

CEDAR BLUFF

Cedar Bluff Wildlife Area is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation and is managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT). The management area currently encompasses approxi-

mately 13,800 acres – 9,300-acres of land surrounding a 4,500-acre reservoir. Primary funding for the wildlife area operation comes from hunting, fishing, and boating revenue and from various license, permits,

registrations, and an 11 percent federal excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment. There are no Kansas state general fund tax dollars used for annual operation and maintenance on the wildlife area.

HUNTING

A variety of game can be hunted at Cedar Bluff, including pheasant, quail, waterfowl, small game, deer, and turkey. Management continually seeks strategies to enhance hunting experiences and opportunities.

Several special draw hunts are offered at Cedar Bluff for both youth and adults. Special draw hunts provide opportunities for hunters to enjoy a high-quality hunting experience. These hunts are not designed for a guaranteed harvest but provide an opportunity to hunt an undisturbed area without competition from other hunters. Applications are available in June each year for the upcoming season, and the application deadline is mid-August for first draw and Oct. 1 for second draw.

Today, deer populations are increasing. Annual deer surveys estimate whitetail densities at 40-deer per square mile. There are abundant opportunities for whitetail doe hunting on the area, and hunters are encouraged to harvest does. Harvest rates are near 150-deer per year with a ratio of almost one buck for every doe.

The majority of the deer that use the wildlife area are whitetails, but a few mule deer migrate on and off the area. Special draw archery deer hunts are also available.

The Cedar Bluff turkey population has rebounded with recent reintroductions and management efforts. Turkey populations on the Western Smoky Hill River are still susceptible to population decreases; therefore, hunting pressure and populations will be monitored, and Cedar Bluff will remain within the limited Management Unit 4. Fall turkey hunting is not allowed on the area or in Unit 4.

Pheasant and Bobwhite quail populations annually rate as fair to good but fluctuate with habitat and weather conditions. Most hunting occurs during the first few weeks of the season. Late season hunts during periods of snow and cold can be exceptional, with low hunting pressure.

Trapping, running, and predator calling furbearers is also allowed on the area. Furbearers include badger, raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, coyote bobcat, beaver, muskrat, mink, and weasel. All statewide regulations apply.

Portions of the wildlife area are closed seasonally for waterfowl refuge and special hunting opportunities. Consult the brochure map or the area office for information on areas closed seasonally to public access.

YOUTH and MENTOR AREAS

Approximately 1,000 acres has been designated for youth and mentor hunting on the Cedar Bluff Wildlife Area. Youth hunters must be 17 years or younger and must be accompanied by a licensed mentor 18 years or older. The mentor may hunt. Only one mentor hunter per hunting youth.

Nearly 800 acres in the North Cove 1 area is open to youth/mentor hunting during any season and 200 acres east of the dam to shotgun or archery hunting only.

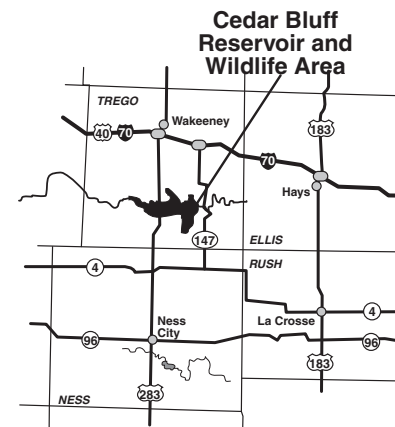
OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Reservoir fluctuations often make boat facility management difficult. Boat launching facilities are available at reservoir elevations above 2,100. No-wake zones are buoyed and enforced near boat ramps and other designated areas.

Campers are encouraged to use the state park, where modern and primitive camping sites and rental cabins are available year round. Camping on the wildlife area is primitive and limited to four designated areas. The wildlife area has no fees associated with camping. A short interpretive prairie trail and a longer hike/bike trail are available on the south side of the reservoir with the trailhead near the Whitetail Campground of the state park.

Motorized vehicles can only be operated on open, maintained roadways. ATVs are not allowed.

