Shoal Creek Wildlife Area was purchased in 2004 to protect a small portion of the Kansas Ozarks and a clear-running Ozarkian stream called Shoal Creek. The 32-acre wildlife area is located in the extreme corner of southeast Kansas in Cherokee County, within the Ozark Plateau physiographic region. Shoal Creek Wildlife Area typifies the characteristic wooded hills, Ozarkian streams, wet limestone crevices and caves found in the region. Many species of wildlife found on the state endangered and threatened species list are found in this area.

**WILDLIFE INFORMATION**
White-tailed deer, grey squirrel, fox squirrel and furbearers are commonly found on the Shoal Creek Wildlife Area. The unique flora and physiography of the area also provide habitat for numerous species of birds, insects, reptiles, amphibians, and fish not found west of the Ozark Plateau. Because of the area’s size and proximity to Schermerhorn Park, hunting is limited to archery and shotgun only.

**FISHING**
A 1/4-mile stretch of Shoal Creek is available to anglers. Common species include smallmouth bass, spotted bass, longear sunfish, warmouth, flathead catfish, channel catfish, and occasional walleye.

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**
Adjacent to Shoal Creek is the Schermerhorn Park, which is maintained by the city of Galena. Schermerhorn Cave slices deep into the Ozark Hills some 2,566 feet. This cave is home to many cave-dwelling species that are rare in Kansas, including the dark-sided, cave, and graybelly salamanders. Also, located on top of the hill is the Southeast Kansas Nature Center that provides a biological wonderland of information related to southeast Kansas for all ages to enjoy.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**
- A no trash policy is in effect for all public wildlife areas.
- No alcohol is allowed
- Swimming is not allowed
- Respect landowner rights. Shoal Creek upstream and downstream of this small property is privately owned. Angling and boating on private property requires permission from landowners.

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, and military or veteran status. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, 1020 S Kansas Ave, Topeka, KS 66612-1327. 01/16