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### AUTO-RENEW AND 365

Select annual licenses and permits purchased online include a voluntary auto-renew option, which automatically renews those purchases one year from the date of purchase. License buyers may opt in or out of the auto-renew feature at any time through their online KDWPT account at kshuntfishcamp.com. Visit ksoutdoors.com/auto-renew for more information.

Many annual licenses and permits are now valid for 365 days from the date of purchase or 365 days from the expiration date of your current license. Visit ksoutdoors.com/365-licenses for more information.

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Also available: our mobile campsite reservation app, CampIt KS.
LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Residents age 16 through 74 must have a resident license in possession while fishing in Kansas, unless exempt by law. All nonresidents 16 and older must have a valid nonresident license to fish in Kansas. Most licenses expire 365 days from date of purchase or 365 days from the expiration date of your current license, except one-day, five-day, five-year, multi-year youth, and lifetime fishing licenses.

Resident anglers age 65-74 are eligible for a senior Lifetime Pass, which is a combination hunting/fishing license valid for the lifetime of the holder for $42.50; or half-price 365-day fishing ($15) or fishing/hunting combination ($25) licenses are available. Landowners and their immediate family living with them, and tenants renting land for agricultural purposes and members of their immediate family living with them are exempt from fishing license requirements on waters on their own land, except as described below under “License Requirements on Private Land.”

Resident is defined as a person who has maintained the person’s place of permanent abode in the state for 60 days immediately prior to purchase. Domiciliary intent is required, evidence of which may include the location where the person votes, pays personal income taxes or obtains a driver’s license. A residency of at least one year is required to purchase lifetime licenses.

Residents who are at least one-sixteenth American Indian by blood, and so certified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, may apply to KDWPT for a free fishing license, which must be in possession when fishing. All other laws and regulations apply to American Indians.

Persons on active duty in the armed forces who entered the service while residents of Kansas may purchase resident fishing licenses. Nonresidents on active military duty stationed in Kansas and nonresident students going to school in Kansas qualify for resident fishing licenses, and they must have evidence of active duty or enrollment with them while fishing.

Active members of the Kansas Army or Air National Guard are eligible for free fishing and hunting licenses and park permits. Legal Kansas residents who have been separated from the armed services under honorable conditions and have a disability certified by the Kansas Commission On Veterans Affairs as being service-connected and such disability is equal to or greater than 30 percent may apply through the Pratt Operations Office for free hunting and fishing licenses. Applications are also available on the KDWPT website, ksoutdoors.com.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS ON PRIVATE LAND

A fishing license is required on all public waters. In addition, a license is required for fishing on many private lands, including the following:

• any private impoundment that has a stream or river going into and/or out of it, whether the stream is intermittent or not;
• a private impoundment that is owned or operated by more than one person or group, in which case the owner or operator or member of the group would be exempt from the license requirement only while fishing on the portion of the impoundment they own;
• guests of landowners or operators fishing on streams and rivers on land solely owned or operated; and
• any impoundment stocked by the state within the last 10 years.

The sole owner of an impoundment or the land through which a stream flows does not have to have a fishing license. Guests may fish private land without a fishing license if it is a private waters fishing impoundment. (See “definitions” Page 12.)
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

PERMITS

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

Special events conducted on KDWP managed lands and waters require special event permits if one of the following conditions exists:

1) an entrance, admission, or participation fee is charged;
2) food, merchandise, or services are offered for sale;
3) the exclusive use of a facility or a specified land or water area is required;
4) an organized or advertised competition will be conducted;
5) sound will be amplified that may disrupt area users; or
6) temporary structures, other than blinds or common camping equipment, will be erected.

An event sponsored by KDWP does not require a special event permit.

Applications for special event permits are available at KDWP offices. Each application for a special event permit shall be made to KDWP not less than five weekdays before the event. The special event permit fee is negotiated based on event type, required services, and lost revenue; the maximum fee is $200. Payment must accompany each application.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

If you plan to hold a competitive fishing tournament on department-managed lands or waters, you may be required to obtain a special event permit. This includes tournaments launched from department facilities at state parks, state fishing lakes, or other department properties. You also may be required to pay a fee for the permit, depending on the size of the event and the services required. Contact the nearest KDWP office (see Page 4) at least 30 days prior to the tournament date(s) to determine what requirements apply.

THREE-POLE PERMIT

Anyone, regardless of age, must purchase a three-pole permit to fish with three poles at one time.

ASSISTANCE PERMITS

Anyone with a permanent physical disability that prevents them from fishing may apply for a Disability Assistance Permit. The permit holder may designate another person to take, on behalf of and while accompanied by the permit holder, the permit holder’s legal limit of game or fish. The person designated by the permit holder shall not be required to hold any licenses, permits, stamps. (This law also applies to hunting.) For more information or applications, contact KDWP, Law Enforcement Division, 512 SE 25th Ave., Pratt, KS 67124, (620) 672-5911 or any KDWP regional office.

BLACK BASS TOURNAMENTS

All vessels used by participants in a weigh-in bass fishing tournament must have a working livewell that contains an electrolyte chemical-water solution, and the following procedures must be followed for weigh-in and release:

• one individual work crew support for each 10 anglers
• one weigh-in tank filled with an electrolyte-water chemical solution and fitted with recirculation and aeration accessories for every 25 anglers
• if the water at the tournament site is 75 degrees or cooler, the water in the weigh-in tank shall be maintained at the same temperature
• if the water temperature at the tournament site is warmer than 75F, weigh-in tank water shall be 5-10 degrees cooler but shall not exceed 85 degrees
• not more than four anglers shall be in the weigh-in line at any time
• weigh-in bags containing livewell water shall be reinforced, reusable, and capable of holding up to 15 pounds of live fish and 2 gallons of water
• the weigh-in site shall be located near the vessel mooring site and the release site, vehicle or vessel and under a portable awning, event tent or in the shade

Minimum requirements for releasing bass during a weigh-in fishing tournament include:

• fish shall not be released directly into the water after being weighed
• if release tubes, vehicles or vessels are used, holding tanks shall contain a one-half percent noniodized salt solution
• if release tubes, vehicles or vessels are not used, fish must be dipped in a 3 percent noniodized salt solution before being released
• the release site must have water at least 3 feet deep with good circulation and hard bottom

Anglers participating in bass fishing tournaments from Sept. 1-June 15 and who possess a Tournament Black Bass Pass ($14.50) may keep five fish as part of their five-fish limit, to be released after the weigh-in, that meet the statewide 15-inch minimum length limit but that are under a special length limit for the lake being fished. Tournament Black Bass Pass holders fishing in tournaments may also cull their catch after the daily creel has been reached, by releasing a small fish and replacing it with a larger one. The Tournament Black Bass Pass expires 365 days from date of purchase.
NEW FOR 2021

Wild-caught Bait
Silver and bighead carp have been added to the list of wild-caught bait that may exceed 12 inches in length. Silver and bighead carp may not be kept alive. See Page 9.

Prohibited Species Added
Species added to the “prohibited species” definitions include: monk parakeet, Asian raccoon dog, crucian carp, largescale silver carp, Prussian carp, wels catfish, Eurasian minnow, stone moroko, European perch, Nile perch, roach, amur sleeper, zander and common yabby. See Page 12.

E-licenses, E-permits & E-tags
E-licenses, e-permits and e-tags are now available through KDWPT’s “HuntFish KS” mobile app.

One-day Fishing License Fee Reduced
The price of one-day fishing licenses has been reduced from $8.50 to $6.00 for residents and from $14.50 to $10.00 for non-residents. See Page 5.

Free Fishing Days
2021 Free Fishing Days are June 5 and 6.

Trout
Kansas youth 15 and younger are required to purchase a youth trout permit for $7, which will allow youth to keep five trout in select waters. See Page 13.

Blue Catfish on Southeast and Southcentral Kansas Rivers
The daily creel limit for blue catfish has been increased from the statewide limit of 5 to 10 blue catfish on select waters. See Page 16.

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Waters Added
New waters added to the ANS list include: LINN COUNTY: Linn Valley Lakes-Main Lake, LYON COUNTY: Lyon SFL, SEDGWICK COUNTY: Emerald Bay, Wichita-South Lake. See Page 42.

New Aquatic Nuisance Species
Invasive Phragmites and Curly-leaf Pondweed were added to the list of ANS. See Page 45.

Spanish-language Resource
KDWPT is proud to employ a bilingual information representative for Spanish-speaking anglers. To utilize this resource, call (785) 213-0512 or email socorro.acosta@ks.gov.
LEGAL EQUIPMENT

Each angler is limited to two rods (three with three-pole permit) with no more than two baited hooks (single or treble) or artificial lures per line. An artificial lure is defined as a man-made fish-catching device used to mimic a single prey item. The umbrella rig, popularly called the Alabama Rig, may only have two separate lures with hooks.

Trotlines, Setlines, Floatlines
In addition to two rods, an angler may set one trotline with no more than 25 hooks, OR eight setlines with no more than two hooks each, OR eight floatlines with no more than two hooks each. Trotlines, setlines, and floatlines may not be set within 150 yards of any dam. Fishing lines, setlines, and trotlines must be checked at least once every 24 hours. Trotlines, setlines, floatlines, tip-ups, and unattended fishing lines must be tagged securely and plainly with the angler’s name and address or KDWPT number. A setline must be anchored at one point by an anchor weighing at least 25 pounds or attached to a fixed and immovable stake or object. Any float used with a setline or trotline shall be constructed only from plastic, wood, or foam and shall be a closed-cell construction (a solid body incapable of containing water).

