe house, originally built in 1892, one of the last adobe buildings in the country in its original location. The house was preserved by a group of activists during the park's creation. The Hillmon Schoolhouse, which was relocated in the 1960s, can also be seen at Prairie Dog.



PRAIRIE DOG STATE PARK OCCUPIES 1,150 ACRES ON THE SHORES OF KEITH SEBELIUS RESERVOIR AND IS HOME TO A THRIVING PRAIRIE DOG COLONY.

Though the park was named before prairie dogs called the area home, it's now the site of a 300-animal colony about a quarter-mile south of the park office. After reintroduction efforts failed, the species voluntarily found its way to the state park and has been calling its namesake home ever since.

Camping at Prairie Dog State Park will excite the entire family with its natural and historic attractions. A 1.4-mile nature trail complete with interpretive signs is a great place to explore the park and observe wildlife. Two vintage buildings are preserved here, including a one-room schoolhouse and renovated adobe house.

Keith Sebelius Reservoir is well-known for its excellent fishing; anglers have found productive fishing for black bass, wiper, crappie, catfish and saugeye.

The adjacent 6,400-acre Norton Wildlife Area offers good prospects for pheasant, waterfowl, turkey and rabbits. Both white-tailed and mule deer can be found here, as well as a variety of furbearers.

WILDLIFE

Prairie Dog State Park is a great location for animal viewing, with plenty of trees and natural habitat still available.

PRAIRIE SPIRIT TRAIL STATE PARK

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AMENITIES



PRAIRIE SPIRIT TRAIL STATE PARK WAS THE FIRST OF SEVERAL RAIL-TO-TRAIL SITES IN KANSAS. It follows the original bed of the old Leavenworth, Lawrence and Fort Gibson Railroad. Built in the 1860s, it was the first north-south rail line in Kansas.

Prairie Spirit, the only rail trail in the park system, was constructed between Ottawa and Iola between 1996 and 2008. The trail is a unique linear park through three counties in eastern Kansas with eight pocket parks along the way. The Prairie Spirit Trail connects with the 9-mile-long Southwind Rail Trail between Humboldt and Iola. Combined, the trails pass through 10 charming rural communities.

It is a greenway and travel corridor open to pedestrians and bicyclists traversing diverse ecosystems including tallgrass prairie, riparian areas, and agricultural lands and communities.

The trail is a hard-packed limestone screening surface in rural areas while portions of the trail are asphalted through Garnett and Ottawa.

THE END OF THE ROAD

The length of your trip dictates what you should take with you, but experts suggest at least the following: water, sunscreen, helmet, sunglasses, tire repair kit, bug repellent, cell phone. Toilets (flush or pit) are located at each trail head in most of the towns along the way. Visit bikeprairiespirit.com for more insider information.



LOCATED ALONG A FORMER RAIL BED BETWEEN IOLA AND OTTAWA, A DISTANCE OF 51 MILES, WITH THE CITY OF GARNETT AS THE MIDWAY POINT AND THE PARK OFFICE HOUSED IN THE GARNETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

GOOD TO KNOW!

A separate per-person trail pass is required for persons 16 years of age and over, except in the city limits of Iola, Garnett and Ottawa. Self-issue day permits are available at trailheads. Annual permits are available where KDWPT licenses and permits are sold. Camping is not allowed along the trail, but is available near the city of Garnett.



OTTAWA

Ottawa is at the northern end of the Prairie Spirit Trail. Founded in the mid-1800s, the city is rich in history. Be sure to visit the Old Depot Museum and America's oldest cinema, the Plaza Cinema, with its museum of movie memorabilia. The 117-mile Flint Hills Nature Trail intersects the Prairie Spirit Trail in Ottawa. www.visitottawakansas.com



IOLA

The trail's southernmost city is Iola, a town with plenty of rich history. Visitors can see 100-plus year-old buildings. Iola is considered a veteran town, having been founded in 1858, and hosts plenty of eateries and shopping destinations. Don't miss the annual Buster Keaton Celebration in September. The Kansas community is home to the famed silent film actor. www.iolachamber.org



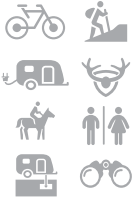
GARNETT

Garnett is at the center of the Prairie Spirit Trail and hosts the park's headquarters in a former Santa Fe Railroad Depot built in 1936. Take time to visit the Walker Art Gallery with its collection of mid-20th century art, the Anderson County Courthouse, the Anderson County Historical Museum and historic homes. www.experiencegarnettks.com

