

COUNCIL GROVE

Council Grove Reservoir is located on the Neosho River 1.5 miles northwest of Council Grove. The reservoir was constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) in 1964.

The dam impounds 3,235 surface acres at conservation pool. The wildlife area consists of 2,638 acres of land and water at the upper end of the reservoir and is managed by the Kansas

Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT).

For more information about COE public use areas please call (620) 767-5195.

FACILITIES

Boat launching facilities are available at most of the Corps of Engineers parks and public use areas. KDWPT has boat launching sites and handicap accessible fishing in the Munkers Creek and Neosho River areas near the upper ends of the reservoir. A privately owned mari-

na is located in the Marina Cove area.

The Corps of Engineers Park areas have electrical and water hookups, dump stations, hiking trails, bathhouses, and drinking water. A public fish cleaning station is also located in the Marina Cove area.

FISHING

The lake has steep rocky shorelines and shallow mudflats. Two good fishing streams, Munkers Creek on the east and the Neosho River on the west, feed the lake. The lake has fair to excellent populations of crappie, channel catfish, flathead catfish, white bass, wiper and saugeye. A few largemouth and spotted bass are also taken.

Crappie fishing picks up in early April in the channel of Munkers Creek and the Neosho River above the lake and along the face of the dam. The best crappie fishing usually occurs during spawning periods. Small gravel-bottomed coves and the church camp peninsula are often the best locations.

White bass spawn upstream during mid to late April

in both Munkers Creek and the Neosho River above the reservoir. Casting jigs or spinners while wading near gravel bars is the best method to catch them.

Pole and line fishing along the mudflats and on the west side of the church camp point is good for catfish. Fishing for channel cats is best in the streams above the reservoir when they are rising after rain.

Spawning occurs between March and April for saugeye. The best area is along the face of the dam within 25 feet of the shore. Most fish are taken on jigs or fin-type lures, either from the dam or a boat.

Special length and creel limits may be in effect. Check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices prior to fishing.

each year depending upon lake habitat and ice conditions.

Council Grove Wildlife Area is also open to the hunting and trapping of furbearers. Prominent populations include beaver, raccoon, coyote, and bobcat.

Many non-game wildlife species also inhabit the area and can provide good viewing opportunities.

Some firearm restrictions apply, so hunters are encouraged to consult area maps before planning a trip. Hunting is subject to applicable state and federal wildlife regulations, and is only permitted in areas marked "public hunting." Hunting is not allowed within area parks.

HUNTING

Council Grove Wildlife area is comprised of approximately 2,000 acres of public hunting land surrounding Council Grove Reservoir. The area also features nearly 500 acres of Corps of Engineers (COE) public use areas open to hunting, as well.

In addition to primarily woodland habitat, the wildlife area also features small scattered tracts of native grass, agricultural crops, and annual grasses and forbs. These habitats support good populations of turkey, deer, and squirrel, as well as fair populations of quail, dove, and rabbit. The reservoir can also host good numbers of waterfowl

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area.

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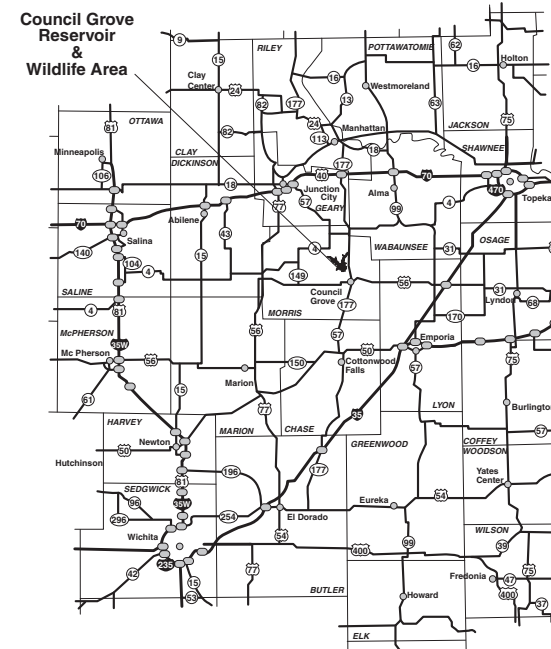
Aquatic nuisance species have been discovered in Council Grove reservoir. Lake users are reminded to take precautions, before leaving the lake, to prevent their spread into other waters.

Vehicles may be driven only on maintained roads and parking areas. Off-road vehicle use is prohibited.

Camping is not permitted on the wildlife area. Excellent camping opportunities are available at the Corps of Engineers parks.

Target practice is not allowed on the area.

Digging pit blinds is prohibited. Blinds must be portable and temporary, or made of natural materials found at the blind site.