Trotlines and setlines are prohibited on all department-managed waters under 1,201 surface acres. Other restrictions may be applied by posted notice.

Floatline Fishing
Floatline fishing is allowed year-round, 24 hours a day at Council Grove, Elk City, Fall River, Glen Elder, Hillsdale, John Redmond, Kanopolis, Lovewell, Tuttle Creek, Pomona, Toronto, and Wilson reservoirs. Anglers are allowed no more than eight floatlines. All floatlines must be under immediate supervision of the angler and must be removed from the water when fishing ceases. All float material shall be constructed only from plastic, wood, or foam and shall be a closed-cell construction (a solid body incapable of containing water).

Trotlines and setlines are prohibited on all department-managed waters under 1,201 surface acres. Other restrictions may be applied by posted notice.

Snagging
Except for paddlefish and nonsport fish, which may be snagged in designated waters during designated seasons (See Page 10), fish hooked anywhere but in the mouth shall be returned immediately, unstrained, to the water.

Nonsport fish (See definition Page 12) may be taken by gig, crossbow, and bow and arrow. Blue, channel and flathead catfish may be taken by bow and arrow where no length limits on catfish are in effect except in rivers and streams.

LEGAL BAIT

Legal fish bait includes artificial lures, bait fish (as defined on Page 12), prepared bait, vegetation materials, artificial bait, worms, crayfish, leeches, amphibrains and mussels. Species listed as prohibited, threatened, endangered, or in need of conservation may NOT be used as bait. Any other LEGALLY TAKEN wildlife may be used, including sport fish of legal length taken by hook and line.

WILD-CAUGHT BAIT

Bait may be taken for noncommercial purposes.

- Methods: seine not larger than 15 feet long and 4 feet deep, with mesh no larger than 1/4 inch; fish trap with mesh no larger than 1/4 inch and throat no larger than 1 inch in diameter (must be tagged with angler’s name and address); fishing line; or a dip or cast net with mesh no larger than 1 inch

- Size: baitfish, except gizzard shad, silver carp and bighead carp may not exceed 12 inches in length. Silver and bighead carp may not be kept alive.

- Limit: 500 per person

- Legal waters: statewide, except that sein- ing is prohibited on department-owned waters

- License requirement: unless exempt by law, a fishing license is required

- Use and movement: Live baitfish, crayfish, leeches, amphibrains, and mussels may be caught and used as live bait only within the common drainage where caught. However, bluegill and green sunfish collected from non-designated aquatic nuisance species waters may be possessed or used as live bait anywhere in the state. Live baitfish shall not be transported and used above any upstream dam or barrier that prohibits the normal passage of fish. Live baitfish collected from designated aquatic nuisance waters shall be possessed or used as live bait only while on that water and shall not be transported from the water alive.

COMMERCIAL BAIT

Live gizzard shad and amphibrains may not be sold for bait. It is illegal to release live baitfish into any water or transport live baitfish from any waters. Baitfish should be disposed of on land or at designated disposal sites.

LIVEWELLS/BILGES

Livewells and bilges must be drained and drain plugs removed from all vessels being transported from the water alive. Sport fish taken must be kept until leaving the water. Sport fish of legal length taken by hook and line.

POSSESSION

All fish taken shall have the head, body, and tail fin attached while in possession on the water. Sport fish taken must be kept until consumed, processed, taken home or given to another person, or released.

Legally taken sport fish may be given to another if accompanied by a dated, written notice that includes the donor’s printed name, signature, address, and permit or license number.

FISHING PRIVATE LAND

Except in waters enrolled in the WIFA program (see Page 53), anglers must obtain permission from the landowner or tenant to fish on private land. This also applies to anglers fishing from roadways, bridges, or railroad rights-of-way. Unless otherwise posted, all streams in Kansas other than the Arkansas, Missouri, and Kansas rivers are under private ownership of adjoining landowners. Those three large rivers are public up to the normal high-water line; however, fishermen must obtain landowner or tenant permission before crossing private property to fish them. (See License Requirements Page 6.)

BULLFROGS

Bullfrog season is open July 1 through October 31. Daily creel limit is eight. Possession limit is 24 bullfrogs. A valid fishing license is required to take, catch, or kill bullfrogs, unless exempt. Bullfrogs may be taken any time of day or night by dip net, gig, hook and line, hand, bow and arrow, or crossbow. A line must attach bow to arrow, and the arrow must have a barbed head. Any other method of taking bullfrogs is prohibited.

FISH LADDERS

No person may fish or collect bait within, cast fishing line or throw nets into or over, or trespass with the intent of fishing within a fish passage, fish ladder or fishway. A fish passage, fish ladder, or fishway is defined as a structure that facilitates the natural migration of fish upstream on, through or around an artificial barrier or dam.

CHUMMING

It is legal to bait or “chum” water to attract fish. Check city and county laws for waters managed by these localities.

TURTLES

Common snapping turtles and soft-shelled turtles may be taken year-round. Daily creel limit is eight, single species or in combination. Possession limit is 24. A valid fishing license is required (unless exempt). Legal equipment: hand, hook and line, setline, hand dip net, seine, turtle trap, or gig.
GENERAL INFORMATION

BOWFISHING

All waters are open to bowfishing, unless posted otherwise. Some bowfishing is permitted at city, county, township, or private lakes, but regulations vary, so consult local rules. Nonsport fish can be legally taken by bowfishing wherever bowfishing is allowed. Blue catfish, channel catfish and flathead catfish may not be taken by bowfishing in rivers and streams but may be taken by bowfishing in other waters where no length limits for these species are in place. Crossbows are legal. Bowfish anglers must have in possession a valid Kansas fishing license, unless exempt by law. Arrows must have barbed heads, and each arrow must be attached by a line to the bow. Waters within 50 yards of an occupied boat dock or ramp, occupied swimming area, occupied picnic site or camping area, and other occupied public-use areas are closed to bowfishing.

ICEFISHING

Icefishing with baited hooks or lures is legal on lakes, reservoirs, and streams. In addition to the allowed two rods, eight tip-ups may be used to icefish, unless otherwise posted. Tip-ups may have a maximum of two hooks each. Unattended tip-ups must be tagged plainly with the angler’s name and address. County or city lakes may have local laws controlling such activity.

Motorized electric or gasoline-powered two-wheeled vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, work-site utility vehicles, golf carts, and snowmobiles may be operated on ice-covered department waters only for the purpose of ice fishing from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. These vehicles shall enter onto the ice only from boat ramps and points of entry as established by posted notice.

Holes cut in the ice of public waters may be no more than 12 inches in diameter or 12 inches square.

HANDFISHING

(PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ALL AGES)

Handfishing, for flathead catfish only, is legal from sunrise to sunset June 15 through August 31 at these locations: the entire length of the Arkansas River in Kansas, all federal reservoirs from beyond 150 yards of the dam to the upper end of the federal property, and on the Kansas River from its origin downstream to its confluence with the Missouri River. A special permit ($27.50) is required in addition to a fishing license. Anyone handfishing may not use hooks, snorkeling or scuba gear, or any other man-made device OR possess any fishing gear except a stringer. Stringers may not be used until the fish are caught by hand and are at or above the surface of the water. No man-made object — such as a barrel, box, or bathtub — may be used to attract fish.

PADDLEFISH SNAGGING

(PERMIT REQUIRED)

The paddlefish snagging season is open March 15 through May 15 on posted areas inside Chetopa and Burlington city parks on the Neosho River; Neosho River at Iola, downstream from dam to city limits; Marais des Cygnes River below Osawatomie Dam, downstream to posted boundary; and Marais des Cygnes River on the upstream boundary of Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Area, downstream to the Kansas-Missouri border and the Browning Oxbow of the Missouri River.

Paddlefish may be snagged using pole and line with not more than two single or treble barless hooks. Catch and release is allowed in Burlington, Chetopa, and Iola except that once attached to a stringer, a fish becomes part of the daily creel. The daily creel limit for paddlefish is two and the season limit is six. On Missouri River boundary waters, there is a 24-inch minimum length limit. There is a 34-inch minimum length limit on the Marais des Cygnes River. Measure paddlefish from the front of the eye to the fork of the tail.

A paddlefish permit ($12.50, youth $7.50) includes six carcass tags. However, an angler younger than 16 may use an adult's paddlefish permit while accompanied by that adult with at least one unused carcass tag in possession. Each paddlefish snagged and kept by the youth angler shall be included as part of the daily creel limit of the permit holder. Immediately upon attaching fish to stringer, anglers must sign a carcass tag, record the county/date/time of harvest, and attach the carcass tag to the lower jaw of the paddlefish taken. Anglers must stop snagging once the daily creel limit of paddlefish is reached.

Paddlefish caught outside the paddlefish season or in non-snagging areas may be kept if they are hooked in the mouth.

Nonsport fish (carp, drum, grass carp, threadfin and gizzard shad, goldfish, gar, suckers including carpsucker and buffalo, goldeye, and bowfin) may also be snagged in waters posted open to snagging during the paddlefish season. There are no limits on nonsport fish.

SPEARFISHING

Unless otherwise posted, spearguns, without explosive charge, may be used to take nonsport fish in waters posted “open to scuba and skin diving.” Spears must be attached to speargun or person by a line.
STATE FISHING LAKES
Motorboats may be used on state fishing lakes for fishing and hunting only, unless otherwise posted. Wading and float tubing in state fishing lakes is legal as part of fishing, hunting, bullfrogging, and trapping.