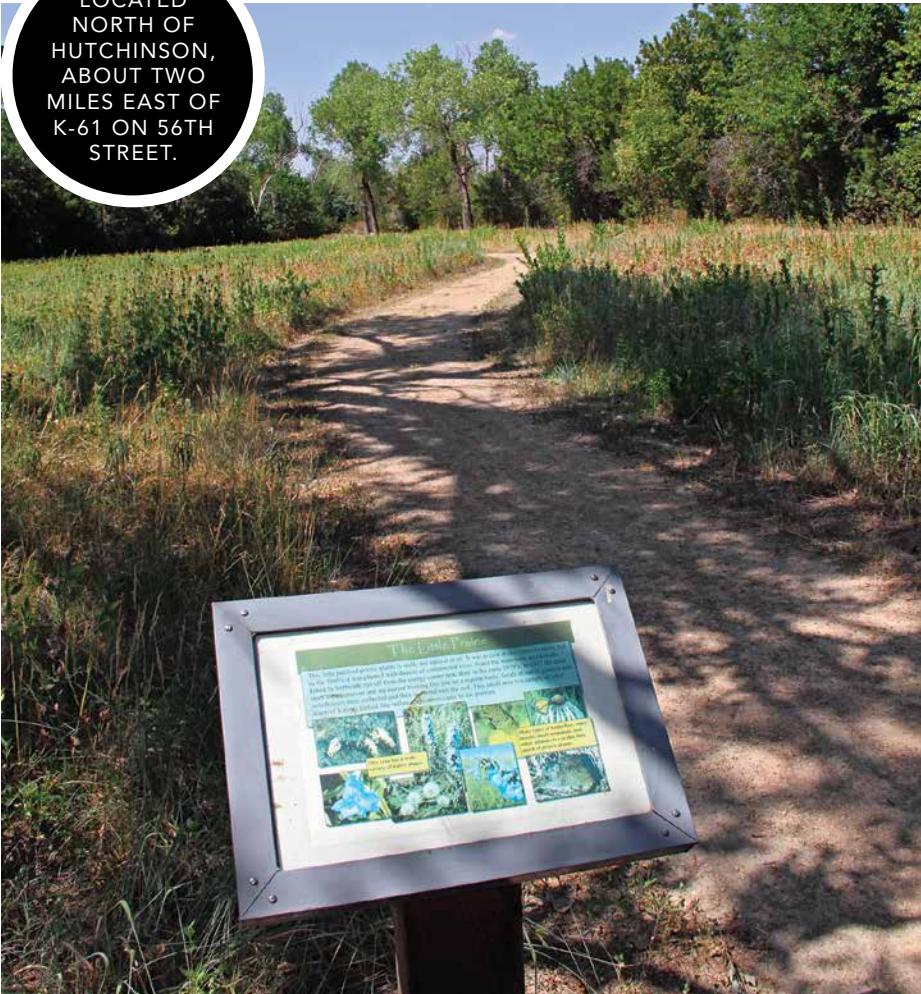
SAND HILLS STATE PARK

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(316) 542-3664 | 4207 E 56TH HUTCHINSON, KS 67502



LOCATED NORTH OF HUTCHINSON, ABOUT TWO MILES EAST OF K-61 ON 56TH STREET.



STAY

- 44 standard full hookups
- 20 standard hookups with water and sewer (Sites have 50-amp service)
- 14 sites with horse pens

DID YOU KNOW?

Head to Sand Hills during the spring or summer for an amazing view of native Kansas wildflowers. Fall can even offer specialty berries or blooms, depending on location. Trails outline some of the best places to see blooms, while a rogue walk can offer even more unique plants in their natural environment.

A UNIQUE NATURAL AREA, SAND HILLS STATE PARK IS A WILDLIFE WATCHER'S DELIGHT. Located near Hutchinson in Reno County, the park features excellent trails that wind through 1,123 acres of sand dunes, native prairie, wetlands and woodlands.

The most popular activities at Sand Hills are hiking and horseback riding. Sand Hills offers five horse-friendly trails, varying from 1.2 to 3.8 miles. Horses can also be kept at specially marked campground areas so visitors can pack in multiple days of riding fun. Or, keep the horses in provided pens while enjoying additional activities such as wildlife watching.

Archery deer and turkey hunting and upland game hunting are available, but only by special permit.

DAYTRIP

Two must-see experiences are in nearby Hutchinson. The Kansas Cosmophere and Space Center is a stunning Smithsonian-affiliated space museum tracing the story of space flight. www.cosmo.org. From the depths of space to spaces underground, cap your daytrip at the Kansas Underground Salt Museum: Strataca by immersing yourself in a cavernous salt mine museum 650 feet below Hutchinson. www.underkansas.org.

WILDLIFE BLINDS

Get an up-close-and-personal look at all types of wildlife with Sand Hills' specialty blinds. Visitors can enter areas that are made to mimic natural habitats while simultaneously camouflaging human interference. With the use of these sophisticated blinds, onlookers are given an easy view into the lives of birds, mammals and more.

SCOTT STATE PARK

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(620) 872-2061 | 101 WEST SCOTT LAKE DRIVE SCOTT CITY, KS 67871



STAY

- 2 cabins
- 80 primitive campsites
- 2 shelters
- 7 standard full hookups
- 50 standard hookups with electric and water

LOCATED ABOUT 11 MILES NORTH OF SCOTT CITY, WEST OF US-83 ON K-95.



HIDDEN IN THE WESTERN KANSAS PRAIRIE, SCOTT STATE PARK IS AN ASTONISHING OASIS OF NATURAL SPRINGS, DEEP WOODED CANYONS AND CRAGGY BLUFFS. The 1,020-acre park surrounds the 100-acre, spring-fed Scott State Fishing Lake. Visitors enjoy a swimming beach and playground. A concessions building stocks camping and fishing supplies during the summer. Canoe and paddleboat rentals are available seasonally.

Rich in history, the park hosts the remains of the northernmost pueblo in the U.S.—El Cuarteletejo. The park is an ideal setting for camping, boating, swimming, hiking and fishing. A horse camp area provides amenities for equestrian visitors.

Nature trails accommodate hikers, equestrian riders, naturalists, mountain bikers and provide excellent opportunities to observe wildlife in natural habitats. Wild turkey, deer, bobcat and beaver are all common in the area.

