Environmental Interpretation Site Guide

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On T.R.A.C.K.S. Special Issue

In this special issue of your On T.R.A.C.K.S. newsletter, you’ll find an updated guide to sites in Kansas that provide wildlife and environmental interpretation. There are many new entries since the last guide 10 years ago. Sites found in the guide include places with guided nature trails, museums and nature centers, farmsteads, wildlife rehabilitation facilities, and zoos both big and small.

Every attempt was made to include websites and email addresses for each location. Electronic communication is far more popular today than even just ten years ago and where would we be without the internet! Most of the information included in this guide is straight from the web pages.

We hope this updated guide will continue to provide Kansas educators with a sourcebook for outdoor and wildlife education experiences and other resources you might use in developing your lesson plans. Some sites may make good field trip destinations, but don’t overlook a place just because it is far from your school’s doors. Many can provide fascinating information, and some, such as the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center in Greenbush, can even provide IDL (Interactive Distance Learning) programs to your site. Several places, such as the KDWP’s Wildlife Education Service, loan educational materials for only the cost of returning the materials. All of these sites can give you information which you can pass on to your students in a variety of creative lessons and activities.

The sites included in this guide range from the big to the very small, from free to admission charged, and from urban to very rural. Please note, however, that inclusion does not mean these organizations are endorsed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks. As always, research carefully before choosing to use the resources we offer here.

What is interpretation, anyway?

Interpretation (in-tur-pri-tyuhn) -noun.
1. the act of interpreting; elucidation; explication.

According to the experts, environmental interpretation is a unique approach to teaching non-scientists about the natural world. The technical language and concepts scientists use are translated into everyday speech so people of all educational levels and skills can understand more about the world around them. Interpretation stresses ideas and their relationships through hands-on experiences and objects, instead of through dry lectures or texts.

Interpretation sites usually cater to visitors of parks, wildlife refuges, nature centers, zoos, museums, aquariums and other such places. The goal of Kansas interpretive sites is to help people better understand and appreciate the natural resources of our state.

based on information from Sam H. Ham, author of *Environmental Interpretation*, and Gary E. Machlis and Donald R. Field, authors of *On Interpretation.*
**Sternberg Museum of Natural History**

Hays

The Sternberg Museum of Natural History ranks among the best natural history museums. It features a realistic Cretaceous diorama, along with many exhibits including the world famous fish-with-in-a-fish. The Discovery Room features real specimens (largely focusing on the Great Plains) and basic information which allows students to ask questions and find answers on their own.

**Hours:** 9:00 am - 7:00 pm Tues- Sat

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm Sun

Closed Mondays

**Fee:** None, donations appreciated

**Contact Info:**

3000 Sternberg Dr

Hays, KS 67601

(877) 332-1165 toll free

**email:** bcbartels@fhsu.edu

[www.fhsu.edu/Sternberg](http://www.fhsu.edu/Sternberg)

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**Fick Fossil & History Museum**

Oakley

The Fick Museum features a collection of fossils found in the Oakley area, including a 15 foot long Cretaceous fish and over 11,000 shark teeth. The museum also focuses on rocks and minerals and has a “family friendly” policy. Guided tours are available and the site has a playground and picnic area. Advance notice for groups of 15 or more is requested.

**Summer Hours:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm M- Sat

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sun

**Winter Hours:** 9:00 am to noon M-Sat

**Fee:** None, donations appreciated

**Contact Info:**

700 W. 3rd Street

Oakley, KS 67748

(785) 672-4839

**email:** fickmuseum@st-tel.net

[www.discoveroakley.com](http://www.discoveroakley.com) then click on Fick Museum

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**Cheyenne County Historical Museum**

St. Francis

Featuring exhibits on area wildlife, prehistoric animals and Ice Age mammals, and horses from all eras, this museum offers group tours. Schedule well in advance and custom treasure hunts can be prepared for class groups. Also available are guided tours (using your bus) of The Brakes (unique rock formations nearby) and the last Cheyenne Indian encampment. Tours take about an hour.

**Hours:** 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm M-F

or by appointment

Call ahead to schedule tours

**Fee:** None, donations appreciated

**Contact Info:**

US Hwy 36

St. Francis, KS 67756

Call Marge:(785)332-2392 or Tobe: (785)332-2809 for appointments

[www.stfrancisks.com](http://www.stfrancisks.com), click on St. Francis, then museum
2 Smoky Hill Bison Ranch
Assaria

We cater to your group needs with our program on the American bison and Kansas agriculture, and gear it to the age of the class or group. You have a choice for a two hour time slot on Tuesdays through Fridays (rain dates on Mondays), between 9 am to 2 pm for your tour and activities. Your students may bring sack lunches and use our picnic area, or we can make the meal for you (additional cost).

Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm M-Sat (year around)
Afternoons on Sunday

Contact Info: 2660 E. Hobbs Creek Rd
Assaria, KS 67416
1-800-790-2665
Email: smoky@bisonfarm.com
www.bisonfarm.com

2 Milford Nature Center and Fish Hatchery
Junction City

Live animal exhibits feature native wildlife including snakes, amphibians, prairie dogs, birds of prey, and bobcats. Hands-on exhibits allow you to touch and feel animal furs, skulls, feathers, and much more. Seasonal exhibits include the Butterfly House. Playground and picnic shelter available. Naturalist programs and hatchery tours are available to groups but must be scheduled in advance. See website for programs.

Hours: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F (year around)
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sat-Sun (Apr-Sep)

Contact Info: 3415 Hatchery Dr.
Junction City, KS 66441
(785)238-LEAF
Email: pats@wp.state.ks.us
www.kdwp.state.ks.us click on education

2 Rock Springs 4-H Center
Junction City

This camp and conference center offers historical, educational, environmental and recreational programming, including overnights and 2-hour to 3-day environmental programs. There are several diverse habitat areas to observe. On-site programs and recreation facilities, as well as meals, are included in most programs. Features include cross-curricular programming, leadership training activities, and a low-ropes course.

