

NEOSHO

Neosho State Fishing Lake is located six miles north and 3 1/2 miles east of the city of Parsons. Completed in 1927, the 92-acre impoundment was the first

state lake constructed with monies from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. Area maintenance and development projects are funded through the

sale of fishing and hunting licenses and federal excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment.

FISHING

Fish populations in the lake and watershed were renovated in the fall of 1985. This was done to remove undesirable fish until sportfish populations were established. After the existing fish were removed, channel catfish, largemouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, redear and armur (grass carp) were stocked. The lake was then closed for two years and an excellent fish population developed. The lake was reopened to fishing in 1988.

Fisheries management objectives are designed to provide and maintain maximum fishing opportunities. To do this, management techniques include water level management, harvest regulations, supplemental stocking, fish attractors, and aquatic vegetation control

Water level management is an effective and cost-efficient method of maintaining quality fishing. Water levels are lowered approximately four feet after Labor Day and held low for several months. Lowering the water level crowds fish, improving feeding efficiency of predator fish. The number of small bluegill and crappie is reduced, preventing overpopulation and slow growth. When the water level is restored, forage fish production is increased. Angler success improves during the drawdown because sportfish are concentrated in a smaller area. Although the lake drawdown may not look attractive, it will help maintain good fishing for many years.

Anglers have the largest impact on the fish population. Because of high angler use, harvest restrictions are essential.

WILDLIFE

A total of 124 acres surrounding the lake are publicly owned. A variety of habitats ranging from native prairie to mature woodland provide excellent opportunities for the photographer and wildlife observer. Hunting is not allowed due to the limited area and potential safety conflict with other users. Quail, rabbit, deer, squirrel, waterfowl, furbearers, and numerous song birds are commonly found in the area.

A nongame feeding station is provided to benefit wintering

Length and creel limits have been implemented at this lake. Please read all posted information. Slot, creel, and length limits prevent overharvest of bass and channel catfish. It insures that enough large predators are available to control panfish and improves the fishing.

There are no limits on panfish, except crappie, in which the creel limit is fifty. Quality size panfish are a limited resource. Fishermen have historically harvested the majority of larger panfish as they become available. Please be ethical in your catch, keeping only what you need. This will improve fishing opportunities for all anglers.

Annual stockings of 8 to 10 inch channel catfish supplement the existing population. These stockings only enhance opportunities and do not provide the numbers of fish that would allow most fishermen to take limits daily.

Grass carp are stocked as needed to control excessive vegetation that hinders anglers and promotes overpopulation of bluegill and crappie. Chemicals for weed control are used only when mechanical and biological control is not available.

Numerous brushpiles have been constructed to concentrate sportfish and improve angler success. Most brushpiles are accessible from the shoreline.

Due to summer thermal stratification resulting in lower oxygen levels at certain depths, it is recommended that you fish no deeper than 20 feet in June, 15 feet in July, 10 feet in August, and 15 feet in September.

songbirds. This provides the public an excellent opportunity to view several game and nongame species. Two wildlife food plots are also maintained to provide winter wildlife food.

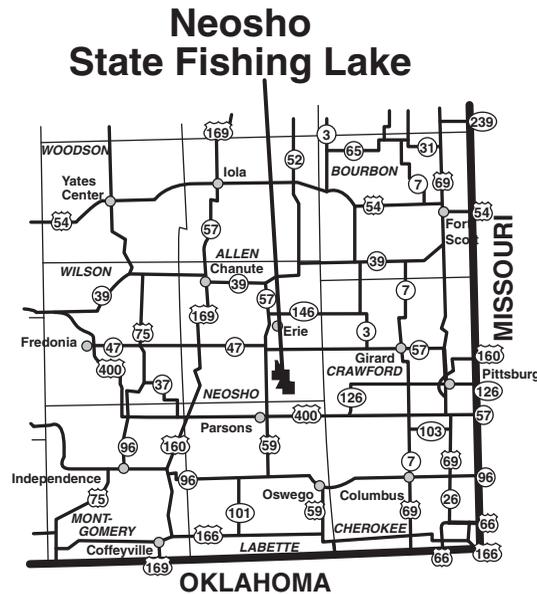
An ongoing Canada goose restoration project is underway at the Neosho State Fishing Lake. Nesting structures can be seen in the lake. Please do not disturb nesting adults or goslings.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- The lake has a no trash policy. Please take your trash with you.
- Length, slot, and creel limits are implemented at this lake. Please consult area information signs for these and other rules and regulations on the area.
- Vehicles are permitted on maintained roads and camp pads only.
- No ATV's allowed.