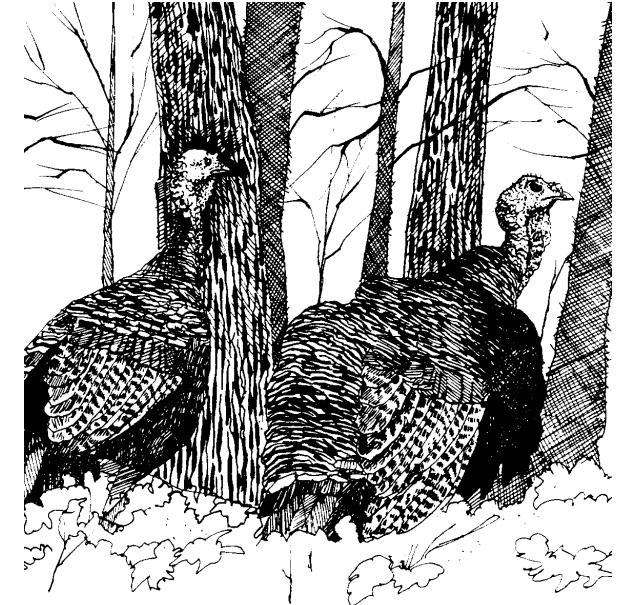


General Area Map

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Reservoir & Wildlife Area



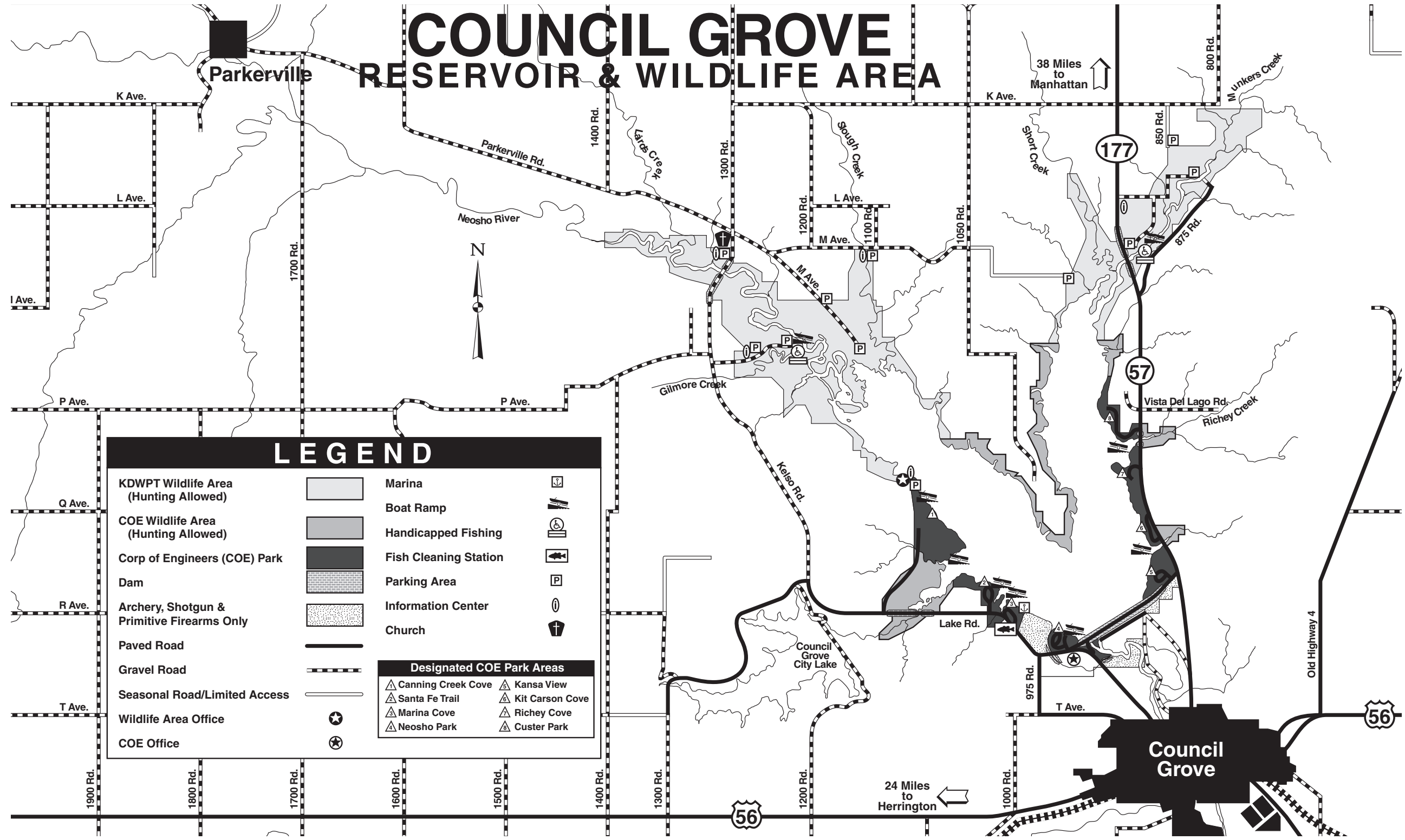
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COUNCIL GROVE RESERVOIR & WILDLIFE AREA



LEGEND

KDWPT Wildlife Area (Hunting Allowed)		Marina	
COE Wildlife Area (Hunting Allowed)		Boat Ramp	
Corp of Engineers (COE) Park		Handicapped Fishing	
Dam		Fish Cleaning Station	
Archery, Shotgun & Primitive Firearms Only		Parking Area	
Paved Road		Information Center	
Gravel Road		Church	
Seasonal Road/Limited Access		Designated COE Park Areas	
Wildlife Area Office		Canning Creek Cove	Kansa View
COE Office		Santa Fe Trail	Kit Carson Cove
		Marina Cove	Richey Cove
		Neosho Park	Custer Park

38 Miles to Manhattan ↑

24 Miles to Herrington ←

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