Harmon Wildlife Area is located 1 mile north and 1 1/4-miles east of Chetopa, Kansas. The area is made up of 102 acres near the Neosho River and the confluence of Labette Creek. In the physiographic region of Kansas called the Cherokee Plain. The Cherokee Plain receives over 41-inches of rainfall annually. Harmon Wildlife Area is made up of 86 acres of bottomland hardwood forest, 10 acres of tall grass prairie, and a small oxbow lake that adds to the area’s diversity.

**WILDLIFE INFORMATION**

Hunting opportunities can be found for white-tailed deer, eastern turkey, fox squirrel, cottontail rabbits, and waterfowl. Prescribed burns, noxious weed control, and timber stand improvement efforts maintain the qualities of this wildlife area.

**FISHING**

Some angling opportunities can be found in the oxbow lake for channel catfish, crappie and bluegill. Located down river, approximately 2 miles south on the Neosho River, is a low head dam and city park operated by the city of Chetopa. Excellent fishing for channel catfish, flathead catfish, blue catfish, and rough fish provides great angling opportunities through late summer. White bass, crappie and walleye can be caught in good numbers in early spring, depending on water clarity. In a designated area below the low-head dam, paddlefish snagging is allowed during season and is a unique and popular angling opportunity.

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

Bird watching near the bottomland woodland provide opportunities year around. During the summer months, a hike down the county road that splits the wildlife area should give birdwatchers a chance to see some of the neotropical migrants that call the Neosho River bottom home during this time of the year. Nature hiking, mushroom hunting, and primitive camping provide other opportunities on the wildlife area. A rare remnant tract of bottomland native prairie provides wildlife habitat and sustains numerous wildflowers.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

Vehicles are limited to maintained roads and parking area. A no trash policy is enforced on the area. Target practice is prohibited on the area.