Hours: 8:00 am - noon, 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Contact Info: 5405 W. Hwy K-157,
Junction City, KS 66441
(785)257-3221
Email: administration@rocksprings.net
www.rocksprings.net
Insect Zoo- Kansas State University
Manhattan

The KSU Insect Zoo opened in 1999, and is housed in the old Dairy Barn by the gardens on the campus of Kansas State University. During guided tours, visitors are offered a chance to touch a variety of animals not usually offered in the petting zoo, including millipedes and walking sticks. Due to limited space, all groups of 15 or more must call in advance to schedule their visit.

Hours: Group tours by appointment
All day Mon; Tue-Fri mornings
Fee: $3.00/person and must be scheduled one week in advance.

Contact Info: (785)532-2847 or 556-8179
E-mail: insect@ksu.edu
www.k-state.edu/butterfly/index.htm

Konza Prairie Biological Station
Manhattan

Konza Prairie staff or docents lead walking and driving tours. Visitors may choose a guided hike from one- to six-miles, or a guided driving tour from your vehicle. Expect a total visit time of one- to five-hours, depending on your chosen activities. You may choose to spend the day at Konza Prairie and do both a hike and the driving tour. Education topics include: value of prairie research and ecology, local history of Native Americans and European settlers, Flint Hills geology, signs of animals and seeds of prairie plants, and plant and animal diversity of the prairie.

Hours: call ahead to schedule
Fee: K-12 classes (excluding USD 383)
$25 per class (see website for details)

Contact Info: Dr. Valerie Wright
(785)587-0381
E-mail: konzaed@ksu.edu
www.k-state.edu/konza/keep

Sunset Zoo
Manhattan

This small zoo focuses on conservation of wild animals from around the world, offering educational programs, tours, live animal programs, teacher workshops and outreach programs. Animal Ambassador programs consist of a 45 minute program involving LIVE animals. Some current programs include: Kansas Native, Animals Around the World, and Animal "ABC's" or we can customize a new program just for your group.

Hours: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm daily (Mar-Nov)
12:00 pm - 5:00pm weekdays (Dec-Feb)
Fee: On-site programs $4/adult, $2.00/child 4-12

Contact Info: 2333 Oak Street
Manhattan, KS 66502
(785)587-2737
email: sunsetzoo@ci.manhattan.ks.us
www.sunsetzoo.com
2 Lakewood Discovery Center
Salina

The Discovery Center brings native Kansas to people with numerous interactive displays and opportunities to view local wildlife. The Natural Area offers a break from urban life with its winding trails through woods and prairie, quiet fishing at the lake, and chances to observe animals in their natural habitat. Lakewood is committed to providing new and ever-changing natural experiences and programming for all generations.

**Hours:** 8:30 am - 4:30 pm M-F
Sat. alternates, call for hours.

**Fee:** no entrance fee
fees for some programs

**Contact Info:** 250 Lakewood Dr.
Salina, KS 67401
(785) 826-7335

**email:** bill.gaskill@salina.org or brian.underwood@salina.org
www.salina-ks.gov

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2 Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure
Salina

The Zoo consists of 65 acres of beautifully landscaped naturalistic exhibits, and is home to more than 100 species of animals. Many of these species are rare or endangered, including rhinoceroses, chimpanzees and Amur leopards. The world-class Wildlife Museum houses one of the largest collections of full-mount animals in the world. The mounts are displayed in naturalistic dioramas to better appreciate the cultures and creatures we share the earth with.

**Winter Hours:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
**Summer Hours:** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Fee:** Call for group rates

**Contact Info:** 625 N. Hedville Road
Salina, KS 67401
(785)827-9488

**email:** vickee@rollinghillswildlife.com
www.rollinghillswildlife.com

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2 Kansas Landscape Arboretum
Wakefield

Over 1,000 species of native and exotic woody plants adapted to the Kansas environment are found here. There are four short trails on the Arboretum. At 1 mile, the Woodland Trail is the longest. The Bird Sanctuary Trail circles a small pond. The Meadow Willow Trail follows a riparian corridor and the Wild Acres Trail circles a prairie meadow. Tours can be scheduled.

**Hours:** dawn to dusk daily

**Fee:** none

**Contact Info:** PO Box 346
Wakefield, KS 67487
(785)461-5760

www.naturalkansas.org/kansas.htm
Kansas History Center Nature Trail
Topeka

The nature trail offers families and school children a field trip destination, a place for exercise, and a chance to gain an appreciation of a beautiful northeastern Kansas setting. The 2.5 mile trail (total length) winds throughout the Kansas Historical Society property with several loops to choose from. The trail is open sunrise to sunset year-round. We encourage our visitors to explore nature and explore Kansas history. An activity guide for the trail is available.

Hours: sunrise to sunset daily
Fee: none for the trail. The History Museum has an entrance fee.

Contact Info: 6425 SW Sixth Ave
Topeka, KS 66615
(785) 272-8681, ext. 262
email: kansasmuseum@kshs.org
www.kshs.org

Topeka Zoological Park
Topeka

Topeka’s zoo offers organized educational opportunities that teach about nature and the zoo’s role in its protection, through both on and off-site programs. Topics include endangered species, birds, reptiles, mammals, rainforests, baby animals and more. Programs must be scheduled well in advance.

Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm daily, year-round
Extended summer hours.
Fee: $5.25/adult; $3.75 children 3-12; $4.25 seniors

Contact Info: 635 SW Gage Blvd
Topeka, KS 66606
(785) 272-5821
email: mcoker@topeka.org
www.topeka.org/zoo

W. Clement Stone Nature Center
Topeka

This facility focuses on native Kansas habitats, through field trips, in-classroom programs, adventure-challenge programs, and wildlife rehabilitation. The Center features a 200-acre piece of tallgrass prairie, an adventure challenge course and a 3,500 year-old Indian burial mound. The programs emphasize nature study, wildlife study and rehabilitation, ecology and conservation.

Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm M-F
By appointment only
Fee: $2.50/student for field trips
$35.00/class for outreach programs (1 hr)

Contact Info: 7240 W. 10th St.
Topeka, KS 66615
(785) 273-5806
email: ddinwiddie@stonenaturecenter.org
www.thecyclesinc.org/natureprograms.html
Field trips are provided for 6th graders in the Lawrence area through the Wetland Learners Program. The trips are facilitated by community and partner volunteers as well as Wetland Learner Interns. This year we have 2 field trip projects happening during the 08/09 school year. One project is for the 6th grade and one is for the 2nd grade.

