

# CHASE

Chase State Fishing Lake and Wildlife Area is located 1.5 miles west of Cottonwood Falls in the center of the scenic

Flint Hills region of Kansas. The 109 acre lake was constructed in 1954. The lake and surrounding 383 acre wildlife area are managed

by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

## FACILITIES

A boat launching facility is located in the main use area. Motor boats must be used for fishing or hunting only. Shore anglers will find several fishing piers that provide access to deep water. A pit toilet,

firerings/grills, picnic tables and a shelter house are available for campers, picnickers and anglers who wish to stay over night. A swimming beach is also available for visitors.

## FISHING

The lake has a steep to shallow rocky shoreline and shallow mudflats on the upper end. Water clarity is usually very good. Fair to excellent populations of channel catfish, crappie, bluegill, saugeye, white bass, largemouth bass and flathead catfish are found in the lake. Several rocky islands and brush piles provide a variety of habitats where the angler may locate fish.

The following information should improve fishing success. However, these suggestions are general and success will be ultimately affected by weather and/or conditions. For up-to-date fishing information, anglers are encouraged to contact their local Wildlife, Parks and Tourism office or visit the departments website listed on the cover of this brochure.

The best crappie fishing usually occurs in April and May during the spawning period. At this time, crappie are found close to shore and along the face of the dam.

## WILDLIFE

The Chase Wildlife Area consists of 383 acres of mostly native grass prairie. Wildlife and wildflower viewing, as well as photography, are among some of the area's most popular activities. From spectacular hilltop views, to a unique waterfall located at the end of the spillway on the east end of the dam, the Chase Wildlife Area is a must-see. A mowed path across the top of the dam and along the edge of the spillway leads visitors to the waterfall. In addition to scenic views, Chase Wildlife Area also offers public hunting opportunities.

Brush piles and the islands are excellent places to look for spawning fish. Minnows are a preferred bait.

Channel cats are most often caught from June through September off the face of the dam and the fishing piers. Live bait and shad sides produce the best catches. Excellent catfishing can be had by fishing the feeder creek after a heavy rain. When the stream is running strong, the catfish move into the stream channel and feed heavily.

Largemouth bass fishing peaks during mid to late May when the fish move into shallow water to spawn. The best places to look for largemouths at this time is in the shallow corners of the dam and other shallow shorelines near a drop-off. Special length and creel limits may be in effect for some species. Please check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices prior to fishing.

## HUNTING

Chase State Fishing Lake supports populations of quail, rabbits, squirrel, deer, turkey, waterfowl and prairie chicken; however, these populations are generally low. For this reason, the wildlife area receives little hunting pressure. Cottontail rabbit are the most abundant game species. The area below the dam is the most productive rabbit cover.

Regulations for hunting the wildlife area are the same as for private land. Hunting is not permitted within the safety zone that encompasses the camping area.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

Visitors are encouraged to consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations.

Aquatic nuisance species have been discovered in Chase State Fishing Lake. Boaters and anglers are asked to take precautions before leaving the lake to prevent further spreading.

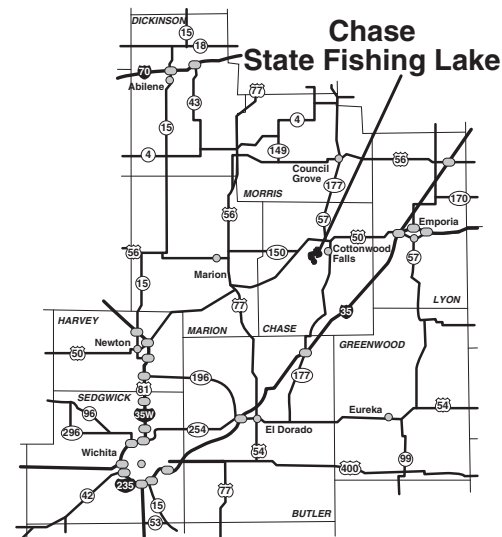
Motorboats must be used for hunting or fishing purposes only.

Alcohol and cereal malt beverages are prohibited.

Vehicles are restricted to maintained roads and parking areas. Off-road vehicle use is prohibited.

A "no trash" policy is in effect. Trash barrels are not provided and visitors are asked to take all trash with them.

Ground fires must be contained within provided metal rings only.



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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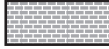









# CHASE STATE FISHING LAKE

1.5 Miles to Cottonwood Falls 

2.5 Miles to Elmdale 



## LEGEND

Wildlife Area/Public Lands (Hunting Allowed)	
Safety Zone - No Hunting	
Dam	
Paved Road	
Gravel Road	
Parking Area	
Picnic Shelter	
Boat Ramp	
Courtesy Dock	
Vault Toilet	
Primitive Camping	
Earthen Fishing Piers	
Fish Attractor	