CRAGGY BLUFFS

Located in western Kansas, Scott Lake is home to breathtaking craggy bluffs, which offer incredible views—whether looking upon or from the jagged rocks. It's a great stop for photos and it's a landmark that other lakes simply can't provide.

BYWAYS

WESTERN VISTAS HISTORIC BYWAY Take the family wagon out for a long drive along the **Western Vistas Historic Byway**. The region surrounding the byway features unique rock formations and is a fossil hunting paradise.

POINTS OF INTEREST

EL CUARTELEJO is what remains of the only known Native American pueblo in Kansas. The adobe and stone foundation is all that has survived. The pueblo was built by the Taos in 1664 and was last occupied by the Picurie. No Native Americans occupied the pueblo after 1706, although Spanish and French forces lived there occasionally for the subsequent 20 years.



HISTORIC POINTS OF INTEREST

STEELE HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

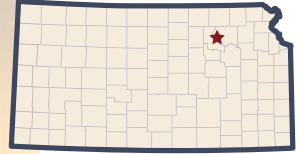
Visit this 100-plus year-old historic home inside the park. The Steele home was built by the area's original settlers and still stands strong today. The Herbert Steele family donated their land in 1928 in order to make the state park a reality.

TUTTLE CREEK STATE PARK

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(785) 539-7941 | 5800 A RIVER POND ROAD MANHATTAN, KS 66502

LOCATED ABOUT 2 MILES NORTH OF MANHATTAN, EAST OF K-177 (TUTTLE CREEK BOULEVARD).



SHOOTING RANGE

The state-of-the-art Fancy Creek Shooting Range is open the first and third weekends of the month. Fancy Creek is east of the town of Randolph, about ½-mile east and ½-mile north of the junction of US-77 and K-16.

STAY

11 cabins
501 primitive campsites

23 shelters
8 standard full hookups

44 standard hookups with electric

159 standard hookups with electric and water

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LOCATED NEAR MANHATTAN, THE HOME OF KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, TUTTLE CREEK STATE PARK OFFERS VISITORS A WIDE VARIETY OF OUTDOOR RECREATION POSSIBILITIES AND PLENTY OF ROOM TO ROAM.

Tuttle Creek Reservoir, the state's second largest impoundment, has 12,500 acres of water and about 100 miles of rugged, wooded shoreline to explore.

Four areas comprise the 1,250-acre park featuring camping hiking, fishing and more. Numerous nature trails, mountain-biking trails and a scenic equestrian trail offers a variety of routes to experience the Flint Hills.

Excellent channel catfish and flathead fishing is available in the lake and in the river above and below the lake. Fair numbers of bass, crappie and saugeye are also present. The 12,000-acre wildlife area adjacent to the park offers excellent hunting and wildlife watching.

The River Pond area offers rentals of canoes, kayaks and paddleboats for use on River Pond. Families shouldn't miss the scenic picnic areas, an 18-hole disc golf course, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and an archery range.

DISCOVER

FLINT HILLS

Tuttle Creek is in the Flint Hills, a massive natural grassland area with natural rock terrain, tallgrass prairie and views galore. Be sure to visit the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, where state-of-art exhibits and stunning audio-visual presentations showcase the natural history of these native grasslands.

TRAILS

MOUNTAIN-BIKING TRAIL

Tuttle Creek's surrounding land is home to one of the steepest mountain-biking trails in the state. In fact, riders travel from all across the country to try out the Kansas trail with mountainous terrain. Competitions are held throughout the year, and bikers may ride this professional-grade path year-round.

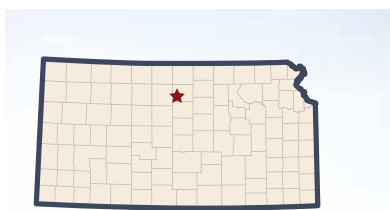
WEBSTER STATE PARK

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LOCATED ABOUT 40 MILES NORTH OF HAYS AND 8 MILES WEST OF STOCKTON, JUST SOUTH OF US-24.



WEBSTER STATE PARK OFFERS A PRAIRIE SETTING OF ROLLING HILLS AND SPACIOUS SKIES. The park, encompassing nearly 880 acres, covers two tracts on the shores of Webster Reservoir.

Recreational opportunities include swimming beaches, a sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, playgrounds and a hiking trail.

Five boat-ramp lanes and three courtesy docks offer boaters ample launch points. Pleasure-boating, fishing, waterskiing and windsurfing are popular activities at Webster. Anglers will enjoy casting a line for walleye, wiper, largemouth bass, crappie, channel catfish and flathead catfish.

The 8,018-acre Webster Wildlife Area is home to white-tailed and mule deer, pheasants, quail, waterfowl, wild turkey, squirrels and numerous songbirds.

DAYTRIP

KIRWIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Webster State Park is about 20 miles south of Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge, which offers abundant opportunities to watch prairie wildlife. A visitor center is located about 6 miles east of the town of Glade on K-9 highway and is open Monday-Friday. Be sure to bring binoculars and a camera!

www.fws.gov/refuge/Kirwin/

WATER SPORTS

Webster Reservoir is known for its water sport opportunities. Visitors can ski, tube, windsurf, boat and more on the lake's gorgeous waters. There is plenty of room for these recreational favorites, making them safe for all involved.

