**HUNTING**

Hunters will find the area enjoyable, particularly at less crowded times. A few quality special draw hunts for waterfowl and deer are available by on-line application. A small area has been designated for handicapped hunters. A special permit is available for off-road vehicle use in this area and may be obtained by contacting the area office.

Spring turkey hunters find plenty of competition, while fall hunting pressure is light.

**MIGRATORY BIRDS**

This area attracts waterfowl in good numbers, so management takes a high priority for these species. To provide a secure resting and holding area, the middle portion of the reservoir is designated as a waterfowl refuge and is closed to all activities from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31. Duck hunting can be good on the lake depending on pressure, water levels, and weather. Except for special hunts, most goose hunting takes place on private land feed fields. Hunting pressure is generally too great for feeding patterns to become established on the public lands and provide consistent successful goose hunting.

**HUNTING FOR YOUNG SPORTSMEN**

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism offers various opportunities for young people to actively participate in outdoor activities through the PASS IT ON program. Special youth seasons give young hunters the first opportunity to hunt many species such as deer, turkey, upland birds, and waterfowl. Although pressure is usually high for most season openers, the youth seasons have received very light pressure, allowing excellent chances to introduce young people into hunting. In addition, special youth hunts are offered for waterfowl and deer.

**FISHING**

Primary sport fish include saugeye, wipers, largemouth bass, crappie, and channel catfish. Spotted bass, walleye, flathead catfish, and bluegill are also present. Wipers provide a touch of excitement throughout the season. The saugeye (a walleye/sauger hybrid) is doing quite well, and Keith Sebelius Reservoir currently holds the state record at 9.81 pounds. Seasonal roads are established to provide improved access for anglers and improved hunting. Special creel and length limits may be in effect for some fish species. Check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices before fishing.

**CAMPING**

Primitive camping is only allowed on a very limited basis in conjunction with hunting and fishing activities. Camping is only allowed in the six designated areas listed on the map. Do your part to keep the area enjoyable. There is a “no trash” policy on the wildlife area, so please pack your trash home with you. Prairie Dog State Park offers modern and primitive camping sites and reservable cabins year-round.

**BOAT ACCESS**

Two two-lane boat ramps located in the state park offer access at all water elevations. The wildlife area has two high-water ramps and one low-water ramp. These ramps may or may not be usable due to fluctuating water levels.

**SPECIAL NOTE**

Opportunities abound to view and photograph mule and whitetail deer, turkey, and pheasant. During the winter, enjoy bald eagles, waterfowl, and occasionally a glimpse of an osprey. The wildlife area is open to trapping. To top it off, a prairie dog town is located in the park.

**Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, political affiliation, religion, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, 1200 S Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1327.**

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