Nestled in the rolling prairie and cropland covered hills of western Kansas, Sheridan State Fishing Lake provides a serene get away for camping, fishing and picnicking or just simply relaxing. The area is located 12 miles east of Hoxie, just north of Highway 24. The lake covers 60 acres and is surrounded by 188 acres of timber and native grass wildlife area.

FISHING

Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass and redear sunfish are ready and waiting for the angler to try and catch. The best fishing action is typically found in the spring and early summer months, but fish can be caught year-round. An ADA approved fishing pier is provided on the west side of the property to provide waterfront access for all anglers.

Special length and creel limits apply. Check your current Kansas Fishing Regulations for current property specific fishing regulations. A major factor affecting fish populations is angler harvest. Fishing success continues to improve with better knowledge and equipment. As a result, more restrictive regulations are needed. Voluntary catch and release also extends a limited fish resource. Reduced harvest of small fish allows more fish to reach a larger, more desirable size.

Reloading larger fish increases their recreational use and keeps them in the water to help control undesirable fish by predation. A fish released properly is an investment in future fishing opportunities!

HUNTING

The area is open to archery and shotgun hunting only. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed. Due to the small area, opportunities are very limited.

BOATING

Paved boat ramps are located on both the east and west sides of the lake. Motorized boats are allowed at NO WAKE SPEEDS FOR FISHING ONLY. Always be extra careful when boating on small waters. This water body is intended as a fishing lake therefor skiing and other recreational boating is not allowed. All state boating regulations apply.

WILDLIFE VIEWING

Deer, turkey, pheasant, quail and various waterfowl species can be seen at various times throughout the year. This lake is a popular spot for canada geese as well as teal and mallards during the spring migration. Feel free to get off the beaten path and see what kind of wildlife you can find!

Other Attractions

Various other opportunities are in close proximity to Sheridan State Fishing Lake.

* Cottonwood Ranch Historic Site: a refurbished 1885 sandstone house 3.5 mile east.
* Antelope Lake: a Graham County operated lake that provides additional fishing opportunities 7 miles east.
* Services: fuel, food, fishing supplies, and lodging are all available in Hoxie - 12 miles to the west.

Designated sites provide primitive camping near the shoreline with trees.

NOTICE

* An information shelter is located at the entrance providing current information and regulations.
* A no trash policy is in effect, so please pack home everything you pack in.
* Vehicles are only allowed on maintained roads and parking lots.
* Drinking water is not available on the area.

* Sheridan Fishing Lake & Wildlife Area

General Area Map

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Camping Area
No Hunting Area
Dam
Paved Road
Gravel Road
Parking Area
Information Center
Boat Ramp
Vault Toilet
Picnic Shelter
Fishing Pier

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