FORT RILEY FISHING
The Fort Riley military installation or portions of it may be closed at any time, without prior notice, due to military activities. The military mission has precedence over the announced seasons. Fort Riley has 29 ponds and several streams that may be open to fishing. For more information, go to fort Riley: isportsman.net or call (785) 239-6211. All individuals 16 and older are required to have a Visitor’s Access Pass to recreate on Fort Riley, which can be acquired at the installation’s Visitor Control Center, located just south of Henry Gate Access Control Point (Exit 301, I-70).

ONLINE FISHING REPORTS
The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) has provided fishing reports to anglers for more than 25 years. Anglers can visit the KDWPT website, ksoutdoors.com, click “Fishing,” then “Fishing Reports.” Scroll down to find the appropriate region of the state.

District fisheries biologists and department staff attempt to update fishing reports on individual lakes regularly whenever information is available. Reports are seasonal, usually starting in April and continuing through October. However, there may be times throughout the year when reports will be updated because new information is available or reports don’t change because new information is not available. In some instances, biologists are stationed a considerable distance away from a lake under their management and they may not have the latest information.

Before travelling a long distance to fish, it’s a good idea to check several sources for current lake information; call a local bait shop, state park office or local angler, in addition to checking the online fishing reports.

Sign up For Free District Fisheries Newsletters
Fishing biologists publish seasonal newsletters about the lakes they manage, providing information about sampling results, new projects, stocking data and more. Go to www.ksoutdoors.com, click “Fishing” at the top of the page, then click “Newsletter Request Forms” in the Fishing Quick Links box on the right-hand side of the page. Each newsletter you sign up for will be emailed.

For more information please contact Russell County Eco Devo & CVB at:
www.russellcountyyks.org or call 877.830.3737
DEFINITIONS

Artificial Lure: A man-made fish-catching device used to mimic a single prey item. Artificial lures may be constructed of natural, nonedible, or synthetic materials. Multiple hooks, if present, are counted as a single hook on an artificial lure.

Baitfish: Minnow family (Cyprinidae), sucker family (Catostomidae), top minnows or killifish family (Cyprinodontidae), sunfish family (Centrarchidae), excluding black basses and crappie, which may be used only if legally harvested by hook and line within appropriate length and creel limits. Baitfish exclude fishes listed as Kansas threatened or endangered species.

Calendar day: A 24-hour period from midnight to midnight.

Cast net: A circular or conical, weighted net designed to be cast, mouth downward, by hand and withdrawn by lines attached to its margin.

Culling: Replacing one live fish held by an angler for another live fish of the same species.

Creel limit: The maximum number of a species of fish, turtle or frog that can be taken per person in a calendar day.

Department-managed lands and waters: State parks, lakes and all other recreational or wildlife areas controlled by the department, including federal reservoirs.

Dip net: A small hand-held net with rigid support about the mouth used to land fish.

Fish Ladder: A structure that facilitates the natural migration of fish upstream on, through or around an artificial barrier or dam.

Floatline: Free-floating device attached to a single line with no more than two hooks. All float material shall be constructed only from plastic, wood, or foam and shall be a closed-cell construction. A "closed-cell" construction shall mean a solid body incapable of containing water.

NonSport fish: Carp, drum, grass carp, threadfin and gizzard shad, goldfish, gar, suckers (including carpsuckers and buffalo), eel, shovel-nose sturgeon, goldeye, and bowfin.

Possession limit: The maximum total number of a species that can be retained per person at one time.

Prohibited species: Walking catfish, silver carp, bighead carp, black carp, snakehead fish, round goby, white perch, zebra mussel, quagga mussel, New Zealand mudsnail, fivete (diploid) grass carp, marbled crayfish, monk parakeet, Asian raccoon dog, crucian carp, largescale silver carp, Prussian carp, wels catfish, Eurasian minnow, stone moroko, European perch, Nile perch, roach, amur sleeper, zander, common yabby. (It is illegal to possess or release any live wildlife species listed above.)

Setline: A string or cord that is anchored at one point by an anchor weighing at least 25 pounds or is attached to a fixed and immovable stake or object, does not have more than two hooks; and is not associated with a hand-operated mechanical reel. Any float used with a setline shall be constructed only from plastic, wood, or foam and shall be a closed-cell construction.

Snagging: The hooking of a fish in any part of its body other than the inside of the mouth.

Tip-up: An ice fishing device designed to signal the strike of a fish.

Sport fish: Northern pike, walleye, sauger, saugeye, yellow perch, striped bass, white bass, wiper (white bass/striped bass hybrid), black bass (largemouth, spotted, and smallmouth), trout, channel catfish, blue catfish, flathead catfish, paddlefish, and panfish (bullhead, black and white crappie, bluegill, redear sunfish, green sunfish, warmouth, and rock bass).

Take: To harass, harm, pursue, shoot, wound, kill, molest, trap, capture, collect, catch, possess or otherwise take or attempt to take.

Total fish length: The length as measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together. (Except for paddlefish – see Page 10.)

Trotline: A line anchored at one point, with more than two hooks and not more than 25 hooks, and not associated with a hand-operated mechanical reel.

Private water fishing impoundment: One or more water impoundments; 1) constructed by man rather than natural, located wholly within the boundary of the lands owned or leased by the person operating the private water impoundments; and 2) entirely isolated from other surface water so that the impoundment does not have any connection either continuously or at intervals, except during periods of floods, with streams or other bodies of water so as to permit the fish to move between streams or other bodies of water and the private water impoundments, except that the private water impoundments may be connected with a stream or other body of water by a pipe or conduit if fish will be prevented at all times from moving between streams or other bodies of water and the private water impoundment by screening the flow or by other means.

LENGTH LIMITS DEFINED

Minimum length limits mean that fish shorter than a certain length cannot be kept. If the minimum length limit for bass is 15 inches, all bass shorter than 15 inches must be released immediately.

A slot-length limit prevents anglers from keeping fish within a certain size range. For example, if the slot length limit for bass is 13-18 inches, bass between 13 and 18 inches long must be returned to the water.

All fish caught that do not meet length limit requirements must be returned to the water immediately, unrestrained.

To determine fish length, measure from the tip of its snout, with its mouth closed, to the end of the tail, lobes pressed together. However, the length of a paddlefish is taken by measuring from the front of the eye to the fork of the tail.

When using a flexible measuring device such as a tape, lay the tape on a flat surface and lay the fish along or on top of the tape to get an accurate measurement.

NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICERS

It is illegal to refuse to allow a natural resource officer to check your license or inspect any fish in your possession.

POSSESSION/WANTON WASTE

All fish taken shall have the head, body, and tail fin left attached while in possession on the water.

Fish taken shall be retained until 1) cleaned, 2) taken home, 3) taken to a taxidermist or processor, 4) given to another person, 5) eaten, or 6) let go in the waters from which taken.

EQUIPMENT

Fishing rods must be attended at all times unless tagged. Only two rods may be used unless a three-pole permit (Page 7) is purchased.

Firearms may not be used to take fish.

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It is illegal to release any fish into public waters unless caught from that water. (See Aquatic Nuisance Species on Pages 42-45.)

COMMON CONCERNS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

TROUT

From Nov. 1-April 15, all anglers fishing on Type 1 waters (see right) stocked with trout must possess a trout permit ($14.50), including youth trout anglers 15 and younger ($7.00). Only anglers fishing for or possessing trout must have a trout permit on Type 2 waters. In addition, all residents age 16-74 and nonresidents 16 and older must also have a valid fishing license. Trout permits are available at KDWPT offices, most county clerk offices, license vendors, or online at ksoutdoors.com.

THE PERMIT IS VALID FOR 365 DAYS FROM DATE OF PURCHASE

Some local governments have their own trout stocking programs and may require a fee but not the state permit. Local city and county recreation departments have details. Approximate trout stocking dates and sites may be found online at ksoutdoors.com.

LIMIT: The daily creel limit is 5 trout unless otherwise posted. The possession limit is three times the daily creel.

PERMIT REQUIRED: Nov. 1-April 15, except trout fishing at Mined Land Wildlife Area Unit #30 (Cherokee County) requires a trout permit year-round.

TYPE 1 WATER – TROUT PERMIT REQUIRED OF ALL ANGLERS

Coffeyville LeClere Lake, Dodge City Lake Charles, Eisenhower State Park Pond, Ft. Scott Gun Park Lake, Garnett Crystal Lake, Glen Elder Reservoir Outlet, Glen Elder State Park Pond, Kanopolis Seep Stream, KDOT East Lake in Wichita, Lake Henry in Clinton SP, Mined Land WA Unit #30, Pratt Centennial Pond, Historic Scott State Park Pond, Vic’s Lake and Slough Creek in Sedgwick County Park, Walnut River Area in El Dorado SP, Willow Lake at Tuttle Creek SP, and Webster Stilling Basin.

TYPE 2 WATER – TROUT PERMIT REQUIRED ONLY FOR TROUT ANGLERS


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GENERAL INFORMATION

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES

As the state’s environmental protection and public health agency, KDHE promotes responsible choices to protect the health and environment for all Kansans.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) are issuing fish consumption advisories for 2021. The advisories identify types of fish or other aquatic animals that should be eaten in limited quantities or, in some cases, avoided altogether because of contamination. General advice and Internet resources are also provided to aid the public in making informed decisions regarding the benefits as well as the risks associated with eating locally caught fish from Kansas waters.