AMENITIES



STAY

- 2 cabins
- 155 primitive campsites
- 12 shelters
- 1 standard full hookup
- 10 standard hookups with electric
- 82 standard hookups with electric and water



WILSON STATE PARK

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(785) 658-2465 | #3 STATE PARK ROAD SYLVAN GROVE, KS 67481

LOCATED ABOUT 44 MILES WEST OF SALINA, THEN 5 MILES NORTH OF I-70 ON K-232.



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BYWAYS

SMOKY HILLS

Wilson Reservoir features a rugged shoreline punctuated by scenic cliffs and rocky outcrops. The park is a landmark on the **Post Rock Scenic Byway**, which runs from Wilson north along K-232 to Lucas. Take time to drive the post rock-lined route and be sure to spend time in Lucas, the Grassroots Art Capital of Kansas.

www.ksbyways.com

TRAILS

Plan a day or overnight hike on the acclaimed Dakota Trail. Well-maintained gravel trails offer magnificent wildlife views and a unique perspective on the nearby lake. Users can also learn about the area with informative signs along the way. The Switchgrass Bike Trail offers bicyclists a scenic 24-mile route that has earned the distinguished Epic status from the International Mountain Bicycling Association. Cedar Trail in the Otoe area is a handicapped-accessible, 3/4-mile loop with a concrete surface.

STAY

- 6 cabins
- 90 primitive campsites
- 3 shelters
- 4 standard full hookups
- 37 standard full hookups with electric
- 99 standard hookups with electric and water



SET IN THE SCENIC SMOKY HILLS REGION OF KANSAS, WILSON STATE PARK PROVIDES CONVENIENT ACCESS TO ONE OF THE STATE'S PRIME WATER-RECREATION AREAS.

The park's 945 acres consist of two areas—Hell Creek and Otoe—both situated on the south side of the 9,000-acre Wilson Reservoir.

Water and boating enthusiasts will find Wilson ideal for water sports, including waterskiing, jet-skiing, boating, fishing, sailing and even windsurfing. Lake Wilson Marina is a full-service marina, and anglers can gear up at Knotheads Bait & Tackle Shop, located on the east side of South Shore.

Wilson State Park is an ideal location for viewing and photographing wildlife, including deer, bobwhite quail, waterfowl and numerous songbirds and migratory birds. The adjacent 8,000-acre Wilson Wildlife Area offers an array of hunting opportunities. Famous for its striped bass and walleye fishing, Wilson attracts thousands of anglers each year.

CZECH FESTIVAL

For more than 50 years, the city of Wilson has honored its Czech roots with a weekend festival. The last weekend in July, visitors can enjoy authentic foods, activities and more. Favorites include the Battle of the Bands, polka music, car smashing and Czech dancing.

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[IMPORTANT INFO]



Scott State Park



AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Aquatic nuisance species are animals and plants not native to Kansas that can threaten lake and river ecology, harm native or desirable species and interfere with our economy. They often “hitchhike” with unsuspecting people.

HELP STOP AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES...

- **CLEAN—DRAIN—DRY:** Boats & equipment – every lake and river, every time
- **DON'T MOVE LIVE FISH:** Between bodies of water or up streams
- **DON'T DUMP BAIT IN THE WATER OR DRAINAGE DITCHES:** Discard it on dry land or in approved receptacle

BEFORE LEAVING ANY BODY OF WATER:

- **CLEAN—**Inspect and clean anything that comes in contact with the water, including boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, boots and waders, etc. Remove any zebra mussels, other animals, mud, plants and other debris before leaving the area.
- **DRAIN—**Empty all water from engines, livewells, bilges, bait buckets and every other conceivable space or item that can hold water before leaving the area. Dump live bait on dry land or at bait disposal sites, not into the lake or stream. Never move live fish between bodies of water or up streams.
- **DRY—**Dry all equipment for 5 days before using it again. If you need to use it sooner, wash it with 140-degree water (retail car washes are OK; so is a 10% water/chlorine solution or hot saltwater) before using your equipment in another body of water.

IT IS AGAINST STATE AND FEDERAL LAW TO RELEASE ANY EXOTIC SPECIES IN KANSAS WATERS. It is illegal to transport certain species in Kansas. Protect yourself and your natural resources. Livewells and bilges must be drained and drain plugs removed from all vessels being removed from waters of the state before transport on a public highway.

Learn more about aquatic nuisance species and take the ANS Awareness Course at www.ProtectKSWaters.org

NON-NATIVE SPECIES POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO KANSAS WATERS. If you find one of these species, do not release it back into the water. Contact the Emporia Research Office at (620) 342-0658 or your local KDWP office. For more information visit www.ProtectKS Waters.org.



WHITE PERCH

- The possession of live white perch is prohibited. Dead white perch may still be possessed or used as bait on the waters where they were taken.
- White perch have been associated with declines in both walleye and white bass populations.
- They out-compete native fishes for food and space.
- They hybridize with white bass.
- On the white perch, the spiny and soft dorsal fins are connected; both fins pop up when the spiny dorsal is manually erected.



ZEBRA MUSSELS

- Zebra mussels have been discovered in a number of Kansas lakes, streams and rivers, and they are easily spread if clean, drain and dry practices are not followed.
- Zebra mussels filter vast quantities of water, which alters the entire food web within a water body. Although this filtering action may clear up the water in some instances, the clear water will often lead to algae blooms that are harmful to people. The clear water can also allow UV rays to damage fish eggs.
- They can reach high densities, causing problems to water intakes, docks and boat motors. Nationwide expenditures to control zebra mussels in industrial plants alone are estimated at more than \$300 million per year.

