

# HOLLISTER

Located in Bourbon County approximately eight miles southwest of Fort Scott, Hollister Wildlife Area was purchased by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism in 1979. Most of the funds for the purchase were made available through the Pittman-Robertson

Act, which taxes sportsmen on hunting and shooting equipment. The remainder of the funds were supplied by license dollars from Kansas sportsmen.

The wildlife area includes 2,432 acres of rolling range and pastureland, interspersed with native woodlands. It was named for the old

townsite of Hollister, located on the railroad near the center of the area.

Bluestem prairie dominates the open country, which contains all the true native grasses and forbs common to this region of Kansas. The historical use of these rangelands has been for grazing, first by buffalo and elk and now by cattle.

## MANAGEMENT

Presently, prescribed burning is used to assist in maintaining a good prairie community. Several food plots have been developed in cool-season pastures to provide habitat variety and a source of emergency winter food for many species, including quail, deer, turkey, and prairie chicken.

Up to three crop fields on the area are annually planted to sunflowers. These fields provide the dove hunter with an excellent hunting opportunity.

Future plans call for a moderate grazing system on those rangelands in excellent condition. This will help keep vegetation from becoming too thick and unusable

by many species. Occasional burning on a rotational basis will increase grass vigor, stimulate prairie forbs, attract insects, and open ground cover to ease movement of young wildlife.

Because cool season pastures offer little wildlife value, these are being converted to patches of native grasses, legumes, forbs, food plots, and woody cover. Such a mixture offers a variety of habitats for many species, both game and nongame.

## WILDLIFE

The prairie and associated woodlands support many forms of wildlife. Several small flocks of prairie chicken use the area occasionally. Quail, rabbits, fox squirrels, turkey, and deer are common. Furbearers, including coyote, raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, and bobcat make use of the variety of habitat types. Mourning doves nest in the hedgerows and brushy pastures while other migratory birds, such as ducks and geese, use the

area during spring and fall migrations. The habitat is good for a host of other small birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles.

Pawnee Creek, a perennial stream, flows for more than two miles through Hollister and offers a limited fishery for several native species, including bass, bluegill, green sunfish, and channel catfish.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The entire Hollister wildlife area is open for hunting, trapping, and fishing. Other activities allowed include hiking, birdwatching, and backpack camping.

County roads supply close access to all points on Hollister. No vehicles are permitted on the area. Boundaries are marked with black-on-yellow "public

hunting" signs and major corners are marked by black-on-white signs stating "Public Wildlife Area."

Hollister Wildlife Area is subject to all state laws and regulations regarding hunting, fishing, and public use of Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism managed lands.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

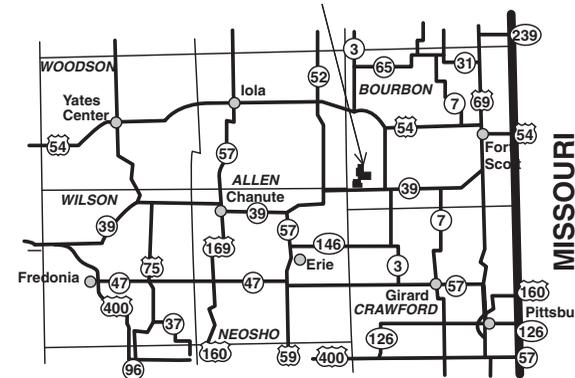
- Vehicles are permitted on maintained roads only.
- Primitive camping is permitted, but please take your trash with you.
- Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area. Special regulations may be in effect.

