Lyon State Fishing Lake is situated on the eastern fringe of the scenic Flint Hills of Kansas. The lake is located 5 miles west of Reading on Highway K-170, then 1 mile north. The 140-acre lake is surrounded by 442 acres of state-owned and managed property. Native tallgrass prairie comprises most of this property, as well as the surrounding privately-owned lands.

The State of Kansas acquired the lake property in 1931. Much of the construction work was accomplished by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Their work is most visible today in the native limestone guard posts on the dam and the inlaid riprap on the face of the dam and spillway. A native stone shelterhouse was constructed in 1931.

Ampel space is available for both camping and picnicking. Such activities, however, are restricted to those areas maintained through mowing. There are no fees to camp, but regulations limit camping to stays of no more than 14 consecutive days. There are no trash barrels, so all visitors are asked to remove their own trash. Drinking water is not available.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at Lyon State Fishing Lake.

WILDLIFE

Habitat for a variety of wildlife exists in the tallgrass prairie and brushy ravines of Lyon State Fishing Lake. Management activities conducted to enhance the quality of the habitat includes controlled burns, brush piles, and wildlife food plots. Prairie chicken, bobwhite quail, squirrels, waterfowl, rabbits, and white-tailed deer are common to the lake area. Hunting is legal at Lyon State Fishing Lake unless authorized by local posted notice.

Boating is allowed on the lake for fishing and hunting only. Motorized pleasure boating is prohibited.

**FISHING & BOATING**

Numerous points are found around Lyon State Lake for fishing from the shoreline. Seven rock fishing piers provide shoreline access to deeper waters. Channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, and white crappie are among the species stocked in the lake. Brushpiles for fish habitat have been placed in the lake over the years.

Special regulations such as creel limits and length limits may be in effect for some fish species. Check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices before fishing. Trotlines and seines are prohibited at Lyon State Fishing Lake unless authorized by local posted notice.

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**ISPORTSMAN PERMIT REQUIRED**

iSportsman electronic daily hunt permits have replaced paper daily hunt permits used on the area. Hunters will need to complete a one-time registration with iSportsman, either online at https://kdwpt.isportsman.net or by contacting your nearest KDWPT office. Once registered, we ask that hunters “check-in” and “check-out” each time they utilize the area for hunting or trapping. This process allows us to manage the area better. “Checking-in” and “Checking-out” can be done over the phone by calling 1-844-500-0825 or online by using the link above.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

Vehicles are permitted on maintained roads and parking areas only. No parking is permitted on the dam road.

Please take all trash with you.

This brochure is not a complete list of all fishing, hunting, and public land regulations. Please consult area information signs and obtain a copy of regulations.

Special length and creel limits may be in effect for some fish species. Check all posted notices and the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary before fishing.

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