Information centers are strategically located on the area and provide general information. More specific information, laws, and regulations can be obtained from the area office.



General Area Map

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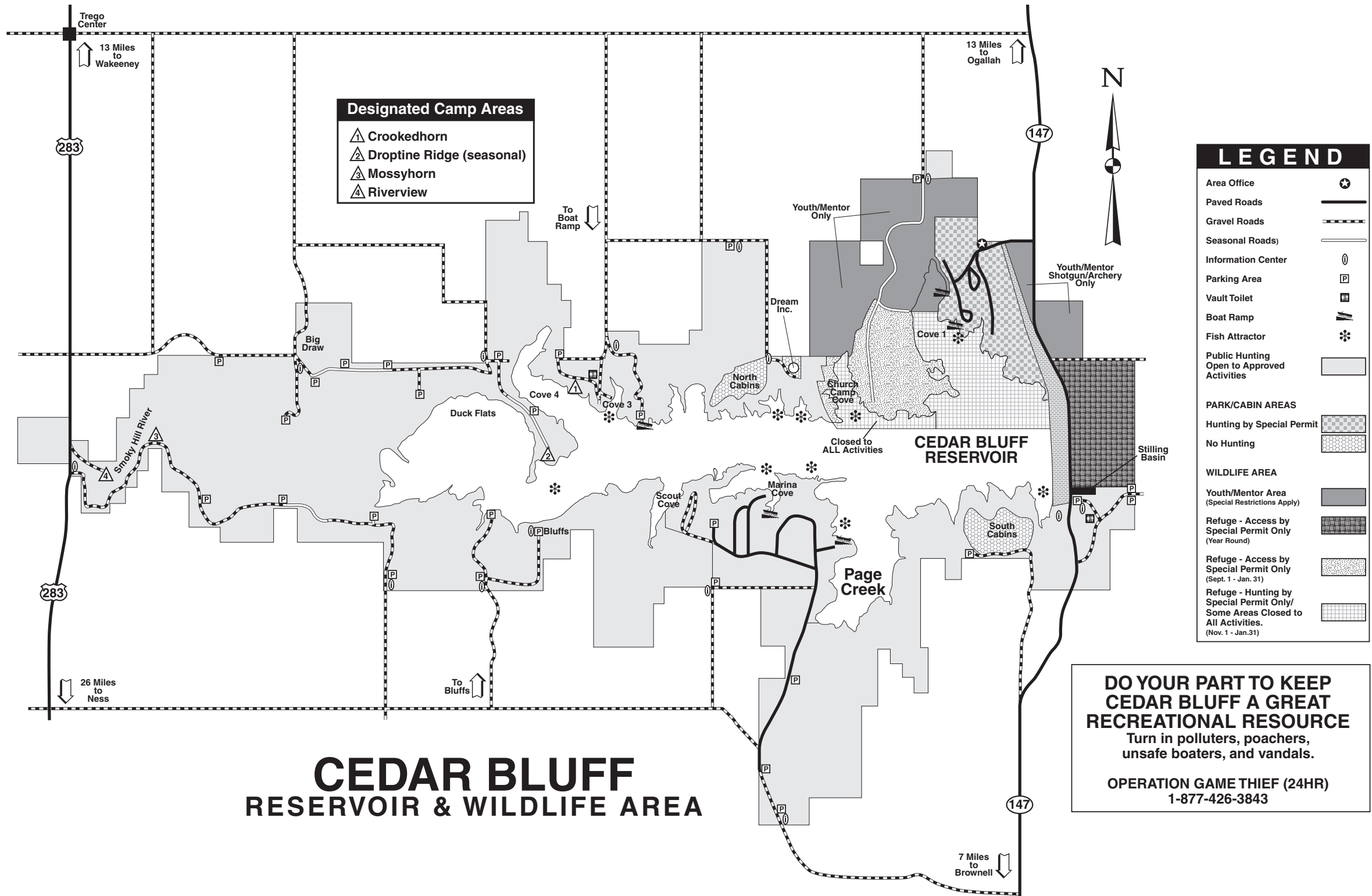
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