

MIAMI

The Miami State Fishing Lake is a 118-acre lake bounded by 149 acres of timbered hill-sides and the Marais des Cygnes River. The lake is located approximately 4 1/2 miles west of Highway 69 on 359th Street and then about 4 miles south on Somerset Road.

The lake dates back to 1931, when it was first built as a 90-acre duck marsh by a sportsmen organization. In 1941, the Kansas Fish and Game Commission purchased

the lake and 152 acres of land to manage as a state fishing lake. The lake has undergone several major renovations. In 1972 the lake was drained and rebuilt to impound 118 acres of water with a boat ramp and fourteen fishing piers. In 2000 the lake underwent major repairs to the dike. A new water control structure, restroom, courtesy dock and parking area were added. Improvements were also made to the boat ramp.

While the lake was drained for

the most recent repairs, fisheries habitat work was underway in the basin. Over 250 trees and brush piles were anchored in the lake. Construction crews excavated a series of borrow pits in the lake bottom to obtain fill for the dam. Borrow pits varied in size and depth, with some exceeding 15 feet deep. Most borrow pits were very steep sided and canyon-like. These structures were left in the basin to diversify basin topography.

FISHING

The fishery at Miami State Fishing Lake was renovated in 2001. Renovation efforts included removal of existing fishery, habitat construction, and fish stockings to create a new fishery.

Initial stockings included largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, and black crappie. This array of species should please a wide variety of anglers from novice to expert.

Management efforts strive to maintain an all purpose fishery. One that has good fishing for largemouth bass, panfish, and channel catfish. Special regulations are in effect to maintain a quality fishing. Anglers are advised to acquaint themselves with these special regulations, which are listed in the fishing regulations posted at the lake.

WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Wildlife using the lake and adjacent timbered hill-sides include a variety of waterfowl, song birds, furbearers, squirrel, deer, bobcat, coyote, and quail. Hunting is

permitted by legal means during set seasons. Steel shot is required for all waterfowl hunting.

CAMPING

A concrete boat ramp, a courtesy dock, fourteen earthen piers, and vault toilet are available for fishermen and campers. Primitive camping is permitted on the earthen piers. Campers are reminded to take trash

with them when they leave. Miami State Fishing Lake is open to boating for fishing purposes only.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Visitors are encouraged to consult posted notices on the area for current fishing regulations and other important information.

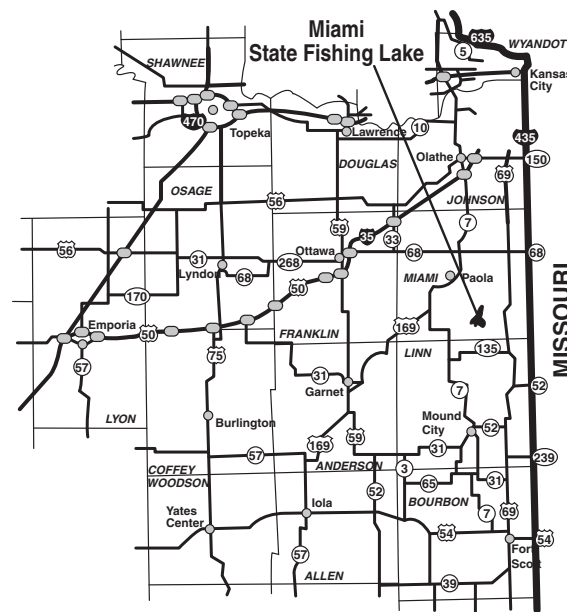
A NO TRASH POLICY is enforced so visitors must take their trash with them when they leave.

Motor vehicles are restricted to established roads and parking areas.

Set lines are prohibited at Miami State Fishing Lake.

Special length and creel limits may be in effect for some fish. Check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices before fishing.

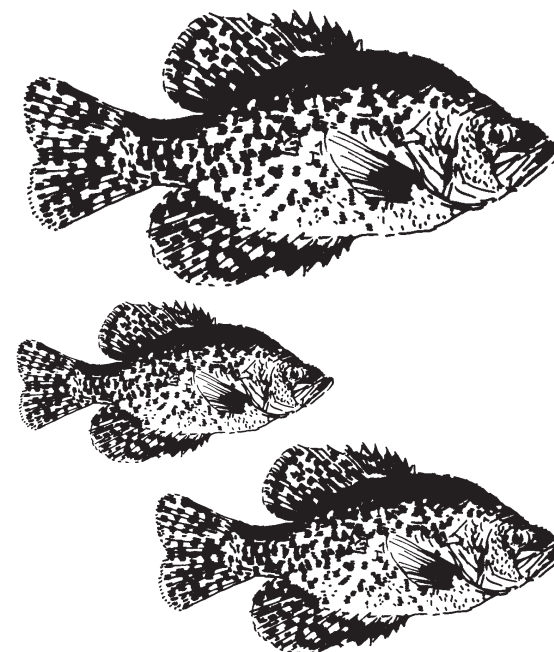
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General Area Map

