El Dorado Reservoir, located northeast of the city of El Dorado, features 8,000 surface acres of water, an average depth of 19 feet and nearly 98 miles of shoreline. Completed in 1981, El Dorado Reservoir was constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for flood control, water supply, and recreational purposes. The USACE has since granted the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPWT) the role of managing the area’s fisheries and wildlife resources.

**FISHING**

In addition to hunting, El Dorado Reservoir also provides abundant fishing opportunities in many varying habitats including steep, rocky shorelines, shallow mudflats and submerged timber. The reservoir also connects to several creeks that feed into the lake, each varying in depth, width, and structure.

Prominent populations of fish include walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, crappie, white bass, wiper, bluegill, channel catfish, blue catfish, and flathead catfish. Trout are also regularly stocked each winter.

Areas open to fishing within the state park require a state park vehicle permit.

**HUNTING**

El Dorado Wildlife Area is comprised of approximately 4,000 acres of public hunting land around El Dorado Reservoir. In addition, nearly 2,000 acres of state park is open to the hunting of upland game and waterfowl.

Comprised of several diverse habitats, including native prairie, annual grasses and forbs, agricultural crops, and woodlands, El Dorado Wildlife Area is home to many different species. Prominent populations include quail, dove, rabbit, squirrel, turkey, deer and waterfowl. The wildlife area is also an occasional host to prairie chickens and pheasants.

El Dorado Wildlife Area is also open for the hunting and trapping of furbearers, including beaver, raccoon, coyote and creed limits are in effect for some fish species. Anglers are encouraged to reference the current Kansas fishing regulations summary, as well as any posted notices, for more information.

Aquatic nuisance species have been discovered in El Dorado Reservoir. Boaters and anglers are asked to take necessary precautions to prevent contaminating other bodies of water.

Camping is not permitted on the wildlife area. Excellent camping opportunities are available at the state park.

**CAMPSITES**

El Dorado State Park features nearly 1,100 campsites, five shelter houses and several cabins available for reservation. Campsites include either a primitive site or utility hookups. Day-use picnic sites are also available. El Dorado State Park also offers two swimming beaches with changing houses, a modern marina, and a large amphitheater equipped with an indoor-outdoor stage.

For more information on camping, contact the El Dorado State Park Office at (316) 321-7180.

**FACILITIES**

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