Management efforts are geared toward early successional habitat that benefits all wildlife, but particularly small game and upland birds. From Nov. 1 to Jan 31, 1,200 acres (land and water) in the Cawker City Refuge and 600 acres (water) in the Granite Creek Refuge are closed to all activities.

**FISHING**

Walleye fishing is best in the spring and early summer when the fish actively feed. Anchoring or drifting shallow water near drop-offs using worm-tipped jigs is most productive. Trolling crankbaits is also popular. A strong white bass population provides a variety of seasonal opportunities and can be caught year-round. Smallmouth and largemouth bass populations are strong and provide good catch-and-release angling from March to November.

Doves are plentiful early in the season, especially on managed fields, but late season hunts can also be productive. Turkey numbers are fairly good, but their use of the area fluctuates throughout the year. Small game species generally do quite well and receive low hunting pressure. Vehicle access for disabled hunters is allowed through special permit from area manager. Limited-access special hunts on refuge areas are also offered through online application at www.ksoutdoors.com and are generally geared toward youth and novice hunters. A public shooting range is available just south of Downs and is open during daylight hours.

**YOUTH-MENTOR AREA**

The west Granite Creek area has more than 450 acres set aside for Youth-Mentor hunting from Oct. 1-Jan.31. Youth must be age 17 or younger. Adult mentors must be at least 18 years of age and are allowed to hunt with the youth. Remember, each hunting mentor must be accompanied by at least 1 youth who is actively hunting.

**HUNTING**

All hunters on the property are required to check in and out daily. This can be accomplished online via the iSportsman system at kdwpt.isportsman.net, via telephone, or with paper cards available at limited locations on the property. The area produces fair to good numbers of pheasants and bobwhite quail, but receives heavy hunting pressure from upland hunters. In some areas, vegetation is very thick and difficult to walk through.

**Reservoir & Wildlife Area**

**Glen Elder Wildlife Area**

Encompasses almost 13,290 land acres surrounding a 12,500-acre reservoir and harbors diverse wildlife species.

**Summary and local posted notices annually.** Be sure to check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Length and creel limits are in effect for most species. Voluntary catch and release fishing will greatly extend fishery resources. A properly released fish is an investment in future fishing opportunities. Length and creel limits are in effect for most species. Be sure to check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and local posted notices annually.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

Six boat ramps are located around the wildlife area and two are in the state park. Low water hazards may exist on the western portion of the main lake.

Modern campgrounds with utilities are available in the state park. There are six designated primitive camping areas on the wildlife area where no fees are charged. Camping stays are limited to a maximum of 14 days, and camping units must be attended every 24 hours. There is a “no trash” policy on the wildlife area, so please take your trash with you.

Hiking and biking is permitted throughout the area, but not within refuges or special use areas. Horse riding is limited to open, maintained roads. Motorized vehicles may only be operated on open, maintained roads. Some roads are only open seasonally for fishing access, and there are many trails on the property that are only authorized for use by area staff and permittee farmers.

Trapping is allowed on the wildlife area. Trappers are encouraged to notify the area manager of their activities.

Zebra mussels are present in the reservoir. Be sure to clean, drain, and dry all equipment before moving to other waters!