

WILSON

Wilson State Fishing Lake is a 119-acre impoundment surrounded by gently rolling prairie. The completion of this lake's dam in 1956 marked

the culmination of a joint venture between the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. The lake is located in

southeast Kansas fourteen miles south of Yates Center. The lake can be directly accessed by U.S. Highway 75 near its intersection with U.S. Highway 39.

FISHING

The fish population in the lake was renovated in 1983 to eliminate undesirable fish and improve habitat. Fish species stocked after the renovation included wall-eye, largemouth bass, spotted bass, black crappie, bluegill, redear sunfish, and channel catfish. Habitat alterations included construction of earthen piers and rock islands. Surveys completed in 2015 showed excel-

lent populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, and spotted bass. This lake is one of the few impoundments in the state that harbors a naturally sustaining spotted bass population and offers a unique opportunity for anglers to target this species.

WILDLIFE

Numerous species of native wildlife utilize the upland area surrounding Wilson State Fishing Lake. Deer, quail, rabbits, numerous songbirds, and a variety of terrestrial wildlife make this area their home. The natural area surrounding the lake is managed for the native flora and fauna of the region. A large part of the area is open to archery and shotgun hunting only. Since the public hunting area is small, hunters are advised to watch carefully for boundary signs. Wilson State

Fishing Lake and the area surrounding it offer some unique finds for those interested in the geology of Kansas. The alternating layers of sandstone, limestone, and shale found on the area were formed when an expansive sea covered this land 230 to 310 million years ago. Found in the immediate area of Wilson, are Rose and Silver City Dome which are exposed outcroppings of some of the oldest rock formations in the state.

MANAGEMENT

Fisheries management goals are to provide and maintain a wide variety of fishing opportunities. Management tools designed to meet the needs of anglers include harvest regulations, supplemental stockings, creation of fish habitat, and development of fishing access points. Harvest regulations are important to maintain balance in fish populations. Special length and creel limits may be in effect for some fish species. Check the current Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices before fishing. Annual stockings of channel catfish supplement the

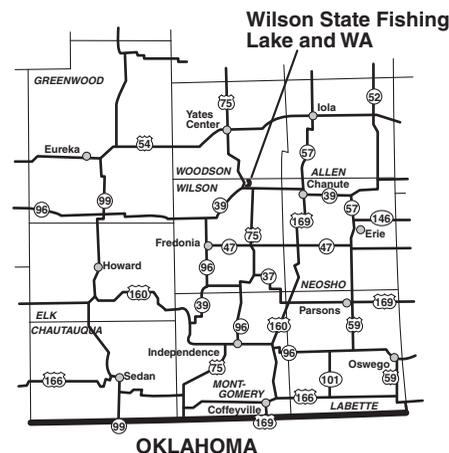
existing population to maintain angling opportunities for this species. Many brushpiles and rock fish attractors have been built to concentrate fish and improve angling success. These structures are located along the shoreline and concentrate fish year-round. Shoreline access was increased in 2014, and there are two boat ramps with loading docks for boat anglers.

FACILITIES

The primary purpose of Wilson State Fishing Lake is to provide quality fishing opportunities to the anglers of the state. Facilities at the lake include two boat ramps with loading docks. For the shore fisherman, there are numerous access points, rock fishing jetties, and a floating fishing dock. A limited number of grills and tables are available for picnicking and camping. Camping is restricted to primitive camping in designated areas only. There are no electric outlets, potable water supplies, or sewage hookups available. Vault toilets are provided.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Visitors are encouraged to consult the informational kiosk located at the south boat ramp for current regulations and information on the area. The lake area is under a strict NO TRASH POLICY. Please take your litter out with you. Operation of motor vehicles on the area is restricted to established roads and parking areas. Recreational boating, skiing and swimming is PROHIBITED. Fireworks are not allowed anywhere on the property. Fire is allowed ONLY in the designated fire rings.



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. 05/15

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WILSON STATE FISHING LAKE & WILDLIFE AREA

LEGEND

	Wildlife Area Hunting Allowed (Shotgun/Archery Only)
	Camping Area No Hunting Allowed
	No Shooting Zone
	Dam Restricted Area
	Paved Roads
	Gravel Roads
	Parking Area
	Boat Ramp
	Vault Toilet
	Picnic Area

1 Mile
to
Buffalo