

# HAMILTON

The 332-acre area is located in the short grass prairie of western Kansas. The property is composed of a 90-acre lake bed, 242 acres of upland short grass prairie surrounding the lake

bed, 12 acres of riparian timber and 226 acre conservation easement.

The primary management of the area is directed toward public hunting. However, when water is

present, fish are stocked as soon as possible to supply a fishing opportunity. Camping, hiking and bird watching are also common activities on the area.

## FISHING

When enough water is present to support prolonged fish survival, the department makes every effort to stock the lake with channel catfish, largemouth bass and sunfish. In most cases the lake is stocked with catchable size fish to supply an instant fishing opportunity. This practice is dependent on availability of large fish. Contact the department to get current information about the lake. Visitors should check written regulations or posted information on creel limits or public lands regulations.

Although Plum Creek has a few small springs on the upper end of the property, the lake is completely dependent on runoff for any water it receives. As this area of Kansas only receives 18 inches of precipitation annually, the lake does go dry occasionally. In most years, the body of water present is a shallow pool in the lake bottom, and several beaver dams at the upper end of the property.

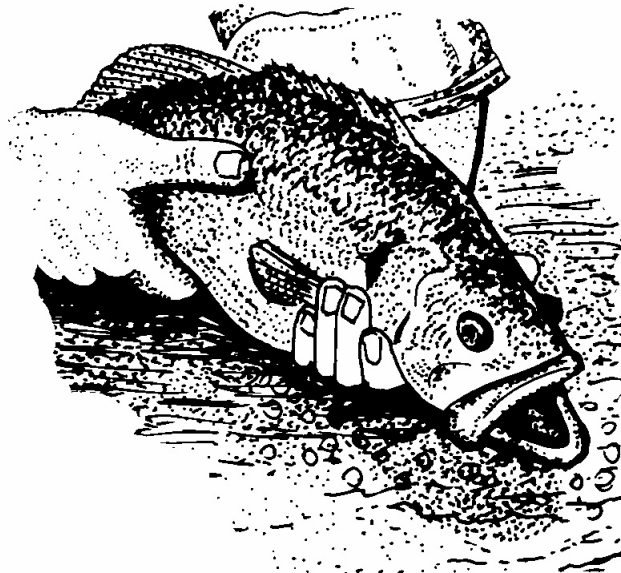
## WILDLIFE AREA

The area offers a wide variety of game species including mule deer, white-tailed deer, pheasants, jackrabbits, cottontail rabbits, mourning doves, ducks, geese and several species of furbearers. Food plots are established annually on the upper end of the property. Hunters should check written regulations or posted information for current laws and regulations.

Camping is allowed, but only primitive facilities are available on the area. Facilities are limited to a single vault toilet. Open fires are not allowed on the area.

## CONSERVATION EASEMENT

In 1990, a 50-year conservation easement was granted for 226 acres of CRP grassland. The easement allows for public access to this property until the year 2040. Public access is limited to foot traffic only, and all regulations governing the adjacent wildlife area are in effect on the easement. Access to this property is by way of the wildlife area.



## THINGS TO REMEMBER

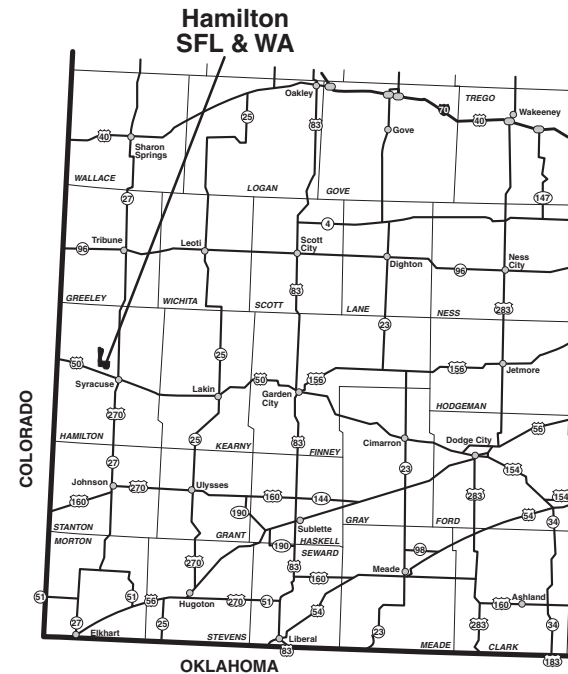
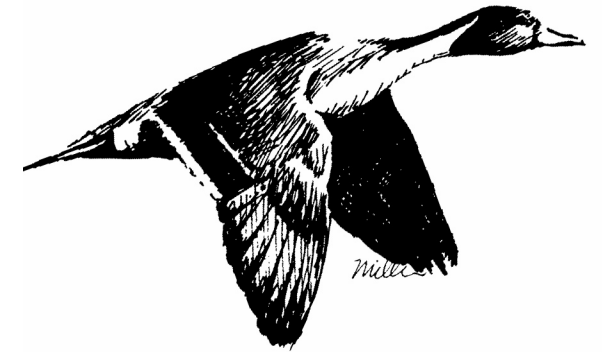
Vehicles are permitted on maintained roads only.

Primitive camping is permitted, but please take your trash with you.

Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area. Special regulations may be in effect.

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## State Fishing Lake & Wildlife Area



General Area Map

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# HAMILTON STATE FISHING LAKE & WILDLIFE AREA

## LEGEND

Wildlife Area	
Dam	
Hamilton County Conservation Easement	
Gravel Roads	
Entrance	
Parking Area	
Information Center	
Boat Ramp	
Vault Toilet	
Low Water Crossing	
Beaver Ponds	