**Kaw Valley Heritage Alliance**

**Lawrence**

**Contact Info:** 412 East 9th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044
(785) 840-0700
www.kawvalleyheritagealliance.org

**Hours:** By appointment only

**Fee:** contact for information

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Located on the east side of town, Prairie Park features prairie, woodland and wetlands blended together in a 72 acre preserve. Prairie Park Nature Center offers a selection of nature programs to the public, schools and local groups on a wide variety of environmental topics. The education building has a display hall with a variety of live Kansas animals, including birds of prey, and dioramas.

**Prairie Park Nature Center**

**Lawrence**

**Contact Info:** 2730 SW Harper
Lawrence, KS 66046
(785) 832-7980
email: mbirrell@ci.lawrence.ks.us
www.lprd.org/ppnc.shtml

**Hours:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Tue-Sat
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sun

**Fee:** Field trips:$3.50 per student ($60 min.)
Indoor Programs: $45.00 at Nature Center
$60.00 at your school

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This museum focuses on plants and animals of the Great Plains and offers a variety of programs for school groups. All exhibits are accessible for wheelchairs, and traveling kits are available for checkout. Special workshops on natural history subjects are available, along with tours of the four floors or exhibits. Those include a panorama of North American plants and animals, dinosaurs fossils and an active beehive.

**University of Kansas Natural History Museum**

**Lawrence**

**Contact Info:** 1345 Jayhawk Bvld.
Lawrence, KS 66045
(785) 864-4450
email: kunhm@ku.edu
www.nhm.ku.edu

**Hours:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Tue-Sat
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sun

**Fee:** $3.00/ child, $5.00/adult
suggested donation at the door
The Prairie Oak Nature Center offers fun environmental education programs for all ages. Stop by the Nature Center or look in the Leawood Parks and Recreation Guide to see programs that are currently scheduled. In addition to the scheduled programs, our on-site naturalist will work with teachers, youth leaders and other organizations to provide a program just for their group.

**Hours:** 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Wed-Sat  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sun  
Closed Monday  
**Fee:** Admission is free

**Contact Info:** 14701 Mission Road  
(At Ironwoods Park)  
Leawood, KS 66211  
(913) 681-0902  
email: parks@leawood.org  
www.leawood.org/parks/naturecenter.aspx

Operation WildLife is the largest publicly funded wildlife clinic in Kansas. OWL presents programs that emphasize the special challenges faced by wild animals today and offer information on native species and habitats. Many of the programs include one or more of OWL's education animals as part of the instruction. Custom presentations are also available.

**Hours:** 8:30 am - 5:30 pm Mon-Sat  
**Fee:** phone or email for fees

**Contact Info:** 23375 Guthrie Road  
Linwood, KS 66052  
(785)542-3625  
email: OpWildlife@aol.com(Diane Johnson)  
www.owl-online.org

Ernie Miller Nature Center was the first Nature Center in Johnson County. It is the focal point of cultural, historical, and environmental education programming offered to all ages by the Johnson County Park and Recreation District. The Center contains displays, live animals, and Nature's Corner Gift Shop, along with a friendly, knowledgeable staff eager to share their knowledge of nature. New in 2002 is the TimberRidge Adventure Center offering challenge and adventure courses.

**Hours:** 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Mon-Sat (closed 12-1)  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sun  
Closed Monday  
**Fee:** varies according to program call for information

**Contact Info:** 909 N. Hwy 7  
(913) 764-7759  
email: bill.mcgowen@jocogov.org (Bill McGowen)  
www.erniemiller.com
Deanna Rose Children Farmstead
Overland Park

The Farmstead is a 12-acre park. It has almost 200 farm animals and birds of prey, vegetable and flower gardens, a one-room country schoolhouse, a dairy barn, an old time fishing pond, horse drawn wagon rides, pony rides and more. Programs available.

Contact Info: 138th and Switzer
Overland Park, KS 66221
(913) 897-2360
email: farmsteadfriends@opkansas.org
www.opkansas.org/_Vis/Farmstead/index.cfm

Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sun-Sat
April 1-Oct 31 (closed Nov-Mar)
Fee: $5.00/person

Overland Park Arboretum
Overland Park

Come take a free guided tour of the gardens and trails at the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Tours should be scheduled three to four weeks in advance, if possible. Activities can take place along the trails and in the Children’s Discovery Garden area. Wolf Creek offers quite a bit to see, if your group is prepared to get a little wet or muddy.

Contact Info: 8909 W. 179th St.
Overland Park, KS 66013
(913)685-3604
www.opkansas.org/_Vis/Arboretum/index.cfm

Hours: 8:00 am - 7:30 pm (Apr-Sep)
8:00 am - 5:00pm (Oct-Apr)
Fee: none

John Barkley Visitor Center
Shawnee

Inside the Visitor Center, located at the entrance of beautiful Shawnee Mission Park, you can view exhibits on wildlife, archaeology, and solar energy. The park itself offers a 150 acre lake, hiking trails, and the largest TRIM orienteering course in Kansas.

Contact Info: 7900 Renner Road
Shawnee, KS 66219
(913) 888-4713
email: info@jcprd.com
www.jcprd.com/parks_facilities/nature_visitor_centers.cfm

Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F
10:00 am -6:00 pm Sat-Sun
Fee: none. There is a fee for fishing, archery, and boating.
Wonderscope Children’s Museum
Shawnee

WONDERSCOPE is the perfect field trip destination for your class! We invite you and your students to experience an environment specifically tailored to their learning and developmental needs. From simple cause and effect, to fine motor skills, to informational and procedural learning, to conceptual cause and effect, our exhibits and programs are designed to engage children in simple and complex forms of play that result in foundational learning.

