Lovewell Dam impounds approximately 3,000 surface acres of water and there are 2,200 acres of public hunting area available around the reservoir. Lovewell is an irrigation reservoir with seasonally changing water levels.

FISHING
In mid March to early April, walleye move to shallow sand, gravel and rocky shorelines to spawn. As spawning increases, trolling with thin-fins, rapalas and other crank baits becomes popular. As spawning ceases wall-eye move to the flats where drifting a jig and night-crawler is an excellent method. As the water warms walleye tend to move to deeper water. Concentrate on the lower half of the lake near the old creek channels. Walleye again move into shallow water and anglers enjoy some success by casting rattle traps and other shad imitating baits into flooded weed beds along the shoreline. Most white bass are caught during the irrigation season from June through August on the lower end of the lake. Fishing near the inlet, outlet, and along the dam with small jigs and roadrunners is the most productive. Prior to the irrigation season, most anglers concentrate on fishing the main creeks and channels for flat-head and channel catfish. Trotlines and rod-and-reel anglers have equal success with all the traditional baits. The inlet canal is closed from Nov. 1 to Mar. 1 as part of the waterfowl refuge.

HUNTING
This area is small and receives heavy hunting pressure. Rabbit hunting is especially good late in the season. The limited public lands in Kansas require intensive wildlife management and some special restrictions to provide quality hunting areas. Areas with a mixture of grassland, cropland and weeds offer limited pheasant and quail hunting opportunities. Hunting pressure is heavy on opening weekend but areas can have a lighter pressure later in the season. Deer and turkey provide limited archery and firearms hunting opportunities. A walk-through, seven-station archery range lies in the park’s northwest corner (just north of Cottonwood Campground). The range features two targets per station, two handicap accessible elevated stands and a four-target practice range. Range rules are posted. No arrows with broadheads, please. Six boat ramps around the lake provide access to waterfowl areas. During low water periods, the best boat ramps are in Lovewell State Park. Hiking is permitted throughout the area with the exception of the refuge area, which is closed to all activities.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
The park offers 102 utility hookups and many non-utility camping sites near modern shower and restroom buildings. Utility sites are open year-round. Water hookups and shower buildings are open from April 15 through October 15. Frost-free water hydrants and several vault toilets remain open through the winter. Camping in the wildlife area is free, but limited to five designated areas. The limited public lands in Kansas require intensive wildlife management and some special restrictions to provide quality hunting areas. Areas with a mixture of grassland, cropland and weeds offer limited pheasant and quail hunting opportunities. Hunting pressure is heavy on opening weekend but areas can have a lighter pressure later in the season. Deer and turkey provide limited archery and firearms hunting opportunities. A walk-through, seven-station archery range lies in the park’s northwest corner (just north of Cottonwood Campground). The range features two targets per station, two handicap accessible elevated stands and a four-target practice range. Range rules are posted. No arrows with broadheads, please. Six boat ramps around the lake provide access to waterfowl areas. During low water periods, the best boat ramps are in Lovewell State Park. Hiking is permitted throughout the area with the exception of the refuge area, which is closed to all activities.

WILDLIFE INFORMATION
The area offers outstanding opportunities to view and photograph wildlife. Deer, bald eagles, geese, prairie dogs and other wildlife can be seen from the area’s maintained roads and viewing from the park office overlooking the refuge.

THINGS TO REMEMBER
Vehicles are permitted on maintained roads only. Trash receptacles are not provided in the wildlife area so please take your trash with you. Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area. Special regulations may be in effect.

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