The 332-acre area is located in the short grass prairie of western Kansas. The property is composed of a 90-acre lake bed, 242 acres of upland short grass prairie surrounding the lake bed, 12 acres of riparian timber and 226 acre conservation easement. The primary management of the area is directed toward public hunting. However, when water is present, fish are stocked as soon as possible to supply a fishing opportunity. Camping, hiking and bird watching are also common activities on the area.

FISHING

When enough water is present to support prolonged fish survival, the department makes every effort to stock the lake with channel catfish, largemouth bass and sunfish. In most cases the lake is stocked with catchable size fish to supply an instant fishing opportunity. This practice is dependent on availability of large fish. Contact the department to get current information about the lake. Visitors should check written regulations or posted information on creel limits or public lands regulations.

WILDLIFE AREA

The area offers a wide variety of game species including mule deer, white-tailed deer, pheasants, jackrabbits, cottontail rabbits, mourning doves, ducks, geese and several species of furbearers. Food plots are established annually on the upper end of the property. Hunters should check written regulations or posted information for current laws and regulations.

Camping is allowed, but only primitive facilities are available on the area. Facilities are limited to a single vault toilet. Open fires are not allowed on the area.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

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