

# 2003 Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Annual Report

Our department is charged with preserving and protecting the natural resources of Kansas and providing the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. As secretary of the department, I am truly honored to lead our dedicated staff in carrying out this mission. I would like to thank our department staff and all of our partners who made the following achievements possible in the past year.

Visits to state parks again increased to approximately 8 million at the 24 state parks across the state. Seven new full-service cabins were opened at Cheney State Park, and plans are underway to place cabins at Fall River, Cross Timbers, Tuttle Creek, and Milford. Our parks again hosted numerous special events, highlighted by the third annual Outdoor Kansas for Kids Day, sponsored by Kansas Wildscape.

The Kansas Natural Resource Legacy Alliance, a diverse group tasked with studying the long-term needs of the state's natural resources, issued preliminary recommendations in May, 2003. The final Alliance recommendations and report will be delivered to the governor and the Legislature in December, 2003.

Access to our state's public rivers continued to be a priority of the department. A new Kansas River access site opened in St. George, and two new sites near Perry and LeCompton are on track to be completed next year. A third new site, and future state park, is also being proposed in Topeka, on the grounds of the former Menninger Hospital.

The Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area is recognized as a "Wetland of International Importance," and through a nearly \$2 million grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Bottoms will feature a visitor's center in the near future. The center will have exhibits, classrooms, and numerous viewing opportunities for school children and all visitors to the area.

The Kansas Hunter Education Program reached an impressive 30-year milestone in 2003. More than 400,000 have completed the course since the program was implemented in 1973. Hunter Education volunteer instructors across Kansas spend thou-

sands of hours of their own time training young people in the safe handling of firearms, conservation ethics, wildlife management basics, and other topics. Their efforts have paid off over the years, nurturing not only safer hunters but hunters who are more aware of the needs of all wildlife and who are sensitive to outdoor ethics.

Now in its ninth year, the popular Walk-In Hunting Area (WIHA) program includes more than 975,000 acres of private land leased by the department to provide public hunting access. This year's atlas is new and improved, including a color-coded legend that marks not only WIHA land, but KDWP wildlife areas, state parks, national wildlife refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers areas, U.S. Forest Service areas, and lakes and streams.

The Fishing Impoundments and Stream Habitat program – the angling counterpart to WIHA – also continued its growth. The program enrolled more than 1,200 acres of ponds and 87 miles of streams on private land for public fishing access.

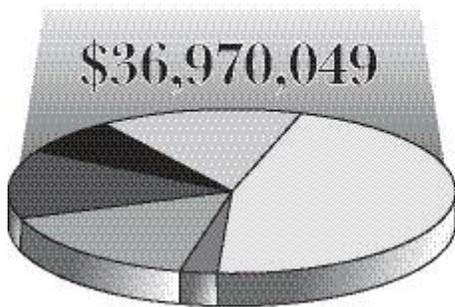
Pass It On, the department's hunter recruitment and retention program, continued to provide quality outdoor experiences to young hunters across the state. In addition to youth seasons for deer, turkey, upland bird, and waterfowl hunting, numerous special hunts were conducted for youth and disabled hunters alike.

Since the inception of online license sales in September, 1999, more than \$2 million of sales have been logged from the department's website ([www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us)). The department will soon add deer and turkey permits to the list of licenses and permits available online, as well as other web enhancements to improve interaction with our constituents.

These are just a few of the many achievements that have provided important benefits to outdoor recreation in the Sunflower State. On behalf of our agency, I thank you for your support as we continue to increase opportunities to enjoy the wild places of Kansas in the coming year.

*Mike Hayden*  
Secretary

# Revenue (Calendar Year 2002)



Hunt/Fish License Sales	\$16,048,219	43 %
Hunt/Fish Federal Aid	\$8,213,931	22 %
Park Permits	\$1,611,295	4 %
Boat Registrations	\$823,250	2 %
Other Federal Aid	\$4,037,238	11 %
State General Fund	\$3,153,116	9 %
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$36,970,049</b>	<b>100 %</b>

## FISHING/HUNTING/FURHARVESTING

License/permit	Number sold	Revenue
Resident Fish (\$18.00)	169,101	\$3,043,818
Combination Fish/Hunt (\$36)	39,820	\$1,433,520
Nonresident Fish (\$40)	8,846	\$353,840
Five-Day Trip Fish (\$20)	4,740	\$94,800
24-Hour Fish (\$5)	73,928	\$369,640
Trout Stamp (\$10)	8,627	\$86,270
Lifetime Fish (\$300)	184	\$55,200
Lifetime Comb. Fish/Hunt (\$600)	577	\$346,200
Lifetime Fish (payments) (\$45)	34	\$1,530
Lifetime Comb. (payments) (\$90)	85	\$7,650
Lifetime Hunt (payments) (\$45)	75	\$3,375
Lifetime Hunt (\$300)	667	\$200,100
Resident Hunt (\$18)	81,802	\$1,472,436
Nonresident Hunt (\$70)	42,281	\$2,959,670
Nonresident Junior Hunt (\$35)	1,369	\$47,915
Controlled Shooting Area (\$15)	8,307	\$124,605
48-Hour Waterfowl (\$25)	623	\$15,575
Deer Permit (variable)	174,370	\$4,294,915
Turkey Permit (variable)	63,904	\$1,057,530
Adult Furharvester (\$18)	4,370	\$78,660
Junior Furharvester (\$10)	97	\$970
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>683,807</b>	<b>\$16,048,219</b>

## THREE- YEAR BOAT REGISTRATIONS

Registration Type	Number Sold	Revenue
Boats under 16 feet (\$20)	17,375	\$347,500
Boats over 16 feet (\$25)	19,030	\$475,750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,405</b>	<b>\$823,250</b>

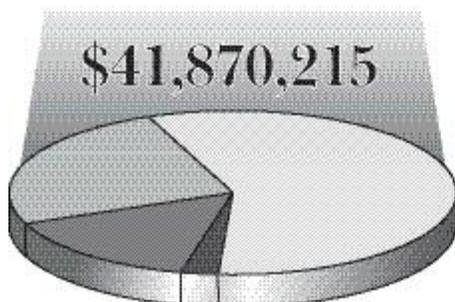
## STATE PARKS

Permit Type	Number Sold	Revenue
Annual Vehicle	39,955	\$1,176,140
Annual Camp	3,340	\$398,240
Second Vehicle	15,174	\$211,329
Duplicate Vehicle	1,133	\$5,665
Daily Vehicle	256,390	\$1,138,682
Daily Camp	106,583	\$632,601
14-Day Camp	1,167	\$78,890
Utility (1)	14,057	\$70,285
Utility (2)	120,405	\$782,632
Utility (3)	18,634	\$149,072
Youth Group Camping	303	\$757
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>577,141</b>	<b>\$4,644,293</b>

## FEDERAL AID

Coast Guard (boating safety)	\$ 3 7 9 , 4 7 2
Dingell-Johnson (fish)	\$4,837,091
Pittman-Robertson (wildlife)	\$3,406,840
Other	\$3,677,766
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,301,169</b>

# Expenditures (Fiscal Year 2003)



Fish & Wildlife	\$26,297,986	63 %
Parks	\$10,799,171	26 %
Administration	\$3,704,710	9 %
Boating	\$1,068,349	2 %
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$41,870,215</b>	<b>100 %</b>