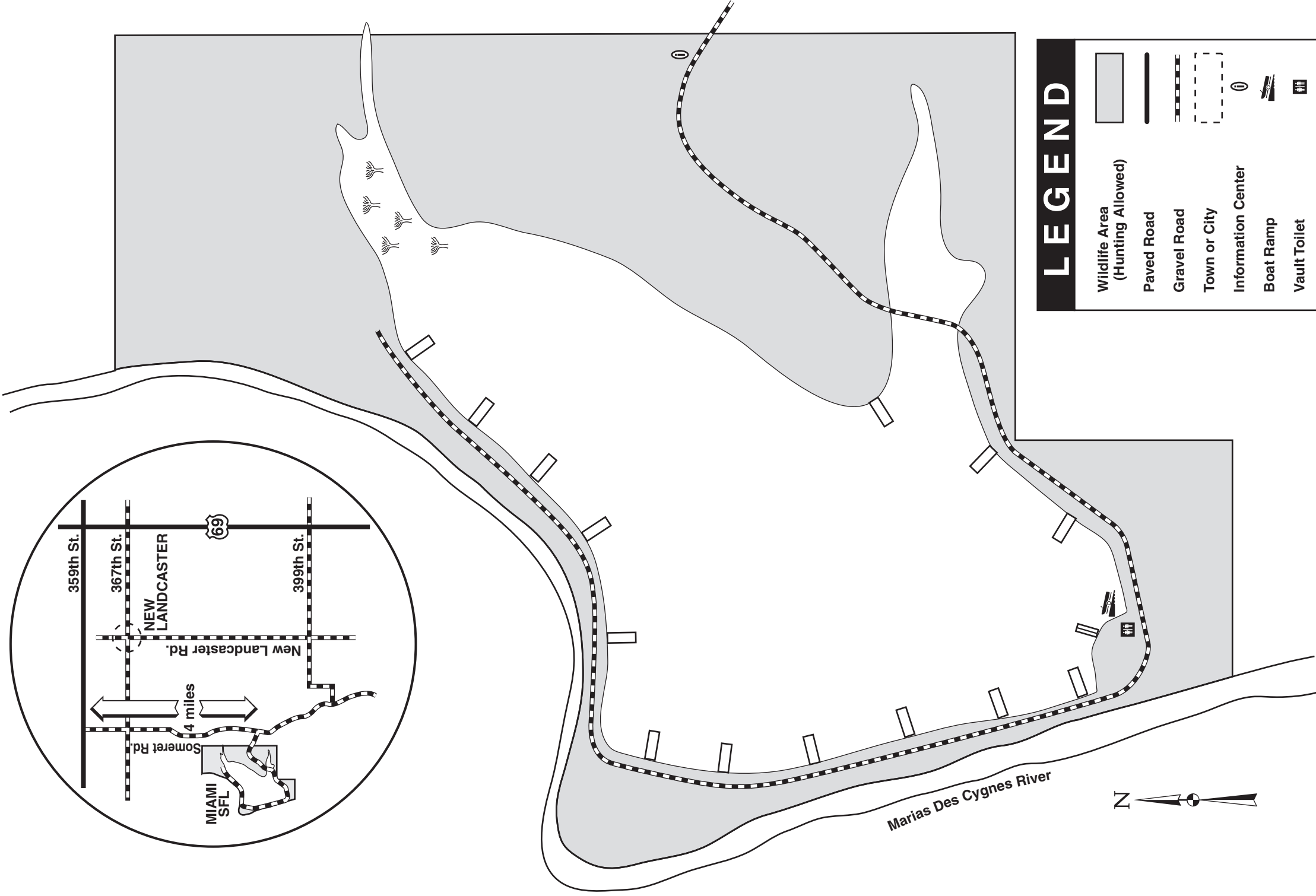
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LEGEND

Wildlife Area
(Hunting Allowed)



Paved Road



Gravel Road



Town or City



Information Center



Boat Ramp



Vault Toilet



Timber
(Standing in lake)



Earthen Fishing Pier



Courtesy Dock



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