Cowley State Fishing Lake is located 16 miles east of Arkansas City, immediately adjacent to Highway 166.

The 84-acre lake was drained and rehabilitated in 1988-1989. Fish attractors were installed in the lake, and necessary maintenance was performed at that time. The lake was allowed to refill in the spring of 1989, and a restocking program began that year.

HUNTING

Hunting is allowed on the lake and its surrounding 113-acres. Although the area is small, hunters have some success on quail, rabbits, and squirrel. Deer hunting opportunities exist mostly on the west and east ends of the area in wooded sections. Waterfowl numbers are fair to good on the lake. Many nongame species are also present on the area for bird watching and photography.

FISHING

Water quality of the lake is excellent and extremely clear. Fish species in the lake include channel catfish, black bass (largemouth and smallmouth), bluegill, redear sunfish, walleye, and crappie. A special length and creel limit may be in effect for some fish species. Check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices.

FACILITIES

Facilities at the lake include one boat ramp, a wooden fishing dock and fish cleaning station, courtesy boat dock, numerous earthen fishing piers, pit toilets, and picnic tables. Some waterfront lights are present on the area. Camping is allowed. Vehicle access is limited to the north side of the lake.

No Trash Policy, please take your trash with you. Boats for fishing only. No permanent docking at courtesy boat dock. The dock is for loading and unloading only. Boats must not create wake.

Do not park in front of boat ramps. Vehicles must stay on maintained roads. Watch posted speed limits.

Camping is limited to seven days.

Steel shot area. No permanent blinds.

No fireworks are allowed.

Prescribed burning practices are used on this area to improve and manage wildlife habitat and enhance wildflower species. Burning practices and dates will differ from that of agriculture because our goals are much different.

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General Area Map

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