Leavenworth State Fishing Lake is located approximately 1 1/2 miles north and 3 miles west of Tonganoxie off of Highway 16. The lake property consists of 160 surface acres of water surrounded by 341 acres of public wildlife area. Construction on the lake began in 1930, and the area was opened to fishing and hunting in 1932.

**FISHING and BOATING**

Leavenworth State Fishing Lake has a diverse and high quality fishery. The lake underwent a major renovation during the mid-1990s. Brushpiles, a gravel spawning bar, and growth of channel catfish and bluegill. Largemouth bass, black crappie, redear sunfish, flathead catfish, wiper, and walleye are all found in Leavenworth State Lake, resulting in high angler use of the area. There are length and creel limits in effect for several species. Be sure to check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices.

Any size of boat may be used on the lake for fishing only. Speed should be reasonable and prudent. Remember, all state boating regulations apply on the lake.

**HUNTING & WILDLIFE**

The wildlife area at Leavenworth State Fishing Lake consists primarily of timber with some open grassland areas. These grassland areas are prime examples of historic native prairie that once dominated this area. Management techniques employed on the wildlife area include prescribed burning, timber encroachment control, and control of invasive plant species.

Deer and turkey commonly use the wildlife area. Squirrels and rabbits are also found on the area in good numbers. Other wildlife that may be seen at Leavenworth State Fishing Lake includes furbearers, waterfowl, amphibians, reptiles, and both resident and migrating songbirds. Upland birds may also be found on the area. Hunting methods at Leavenworth State Fishing Lake are restricted to shotgun and archery only. Any use of rifles, including muzzleloaders, and handguns is prohibited. Hunters and trappers are reminded to be considerate of other public users as well as neighbors with pets and livestock. The south half of the lake serves as a year-round refuge. No hunting is allowed in the refuge.

**CAMPING**

Camping on the area is free to the public. Camping is allowed in designated areas only. These areas are found on both sides of the lake. No electrical or water hookups are available. Campfires are allowed but must be contained in provided metal fire rings in designated areas.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

All alcohol beverages, including cereal malt, are prohibited. Please take all your trash with you. Everything you bring onto the area should be taken with you when you leave. Target shooting, off-road vehicle use, and horse riding are prohibited. Campfires in provided metal rings only. Area users are encouraged to check area information boards for the most up-to-date regulations and posted notices.

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**General Area Map**