Barber State Fishing Lake is located in northeast Barber County at the north edge of the city of Medicine Lodge. Land was purchased in 1954 for the lake, and construction was completed in 1955. The area consists of 113 acres of land and 77 acres of water. The water area comprises an upper lake of 26 acres and a lower lake of 51 acres. The upper lake was developed in 1967 by construction of a dike across the shallow upper portion of the original 77-acre lake. The land area is 100 acres of grassland and 13 acres of timber. Camping, picnicking, and fishing are allowed throughout the area. Two boat ramps are available for boat launching, and boats are to be used for fishing only. Visitors should check the information signs located at each entrance to obtain current restrictions and regulations.

Barber State Fishing Lake contains good populations of largemouth bass, channel catfish, walleye, crappie, bluegill, and carp. Channel catfish are stocked yearly to maintain these populations. Anglers should consult information signs or current regulations to obtain up-to-date length and creel limits.

HUNTING

The northern 80 acres of the area are open to public hunting. The boundary of this area will be marked with “Public Hunting” signs. Species available include deer, turkey, quail, dove, waterfowl, and cottontail rabbit. A large furbearer population can also be found on the area. Hunting is allowed with shotgun and archery equipment only.

MANAGEMENT

In 1988, the city of Medicine Lodge and the Department of Wildlife and Parks signed a 20-year agreement on the department’s wells at the lake. The lease allows city use of the wells in return for their taking over most annual operations and maintenance responsibilities. The department retains responsibility for major items, fishery management, and law enforcement.

Vehicles are restricted to maintained roads and parking areas. Offroad vehicle use is prohibited.

No electrical hookups or shower facilities are available, and toilet facilities are limited to privy-type pit toilets.

Don’t forget the no trash policy. Please take your trash home.

Be sure to check fishing regulations and posted signs on the area for black bass length limits.

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 and Parks, 1000 S Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612. 06/22