In 1985, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) entered into a living trust agreement with Mr. Richard Garton. In 2000 the last living member of the trust passed away and the land was transferred to KDWPT. Mr. Garton donated 320 acres to be utilized as a wildlife area. The area lies within the drainage of the North Fork of Walnut Creek. It has canyon-like terrain towards the middle of the property and pristine short grass prairie on the north and south ends. There has also been a prairie dog colony on the property for many years. The historic Nickel Plated Railroad once ran through the railroad bed is still visible to this day.

**FACILITIES**

A gravel road skirts the north half of the west side and north side. The road on the north side is owned by the department, but turns to a private road at the east boundary. There is parking on the west and north side. There are no camping or restroom facilities.

**HUNTING**

The area is managed as a public hunting area. The main species hunted on the area are mourning doves, pheasant, quail, mule deer, and prairie dogs. Dove hunting around the water tank can be exceptional and nice herds of mule deer often stay on the property. There are two abandoned agricultural fields (one on the north end and one on the south end) that have grown back to grass and forbes. Periodic efforts may be made to plant food plots in these areas.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

Vehicles must stay on established roadways. Off-road driving is not allowed. A no trash policy is in place on this property. Please help us keep the area clean by taking your trash home. There is no camping allowed. Refer to the information sign at the parking lot for more information on current bag limits, hunting regulations, and public lands regulations.