Webster Wildlife Area encompasses 7,622 acres of public hunting surrounding 1,678 surface acres of water. A variety of wildlife habitats are developed and maintained to enhance wildlife. Situated along the shores of Webster Reservoir, the area offers hunting, fishing, limited camping, wildlife watching opportunities, and hiking. The Reservoir is 8 miles west of Stockton, just south of highway 24.

Fishing

Primary sportfish include walleye, wipers, largemouth bass, crappie, channel catfish and flathead catfish. Smallmouth bass, white bass and bluegill also provide fine angling opportunities at times.

Seasonal rainbow trout fisheries are maintained in the stilling basin below the dam and in the river directly above the reservoir. Trout are stocked in the stilling basin several times each trout season and are stocked in the river in March of each year when flows are adequate.

Special facilities include an electric fish cleaning station on the north shore of the state park, floating fishing docks in Marina Cove and the Rock Point Cove (when water levels are adequate), and an easy access ramp and pier in the stilling basin.

Hunting

Hunting Pressure can be heavy on the wildlife area. Hunts after November and during mid-week may be less crowded. Primary game species include pheasants, quail, deer, turkey, and waterfowl. Hunter-use surveys are conducted to evaluate management practices. Hunter participation in these surveys is important.

An area is open to vehicle access for disabled persons through a special permit. Contact the Webster Area Office for details.

A 600-acre waterfowl refuge is closed to all activities from Nov. 1 to Jan. 31. This refuge a 200-acre area closed to all activities from Nov. 1 to Jan 31.

Special hunts, intended to provide a quality opportunity, are available at Webster. To learn more about and to apply for these and other special hunts offered throughout the state, see the Special Hunts Brochure available in June at KDWPT offices or by visiting the Department’s website at: www.ksoutdoors.com Applications must be submitted by July 1 each year.

Catch and Release:

A major factor affecting fish populations is angler harvest. Fishing success continues to improve with better knowledge and equipment. As a result, more restrictive regulations are needed. Voluntary catch and release also extends a limited fish resource. Reduced harvest of small fish allows more fish to reach a larger, more desirable size. Releasing larger fish increases their recreational use and keeps them in the water to help control undesirable fish by predation. A fish released properly is an investment in future fishing opportunities.

Length Limits:

Black bass – 15 inch minimum (reservoir)

Walleye – 15 inch minimum

Other Opportunities

Many furbearers inhabit the area. When the season is open, trapping and running is allowed in areas open to hunting.

Four boat ramps provide access for area users: three in the state park and one in the wildlife area.

Hiking is permitted throughout the area (except for in areas posted Closed to All Activities.)

Horse riding is only permitted on established roads.

Camping: The adjacent state park offers modern and primitive camping sites the year-round. Camping with vehicle access on the wildlife area is limited to five designated areas. The areas are free, and you must take your trash with you.

Webster Reservoir & Wildlife Area

Boating

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Watchable Wildlife

The area offers excellent opportunities to view and photograph deer, bald eagles, pheasants, ducks and more.

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, religion, and marital status. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, 1500 S Kansas Ave, Topeka, KS 66612-1327.
Designated Camp Areas

- Morel
- Bow City
- Twin Pond
- Brown's Hollow

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- Paved Roads
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WEBSTER RESERVOIR & WILDLIFE AREA

To Stockton 8 Miles
To Damar 5 Miles
To Hill City 23 Miles
To Zurich 11 Miles

10 Rd. 24
11 Rd. 258
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