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WALK-IN HUNTING & FISHING AREAS
Components of the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks' Walk-In Hunting and FISH Access Programs

WIHA APPLICATION
I am interested in enrolling my property in the WIHA program.

Name _________________________________
Address _______________________________City __________________________________
Day Phone ____________________________Evening Phone _________________________

I am interested in enrolling:
Fall WIHA _______ Spring Turkey _______

It would be best to contact me during the:
Day _______ Evening _______

Do you wish to be contacted before we inspect your land? Yes__ No___

Complete legal description for each parcel of land. (Example: S 1/2 of NE 1/4, Sec. 26, T18, R16, Ellis Co.) Please include an aerial photo for each parcel marked, if possible.

1. ____________________________________
2. ____________________________________
3. ____________________________________
4. ____________________________________
5. ____________________________________
6. ____________________________________
7. ____________________________________

I am the landowner________________
I am the tenant_________________

FISH APPLICATION
I am interested in enrolling my property in the FISH program.

Name _________________________________
Address _______________________________City __________________________________
Day Phone ____________________________Evening Phone _________________________

It would be best to contact me during the:
Day _______ Evening _______

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WHAT IS IT
The Walk-In Hunting Area (WIHA) and Fishing Impoundments and Stream Habitats (FISH) programs make private land and waters available for public hunting and fishing through a lease agreement between the KDWP and landowners. Participating landowners receive payments, which vary with the number of acres, length of stream, and length of lease. The department posts signs on the land, produces maps for hunters and patrols the areas. The WIHA program has been very successful, growing each year since its start in 1995. The FISH program was started in 1998 following the success of the WIHA program.

WHO CAN QUALIFY
Almost anyone who owns or leases at least 80 contiguous acres of land or has streams, ponds, or lakes can qualify. This includes resident landowners, absentee landowners, tenant farmers, estate managers, trust managers, and others who manage privately owned land or waters.

LAND QUALIFICATIONS
Much of the land enrolled in WIHA is Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres. CRP is ideal for WIHA although land with similar qualities and hunting opportunities, such as native rangeland, weedy wheat stubble, milo stubble, and riparian and wetland areas are also considered.

Applications will be accepted year-round, however applications received after July 15 for WIHA, December 15 for F.I.S.H., and January 15 for Spring Turkey each year will not receive consideration for enrollment until the following year. This deadline allows for posting of properties and production of the atlases before access periods.

Once applications are received, department biologist review potential properties and assess them for their hunting and/or fishing opportunities. The size and location of the property, and the likelihood that hunting and/or fishing will occur is also taken into consideration. Although lease agreements are renewable each year, options are available to make multi-year agreements.

BENEFITS
There are several reasons to participate in addition to the lease payment. Many landowners own land far from their home or do not have time to worry about who is hunting or fishing on their land. It may be more convenient for them to enroll in one of KDWP’s access programs. The department publishes detailed atlases of properties enrolled in the program. Hunters and anglers are asked not to contact landowners.

Conservation officers will periodically patrol WIHA and FISH areas much like other public hunting areas. Violators will be ticketed or arrested for offenses such as vandalism, littering, or failing to comply with regulations.

The WIHA and FISH programs provide hunters and anglers with a place to hunt and fish while leaving the land in private ownership. Many sportmen have limited their outdoor activities because of the difficulty to find a place to hunt and fish. Through these programs, the tradition of hunting and fishing can be preserved, and rural-urban ties can be strengthened.

Landowners can withdraw from the program at any time, but will be paid a prorated payment amount. Properties withdrawn after atlas production will be posted as no longer enrolled.

SPRING TURKEY HUNTING
Land with appropriate habitat and populations of wild turkey will be considered for enrollment in the spring turkey WIHA program. Payment rates are reflected in the April-May column of the rate table.

FISHING IMPoundMENTS & STREAM HABITATs
Land with appropriate habitat will be considered for enrollment in the FISH program. Most leases will run from March 1 through October 31. Some are open year-round.

RESTRICTIONS
Access is allowed by hunters and anglers during the access period only. Travel is limited to foot traffic except on trails designated by the landowner in the case of very large tracts of land. Safety zone signs are available to provide landowners additional control over where hunting and fishing will occur. Firearms deer hunting may be restricted if there are safety concerns.

LIABILITY
Liability is a valid concern. However, state law provides that private individuals who lease their land to the state for recreational purposes are immune from damages or injuries that result from ordinary negligence.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
Once land is enrolled in a program, the cooperator will receive a payment based on the size of the area and access period. Cooperators will receive payment for fall contracts around December 1, and around May 1 for spring leases.

Incentive payments of an additional 50 percent will apply for WIHA and FISH properties in urban counties and WIHA properties in counties with historically low program participation.

FISH Annual Payment Rate

| Impoundments | $42/acre |
| Stream | $500 - $1000/Mile |

Urban Incentive Counties (FISH & WIHA)

| Butler | Johnson | Saline |
| Coffey | Kingman | Sedgwick |
| Cowley | Leavenworth | Shawnee |
| Douglas | Lyon | Sumner |
| Franklin | Miami | Wabaunsee |
| Harvey | Osage | Wyandotte |
| Jackson | Ottawa | |
| Jefferson | Reno | |

Additional Incentive Counties (WIHA Only)

| Allen | Crawford | Montgomery |
| Anderson | Dickinson | Morris |
| Atchison | Doniphan | Neosho |
| Barber | Elk | Pottawatomie |
| Barton | Ellsworth | Pratt |
| Bourbon | Geary | Rice |
| Brown | Greenwood | Riley |
| Chase | Harper | Stafford |
| Chautauqua | Labette | Wilson |
| Cherokee | Linn | Woodson |
| Clay | Marion | |
| Cloud | McPherson | |