Contact Info: 5700 King
Shawnee, KS 66203
(913) 268-4176
email: info@wonderscope.org
www.wonderscope.org

Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm M-Sat
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sun
Closed Monday (Sep-Feb)
Fee: $7.00 ages 3-63; $6.00 over 64;
$4.00 ages 1-2; Free under 1

Resource Library

Our goal is to provide Kansas residents with free-loan materials to aid in teaching wildlife education. These resources are available to public, private and home schools, clubs and organizations, and individuals who wish to expand their knowledge of the environment around them.

Available materials include:

* Videos
* Learning Kits
* Books
* Posters
* Computer Programs
* Skins and Skulls

Many subjects are covered, ranging from animals, plants and fish, to weather and environmental issues. **The only charge to you is the return postage.** If you have any questions about using the KDWP Education Resource Library, please contact us by email at shelbys@wp.state.ks.us or call 620 - 672 - 5911.

www.kdwp.state.ks.us/news/Other-Services/Education/Resource-Library
Kansas Heritage Center
Dodge City

The Kansas Heritage Center is a nonprofit social studies resource center operated through Unified School District 443 in Dodge City, Kansas. They offer a significant collection of nature items for sale (posters, stickers, maps, books, and other products) and maintain a lending library. Orders can be shipped anywhere. Great selection of native animal puppets.

Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F
Fee: handling fee for lending library
many Kansas items for sale

Contact Info: P.O. Box 1207
Dodge City, KS 67801
(620) 227-1616
e-mail: orders@ksheritage.org
www.ksheritage.org

Wright Park Zoo
Dodge City

Wright Park Zoo is one of the smallest zoos in Kansas. There are 45 mammals and birds on display. Animals on display include Elvira, a Siberian tiger, longhorn cattle, buffalo, black bears, emu, cougar, various monkeys, and many other animals. There is a petting zoo. Tours are self-guided.

Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm daily
Fee: none

Contact Info: South of Wyatt Earp Blvd on Second St.
Dodge City, KS 67801
(620) 225-8155
e-mail: dcpr@dodgecity.org
www.dodgecity.org/index.aspx?NID=106

Lee Richardson Zoo
Garden City

The Lee Richardson Zoo Education Department offers free educational programs on a variety of "Zoo-ey" topics. Programs can include walking tours of the zoo, which features more than 300 specimens from around the world. Programs and classroom visits are designed around teacher requests. Tours must be arranged at least two weeks in advance.

Hours: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm (Apr-Labor Day)
8:00 am - 4:30 pm (Sep-Mar)
Fee: none for walk through traffic
$3.00/vehicle for drive through
Mar-Nov. (Free Dec-Feb)

Contact Info: 312 E. Finnup Dr.
Garden City, KS 67846
(620) 276-1259
e-mail: zooeducation@garden-city.org
www.garden-city.org/zoo/zoolayout.html?home.html
5  Brit Spaugh Zoo
Great Bend

This small zoo features a collection designed with environmental education as the focus. Snakes and birds of prey are some of the special shows available. Programs are available both on and off site. New in 2007 is the Central Kansas Raptor Rehabilitation Facility.

Hours: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm daily
Fee: none for on-site programs
$125 for offsite programs within 1 hr
$125 plus mileage elsewhere

Contact Info: 2200 N. Main
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620) 793-4160
email: mcargill@greatbendks.net
www.greatbendks.net/meetthestaff/parkdepart.htm

5  Kansas Wetlands Education Center
Great Bend

Through interpretive displays and programs the Wetlands Education Center educates visitors about the critical value of the wetlands to migratory shorebirds, waterfowl, raptors, grassland birds, and numerous amphibians and reptiles. The Center also explains the reasons why these natural marshes, ephemeral wetlands, and adjoining grasslands need to be restored, protected, and properly managed. It also serves as a source for educational materials and current information of value to tourists, hunters, and wildlife watchers.

Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed Monday
Fee: none

Contact Info: 592 NE 156 Hwy
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620)786-7456
email: tlmannell@fhsu.edu
www.fhsu.edu/wetlandscenter/

5  Kansas Meteorite Museum and Nature Center
Haviland

The Kansas Meteorite Museum and Nature Center is an entertaining and educational site for the whole family. This museum houses the largest display of Brenham Kansas meteorites in the world. Educational material about meteorites and meteorites from around the world are on display. The history of the Brenham meteorites and life on the plains of Kansas from the late 1800s and early 1900s is also included. The Nature Center with trails and displays is still in the planning process.

Hours: 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Fri-Sun
or by appointment
Fee: none

Contact Info: 2 mi south of Hwy 54/400 between Haviland and Greensburg
(620) 723-2318
www.kansasmeteorite.com
Pratt Education Center and Aquarium

Located on the grounds of the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks headquarters, this site emphasizes the discovery of Kansas fish and wildlife through hands-on nature presentations for schools and other organizations. Features include live reptiles, twelve 400-gallon aquariums with native fish, and the Pratt Fish Hatchery next door. There are limited outreach programs offered and no nature trails at the facility, however, there are trails nearby in Lemon Park.

**Hours:** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F  
**Fee:** none  
**Contact Info:** 512 SE 25th Ave  
Pratt, KS 67124  
(620) 672-0776  
email: chriss@wp.state.ks.us  
www.kdwp.state.ks.us then click on education

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**Do you have an OWLS for environmental education at your school?**

OWLS is an acronym for Outdoor Wildlife Learning Sites. It is a program sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. An OWLS is an outdoor environmental/wildlife laboratory, at or near a school, consisting of one or more native habitat features. It is designed to attract native wildlife and to facilitate multi-discipline learning opportunities for students. An OWLS grant provides $2,000 for developing initial features. Other grants also available include certification, rejuvenation and window OWLS.

An OWLS can be as simple as a few demonstration plots of native grasses and wildflowers and a small frog pool along an edge of the schoolgrounds, or as complex as several acres of woodlands with ponds and a stream. Features may include butterfly/hummingbird gardens, wetlands, nature trails, bird and other animal feeding stations, native prairie grass demonstration and study plots, xeriscape demonstration sites and weather stations. Most OWLS will have some trees and shrubs specifically selected to attract certain wildlife species, such as songbirds.