- Their sharp shells can cut the unprotected skin of people or pets. Shoes or other protective clothing are recommended when wading in zebra mussel-infested water.
- All aquatic users need to do their part to prevent the spread of zebra mussels to other waters in Kansas. Follow the clean, drain and dry procedures on page 38 and tell others how to prevent the spread of zebra mussels.



ASIAN CARP

- Asian carp include bighead, silver and black carp species.
- Bighead and silver carp can be found in the Kansas, Missouri, Wakarusa, and Big Blue rivers and their tributaries. Fish may not be transported live from these waters.
- These fish are highly adaptive, prolific spawners, and they directly compete with other fish for food and space.
- Silver carp pose a physical danger to boaters because of their leaping ability.



NEW ZEALAND MUD SNAIL

- The New Zealand mud snail (NZMS) has not been reported in Kansas, but it is considered a priority species because of its late 2004 introduction into Colorado.
- Mature New Zealand mud snails average 5mm (2/10 inch) in length and have brown or black cone-shaped shells with five whorls.
- NZMS disrupt the food chain by consuming algae in the stream and competing with native bottom-dwelling invertebrates. A population crash of invertebrates can follow the introduction of NZMS, reducing fish forage. With a decrease in food availability, fish populations may decline.

- Mud snails are able to withstand desiccation and a variety of temperatures, and are small enough that many types of water users (anglers, swimmers, pets) could inadvertently transfer this nuisance species. It takes only one snail to start an infestation.



FERTILE GRASS CARP

It is illegal to possess or import fertile grass carp.

SALT CEDAR (TAMARISK)



- Salt cedar is a small tree or shrub that produces pink flowers May through October and can be found in nearly half of Kansas counties.
- It forms dense thickets and dramatically changes vegetation structure and animal species diversity.
- It accumulates salt in its tissues which is later released, making soil unsuitable for many native plants.
- Infestations of salt cedar can reduce or eliminate water flow in streams.
- Its leaves, twigs and seeds are extremely low in nutrients and as a result very few insects or wildlife will use them.

EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL

- Eurasian water milfoil forms dense mats on the water's surface.
- It reproduces by fragmentation, and plant fragments can be transported by boaters.
- It will shade out native vegetation and reduce oxygen levels during decomposition.
- Eurasian water milfoil forms a dense canopy that hinders recreational activities.



[PROGRAMS]



Elk City State Park



The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism offers a variety of outdoors skills, ethics and environmental education programs. Programs include:

- Hunter, furharvester and bowhunter education
- Boating education
- Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW)
- Kansas Archery in the Schools
- Angler education
- Pass it On

Programs enhancing the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Kansas natural resources include:

- Museums and nature centers
- Kansas Eco-Meets
- Outdoor Wildlife Learning Sites (OWLS)
- Wildlife Education Materials
- In-service Workshops

MUSEUMS AND NATURE CENTERS

Learn about the wildlife and natural history of Kansas through displays, dioramas, and exhibits when you visit the following museums and nature centers. You might even experience a close encounter with the native birds, fish, mammals, and reptiles of Kansas.

- Milford Nature Center and Fish Hatchery, Junction City
- Great Plains Nature Center, Wichita
- Prairie Center, Olathe
- Wetlands Education Center, Great Bend
- Southeast Kansas Nature Center, Galena
- Pratt Education Center and Fish Hatchery, Pratt

BECOMING AN OUTDOORS-WOMAN (BOW)

“Becoming an Outdoors-Woman” is a workshop focused on learning outdoor skills—skills usually associated with hunting and fishing, but useful for many pursuits. The workshop, designed for women 18 years of age and older, is a chance to learn about orienteering, backpacking, camping and boating.

Workshops occur in the fall and spring—often at Rock Springs 4-H Center south of Junction City. Workshops take place over a weekend, beginning at noon on Friday. The weekend is divided into four blocks of instruction. During each instructional period, there are 6-10 courses offered; participants register for one choice in each time period. Each session offers options that focus on each of three areas: shooting and hunting, fishing and non-harvest activities, such as canoeing, camping or orienteering.

Pre-registration is required.
www.ksoutdoors.com/services/education.

O.K. KIDS DAYS

In cooperation with the Kansas Wildscape Foundation, many state parks host an Outdoor Kansas Kids Day during the summer, often in conjunction with a free park entry day. O.K. Kids Days activities can include fishing derbies, fishing clinics, archery, hiking, outdoor cooking, nature watching and many other outdoor adventures that encourage kids to get outside and explore, learn about nature and get active. Contact an individual state park for information about their O.K. Kids event.

The Kansas Wildscape Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving and perpetuating the land, the wild species, and the rich beauty of Kansas for the use and enjoyment of all. To learn more about the Kansas Wildscape Foundation, visit www.kansaswildscape.org.

AMERICORPS

The Kansas Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team serves the state by performing environmental service projects in state parks and local communities. Their program focus is in three areas: to assist emergency management agencies at disaster sites in response and restoration efforts; to restore, develop and mitigate the loss of environmental resources within public managed lands; and to develop new partnerships in outdoor recreation and form outreach support groups through public presentations and education to schools, civic groups and local governments.

For more information on AmeriCorps, visit www.americorps.gov.

[RESOURCES]



KANSAS FISHING FORECAST

www.ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Fishing-Forecast
Here's a tool that answers every angler's most pressing question: "Where can I find the best fishing?"