CAMPING AND PICNICKING

Camping and picnicking is allowed in designated campgrounds. Drinking water is available at the south end of the lake, below the dam. Other facilities include picnic tables, two pit toilets, grills, shelter house, boat ramp, two metal fishing piers, and seventeen earthen fishing piers. The shelter house may be reserved for special events. Camping around shelterhouse is allowed by reservation only. (see map for details)



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. 03/13

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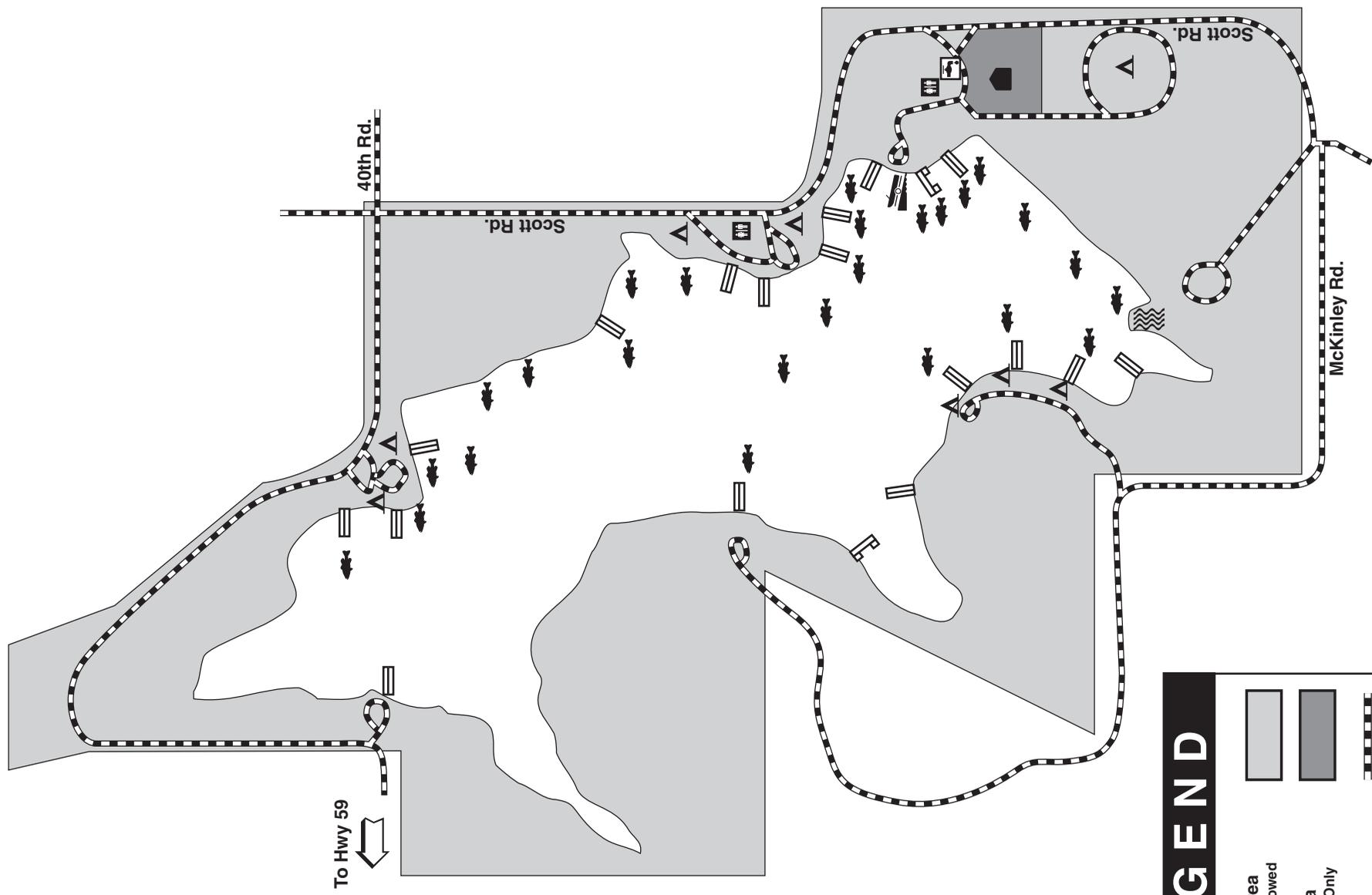
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LEGEND

-  Public Use Area
-  No Hunting Allowed
-  Camping Area
-  By Reservation Only
-  Gravel Road
-  Boat Ramp
-  Earthen Fishing Pier
-  Floating Fishing Dock
-  Potable Water
-  Shelterhouse
-  Camping Area
- Vault Toilet
- Fish Attractor
- Spillway