

# NEOSHO

Located on the broad, flat flood plain below the junction of Flat Rock Creek and the Neosho River, the Neosho Wildlife Area is a man-made marsh developed by the Kansas

Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

Designed and managed to furnish a resting and feeding place for migratory waterfowl and to provide more public hunting opportu-

nities for Kansas sportsmen, the area located in Neosho County covers 3,246 acres, of which 1,748 acres are water contained in fifteen man-made pools.

## HISTORY

Construction of the area began in the fall of 1960, and by early 1961 three pools were completed. Waterfowl hunting was first permitted in 1962. In the fall of 1988, 270 acres were added to the area through a cost-sharing agreement with Ducks Unlimited Inc..

The original area was constructed with the aid of

Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid funds at a cost share rate of three federal dollars to one state dollar. The funds are derived from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition. Lands used for production of agricultural crops as part of the management program remain on county tax rolls.

## FISHING

Sportsmen are encouraged to take advantage of fishing, which is normally allowed from March 1 to October 1. Fishing for flathead and channel catfish on the Neosho River, which forms the west boundary of the

area, can be seasonally good to excellent. Bowfishing for carp on mudflats in spring and summer draws a high interest among local anglers.

## HUNTING

During spring and fall, the number of migrant ducks is most impressive, sometimes reaching 100,000 birds. More than 60,000 ducks, primarily mallards, normally spend the entire winter on the area.

Prior to the hunting seasons, the waterfowl hunting areas (Pool 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and the South Unit) are flooded with approximately two feet of water. Pool 3, located in the refuge area remains flooded throughout the year. All other pools are drained in the early spring. Three of the fifteen pools are managed in a moist soil environment through an annual water level manipulation plan. Four green tree marshes ranging in size from five to fifteen acres offer a different type of hunting opportunity for the area sportsmen. Approximately 250 acres of corn, milo, and millet are planted in the pools by area personnel.

In the waterfowl hunting areas, portable blinds may be used or temporary blinds may be constructed of native vegetation. These blinds must be removed within 10 days following the close of the waterfowl season.

No holes or pits may be dug for any purpose. Waterfowl hunters may not shoot from dikes or roads.

Boats (except air boats) may be used for hunting but must be removed within 10 days following the close of the season

Waterfowl hunters must obtain a daily hunting permit at the check station prior to beginning their hunt and return the completed form at the end of their hunt. The "South Unit" is closed to all waterfowl hunting at 1:00 P.M.. daily.

Pool 8 is restricted to waterfowl hunters accompanied by a youth hunter, 16 years of age or less on weekends and holidays. The adults may hunt with the youth hunter.

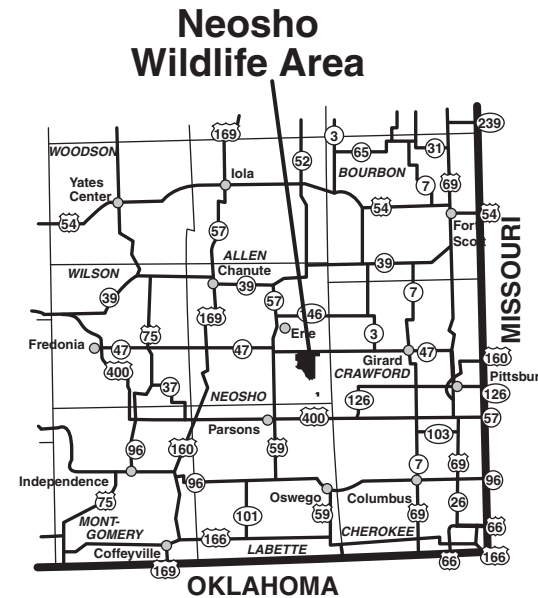
In addition to waterfowl, other game may be hunted in season. The area affords good hunting for deer, quail, rabbit, turkey, and squirrel. Hunters are cautioned to use good sportsmanship and safe gun handling. These are essential on public hunting areas where crowded conditions exist at certain times.

