

Department employees help people of all ages learn more about the outdoor world through programs at state parks, nature centers, fishing clinics, hunter education courses, boating safety classes, and environmental programs for schools.



Fisheries biologists improve fish habitat at lakes and reservoirs, develop management plans for individual waters, conduct research, teach fishing clinics, and provide assistance to private pond owners. Fish culture biologists maintain four state hatcheries, where millions of fish are raised to be stocked into state waters each year.



Natural resource officers and state park rangers are the most visible representatives of the department. In addition to their law enforcement responsibilities, they are actively involved in a variety of conservation and education programs statewide.



Wildlife biologists ensure the future of Kansas wildlife through research, reintroduction programs, habitat development on public lands, habitat improvement assistance to private landowners, and public education programs.



Parks managers and staff maintain and improve park facilities, organize a variety of activities for park visitors to enjoy, develop trails, and provide public security and safety on park lands.



The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has regional and unit offices located within convenient distance of most Kansas residents. Contact the office nearest you for assistance.

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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS



SERVING PEOPLE, MANAGING WILD RESOURCES

Kansas has a rich blend of outdoor-related opportunities: fishing, birdwatching, hunting, hiking, sailing, camping, water skiing, canoeing, sailboarding, and nature photography, to name a few. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is dedicated to maintaining and improving these opportunities while also exploring and providing new ones. Come outdoors with us! You'll like what you see!

OUR MISSION

Fish, wildlife, and outdoor recreation are important to the quality of life for all Kansans and to the Kansas economy. As a public steward of Kansas natural resources, the KDWP mission is as follows:

Conserve and **enhance** Kansas' natural heritage, its wildlife and its habitats to ensure future generations the benefits of the state's diverse, living resources;

provide the public with opportunities for use and appreciation of the natural resources of Kansas, consistent with the conservation of those resources; and

inform the public of the status of the natural resources of Kansas to promote understanding and gain assistance in achieving this mission.

DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is a cabinet-level agency with a secretary appointed by the governor. A seven-member, bipartisan commission – also appointed by the governor – advises the secretary and approves regulations governing outdoor recreation and fish and wildlife resources in Kansas. The commission conducts business in regular public sessions.

KDWP employs approximately 420 full-time employees in five divisions: Executive Services, Administrative Services, Fisheries and Wildlife, Law Enforcement, and Parks. Following is a summary of the functions of these divisions and the programs they administer for the people of Kansas.

Law Enforcement

This division is responsible for enforcing the state's fish, wildlife, boating, and natural resource laws and regulations. Division staff also inspect and license game breeders, controlled shooting areas, and guiding and outfitting operations.

Executive Services

This division includes the Personnel Services, Engineering, Environmental Services, and Information and Education sections. The Engineering Section provides technical assistance for construction and maintenance on department-owned lands and recreational facilities. The Environmental Services Section reviews publicly-funded and government-sponsored development projects across the state, advising developers of

state and federal regulations and minimizing impacts on important wildlife habitats. The Information and Education Section informs the public through *Kansas Wildlife & Parks* magazine, a regular news release package, video programs, regulation pamphlets, and brochures, as well as a department website. This section also administers the hunter, furharvester, and boater education programs; provides environmental education materials to Kansas schools; and maintains the Pratt, Milford, and Great Plains Nature Center education facilities.

Administrative Services

This division oversees business management, accounting, data processing, planning, and budgeting efforts of the department. Administrative Services staff develop and manage the licenses and permits purchased by hunters, anglers, trappers, boaters, and park visitors.

Fisheries and Wildlife

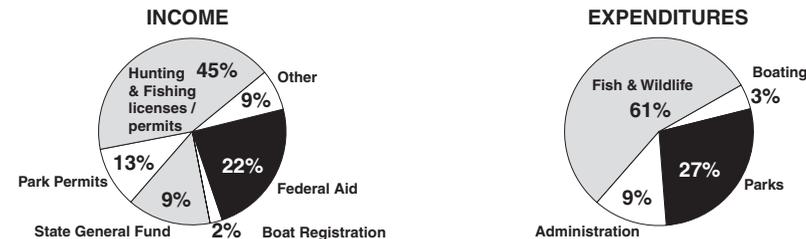
This division provides the technical expertise to manage fish, wildlife, and public land resources in the state. The Investigations, Inventory, and Management sections evaluate fish and wildlife populations, conduct research, monitor environmental conditions, improve wildlife habitats, survey recreationists, and recommend adjustments in fish and wildlife regulations. The Fish Culture Section produces and stocks millions of sportfish in waters across the state each year. The Public Lands Section manages department lands for optimum wildlife habitat, as well as recreational opportunities for hunters, anglers, birdwatchers, and hikers.

Parks

This division operates and maintains 24 state parks, hosting more than 7 million visits annually. In addition to building and maintaining facilities, parks staff develop wildlife habitat, offer entertainment and educational programs, host major events such as concerts or jamborees, and improve access to the lands and waters around state parks.

DEPARTMENT INCOME

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks relies on fees paid by the people it serves for most of its income. The sale of hunting and fishing licenses and state park permits accounts for about 60 percent of the department's annual income. Another 22 percent is derived from excise taxes paid on hunting and fishing gear and other outdoor equipment, which is distributed back to the state by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (Figures based on 2003 calendar year.)



DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

The department operates under general guidelines outlined in a long-term strategic plan. The plan lists specific goals and objectives that are established cooperatively by department employees, conservation and sporting organizations, and the public. Each year, department employees plan, through the budgeting process, what they need to achieve in the next fiscal year. The department's revenue for calendar year 2003 was \$37.5 million.

DID YOU KNOW?

*Annually, about 40 million fry, 3.5 million fingerling, and 385,000 intermediate-sized fish are stocked into Kansas waters, including walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, channel catfish, blue catfish, bluegill, striped bass, wiper, rainbow trout, crappie, paddlefish, sauger and saug-eye.

*Fifty-four department-owned state fishing lakes and other waters, as well as 24 federal reservoirs provide more than 200,000 surface acres of water for Kansans to enjoy. KDWP also manages some 240 community lakes across the state.

*Twenty-four state parks attract more than 7 million visits each year.

*In 2003, 181,000 hunting licenses were sold, including 59,000 to non-residents.

*Approximately 284,000 fishing licenses are sold each year.

*Approximately 12,200 Kansans voluntarily contributed \$145,000 to the Nongame Wildlife Program through the Chickadee Checkoff on their state income tax forms in 2003.

*Approximately 1,650 publicly funded development projects were reviewed by the department's Environmental Services staff in 2003, including 881 new projects. Of the new projects, only 2 percent required an action permit due to impacts on habitats critical to threatened and endangered species.

*More than 100,000 boats are registered in Kansas.

*In 2003, 11,400 young Kansans were certified through the department's Hunter Education Program, bringing the total since 1972 to 447,275.

*Seventy natural resource officers patrol the state's 105 counties, enforcing fishing, hunting, boating, and other wildlife and resource-related laws.

*More than 300 miles of scenic hiking, biking and equestrian trails are maintained by the department.

*The Walk-In Hunter Area program leased more than 1 million acres of private land in Kansas in 2003 for public hunting access.

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicap. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 S Kansas Ave. Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612-1327 01/05