The annual **Kansas Fishing Forecast** will tell you just that, providing forecasts and fishing prospects in public waters throughout the state. The *Fishing Forecast* helps anglers select lakes that will most likely provide the best opportunity to catch the kind and size of fish they prefer. The information is formulated from data collected by fisheries biologists through annual lake monitoring.

The *Kansas Fishing Forecast* is released by late February. Copies are available at KDWPT offices and online.



FISHING REPORTS

www.ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Fishing-Reports
Want to know where the fish are biting? One of the most popular and useful tools is the **Fishing Report** posted online. These reports complement the fishing forecast and offer more timely information for anglers.

Updated by KDWPT fisheries biologists, these reports provide the biologists' insights on fishing conditions at many department-managed lakes. Information includes a general rating of what the fishing is like (poor to excellent), as well as the size range of fish being caught and a description of successful baits, methods and locations. Information is included for each species of sportfish in a given lake. Water temperatures and lake elevations are also included, along with tips from biologists.

Another online resource is the *Public Fishing Reports* blog. Anglers can post comments to the regional blogs to share fishing accounts and tips.



The annual **Hunting Regulations Summary** comes out in September and outlines the latest regulations and seasons for hunters and furharvesters, as well as providing species information and other essential things to know before you hunt.



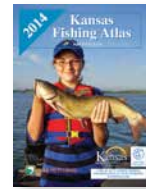
KANSAS FISHING REGULATIONS SUMMARY

The **Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary** booklet summarizes important regulations and essential laws for anglers. It also features state park information and detailed regulations for each body of water managed by KDWPT. The book lists contact information for district fisheries biologists, and regional supervisors. A listing of game warden contacts is also included.



KANSAS HUNTING ATLAS

Although hunting opportunities are limited in state parks, many are close to state wildlife areas where hunting is allowed. Each year, KDWPT publishes three helpful information sources that are essential for hunters and furharvesters. The **Spring Turkey and Fall Hunting Atlases** pinpoint both public hunting areas and Walk-In-Hunting Access (WIHA) locations—private properties leased by the state for public use.



KANSAS FISHING ATLAS

The **Kansas Fishing Atlas** pinpoints a variety of public fishing areas geographically, including Fishing Impoundment and Stream Habitats (FISH) waters.

F.I.S.H. waters are privately-owned ponds or streams that KDWPT has leased and opened to public fishing. Each map also shows all federal reservoirs, state fishing lakes, river access and community lakes. The atlas assists anglers in locating various fish species. The atlas can be downloaded from www.ksoutdoors.com or found at most KDWPT offices and license vendors.

MAGAZINES & GUIDES

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism publishes multiple magazines and guides offering information, photos and helpful tips for adventurers with a wide range of interests.



KANSAS! magazine is published quarterly and highlights the breathtaking variety of things to do, attractions

to visit, dining and lodging opportunities, and amazing events for Kansas travelers.



Kansas Wildlife and Parks magazine, published bimonthly, shares stories and photographs about the Kansas outdoors touching on camping, fishing, wildlife watching or hunting. Subscribe to **KANSAS!** magazine at kansasmag.com and to *Kansas Wildlife and Parks* magazine at ksoutdoors.com/Outdoor-Store.



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Plan your stay with the **Official Kansas Travel Guide**. Get information on things to do, places to eat and stay, and attractions not to be missed. Pick up your free *Kansas Travel Guide* at state park offices, Travel Information Centers or log on to www.TravelKS.com to request a copy.

[EVENTS]

MANY STATE PARKS EITHER HOST, OR ARE THE SITE OF, A VARIETY OF SPECIAL EVENTS EACH YEAR. They include activities for children and families, wildlife watching and outdoor sports tournaments. Events and schedules may vary from year to year. Be sure to contact a particular state park for up-to-date information on their events, or check the Event Calendar online at ksoutdoors.com.

WINTER

DECEMBER

- Try winter camping with a stay at a state park cabin

JANUARY

- First Day Hikes at select state parks
- Eagle Days at Tuttle Creek, Perry, Clinton and Milford state parks

FEBRUARY

- Enjoy a winter break in the warmth of a state park cabin
- Polar Plunge, Tuttle Creek State Park
- Spring Fling Bike Race Series, Clinton State Park

SPRING

MARCH

- Open houses and Free Entrance Days at many state parks
- Irish Road Bowling, Clinton State Park
- Spring Fling Bike Race Series, Clinton State Park
- Animal Show-n-Tell, Clinton State Park

APRIL

- Trail runs, bike races and marathons
- Fishing tournaments
- Kansas UltraRunners Society 16th Annual Rockin' K Ultramarathon Trail Run at Kanopolis State Park
- Free State Trail Marathon & 1/2 Marathon Run, Clinton State Park
- Special Olympics Fishing Tournament, Clinton State Park
- Women on Target, Tuttle Creek State Park

MAY

- O.K. Kids Days
- Fishing tournaments
- Capital Campout, near Kaw River State Park
- Cardboard Boat Races at Milford State Park
- Disc Golf tournament at Tuttle Creek State Park
- Women on Target, Tuttle Creek State Park
- Heartland Coursing Association Dog Trails, Clinton State Park
- Antique Tractor parade, Glen Elder State Park

