

TO SEE AND DO

Wildlife

The Prairie Center's diverse habitat is home to a wonderful variety of wildlife. Just after dawn and just before dusk are the best times for viewing these creatures. In order to view wildlife, walk softly and quietly. Animals have adapted their senses to listening for dangers—one of which has inherently been man. Please remember that all wildlife is protected at the center. A list of wildlife sighted at the center is available upon your request from the center's office.

Fishing

A current state fishing license is required for those not exempt by law (check department regulations to be sure). The center boasts a 5-acre lake supporting such species as bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, and hybrid sunfish. Any special regulations for fishing are posted at the lake. Catch and release fishing in the stream is also encouraged, and a multitude of species are present.

Trails

Several miles make up the approximately 6-mile system. Visitors hiking these trails must remain on the paths at all times. Trail paths meander through prairie, woodlands, and along creek beds. See the reverse side for the trail map. Take your time, relax, and enjoy the great outdoors.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- ▶ Open dawn to dusk, seven days a week.
- ▶ Fishing requires a state fishing license unless exempt by law.
- ▶ Trails are walking-only access.
- ▶ No horses, bicycles, or motorized vehicles.
- ▶ No Dogs
- ▶ Primitive camping is allowed by special permission only.
- ▶ No collecting of any material, such as rocks, plants, or animals, is allowed.
- ▶ No hunting, trapping, target practice, or dog training.
- ▶ No swimming.
- ▶ No beer or alcohol.
- ▶ No fireworks.
- ▶ No fires allowed except in the designated area and with special permission.

To report any violations or concerns, call the Prairie Center contact number or Outdoor Alert at 1-800-228-4263.

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. 03/15

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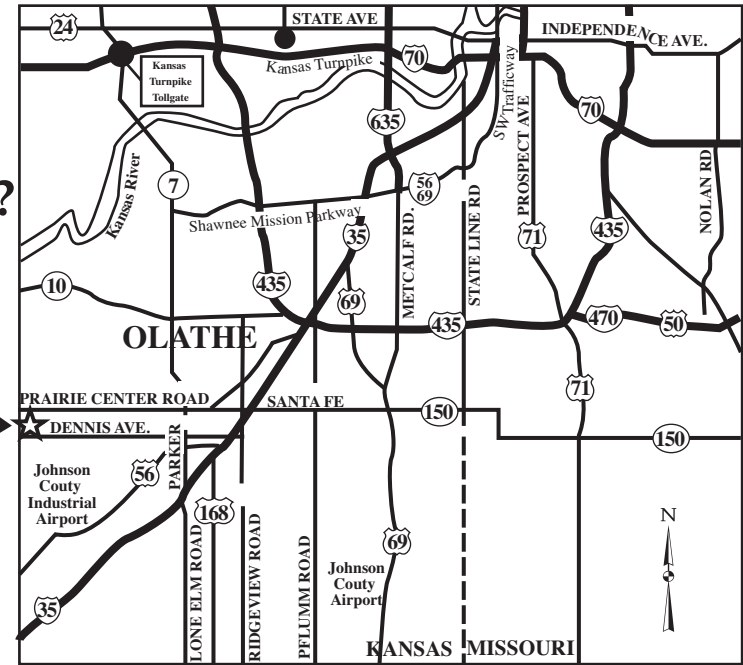
HISTORY

The Prairie Center rests upon approximately 300 acres of richly diverse biomes comprised of virgin tallgrass prairie, reseeded tallgrass prairie, riparian woodlands, and wetland areas. The center is a suburban island that was farmed until 1968 when an individual purchased the property for educational purposes. Since that time, it has been maintained for education by a private organization. In 1990, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks obtained the property, also to be maintained and improved for education purposes.

How Do I Get There?

The Prairie Center

AREA MAPS



PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

The Prairie Center is a 300-acre tallgrass prairie reserve demonstration site to assist educators in exploring this unique ecological community. Workshops for teachers are given throughout the year. School groups are welcome on a reservation basis. Limited interpretive programming is available. For more information contact the Prairie Center.

Where Are The Trails?

