The Chase 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, fire rings/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, to 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.

**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 with in the safety zone that encompasses the camping area.

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