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## Wildlife Area



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### General Area Map

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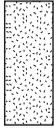
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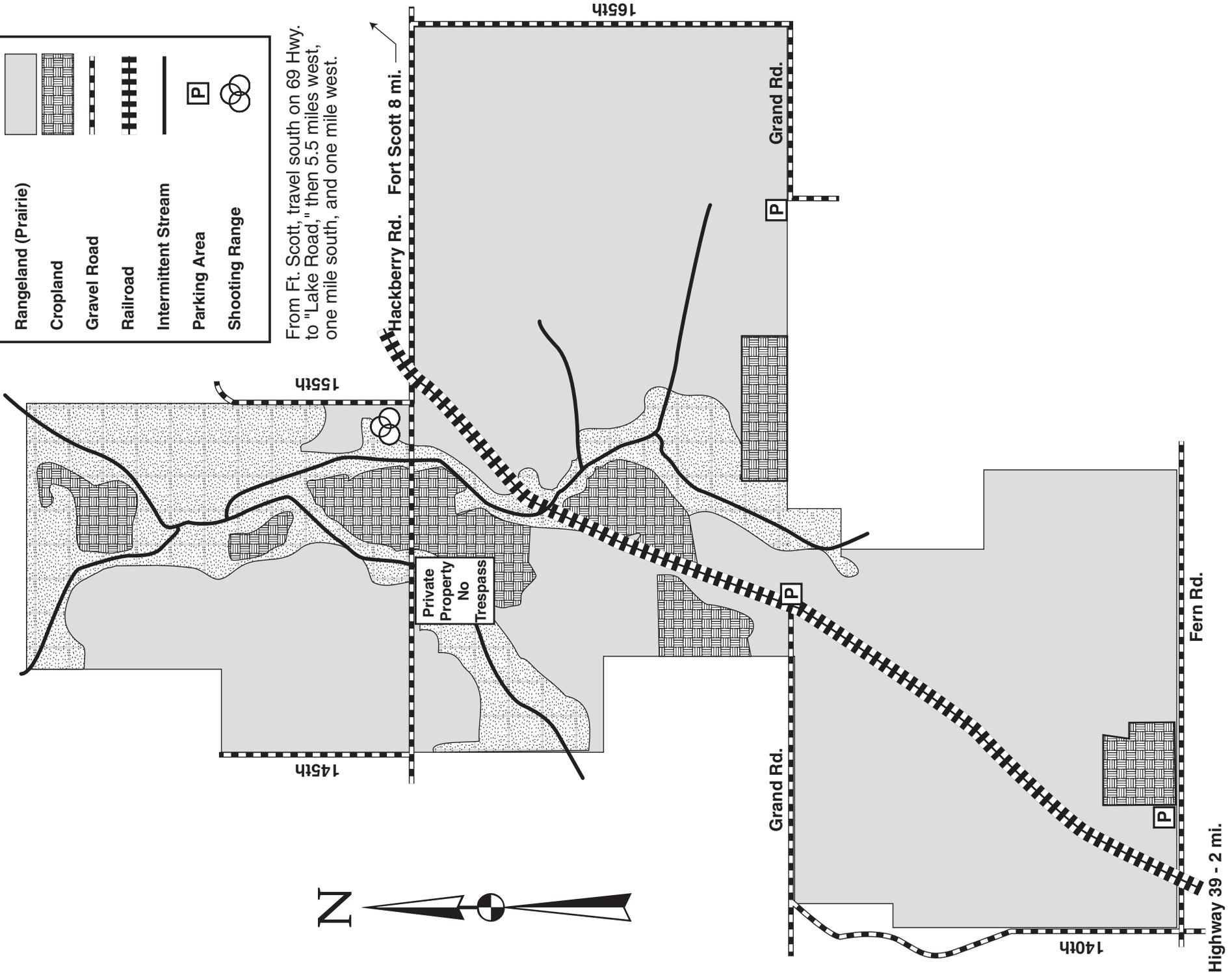
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# HOLLISTER WILDLIFE AREA

## LEGEND

HUNTING ALLOWED	
	Woodland
	Rangeland (Prairie)
	Cropland
	Gravel Road
	Railroad
	Intermittent Stream
	Parking Area
	Shooting Range

From Ft. Scott, travel south on 69 Hwy. to "Lake Road," then 5.5 miles west, one mile south, and one mile west.



Highway 39 - 2 mi.

Fern Rd.

Grand Rd.

Grand Rd.

165th

145th

155th

140th