WATERBODY SPECIFIC ADVISORIES FOR ALL CONSUMERS

Kansas recommends restricting consumption of bottom-feeding fish and catfishes to 4 servings per month from the following locations because of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs):

1. Cow Creek in Hutchinson and downstream to the confluence with the Arkansas River (Reno County);
2. The Kansas River from Lawrence (below Bowersock Dam) downstream to Eudora at the confluence of the Wakarusa River (Douglas and Leavenworth counties);
3. The Little Arkansas River from the Main Street Bridge immediately west of Valley Center to the confluence with the Arkansas River in Wichita (Sedgwick County).

Kansas recommends restricting consumption of bottom-feeding fish and catfishes to 1 serving per month from the following location because of PCBs:

1. K-96 Lake in Wichita (Sedgwick County).

Kansas recommends not eating specified fish or aquatic life from the following locations:

1. The Arkansas River from the Lincoln Street dam in Wichita downstream to the confluence with Cowskin Creek near Belle Plaine (Sedgwick and Sumner counties); bottom-feeding fish and catfishes because of PCBs.
2. Shoal Creek from the Missouri/Kansas border to Empire Lake (Cherokee County); shellfish because of lead and cadmium.
3. The Spring River from the confluence of Center Creek to the Kansas/Oklahoma border (Cherokee County); shellfish because of lead and cadmium.
4. Antioch Park Lake South in Antioch Park, Overland Park (Johnson County); all fish because of the pesticides dieldrin, heptachlor epoxide, chlordane, and dichlorophenyltrichloroethanes (DDTs).
5. Arkalon Park Lakes in Liberal (Seward County) – Kansas recommends not eating fish or other aquatic life because the lakes are sustained solely by treated municipal wastewater.

DEFINITIONS

Bottom-feeding fish: buffalos, carp, carpsuckers, bullhead and channel catfish, sturgeons, and suckers.

Predatory fish: blue catfish, crappies, drum, flathead catfish, largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass, perchs, sunfish, white bass, wiper, striper, walleye, saugeye, and sauger.

Shellfish: mussels, clams, and crayfish.

Serving size (skinless fish fillets before cooking):
- Adults and Children age 13 and older = 8 ounces
- Children age 6 to 12 = 4 ounces
- Children younger than 6 = 2 ounces

GENERAL ADVICE FOR EATING LOCALLY-CAUGHT FISH IN KANSAS

1. Sensitive populations should consider restricting their total mercury intake for both supermarket fish and locally caught species. Concerned parents and other persons may wish to consult with a physician about eating fish and mercury exposure.

2. Mercury exposure can be reduced by limiting the consumption of large predatory fish. Larger/older fish of all types are more likely to have higher concentrations of mercury.

3. Avoid the consumption of fish parts other than fillets, especially when eating bottom-feeding fish and catfishes. Fatty internal organs tend to accumulate higher levels of fat-soluble contaminants such as chlordane and PCBs than fillets.

4. Consumers can reduce their ingestion of fat-soluble contaminants such as chlordane and PCBs by trimming fat from fillets, and cooking in a manner in which fat drips away from the fillet.

5. Avoid subsistence level (relying on wild-caught fish for daily nutritional needs) fishing activities in large rivers within or immediately downstream of large urban/industrial areas and wastewater outfalls. Fish in these areas are more likely to contain traces of chemical contaminants.

6. Kansas recommends not eating fish or aquatic life from surface waters sustained solely by municipal or industrial wastewater because of unknown, yet potentially present pathogens, metals, organic chemicals or other emerging contaminants. This advisory includes consumption of any aquatic life present in wastewater outfalls, waste treatment lagoons or stormwater detention ponds.

7. In waterbodies where watches or warnings related to harmful algae blooms have been applied, fish should be consumed in moderation and care taken to only consume skinless fillets. Avoid cutting into internal organs and rinse fillets with clean water prior to cooking or freezing.
GENERAL INFORMATION

STATEWIDE ADVICE FOR EATING LOCALLY-CAUGHT FISH BECAUSE OF MERCURY

The eating guideline tables below contain recommended consumption limits (based on mercury levels) for different kinds of fish and sizes (given in inches) caught in Kansas. The limits are protective of sensitive populations which includes women who are pregnant, nursing, or may become pregnant, and children younger than 17 years old. Kansas encourages anyone who regularly consumes fish to carefully consider the types and amounts they eat, including store-bought fish. For specific questions or concerns about mercury in Kansas fish please contact KDHE. For information about fish caught in other states, store-bought fish, and other seafood please visit (https://www.epa.gov/choose-fish-and-shellfish-wisely). By making informed choices consumers can enjoy the health benefits associated with eating fish without ingesting unhealthy amounts of mercury.

KDHE and KDWPT will provide advice for other commonly-eaten fish such as buffaloes, blue catfish, and suckers as more data become available. For species not listed Kansas recommends a limit of 4 servings per month.

How to Use the Eating Guideline Charts Below

Example: Crappie have a recommended limit of 8 servings per month. Within a month’s time, if you eat 4 servings of crappie, then eat no more than ½ the recommended monthly limit of any other type of fish.

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Most bodies of water in Kansas are excellent homes for blue-green algae. Blue-green algae are bacteria that grow like plants. Blue-green algae in large numbers are common in standing water such as ponds or lakes especially during the summer months. When water temperatures warm and nutrient conditions are right blue-green algae will multiply very rapidly in what are referred to as algae blooms.

Blue-green algae have the ability to produce natural poisons (toxins) that can affect human and animal health. During the algae bloom the amount of toxin in the water can increase to dangerous levels. At larger lakes in Kansas, you may see signs posted warning that harmful algae is present and that contact with water should be avoided. Please obey the warnings for your own safety. On small lakes or ponds if you see a scum that looks like green paint in the water, the water has an unpleasant musty odor or you notice that several fish have died, avoid the water.

Recreational activities like swimming, wading, water skiing and boating increase the risk of exposure and ingestion. Contact with or ingestion of the water when high levels of toxins are present can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, skin rash, eye irritation and respiratory distress. To protect yourself and your pets you should avoid contact and never drink the water. Pets and animals that drink waters that contain toxins are at risk for serious illness and possible death. If you have concerns that you or a pet may have become ill after an exposure to toxins in the water call your doctor or veterinarian or your local county health department.


BLUE-GREEN ALGAE

BILGES AND LIVEWELLS

Livewells and bilges must be drained and drain plugs removed from all vessels being removed from waters of the state before transport on a public highway. No person may possess any live fish upon departure from any designated aquatic nuisance body of water (see Page 42).
GENERAL INFORMATION

FISHING ON THE MISSOURI RIVER

In agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation, KDWPT has established special rules regarding the portion of the Missouri River that borders both Kansas and Missouri. All fish caught from the Missouri River Boundary Waters that are a size or number that is illegal to possess shall be released unrestricted to the water immediately.

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Alert – Asian carp, zebra mussels, and white perch.

Limitations: Tributaries of the Missouri may not be fished without a valid fishing license from the state through which the tributary flows. If any law or regulation governing fishing in the Missouri River is different from the corresponding law or regulation in the state for which the angler has a license, the more restrictive state’s law or regulation will apply. Each angler must keep all legally caught fish restrained separately from any other angler.

Licensing: Anglers with either a valid Kansas or Missouri fishing license may fish any flowing portion and backwaters of the Missouri River and any oxbow lake through which the river flows. They may fish from and attach any legal fishing equipment to the land adjoining these waters.

Limitations: Bow and arrow or crossbow with a barbed head and a line attached are legal only from sunrise to midnight. Each angler may use three fishing lines. In addition, each angler may use one trotline with no more than 25 hooks OR eight setlines with no more than two hooks each, OR eight floatlines.

Length Limits — minimum
Black bass: 12 inch
Paddlefish: 24 inch
Channel catfish: 15 inch
Sauger and Walleye: 15 inch

Daily Creel Limits
Black bass: 6
Paddlefish: 2
Channel catfish: 10
Blue catfish: 5
Crappie: 30
Flathead catfish: 5
Walleye, sauger, and their hybrids (single species or in combination): 4
Yellow bass, striped bass, white bass, and their hybrids (single species or in combination): 15

BLUE CATFISH ON SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHCENTRAL KANSAS RIVERS

The statewide daily creel limit on blue catfish is 5 fish per day, except there is a 10 fish daily creel limit on the entirety of the Caney River and all of its tributaries, the entirety of the Little Caney River and all of its tributaries, the Verdigris River from the Oklahoma-Kansas state line to the Toronto Reservoir Dam and all of its tributaries including the Elk River to the Elk City Reservoir dam, the Fall River to the Fall River Reservoir Dam and Big Hill Creek to the Big Hill Reservoir Dam, the Neosho River from the Oklahoma-Kansas state line to the John Redmond Reservoir Dam and all its tributaries including Labette Creek to the Parsons City Lake Dam and Wolf Creek to the Coffey County Lake Dam, Lake dam, the Arkansas River from the Oklahoma-Kansas state line to the 21st Street North Dam in Wichita, the Ninnescah River from its the confluence with the Arkansas River to its confluence with the South Fork of the Ninnescach River and the South Fork of the Ninnescach River to the Kingman City Lake Dam.

Length Limits
Blue catfish: NONE

Daily Creel Limits
Blue catfish: 10

Great Fishing in Coffey County

Excellent fishing and recreation sites in Coffey County include:

Lebo, New Strawn and Gridley City Lakes, Neosho River, Coffey County Lake, John Redmond Reservoir, Wolf Creek Environmental Education Area, and Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge.