SUMMER

JUNE

- Celebrate National Trails Day at a state park
- O.K. Kids Days, Prairie Dog State Park
- Fishing clinics, various parks
- Annual Youth Fishing Tournament, Glen Elder State Park
- Country Stampede at Tuttle Creek State Park
- Kids' Day at the Range, Tuttle Creek State Park

JULY

- Wish America a happy birthday with fireworks and other events at select state parks
- Sand Castle Contest at Lovewell State Park
- Veterans and family reunion at El Dorado State Park
- Wakonda Indian Festival, Glen Elder State Park

AUGUST

- Fishing Tournaments
- O.K. Kids Days
- Campground Christmas, Lovewell State Park
- Manhattan Triathlon, Tuttle Creek State Park
- Float Your Boat, Milford State Park
- Lovewell Fun Day, Lovewell State Park

FALL

SEPTEMBER

- Youth/ADA Deer Hunt, Tuttle Creek State Park
- Youth Deer Hunt, El Dorado State Park
- Bike race, Wilson State Park
- Lawrence Trail Hawks Hawk Hundred Trail Run, Clinton State Park
- Fall River Mountain Man Rendezvous, Fall River State Park
- Country Music Jamboree at Crawford State Park
- Women on Target, Tuttle Creek State Park
- 3D Archery Shoot, Lovewell State Park
- The Country Music Jamboree and Chili Cook-off, Crawford State Park

OCTOBER

- Fishing tournaments
- Mountain bike races
- Monster Myths by Moonlight at Milford State Park
- Neewollah, Elk City State Park
- Dutch Oven Cookout, Tuttle Creek State Park
- Prairie Long Rifles Rendezvous at Mulberry Campground, Kanopolis State Park