Visit www.kdwp.state.ks.us for more information

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Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge is home to over 300 species of birds as well as many different mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. Guided tours and planned activities are available for schools and other groups by appointment only so call early to schedule yours. A field trip guide is available to educators. All equipment for activities in the guide are on hand at the Refuge to be checked out should you wish to conduct one or more of these activities on your own.

**Hours:** 7:30 am - 4:30 pm M-F (Visitor Ctr)  
Dawn to dusk daily (Refuge)  
**Fee:** none  
**Contact Info:** 1434 NE 80th Street  
Stafford, KS 67578  
(620) 486-2393  
email: Quivira@fws.gov  
www.fws.gov/quivira

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Chaplin Nature Center
Arkansas City

Chaplin Nature Center is located on the inner edge of a bend in the Arkansas River. More than five miles of walking trails provide easy access to bottomland & prairies, upland prairies, a spring-fed creek, and the Arkansas River. The visitor center features wildlife displays, a nature library, a gift shop, and a bird observation area located on open deck bordered by tree canopy and serviced with bird feeders. Programs are available on and off site for children and adults.

Hours: varies by season.
  9:00 am - 5:00 pm Tues-Sat
  1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sun
Fee: none

Contact Info: 27814 27th Dr.
Arkansas City, KS 67005
(620) 442-4133
email: cnc@wichitaudubon.org
www.wichitaudubon.org/cnc.html

Eagle Valley Raptor Center
Cheney

EVRC offers both on and offsite Bird of Prey programs. Book us to come to your school and teach your students about how birds of prey affect the environment and how our lifestyles can affect them, or bring your class out for a exciting time in nature and visit all of our feathered friends. We also offer an exciting reading program for preschool to 3rd grade.

Hours: variable. Must schedule in advance
Fee: $5.00/ person suggested donation for on-site tours.
Contact EVRC for off-site program fees

Contact Info: 927 N. 343rd St. W
Cheney, KS 67025
(316) 540-0003
email: raptorcare@aol.com
www.eaglevalleyraptorcenter.org

Tanganyika Wildlife Park
Goddard

As you walk among the kangaroos, hand-feed the giraffes and ride atop a camel, there’s a moment you realize you’ve crossed the usual boundaries of a typical zoo and entered a special place. You don't just observe animals at Tanganyika, you experience their world. With a strong commitment to education and preservation, we offer a variety educational programs for all levels, from early childhood through adult.

Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm daily
Closed in winter
Fee: $6.00/ person schools/daycares

Contact Info: 1000 S. Hawkins Lane
Goddard, KS 67052
(316) 794-8954
email: events@twpark.com
www.tanganyikawildlife.org
Since 1981, Dyck Arboretum has fostered an appreciation of the native plants of Kansas through horticultural displays. The spring and fall FloraKansas public plant sales combine hard-to-find natives with expert advice. Teachers are invited to participate in annual training in the Earth Partnership for Schools program that establishes native plantings on school grounds and coordinates curriculum to Kansas education standards. The Visitor Center is available for rentals year-round.

Dillon Nature Center has provided quality outdoor education programs for school children for more than 30 years. Our trained guides will involve your students in an engaging environmental learning experience. All group visits need to be arranged in advance and in-class presentations are conducted only during December, January, February, and early March.

Live animal programs are offered free of charge to scheduled school groups of 10 or more during April and May. Programs are geared to Kdg - 6th grade level. Programs must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance. A fee is charged for off zoo site programming. With early notice, both on and off site programs can be adjusted to fit your classroom curriculum, or scout troop badge requirements. Live animal programs for the public are offered at 1:30 every Sat. during the summer months.
Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center
Hutchinson

From field trips to family outings, the Cosmosphere is proud to feature various education programs designed to stimulate the mind and stir the imagination. After all, it’s one of our goals to challenge students and families with high-impact programming that’s flexible, affordable and most of all . . . fun!

Contact Info: 1100 N. Plum
Hutchinson, KS 67501
(800) 397-0330 ext. 323
email: laurieg@cosmo.org
www.cosmo.org

Kansas Underground Salt Museum
Hutchinson

The Kansas Underground Salt Museum explores the story of salt in a subterranean environment. Voted as one of The 8 Wonders of Kansas it is the only museum of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. Visitors descend 650 feet below the Kansas prairie into a working salt mine to see features of an ancient salt deposit laid down 275 million years ago and mining equipment that has been used in this mine over the past 80+ years. Learn about the scientific and geological make up of the earth in this area of Kansas.

Contact Info: 3504 E Avenue G
Hutchinson, KS 67501
1-866-755-3450
email: info@undergroundmuseum.org
www.undergroundmuseum.org

Maxwell Refuge Tour Center
McPherson

Maxwell Refuge is the only location in Kansas where public herds of both bison and elk can be viewed in a native prairie environment. The Friends of Maxwell give guided tram tours that go out onto the prairie for a close view of the bison herd. The visitor center has displays about prairie wildlife. There is an observation tower located on the highest point of the refuge and offers a beautiful view of the Maxwell prairie. Drive through visitors welcome also.

Contact Info: Friends of Maxwell
2565 Pueblo Rd
Canton, KS 67428
(620) 628-4455
email: maxwell@kitusa.com
www.cyberkraft.com/maxwell
**Kauffmann Museum**

**Newton**

Kauffmann Museum offers special thematic tours for school classes from K-6, based on school curriculum. An outstanding collection of mounted animals and birds and the prairie reconstruction allow close-up examination of an extensive range of species. Materials for check-out are also available. Reservations are required two weeks in advance.

**Hours:** 9:30 am - 4:30 pm Tues-Fri
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Sat-Sun
Closed on Mondays

**Fee:** $1.00/person for field trips

**Contact Info:**
27th and North Main
Newton, KS 67117
(316) 283-1612
email: asa@bethelks.edu (Andi Schmidt Andres)
www.bethelks.edu/kauffman

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**Botanica, The Wichita Gardens**

**Wichita**

This botanical paradise on the plains is comprised of over nine acres of stunning gardenscaping that features more than 3600 species of plants both native and new to the region. Twenty-five themed display gardens such as the Butterfly Garden, Woodland Bird Garden, Shakespearean Garden, Sensory Garden and Wildflower Meadow combine with 20 sculptures and multiple flowing fountains to create a visually stunning atmosphere. Classroom, preschool, and adult presentation are given. Outreach programs available Jan.- Mar. and at Botanica in Apr.-May.

