

# SLATE CREEK

This is a very historic area. Prior to statehood, 12 marsh areas were given to Kansas by the United States Congress. Slate Creek was one of the 12. These areas were intended to start salt production in the state, but with the discovery of large salt deposits elsewhere, the wetlands were sold to private interests soon after statehood. Funds generated

by this sale were used to start what is now Emporia State University. Slate Creek Wetland was purchased in 1989 and was jointly funded by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and Ducks Unlimited. Slate Creek Wetland consists of 927 acres located 4 miles north of Gueda Springs, or 7 miles south

and 1.5 miles west of Oxford, Kansas. Slate Creek was purchased for its current wetlands and its wetland potential. The area has gone through a wetland restoration project in the Summer 2011. Which brings the present wetland on the area to 243 acres.

## WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Although the area was purchased for waterfowl use and management, there are excellent populations of pheasants, quail, and deer. Doves, rabbits, squirrels, and many furbearers are also present. The many nongame species of wildlife on the area make it an excellent area for birdwatching, photography, and hiking. A small observation tower is installed on the area. This project was funded by the Chickadee Checkoff Program.



## HUNTING

Hunters must complete a daily hunt permit each day before hunting. They are located at the information stations on the area. The permit is a two-part card. The top part needs to be filled out completely and deposited into the permit box before hunting. After hunting, fill out the lower portion of the card and place in permit box. Hunters must have the lower portion in their possession while hunting. Please fill out all blanks, even if you do not harvest any game. The information gathered will be used to monitor game harvest and evaluate habitat management practices.

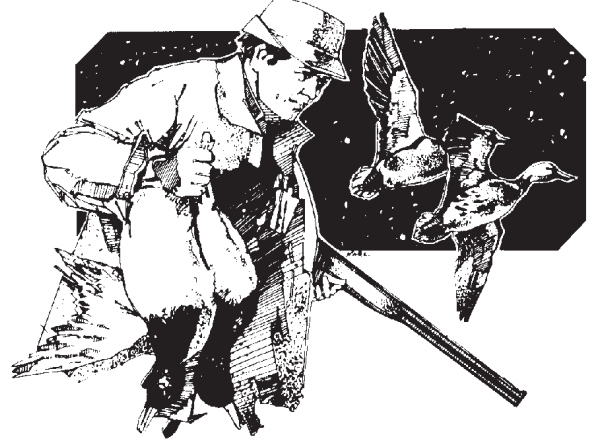
## FISHING

Slate Creek meanders through the length of the area and provides some channel catfishing. Access to Slate Creek is limited to foot traffic. Vehicles are not allowed.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- No trash policy, please take your trash with you.
- A special permit is required for hunting. Permits are free and available at designated parking areas. Hunters need to complete the free daily hunt permit before hunting on the area.
- No camping.
- No vehicles off maintained roads.
- 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.

# Slate Creek Wetlands



**Slate Creek Wetland**  
**General Area Map**

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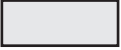





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## LEGEND

Wildlife Area	
Marsh Pools	
Gravel Road	
Parking	
Observation Tower	