Pottawatomie State Fishing Lake No. 2

Pottawatomie State Fishing Lake No. 2 is located two miles east of Manhattan on U.S. Highway 24, then two-and-one-half miles north on Green valley Road. The lake was created by a 1953 donation from Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Freidrich of Manhattan. The donation included 247 acres of Flint Hills land in southwest Pottawatomie County, specifically dedicated to future development of a recreational lake and park. In 1955, the department completed a 75-acre lake, one of the most scenic in the state.

WILDLIFE

The 179 acres surrounding the lake is a wildlife refuge, predominately riparian timber with some native grass on the uplands area. It is maintained in good condition for wildlife through the use of controlled burning. This maintains the balance of brush and native grass that upland game seeks and provides an area to observe wildlife in its natural habitat.

CAMPING and BOATING

Camping is allowed in the primitive campsites located on the west side of the lake. Regulations are posted at the entrance to the lake.

There is no limit to the size of boat you may use on Pottawatomie State Fishing Lake No. 2. Boats requiring registration are restricted to fishing only. Obey all state boating regulations. Non-registered vessels, such as canoes and kyaks are allowed on the lake for recreation purposes. This lake is designated as a No-Wake zone.

FISHING

Channel catfish are stocked monthly during the summer. The average size caught is 3/4 to 1 pound. Choice baits include chicken livers, worms, dead minnows, shad baits, and prepared baits.

There is an abundant supply of black bass in the lake. The best bet for catching them is around the shoreline brush piles. Live and artificial worms, spinners, and crank baits work best.

Most of the bluegill in the lake are caught off the face of the dam, the end of the fishing piers, and around the fish feeders. Worms, minnows, and small jigs work best to catch these delicacies.

From April through May, the crappie run is in full swing. They are usually caught around sunken brush piles, and from fishing piers using small minnows, worms, and jigs.

Early spring will bring walleye to the rocks off the face of the dam and near dropoffs. Minnows, jigs, and worms are good baits.

The lake also has a fair population of flathead catfish which can be taken lake wide on live bait during the summer months.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Alcohol and cereal malt beverages are prohibited.
- Vehicles are permitted on maintained roads only.
- Primitive camping is permitted, but please take your trash with you.
- Special length and creel limits may be in effect for some fish species. Check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices before fishing.
- Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area.
- Fire in designated fire-rings ONLY!
- Unregistered non-insured vehicles are prohibited at the lake. (Including ATV’s, golf carts etc.)

General Area Map

Pottawatomie State Fishing Lake
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