For more information on all Coffey County attractions & activities stop by the Coffey County Visitor Information Center at 305A Neosho in downtown Burlington, KS

620.364.2002

www.coffeycountyks.org
NOTE: Any person under age 21 must complete an approved boater safety education course before operating a motorboat or sailboat on public waters in Kansas without being under direct and audible supervision. The law applies equally to residents and nonresidents. Get the Kansas Boating Regulations Summary wherever licenses are sold and at ksoutdoors.com.

REGULATION CHANGES: PFDs (LIFE-JACKETS)

The U.S. Coast Guard has initiated changes to the rules involving labeling of personal floatation devices, also known as life jackets. The following should help explain these changes coming in Kansas regulations.

The traditional life jacket “types categories” have gone away. This includes the Type I, II, III and IV wearable life jackets and the Type IV, throwable. Older labeled life jacket using the Type classification will still be legal only if U.S. Coast Guard approved, in good serviceable condition, of the proper size/fit and worn in compliance with the label of the jacket.

The new labeling requirement falls into one of two categories, “wearable” and “throwable”. Wearable life jackets will be divided into five buoyancy categories: 50, 70, 100, 150, and 275 Newtons (metric to harmonize with Canadian standards).

Choose the level of buoyancy for the type of activity. A higher number equals to greater buoyancy. Make sure the label states the jacket is U.S. Coast Guard approved. Although a level 50 life jacket may be an available life jacket on the market, it will most likely not be a U.S. Coast Guard approved floating device, so be vigilant in reading labels. The curved arrow indicates that the jacket is likely to turn an unconscious wearer face up in the water. A slash through the curve means the jacket will not perform this function.

For comparisons, the Type I jacket would carry either a rating of 100 or 150 Newtons and would upright an unconscious victim. The type II jacket would carry a rating of 70 newtons and would upright an unconscious victim. The type III jacket would also carry a rating of 70 newtons but would not be able to turn an unconscious victim with the face out of the water. A Type IV throwable is labeled as a throwable device.

The type V jacket, also known as a special purpose vest may meet either a Type I, II, or III standard, but would now be either a 70, 100, 150 Newton rating with special icons to support the activity it is designed for.

Any vessel propelled by sail or machinery of any kind (including trolling motors) used on Kansas public waters must be registered. Boat registration fees are $42.50 for a three-year registration for all motor- or sail-propelled boats. Any boat required to be registered must have a Certificate of Registration on board and properly displayed registration numbers.

All boats, including kayaks and canoes, must be equipped with at least one wearable, Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) – serviceable and readily accessible – for each person on board or being towed.

Persons 12 years and younger are required to wear PFDs when on board or being towed by any vessel.

In addition, boats 16 feet and longer, except kayaks and canoes, must be equipped with at least one throwable PFD on board. This applies to all vessels, and such devices must be readily accessible.

Motorboats may be used on state fishing lakes for fishing and hunting only, unless otherwise posted.

**SIZE AND FIT**
- Check label for user weight and chest size.
- Different body types float differently.
- A good fit is secure, comfortable, and adjustable.

**PERFORMANCE**
- Lower number offers greater mobility, comfort, and style with good floatation for most people.
- Higher number offers greater floatation, turning, and stability in the water.

**RISK MANAGEMENT**
- In over 80 percent of boating fatalities, the person was not wearing floatation.
- Most of these are sudden falls overboard or capsize of a smaller boat.
- The first moments in the water are critical, even for experienced swimmers.
- Cold water shock causes gasping, loss of muscle control and swim failure.
- Long term immersion in cold water requires thermal protection and floatation position to conserve energy.

**Sherman County Smoky Gardens Lake**

785-821-0403
visitgoodland.com
The Manhattan region offers plentiful public hunting and fishing lands with 100 miles of wooded shoreline around the 1,200-acre Tuttle Creek Lake. Anglers catch crappie, catfish, bass, saugeye and other sport fish in the reservoir.
Below is a preview of the 2021 Kansas Fishing Forecast, highlighting the top 10 locations for some of Kansas’ most popular sportfish species – Channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, crappie, wiper and saugeye. Included in this preview are the top locations for each species, density rating, preferred rating, lunker rating and biggest fish caught during sampling. Density Rating is the number of fish that were high-quality size or larger sampled per unit of sampling effort. Preferred Rating identifies how many above-average-sized fish a water contains. And Lunker Rating, similar to the Density Rating, tells you the relative density of lunker-sized fish in the lake.

To view a complete version of the 2021 Kansas Fishing Forecast, visit kwacorp.com/Fishing/Fishing-Forecast or grab a copy of the 2021 March/April issue of Kansas Wildlife & Parks Magazine by calling (620) 672-0756.

**FISHING FORECAST: TOP 10**

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LOCATIONS, LENGTH AND CREEL LIMITS

STATEWIDE CREEL AND LENGTH LIMITS

Individual waters may have different length and creel limits than those listed below. Check individual listings on Pages 20-38.

Daily Creel Limits

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The 15-inch minimum length limit for walleye, sauger and saugeye does not apply in rivers, streams and tailwaters.

POSSESSION LIMIT ON ALL FISH IS THREE TIMES THE DAILY CREEL LIMIT

No person may possess live fish when departing a designated aquatic nuisance species (ANS) water. Designated ANS waters are listed on Page 42. Livewells and bilges shall be drained and the drain plugs removed from all vessels being removed from any waters of the state before transport on any public highway.

Once a daily creel limit of any particular species has been possessed, any other fish of that species that is caught must be released immediately, unharmed, into the water. It may not replace another fish already in the creel, except for participants in a weigh-in black bass tournament who possess a Tournament Black Bass Pass.

RESERVOIRS, STATE FISHING LAKES AND COMMUNITY WATERS

When you see this symbol next to the listing of a Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) lakes you’ll know it’s family friendly. At these locations, no alcohol is allowed, there are flush toilets, security patrols are conducted regularly, security lighting is in place, and fishing spots are easily accessible.

The Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) leases fishing rights on more than 200 community lakes to ensure anglers are not charged additional fees. If you see the “stop” symbol next to the community lake listing, you’ll know this lake is not enrolled in CFAP and there may be a charge for fishing.

Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) pose a threat to native aquatic wildlife and plants. ANS species include the zebra mussel, New Zealand mud snail, Asian carp, white perch, purple loosestrife, saltcedar, fertile grass carp, and Eurasian watermilfoil. A red “ANS Alert” means ANS species are present at the location. Livewells and bilges shall be drained and the drain plugs removed from all vessels removed from any waters of the state before transport on any public highway. See pages 42-45 for details.

STATEWIDE

Impounded F.I.S.H. Waters

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RESERVOIRS

Big Hill Reservoir

1,240 acres, 4 1/4 miles E of Cherryvale.

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Cedar Bluff Reservoir

6,869 acres, 13 miles S on K-147 from I-70 exit 135 Ogallala.

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ANS Alert - Eurasian Watermilfoil

(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)
**LOCATIONS, LENGTH AND CREEL LIMITS**

**Cheney Reservoir**
9,550 acres, 20 miles W of Wichita.

**Clinton Reservoir**
7,000 acres, 5 miles W of Lawrence on K-10.

**Council Grove Reservoir**
3,280 acres, 1 mile N of Council Grove on K-177.

**El Dorado Reservoir**
6,000 acres, 3 miles E, 2 miles N of El Dorado.

**Elk City Reservoir**
4,450 acres, 4 miles NW of Independence.

**Fall River Reservoir**
2,500 acres, 56 miles E of Wichita on US-400.

**Glen Elder Reservoir**
12,586 acres, 12 miles W of Beloit on US-24.

**Hillsdale Reservoir**
4,580 acres, 3 miles NW of Paola.

**Keith Sebelius (Norton)**
2,300 acres, 3 miles SW of Norton off US-36.

**Kirwin Reservoir**
5,000 acres, 15 miles SE of Phillipsburg on K-9.

**La Cygne Reservoir**
2,600 acres, 5 miles E of La Cygne.

**Lovewell Reservoir**
2,986 acres, 4 miles E, 10 miles N of Mankato on US-14.

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LOCATIONS, LENGTH AND CREEL LIMITS

Marion Reservoir
6,160 acres, 4 miles NW of Marion off US-56.
Channel Catfish - 10 fish daily creel.
Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.
Largemouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit. Walleye - 21-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.
Wiper - 5 fish daily creel limit. Crappie - 20 fish daily creel limit.
ANS Alert - Zebra Mussels
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Melvern Reservoir
7,000 acres, 35 miles S of Topeka on US-75.
ANS Alert - Zebra Mussels
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Milford Reservoir
16,020 acres, 5 miles NW of Junction City on US-77.
ANS Alert - Zebra Mussels
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Pomona Reservoir
4,000 acres, 25 miles S of Topeka on US-75.
ANS Alert - Zebra Mussels
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Toronto Reservoir
2,800 acres, 15 miles W of Yates Center on US-54.

Tuttle Creek Reservoir
15,800 acres, 6 miles N of Manhattan on K-13.
ANS Alert - Zebra Mussels
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Webster Reservoir
3,780 acres, 8 miles W of Stockton off US-24.

Wilson Reservoir
9,040 acres, 8 miles N on K-232 from I-70 exit 206 Wilson.

ANS Alert - Zebra Mussels
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

ANS Alert - White Perch and Zebra Mussels

STATE FISHING LAKES

Atchison SFL
66 acres, 2 miles N, 2 miles W of Atchison.