**Hours:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm M-Sat (open til 8:00pm Tues)
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sun

**Fee:** $2.50/ person typical program.
Fee may vary

**Contact Info:**
701 Amidon
Wichita, KS 67203
(316) 264-0448
email: djones@botanica.org (Diana)
www.botanica.org

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**Exploration Place**

**Wichita**

The goal of Exploration Place educational programming is to provide fun and exciting experiences while exploring science. Program selections have been developed to meet Kansas State Science Standards for each grade level. As a result, teachers have the freedom of tailoring visits to best meet their learning goals and objectives.

**Hours:** 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sun-Mon
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Tue-Sat (open til 8:00 pm Thur)

**Fee:** $7.00/student
Prices may vary by program

**Contact Info:**
300 N.McLean Bvld
Wichita, KS 67203
(316) 263-3373 ext 305
1-877-904-1444
www.exploration.org
Great Plains Nature Center
Wichita

The Great Plains Nature Center is a cooperative effort of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the KS Dept. of Wildlife & Parks, and the City of Wichita. The habitats of Kansas are featured in the exhibit hall. Outreach programs, on site programs, guided tours and wildlife presentations are offered. The Center is connected to Chisolm Creek Park and linked to two miles of handicapped accessible trails.

Hours: 9:00 pm - 5:00 pm M-Sat
Fee: none, some fees for programs

Contact Info: 6232 E 29th Street N.
Wichita, KS 67220
(316) 683-5499 ext 210 (Joyce)
email: Joyce@gpnc.org
www.gpnc.org

Kansas Wildlife Exhibit
Wichita

Located in Central Riverside Park, the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit contains over 25 different species of native mammals, reptiles and birds in eight cages. There has been a zoo in one form or another on the site since 1901. Guided tours and programs are offered on site, as well as outreach programs by arrangement.

Hours: Sunrise to 10:00 pm
open year around
Fee: none, donations appreciated

Contact Info: 700 Nims
mail c/o Wichita Wild
455 N. Main, 11th Floor
Wichita, KS 67202
(316) 337-9211
www.gpnc.org then Kansas Wildlife Exhibit

Lake Afton Public Observatory
Wichita

Daytime or evening – there is a trip to the Observatory that is right for almost every class. Each Observatory program centers on a specific theme. During the day, the themes are the sun and/or a scale model of the solar system. During the evening, the theme can be the life of a star, the objects which make up our Milky Way galaxy, or the features of the planets and Moon. Classroom presentations, portable editions of exhibits, instructional astronomy games, video tapes, and astronomy activities for use in the classroom are also available.

Hours: School programs are offered on Tues. and Thurs. evenings and Wed. during the day.
Fee: $2.00/ person (min. $40.00)
Reservations needed two weeks in advance

Contact Info: LAPO/WSU
1845 Fairmount
Wichita, KS 67260
(316) 978-3191
email: observatory@wichita.edu
webs.wichita.edu/lapo
The Water Center
Wichita

Hours: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm M-W-F
other times by appointment

Fee: none

A one-of-a-kind venture, the WATER Center offers a hands-on, interactive environmental center dedicated to the education and health issues caused by water and pollution. Cleaned water supports all kinds of aquatic wildlife that can be viewed through "windows" in the outdoor fish observatory. Our focus is on water and the science, art, language, history, and mathematics that are used to appreciate this incredible resource. Discovery Boxes are available which can travel to your classroom for up to two weeks. The trunks include curriculum guides, hand's-on materials, investigation tool, story books and more.

Contact Info: 101 E. Pawnee
Wichita, KS 67211
(316) 337-9262
email: KJohnson@wichita.gov
www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Environmental/WATERCenter/Programs

Sedgwick County Zoo
Wichita

Hours: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm daily
10:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Nov-Feb)

Fee: $4.00/ person for field trips
Outreach varies from $45.00-$65.00 plus mileage

Get out of the classroom and into the Zoo! Your elementary school age kids can learn more about animals from around the world through Activities and Learning Adventures designed for inquiring minds. Programs are also available for preschool, middle/high school, and home-schools. Zoo Reach brings a Zoo Education Specialist to you for up to one hour. These are great for any group: schools, adult lectures or retirement homes. Schedule at least two weeks prior to your preferred date.

Contact Info: 5555 Zoo Blvd
Wichita, KS 67212
(316) 266-8213
email: ask@scz.org
www.scz.org

Museum of World Treasures
Wichita

Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm M-Sat
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sun

Fee: $6.00/ person (min. $150.00)

Your students will experience a trip through time when they visit our unique and exciting Museum of World Treasures! This intriguing journey will allow them to explore real dinosaurs, including Ivan the Tyrannosaurus rex, Ancient Civilizations exhibits, Military History exhibits, an Early Frontier exhibit, artifacts of American Culture, Historic Authors, Historic Music Composers, and much more! The diversity of our exhibits cover curriculum in Kansas, United States, and world history.

Contact Info: 835 E 1st In Old Town
Wichita, KS 67202
1-888-700-1311
email: education@worldtreasures.org
www.worldtreasures.org
Wolf Creek Environmental Education Area
Burlington

Wolf Creek Environmental Education Area is a unique opportunity to learn about the nature of eastern Kansas. Visitors may tour the area on their own or schedule guided tours. The area contains numerous walking trails, bird watching blinds and picnic facilities. A fun observation tower is a silo with a 65-step spiral staircase inside. Restrooms, picnic tables and benches are available. Brochures located at the Eisenhower Learning Center provide information for self-guided tours.

Hours: Dawn to dusk
Fee: none

Contact Info: 1550 Oxen Lane NE
PO Box 411
Burlington, KS 66839
(620) 364-4141
www.wcnoc.com/enved.cfm

David Traylor Zoo
Emporia

The focus of the Emporia Zoo is to provide an opportunity for cultural enrichment for the community and surrounding area while fulfilling the zoo’s obligations to conservation, education and recreation. Tours of the exhibits are offered, along with environmental education programs both on and off site. Many exhibits feature native wildlife, including badger, bobcat, and prairie dogs.