NOVEMBER

- Youth Pheasant Hunt, Glen Elder State Park

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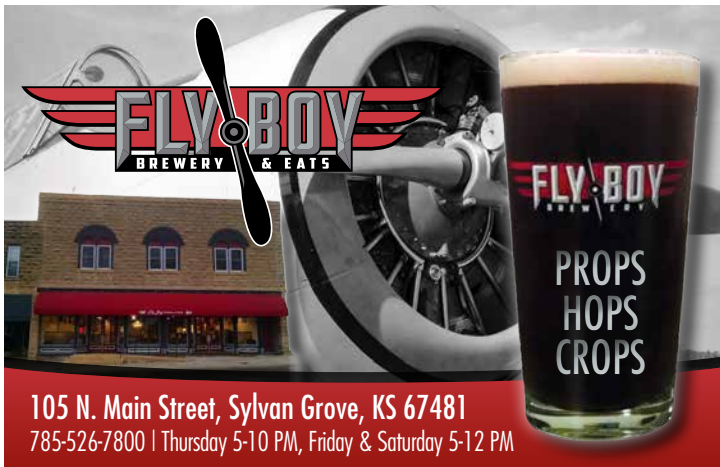
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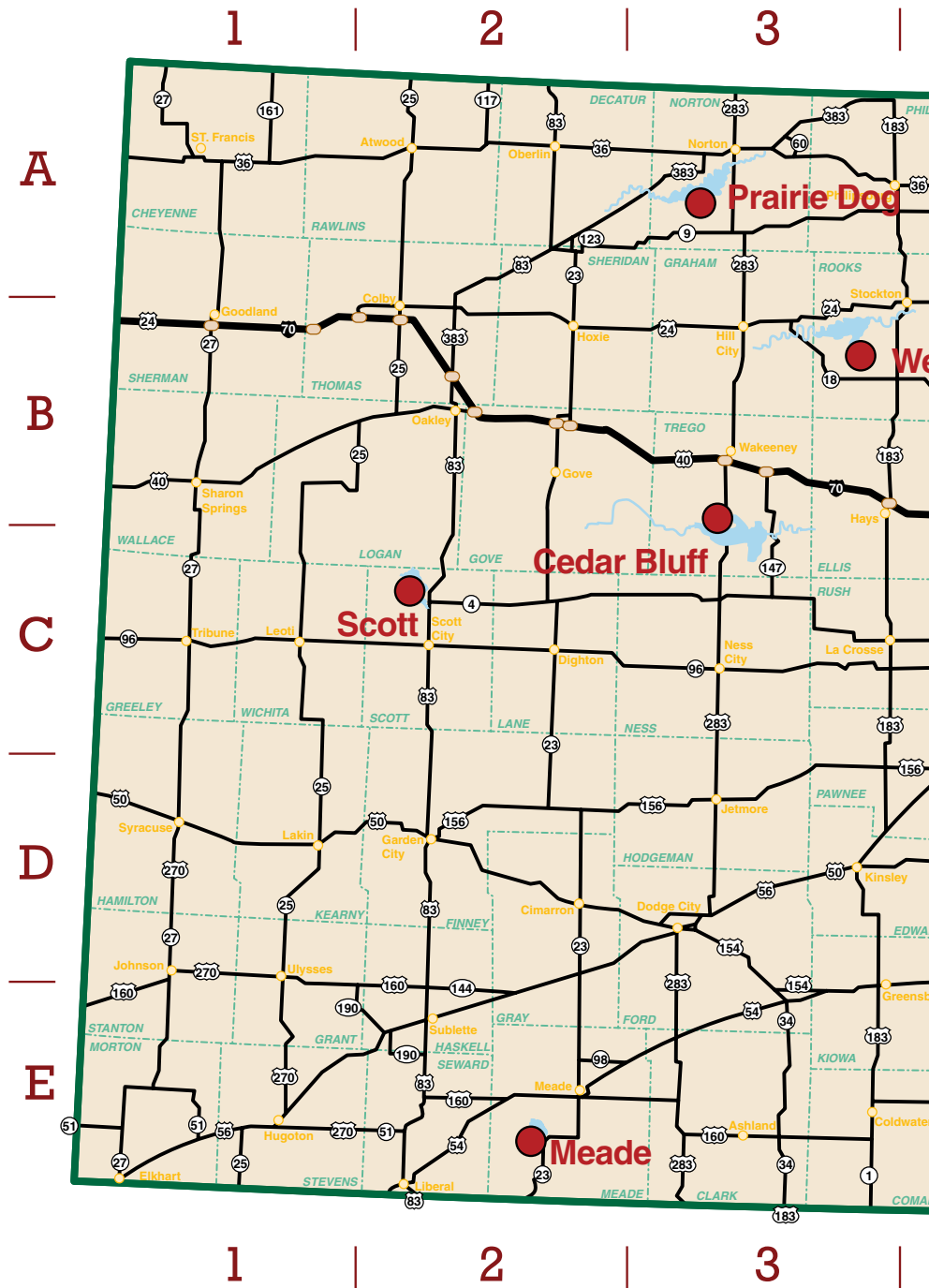
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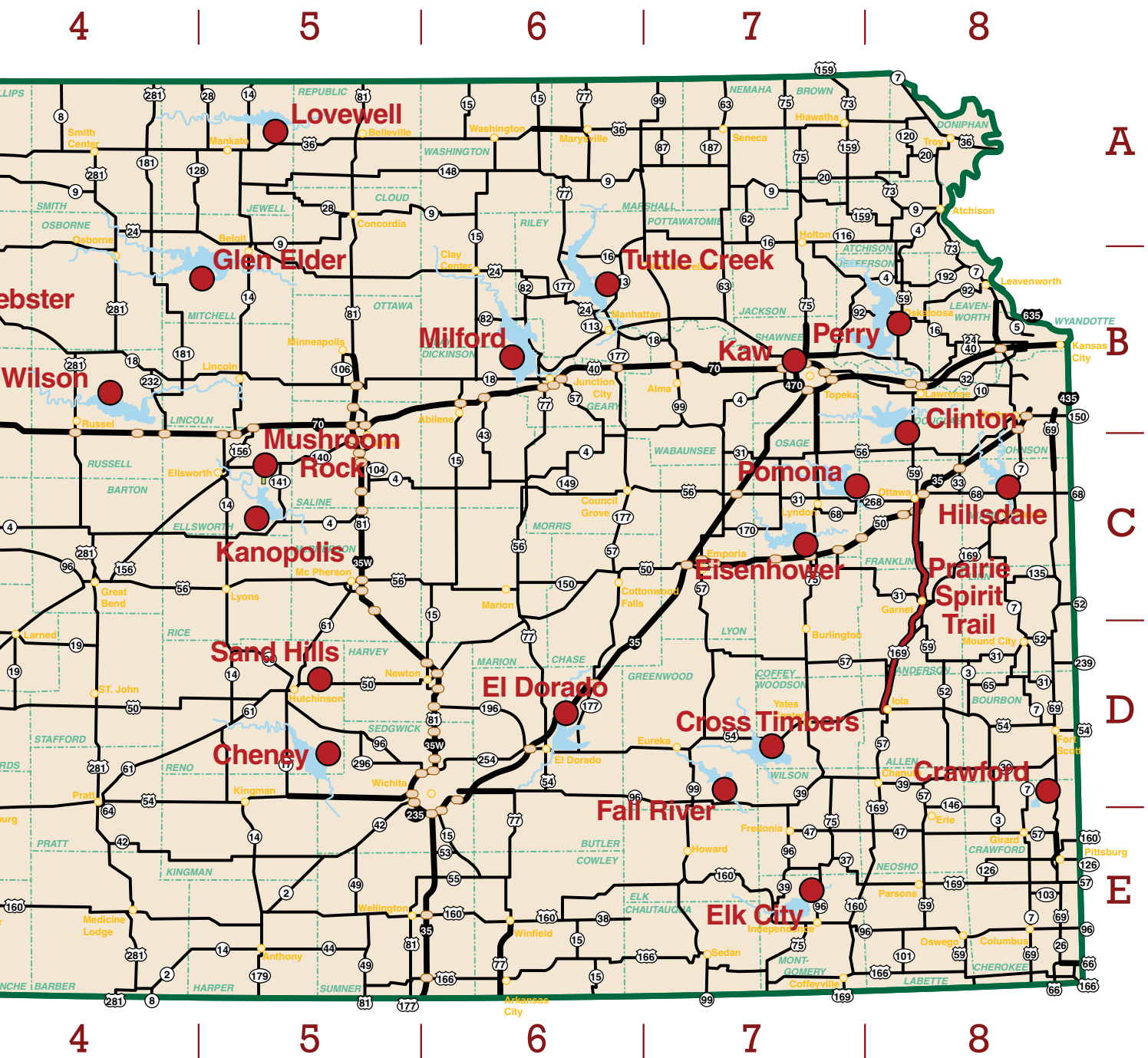
[MAP OF KANSAS]

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| Cedar Bluff – B/C3 | Crawford – D8 | El Dorado – D6 | Glen Elder – B5 | Kaw River – B7 |
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