Barber SFL Lower
51 acres, 1/4 mile N of Medicine Lodge.

Barber SFL Upper (Periodically Dry)
26 acres, 1/4 mile N of Medicine Lodge.

Big Hill Wildlife Area
14 acres, 6 miles E of Cherryvale.

Black Kettle SFL
8 acres, 2 miles N, 1/2 mile E of Moundridge.

Bourbon SFL

Brown SFL
62 acres, 8 miles E, 1 miles N of Hiawatha.

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LOCATIONS, LENGTH AND CREEL LIMITS

STATE FISHING LAKES CONTINUED

Browning Oxbow

Butler SFL

Chase SFL

Clark SFL

Clinton State Park - Picnic Area Pond

Concannon SFL (Periodically Dry)

Cowley SFL

Crawford SFL

Douglas SFL

Fall River State Park Kids Pond

Ford SFL (Periodically Dry)
97 acres, 8 1/2 miles S, 2 W of Junction City. Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit. Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit. Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit. Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit. (Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Grand Osage Wildlife Area

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Neosho Wildlife Area
800 acres, 1 mile E of St. Paul on K-57.

Osage SFL
140 acres, 2 miles S, 1/2 mile E of Carbondale.

(Preventive fishing laws apply on this body of water. Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Ottawa SFL
138 acres, 5 miles N, 1 mile E of Bennington.

Pottawatomie 1
24 acres, 5 miles N of Westmoreland.

Pottawatomie 2
75 acres, 1 1/2 E, 2 1/2 miles N of Manhattan.

Pratt Centennial Pond
3 acres, 2 miles E, 1 mile S of Pratt.
Rainbow Trout - 2 fish daily creel limit, all other species are catch and release only.

Pratt Kid’s Fishing Pond
1 acre, 2 miles E, 1 mile S of Pratt.
Fishing hours are from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Children ten (10) years of age or less must be accompanied by a person sixteen (16) years of age or older. Two fish daily creel limit of a single species or a combination of species.

Rooks SFL (Periodically Dry)
67 acres, 2 1/2 miles S, 2 miles W of Stockton.

Saline SFL
38 acres, 1 1/2 miles N, 1/4 mile W of Salina.

Scott SFL
115 acres, 11 miles N of Scott City.

Shawnee SFL
135 acres, 7 miles N, 2 1/2 miles E of Silver Lake.

Sheridan SFL
67 acres, 11 miles E of Hoxie.

St. Francis Sand Pits
5 acres, 1 mile W, 2 1/2 S of St. Francis.

Tuttle Creek Willow Lake
10 acres, Tuttle Creek State Park River Pond Area, below the Tuttle Creek Dam.

Woodson SFL
180 acres, 5 1/2 miles E of Toronto.

Agra City Lake
6 acres

Alma City Lake
80 acres, 2 1/2 miles SE of Alma.

Altamont City Lake - Idle Hour Lake - East and West
34 acres, 4 miles S of Altamont.

Andover - Lake George
3 acres, 1607 E Central Ave.

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COMMUNITY LAKES CONTINUED

Anthony City Lake  
116 acres, 1 mile N 1/2 mile W of Anthony.  
Channel Catfish - 10 fish daily creel.  
Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Arkansas City - Knebblers #1  
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Arkansas City - Knebblers #2  
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Arkansas City Veteran’s Pond  
16 acres, 6th street & Taylor, Arkansas City.  
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Arma City Lake  
1 acre, Hookie Park, Arma.  
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Atchison City Lakes 1-4, 6-9, 24  
51 acres, 2 miles N, 2 miles W of Atchison.  
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Wiper (City Lake #7) - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Rainbow Trout (City Lake #1) - 5 fish daily creel limit.

Atchison County Lake  
60 acres, 5 miles W of Huron.  
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Atchison Warnock Lake (City Lake 23)  
39 acres, 1/2 mile W, 1/2 mile S, and 1/2 mile E of Atchison off of K-59.  
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Atwood Lake  
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Saugeye - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Baldwin - Spring Creek Lake  
7 acres, 1/4 mile E of N100 and e 1800, 1 mile S, 1 1/4 miles E of Baldwin.  
Channel Catfish - 10 fish daily creel.  
Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Bartlett City Lake  
19 acres, NW Bartlett.  
See local regulations.

Belleview City Lake (Rocky Pond)  
27 acres, Belleview.  
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Benton - Poling Lake  
2 acres, SW 20th and Prairie Parkway.  
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Blue Mound City Lake  
10 acres, 1 mile N, 2 miles W of Blue Mound.  
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Bonneville City Lake   
15-acre minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Bone Creek Reservoir  
540 acres, 7 miles N, 5 miles E of Girard.  
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 20 fish daily creel limit.  
Walleye - 18-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Saugeye - 18-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Bourbon Co. Cedar Creek  
220 acres, 4 miles W, 3 miles S, of Fort Scott.  
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Bourbon Co. Elm Creek Lake  
106 acres, 1 mile E, 2 miles N of Hiattville.  
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Buhler City Pond  
1 acre  
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Carbondale East Lake  
265 acres, 2 miles E of Carbondale.  
Channel Catfish - 10 fish daily creel limit.  
Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Wiper - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Saugeye - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Centralia City Lake  
400 acres, 2 miles S, 1 mile W of Centralia.  
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Saugeye - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Wiper - 2 fish daily creel limit.

Chanute City Lake (Santa Fe Lake)  
80 acres, 5 edge of Chanute.  
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.  
Crappie - 50 fish daily creel limit.  
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.  
Wiper - 2 fish daily creel limit.

Chesney Pond  
1 acre, Chestnut and Kansas St., Chanute.  
See local regulations.

Highland Park Pond  
1 acre, Highland Park, Chanute.  
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Cherryvale City Lake (Tanko)
11 acres, 1/2 mile S of Cherryvale.

Cimarron Grasslands Fishing Pits
15 acres, 8 miles N of Elkhart.

Clearwater - Chisholm Ridge Lake
5 acres, 1 mile E of Clearwater.

Coffey County Lake
5,080 acres, 2 miles N, 1 mile E of Burlington off US-75.

Coffeyville LeClere Lake
7 acres, Coffeyville.

Colby - Villa High Lake
2 acres, Colby.

Coldwater City Lake
250 acres, 1 mile S, 1 mile W of Coldwater.

Columbus - VFW Pond
2 acres, 1 mile S of K-96/K-7 junction, and one block W.

Colwich City Lake
10 acres, Colwich.

Council Grove City Lake
434 acres, 3 miles W of Council Grove on US-56, N 1 mile.

Critzer Reservoir
220 acres, 7 miles W of Mound City.

Derby - High Park
4 acres, 2700 S Madison, Derby.

Derby - Rainbow Valley
2 acres, 1442 E Warren Ave, Derby.

Derby - Stone Creek
2 acres, 2712 Button Bush and 63rd St.

Dodge City - Demon Lake
1 acre, Located by Dodge City High School. Posted time restrictions. Catch and Release Only.
Dodge City - Lake Charles
1 acre, Dodge City Community College.

Dodge City - Mariah Hills Golf Course
2 acres, Dodge City.
Catch and release only.

Doniphan county - Troy 4-H Lake
5 acres, 1/2 mile S of Troy.

Douglas County - Lonestar Lake
195 acres, 4 miles SW of Lawrence.

Edgerton - Bridgewater Lake
2.5 acres, W Ths St. & Nelson Rd., Edgerton.

Edgerton City Park Lake
5.3 acres, S of RR tracks, W of Sunflower Rd., Edgerton.

Edna City Lake
11 acres, 2 miles W, 1 mile S of Edna.

El Dorado - East Park Pond
1 acre, City of El Dorado. See local regulations.
ANS Alert - Zebra Mussels
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Ellis City Lake (Periodically Dry)
30 acres, Ellis.

Emporia - Jones Park Ponds
3 acres, Emporia.
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Harvey Co. Camp Hawk 2 acres, SW of Newton.
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit. Largemouth Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Harvey County East Lake 254 acres, 7 miles E of Newton.

Harvey County West Lake 15 acres, 4 miles N, 3 miles W of Halstead.

Haysville - Dorner Park Lake 10 acres, SE Haysville
See Local Regulations

Haysville - Riggs Lake 1 acre, 525 Sarah Lane, Haysville.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.

Hays - Vineyard Park Pond 0.5 acres, NE of I-70 in Hays
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit. See Local Regulations

Herington - Father Padilla Pond 2 acres, Broadway & Vine, Herington.
ANS - Certification Required.
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Herington City Lake - Old 367 acres, 1 1/2 miles SW of Herington.
ANS - Certification Required.
https://reserve.ksoutdoors.com/cert/ans

Horton Mission Lake 125 acres, Horton

Howard - Polk Daniels Lake 69 acres, 1 mile E of Howard.

Humboldt - Franklin Street Pond 0.2 miles W of N 7th Street.

Humboldt - Neosho River Park Bridge St., West side of Humboldt

Hutchinson - Carey Park Pond 2 acres, east end of Carey Park, N of golf course
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit

Hutchinson - Carey Park Lagoon 5 acre, S End of Main St in Carey Park
ANS Alert - White Perch
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Hutchinson - North Pond 2 acres, N Hutchinson, Hwy 61 and E 43rd Ave.

Hutchinson - Dillon Nature Center 3 acres, NE of Hutchinson

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Jackson County - Banner Creek Reservoir (FFFF)
535 acres, 1 mile W of Holton on K-16.