Hours: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Extended summer hours to 8:00 pm on Wed and Sun
Fee: none, donations appreciated

Contact Info: 75 Sodens Rd
Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 341-4365
email: emporiazooed@emporia.ws
www.emporia.ws/parkandzoo/ZooWeb.nsf

Schmidt Museum of Natural History
Emporia

This museum features an extensive collection of mounted native Kansas birds and mammals. Tours and walk throughs are available. Staff are available for presentations to groups on topics related to the wildlife of Kansas such as backyard bird feeding, songbirds of Kansas, owls of Kansas, and mammal skull identification. A collection of teaching specimens are also available for loan.

Hours: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm M-F
8:00 am - noon Sat
Fee: none, donations appreciated

Contact Info: Emporia State University
1200 Commercial
Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 341-5311
email: wjensen1@emporia.edu
www.emporia.edu/smnh/
Wildwood Outdoor Education Center
LaCygne

Wildwood Outdoor Education Center provides outdoor education, team building, and individual skill development to children and adults from the Kansas City metro area. Wildwood is unique, in almost every aspect of being an outdoor education center and a residential camp setting. On site programs are planned in conjunction with requests from each teacher. Whole day and overnight programming is available. Special features include a ropes course.

Hours: Must schedule in advance
Fee: call for more information

Contact Info:
7095 W. 399th St
LaCygne, KS 66040
(913) 757-4500
email: wildwood@peoplestelecom.net
www.wildwoodctr.org

Cedar Cove Feline Conservatory
Louisburg

Cedar Cove is a non-profit organization devoted to the care and preservation of endangered large cats while educating the public on their behavior, physiology, habitats and the threats & dangers of extinction. The site has a 3-acre lake, a nice picnic area and a secluded 3-acre facility with its state-of-the-art animal enclosures, an exercise area the size of a football field and an education building. Group tours by appointment.

Hours: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Sat-Sun (Apr-Oct)
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Sat-Sun (Nov-Mar)
Other times by appointment

Fee: call for information

Contact Info:
3783 Highway K-68
Louisburg, KS 66058
(913) 837-5515
email: info@saveoursiberians.org
www.saveoursiberians.org

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve
Strong City

A two-hour guided tour of the ranch headquarters and schoolhouse areas are offered. Groups are divided and rotated through the house, barn, school, and trail, while learning about the natural and cultural features of the preserve. Also available is a two-hour curriculum-based field trip exploring the principles of science and their application in a prairie environment. Students will conduct a miniature scientific experiment and learn about prairie ecosystems through games and activities. Bus tours of the prairie are available. Schedule your visit two weeks in advance.

Hours: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm year round
Fee: None for entrance
Programs are $1.00/student, teacher free

Contact Info:
Rt 1, Box 14, Hwy 177
Strong City, KS 66869
(620) 273-8494
www.nps.gov/tapr
Safari Zoological Park
Caney

This zoological park has over 100 animal species, including white tigers and native species such as bobcats, grizzly bears, and black bears. They offer programs in addition to their propagation and preservation efforts. A large petting area allows close-up viewing and interaction with animals. An off-site program called, Struggle for Survival, focuses on conservation and preservation of our world and the animals that inhabit it. No animals are taken off site.

Hours: By appointment 10:00 am - 5:00 pm during the week
Fee: school rates are $5.50/student
   Groups of 25 or more

Contact Info: 1751A CR 1425
              Caney, KS 67333
              (620) 879-2885
              email: safaripark@terraworld.net
              www.safaripark.org

Southeast Kansas Nature Center
Galena

The historic scout cabin in Schermerhorn Park has been transformed into a wonderful nature center. Animal and plant exhibits native to the area are displayed throughout the center. Exploration drawers are filled with hands-on materials to give visitors an opportunity to learn about nature up close. Environmental education classes and workshops are offered. The adjoining park grounds, trails, and creek make a perfect setting for science and nature studies.

Hours: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Tues-Sat
       1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sun
       Closed Mondays
Fee: none

Contact Info: 7693 SE 77th Terrace
              Galena, KS 66739
              (620) 783-5207
              email: seknaturecenter@yahoo.com
              www.apexcorp.com/~rmangile/Sgas/GalenaNC.html

Southeast Kansas Education Service Center
Greenbush

The main Greenbush campus is the site for unique learning facilities such as the Wm. L. Abernathy Science Center and rain forest, Mission Space Station, PSU/Greenbush Astrophysical Observatory, and Greenbush Archeological Dig. New are the biotechnology labs and a MediaGlobe Digital Planetarium especially designed to increase student achievement in math and science. Seminars, outreach programs, IDL programs, ropes courses, and more are available.

Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F
       and by appointment
Fee: Fees for some programs: call for more information

Contact Info: 947 W. Hwy 57
              Girard, KS 66743
              (620) 724-6281
              email: lisa.blair@greenbush.org
              www.greenbush.org then click on student instruction
              then science education center
Ralph Mitchell Zoo
Independence

The zoo today is over 50 acres. Although the size is large, the number of animal specimens is limited to roughly 200, taking advantage of the spacious design of the hoofed animal areas. The zoo features a great variety of animals, though many are small and most are grazers. Live animals are not taken off-site for programming, but school groups are welcome to tour the facility. Some off-site programming is available.

Contact Info: Riverside Park
Independence, KS 67301
(620) 332-2513
www.forpaz.com/zoo.htm

Pittsburg State University Nature Reach
Pittsburg

Nature Reach offers both on-campus and off-campus programs. We utilize many hands-on items, including live and preserved specimens, to help illustrate key points of the topic. Looking closely and touching is highly encouraged! Nature Reach programs can be scheduled in conjunction with the Planetarium or Chemistry programs. We are also offering an on-campus auditorium Bird of Prey program that can accommodate up to 100 students.