## 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.
- **Non-toxic shot for all hunting.**

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## Wildlife Area



General Area Map

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, and military or veteran status. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, 1020 S Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1327. 01/13

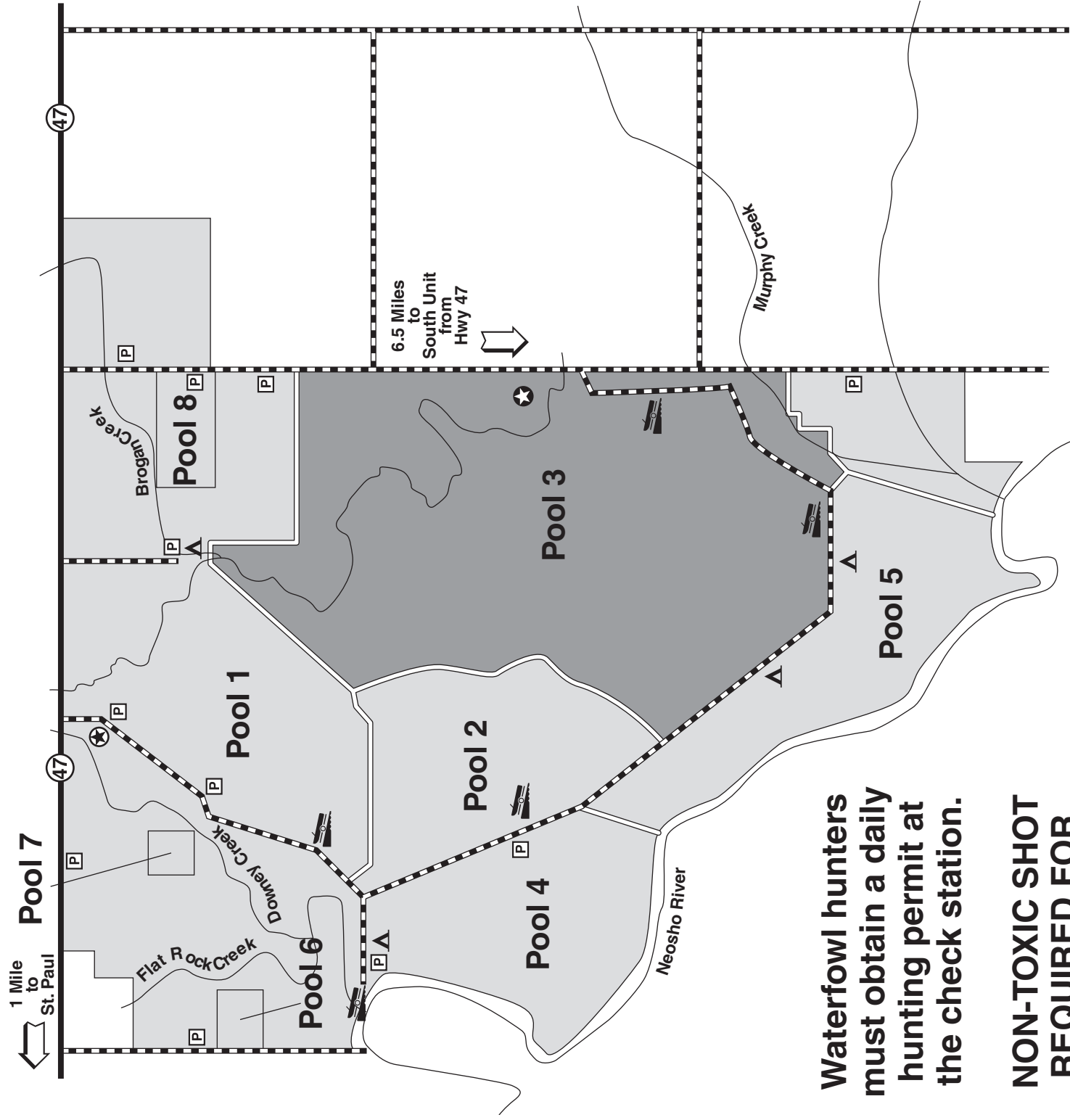


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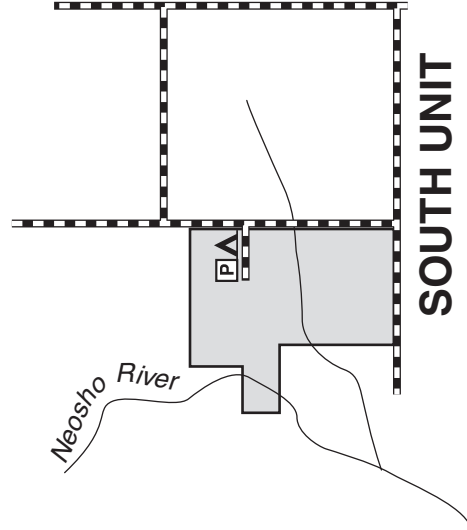


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**LEGEND**

Office	★
Check Station	★
Public Use Area (Hunting Allowed)	Light Gray Box
Wildlife Refuge (No Hunting)	Dark Gray Box
Paved Road	Solid Line
Gravel Road	Dashed Line
Dikes	Thin Solid Line
Parking Area	P
Primitive Camping Area	△
Boat Ramp	Boat Ramp Icon



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