Jackson Heights HS Pond
1 acres, S of Jackson Heights high school.
Statewide limits apply

Jetmore City Lake (Periodically Dry)
106 acres, 2 miles S, 3 miles W of Jetmore.
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.
Largemouth Bass - 13-18-inch slot limit, 5 fish daily creel limit. Wiper - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit

Jewell City Lake (Emerson Lake)
10 acres, W edge of Jewell.

Johnson Co. - Antioch North & South Ponds
1 acre, 6501 Antioch Rd., Shawnee Mission.

Johnson Co. - Heritage Park Lake
20 acres, 160th and Pflumm Rd., Olathe.

Johnson Co. - Kiln Creek South Pond
1 acre, 11670 Homestead Ln, Olathe.

Johnson Co. - Kill Creek South Pond
1 acre, 11670 Homestead Ln, Olathe.

Johnson Co. - Kill Creek Park Lake
28 acres, 11670 Homestead Ln., Olathe.

Johnson Co. - Shawnee Mission Park Lake

Johnson Co. - Shawnee Mission Pond
1 acre, 79th and Renner Rd., Shawnee Mission.

Johnson Co. - Stoll Park
2 acres, 12500 W. 119th St. Overland Park.

Junction City - Bluffs
5 acres, Caroline and Goldenbelt Blvd.

Junction City - Helland Pond
8 acres, NE of US Hwy-77 and Hwy-18

Junction City - Homer’s Pond (Rim Rock Lake)
5 acres, 1st & Eisenhower, Junction City.

Junction City - Riverwalk
7 acres, just off of I-70 at exit 298.

Junction City - Wetland Park
2 acres, just off of I-70 at exit 298.

Kechi Lake
1 acre, 6300 N Oliver, Kechi.

Kingman - Hoover Pond
1 acre, Rivers Park Kingman.

La Crosse Warren Stone Memorial Lake (Periodically Dry)
30 acres, 2 miles E of LaCrosse.

Lansing - Billy Blackwell Lake
2 acres, Lansing.

Larned City Pond
2 acres, SW Larned.
See Local Regulations

Lawrence - Mary’s Lake (FFFF)
6 acres, 1/2 mile E of Haskell and 31st St., Lawrence.

Lawrence - Oregon Trail Park Pond
1.5 acres

Lawrence Pat Dawson Billings North & South
10 acres, 27th and Crossgate.

Lawrence Sandra J. Shaw Community Health Park Pond
3 acres, W 2nd St. and Maine St.

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COMMUNITY LAKES CONTINUED

Leawood - Ironwoods Park Pond
1.5 acres, Ironwood Ct. and Mission Rd., Leawood.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Leawood - Tomahawk Parkway
1.5 acres, N of 119th on Tomahawk Pkwy., Leawood.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Leawood - Tomahawk Parkway North Pond
3 acres, N of 119th on Tomahawk Pkwy., Leawood.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Leawood - Tomahawk Parkway South Pond
1 acre, N of 119th on Tomahawk Pkwy., Leawood.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.

Lebo City Lake
70 acres, 2 miles E, 1 mile N of Lebo.

Lebo Kid’s Pond
2 acres, City of Lebo.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit. Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit. Local rainbow trout fishery

Lenexa - Lake Lenexa
30 acres, 1 mile S of 83rd st. on Monticello Rd., Lenexa.
Channel Catfish - 10 fish daily creel. Largemouth Bass - 13-18-inch slot length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit. Bluegill, redear, green sunfish and their hybrids - 6- to 9-inch slot length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit for fish over 9 inches, no daily creel limit for fish less than 6 inches.

Lenexa - Mize Blvd. Lake
5 acres, N of K-10 from Cedar Creek Parkway.

Lenexa - Resurrection Pond
2 acres, Pond lies within Resurrection Catholic Cemetery at 83rd and Quivira.

Lenexa - Rose's Pond
2 acres, 87th and Lackman, Lenexa.

Lenora City Lake
40 acres, 2 miles E, 1 mile S of Lenora.
Statewide Limits

Liberal - Arkalon Recreation Area
5 acres, 10 miles E of Liberal.
Open April 1-Oct. 15.
Catch and release only for all species.

Linn Co. Strip Pits
1 acre, 1 mile N, 3/4 mile E of Prescott.

Logan City Lake
25 acres, 2 1/2 miles S of Logan.

Louisburg City Lake
23 acres, SE edge of Louisburg on Metcalf.

Louisburg - Lewis Young Park Lake

Madison City Lake
114 acres, 2 miles S of Madison on K-99.

Manhattan Jerry Dishman Lake
6 acres, W Anderson Ave.

Marion County Lake
153 acres, 2 miles E, 2 miles S of Marion.

Marysville Country Club Lake
10 acres, E of US-36.

McPherson City Ponds
McPherson
Statewide limits apply

Melvern River Trail
NE of Melvern along the Marias des Cygnes R.
Statewide Limits.

Moline New City Lake
185 acres, 1 mile N of Moline.

Moline Old City Lake (South)
65 acres, 1 mile S on Rd. 12, 1/2 mile W on Cyclone Rd. from Moline.

Mound City Lake
148 acres, 4 miles W of Mound City.

Moundridge - Park Pond
2 acres, NW part of Moundridge.
See local regulations.
LOCATIONS, LENGTH AND CREEL LIMITS

Mt. Hope Woodland Park Pond
(Woodland Park Pond) 2 acres, Mt. Hope.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.
Largemouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Mulberry Park Lake
3 acres, N side of Mulberry.
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Mulvane - Cedar Brook Pond
1 acre, 1900 E 111th St S, Mulvane.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.
Largemouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Neodesha Community Lake
2.2 acres
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.
All other statewide limits apply

New Strawn City Lake
3 acres, center of Strawn City.
Channel Catfish - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.
Crappie - 10 fish daily creel limit. Largemouth Bass - 21-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.
Smallmouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.
Wiper - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit. Local Rainbow Trout Fishery

Newton - Sand Creek
20 acres, Newton
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.

Newton - Spring Lake Ponds (Upper, Middle and Lower)
7 acres, Newton
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

North Newton - Sunfield Pond
2 acres, City of North Newton.
See local regulations.

Ogden City Lake
24 acres, Ogden.
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.

Olathe - Black Bob Park Pond
1 acre, 14500 W. 151st St., Olathe.

Olathe - Cedar Lake
56 acres, Lone Elm Rd., 1/2 mile S of 151st.

Olathe - East High School Pond
1 acre, 1/2 mile E of 127th & Black Bob Rd., Olathe.

Olathe - Frisco Lake
12 acres, Dennis and Sunset, Olathe.

Olathe - Heatherstone Park Pond
1 acre, 12310 S. Pflumm Rd., Olathe.

Olathe - Lake Olathe
172 acres, 2 miles W of Olathe on Dennis.

Olathe - Mahaffie Farmstead Pond
1 acre, 1031 E. Cotthell St., Olathe.

Olathe - North Waterworks Park Lake
1 acre, Sheridan & Curtis St., Olathe.

Olathe - Oregon Trail Pond
2 acres, Robinson Dr. and Old US-56, Olathe.

Olathe - Prairie Center Park Pond
5 acres, W of ballfields in Prairie Center Pk., Olathe.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.

Olathe - (KDWP) Prairie Center Pond
5 acres, 135th and Cedar Niles Rd., Olathe.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.

Olathe - Settler's Park Pond
1.5 acres, S Woodland Dr., Olathe.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.
Largemouth Bass - 15-inch minimum length limit, 5 fish daily creel limit.

Olathe - Stagecoach Park Pond
5 acres, Kansas City Rd. and Ridgeview Rd., Olathe.

Olathe - Waterworks Lake
6 acres, Sheridan and Curtis St., Olathe.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.

Olpe - Jones Park Pond
1 acre, Olpe.
Youth mentoring. No seine or cast net.

Olpe City Lake
90 acres, 1/2 mile W, 1 mile S of Olpe.

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Osage City Lake  
49 acres, 1 1/2 miles S of Osage City.  
Walleye - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit. Wiper - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Osawatomie - Beaver Lake  
3 acres, 1 1/2 miles N, 2 1/4 miles W of Osawatomie.  

Osawatomie City Lake  
21 acres, 1/2 mile N, 2 miles W of Osawatomie.  

Overbrook City Lake  
3 acres, NE side of Overbrook along K-56.  

Overbrook - Kids' Pond  
3 acres, Overbrook.  

Overland Park - Amesbury Lake  
3.65 acres, N of 143rd and Westgate St., Overland Park.  

Overland Park - Kingston Lake  
8 acres, 15254 Lowell Ave., Overland Park.  

Overland Park - Regency Lake  
3 acres, 14800 Lamar Rd., Overland Park.  

Overland Park - South Lake  
5 acres, 7601 W 86th St., Overland Park.  

Overland Park - Summercrest Lake  
1.35 acres, 112th St. and Riley, Overland Park.  

Overland Park - Wilderness Lake  
3 acres, E of 161st & Rosewood Dr., Overland Park.  

Paola - Lake Miola  
220 acres, 1 mile N, 1 mile E of Paola.  
ANS Alert - Zebra mussels  
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Park City - Chisholm Pointe  
3 acres, 2516 N Grove.  

Parker City Lake  
7 acres, 3/4 mile S, 1/2 mile W of Parker.  

Parsons City Lake  
980 acres, 4 miles N, 3 1/2 miles W of Parsons.  

Parsons - Tolen Creek Pond  
See local regulations.