Contact Info: Heckert-Wells Bldg
PSU campus
Pittsburg, KS 66762
(620) 235-4727
email: naturereach@pittstate.edu
www.pittstate.edu/department/naturereach/index.dot

Bearded Dragon
from PSU Nature Reach brochure
### Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks

Many employees of KDWP, even those not directly involved in education, are willing to spend time working with children and teachers. Americorps members, found at many state parks, are also available for programs. Additional information regarding each site can be accessed through the [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us) website or by contacting each site by phone or email.

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Several federal offices may be able to help with environmental education. The services at each site will vary, so call or email for more information. Federal reservoirs are managed by the Army Corps of Engineers and National Wildlife Refuges are managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

**Region 1**
Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge
702 E. Xavier Rd
Kirwin, KS 67644
(785) 543-6673
www.kirwin.fws.gov
kirwin@fws.gov

**Region 2**
Kanopolis Lake
105 Riverside Dr.
Marquette, KS 67464
(785) 546-2294
www.nwk.usace.army.mil/ka/
Kanopolis@usace.army.mil

Milford Lake
4020 W K-57 Highway
Junction City, KS 66441
(785) 238-5714
www.nwk.usace.army.mil/mi/
Milford@usace.army.mil

Tuttle Creek Lake
5020 B Tuttle Creek Blvd
Manhattan, KS 66502
(785) 539-8511
www.nwk.usace.army.mil/te/
Tuttle.creek@usace.army.mil

**Region 3**
Perry Lake
10409 Perry Park Dr.
Perry, KS 66073
(785) 597-5144
www.nwk.usace.army.mil/po/
perry.lake@usace.army.mil

**Region 4**
Clinton Lake
872 N. 1402 Rd
Lawrence, KS 66049
(785) 843-7665
www.nwk.usace.army.mil/cl/
Clinton@usace.army.mil

**Region 5**
Cimarron National Grasslands
242 Hwy 56E
Elkhart, KS 67950
(620) 697-4621
www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/cim/

**Region 6**
Elk City Lake
PO Box 426
Cherryvale, KS 67335
(620) 364-8614

John Redmond Lake
1565 Embankment Rd SW
Burlington, KS 66839
(620) 364-8614

**Region 7**
Council Grove Lake
945 Lake Rd
Council Grove, KS 66846
(620) 767-5195

Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge
530 W. Maple
Hartford, KS 66854
(620) 392-5553
www.flinthills.fws.gov
flinthills@fws.gov

Hillsdale Lake
26000 W. 255 St
Paola, KS 66071
(913) 783-4366
www.nwk.usace.army.mil/hi/
Hillsdale@usace.army.mil

**Region 8**
Big Hill Lake
PO Box 426
Cherryvale, KS 67335
(620) 336-2741

El Dorado Lake
2710 NE Shady Creek Access Rd
El Dorado, KS 67042
(316) 321-9974

Elk City Lake
PO Box 426
Cherryvale, KS 67335
(620) 336-2741

Fall River Lake
PO Box 37
Fall River, KS 67047
(620) 658-4445

Marion Lake
2105 N. Pawnee Rd
Marion, KS 66861
(620) 382-2101

Melvern Lake
31051 Melvern Lake Prkwy
Melvern, KS 66510
(785) 549-3318
www.nwk.usace.army.mil/me/
Melvern@usace.army.mil

Pomona Lake
5260 Pomona Dam Rd
Vassar, KS 66543
(785) 453-2201
www.nwk.usace.army.mil/po/
Pomona@usace.army.mil

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KACEE is a statewide non-profit association of many public and private agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals that promotes and provides effective, non-biased, science-based conservation and environmental education to all Kansans. Check out [www.kacee.org](http://www.kacee.org) to get the latest. Here are some of the services you can find through KACEE.

**Project WILD** is an environmental education resource program that helps participants develop an awareness, appreciation and understanding of wildlife. Some of the exciting activities include: "Quick Frozen Critters", "Oh Deer", and "Muskox Maneuvers". The importance of water to all forms of life inspired Project WILD Aquatic. It invites us to explore and understand the fascinating world of water and the life it supports. Your students will participate in fun activities like: "Migration Headache", "Turtle Hurdles", and "Marsh Munchers".

**PLT** uses the forest and trees as "windows" into the natural and built environments, helping students gain awareness of the world around them and their place in it. Activity guides include PreK-8 as well as secondary modules (for middle and high school as well as post-secondary audiences) in such areas as Exploring Environmental Issues, Solid Waste and Risk. A sample of activities includes: "Adopt a Tree", "Tale of the Sun", "Tree Cookies".

**Project WET** is an exciting water education program which focuses on water related topics such as atmospheric, surface, and ground water; water history; chemistry; watersheds; water economics; and water stewardship. Some of the exciting Project WET activities are "The Rainstick", "H2O Olympics", and "Geyser Guts".

The goal of the **Statewide Water Celebrations Project** is to gather information about water celebrations from the state’s innovative water celebration organizers, and develop a resource sharing network to help recruit and assist new water celebration organizers to serve all 105 counties in Kansas with a water celebration event.

The **Leopold Education Project (LEP)** is an innovative, interdisciplinary, critical thinking, conservation and environmental education curriculum based on the classic writings of the renowned conservationist, Aldo Leopold.

**FREE MATERIALS**

The Wildlife Education Service provides educational materials for preschoolers through adults to promote an understanding and appreciation for Kansas wildlife, wetlands, and other natural resources. These materials are very adaptable to an integrated, interdisciplinary, whole language approach to learning.

These educational materials stress ecological concepts and illustrate how the usage of our natural resources affects wildlife. The goal is to develop an environmentally responsible citizenry that will involve itself in the decision-making process and work to ensure and maintain the quality of our natural resources.

Copies of these materials are available either in hard copy or on CD upon request from the Wildlife Education Service section at (620) 672-0751 or shelbys@wp.state.ks.us or visit the website at [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us).
On TRACKS is published by the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks several times during the school year.

The purpose of On TRACKS is to disseminate information and educational resources pertaining to the natural, historic, and cultural resources of the prairie, emphasizing Kansas ecology. Information is presented from the perspective of current scientific theory.

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