Parsons - West Pond  
1 acre, 32nd and Chess Ave., Parsons.  
See local regulations.

Pittsburg - Lakeside Park Lake  
4 acres, Pittsburg.  

Pittsburg - Lincoln Park Lake  
1 acre, 710 W. 8th St., Pittsburg.  

Pittsburg - University Lake  
2 acres, Pittsburg.  

Pittsburg - Wilderness Pond  
3 acres, Pittsburg.  

Plainville Township Lake  
90 acres, 2 miles W of Plainville.  

Pleasanton City Lake - East  
127 acres, 1 mile N, 1/2 mile E of Pleasanton.  

Pleasanton City Lake - Old  
11 acres, Pleasanton.  

Pleasanton City Lake - West  
32 acres, 1/2 mile W of Pleasanton.  

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St. Francis - Keller Lake
3 acres, NW edge of St. Francis.
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.
ANS Alert - Eurasian Watermilfoil

Syracuse - Sam’s Pond
50 acres, 1 mile S of Syracuse on K-27.

Thayer City Lake (New)
48 acres, 1/4 mile W, 1/4 mile S of Thayer.

Thayer City Lake (Old)
30 acres, 1 mile W, 1/4 mile S of Thayer.

Topeka - Auburndale Park Stream
2 acres, E of McVicar and I-70, Topeka.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.

Topeka - Cedar Crest Pond
3 acres, I-70 and Fairlawn.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit. Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.

Topeka - Central Park Lake
3 acres, 1534 Clay, Topeka.

Topeka - Clarion Lake
4 acres, 37th and Fairlawn, Topeka.
ANS Alert - Eurasian Watermilfoil

Topeka - Freedom Valley Lake
1 acre, 14th and Illinois, Topeka.

Topeka - Governor’s Ponds East & West
1 acre, I-70 and Fairlawn.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit. Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.
ANS Alert - Eurasian Watermilfoil

Topeka - Horseshoe Bend Park Pond
1 acre, Horseshoe Bnd Dr./SE 43rd Terr., Topeka.

Topeka - West Lake
6 acres, Gage Park, 6th and Gage, Topeka.

Valley Center - Arrowhead Park Lake
5.4 acres, Valley Center.
Largemouth Bass - 18-inch minimum length limit, 2 fish daily creel limit.

Valley Center - McLaughlin Pond
3 acres, 716 McLaughlin, Valley Center.

Wamego City Lake
5 acres, Wamego.

Wichita - Arkansas River Above Lincoln St. Dam, Wichita.
Fishing and bait collection is prohibited in the Lincoln Street Fishway.
ANS Alert - White Perch
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Wichita - Chisholm Island Pond
5 acres, N Woodlawn and K-96 Bypass, Wichita.

Wichita - Chisholm North Lake
23 acres, N Woodlawn and K-96 Bypass, Wichita.

Wichita - K-96 Lake
35 acres, SE of I-35 and K-96 Bypass, Wichita.

Wichita - Dillon’s Pond
2 acres, 10515 W Central and Maize Rd, Wichita.

Wichita - Hargis Creek Lake
65 acres, E edge of Wellington.

**ANS Alert - Eurasian Watermilfoil**

**ANS Alert - Zebra mussels**
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Wichita - East KDOT
7 acres, Access Hydraulic and 45th St., Wichita.
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.

Wichita-Emery Park Pond 😛 FFF
7 acres, 2325 E MacArthur Rd, Wichita.

Wichita - Harrison Park Lake 😛 FFF
1 acre, 1300 S Webb Rd, Wichita.

Wichita - South Lake
17 acres, 55th St. S and Seneca, Wichita.

ANS Alert - White Perch
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Wichita - Blackbird Pond (SP1)
4 acres, 4182 N 135th St. W.

Wichita - Sunflower Pond (SP2)
8 acres, 4182 N 135th St. W.

Wichita-Watson Park Lake 😛 FFF
42 acres, 3055 S Old Lawrence Rd., Wichita.
Channel Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit. Flathead Catfish - 5 fish daily creel limit.

Wichita - West KDOT
10 acres, Access is from Hydraulic and 45th St.

ANS Alert - White Perch
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Windom City Pond
1 acre, S end of Main St, Windom.

Winfield City Lake ●
1,200 acres, 10 miles NE of Winfield.

ANS Alert - Zebra Mussels
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Winfield - Island Park Lake
7 acres, N of Winfield.
See local regulations

Wyandotte Co. Big 11
3 acres, 11th and State Ave, Kansas City.
Channel Catfish - 2 fish daily creel limit.
See Local Regulations

Wyandotte Co. Park Pond (Boner Lake)
7 acres, 126th and State Ave. Bonner Springs.
See Local Regulations

Wyandotte Co. Lake ●
407 acres, Leavenworth Rd. and 91st St.
Kansas City See Local Regulations

ANS Alert - Zebra mussels
(Live fish and aquatic bait may not be transported from this water)

Wyandotte Co. Pierson Park Lake ●
12 acres, 55th & Douglas, Kansas City.
See Local Regulations

Yates Center Kid’s Pond
4 acres, Yates Center.
See local regulations.

Yates Center City Lake
200 acres, 2 miles W, 3 S of Yates Center.

Yates Center - South (Owl)
250 acres, 1/2 mile S of Yates Center.

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Do NOT use these numbers for general information calls. General information may be obtained by phoning the department’s Public Affairs Section, (620) 672-5911, or by calling local offices listed in this publication.

If you’re an active outdoorsman or woman, or just concerned about conservation in your area, get to know your local game warden. They provide information about local hunting and fishing conditions, and can often provide a firsthand view of local wildlife.

You can view bathymetric maps of many of the smaller state fishing lakes at www.ksoutdoors.com. For topo maps of larger lakes and reservoirs, contact the sources listed below:

- Geological Survey maps may be purchased from the Kansas State Geological Survey, 305 Moore, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045, (785) 864-3965, or the Publications Sales Office, 4150 Monroe, Wichita, KS 67209, (316) 943-2343, or FAX (316) 943-1261.
- Kansas Biological Survey www.biosurvey.ku.edu

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## TRANSFERRING FISH OR GAME TO ANOTHER PERSON

Stay legal. Make sure you provide the following information with each transfer.

- Hunting/fishing license, transaction, or big game permit number*
- Person Giving Fish/Game
- Person Receiving Fish/Game
- Date Taken
- Date Transferred
- Fish/Game Type and Quantity
- Signature of Giver
- Address of Giver

*A hunter education card number or date of birth may be substituted for a hunting license number for hunters under 16 years of age.
Waters containing asian carp, white perch, and/or zebra mussels are classified as ANS designated waters. Anglers fishing ANS designated waters may not leave those waters with any live fish. ANS designated waters are listed below. New waters may be included whenever asian carp, white perch, and/or zebra mussels are discovered. ANS designated waters will be posted with the sign illustrated to the right.

### ANS WATERS

#### ALLEN COUNTY
- Neosho R.

#### ATCHISON COUNTY
- Brewery Cr. • Camp Cr. • Crooked Cr. • Deer Cr. • Independence Cr. • Little Stranger Cr. • Little Walnut Cr. • Missouri R. • Mooney Cr. • North Fork Stranger Cr. • Owl Cr. • Spring Cr. • Stranger Cr. • Walnut Cr. • Whiskey Cr.

#### BROWN COUNTY
- Buttermilk Cr. • Euchre Cr. • Fox Cr. • Middle Fork Wolf R. • Mulberry Cr. • Noharts Cr. • North Fork Wolf R. • Pedee Cr. • Pony Cr. • Roys Cr. • South Fork Wolf R. • Spring Branch • Spring Cr. • Squaw Cr. • Terrapin Cr. • Walnut Cr. • Wolf R.

#### BUTLER COUNTY
- El Dorado East Pk. Pd. • El Dorado Res. • Walnut R.

#### CHASE COUNTY
- Chase SFL • Cottonwood R. • Panther Cr.

#### CHEROKEE COUNTY
- Neosho R.

#### CLAY COUNTY
- Millford Res.

#### CLOUD COUNTY
- Solomon R.

#### COFFEY COUNTY
- Coffey Co. Lk. • John Redmond Res. • Neosho R. • Wolf Creek

#### COWLEY COUNTY
- Arkansas R. • Timber Cr. • Walnut R. • Winfield CL

#### DICKINSON COUNTY
- Kansas R. • Smoky Hill R. • Solomon R.

#### DONIPHAN COUNTY
- Browning Oxbow • Brush Cr. • Cedar Cr. • Charlie Cr. • Cold Ryan Branch • Coon Cr. • Fox Cr. • Halling Cr. • Independence Cr. • Jordan Cr. • Kenney Cr. • Mill Cr. • Mission Cr. • Missouri R. • Mosquito Cr. • Nelson Cr. • North Branch Independence Cr. • Pennell Cr. • Peters Cr. • Rittenhouse Branch • Rock Cr. • Smith Cr. • Springs Branch • Spring Cr. • Striker Branch • Squaw Cr. • Walnut Cr. • Wolf R.

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY
- Captain Cr. • Chicken Cr. • Clinton Res. • Coal Cr. • Kansas R. • Little Wakarusa Cr. • Mud Cr. • Spring Cr. • Wakarusa R. • Washington Cr.

#### ELLIS COUNTY
- Smoky Hill R.

#### ELLSWORTH COUNTY
- Kanopolis Res. • Smoky Hill R.

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY
- Marais des Cygnes R.

#### GEARY COUNTY
- Geary SFL • Kansas R. • Lyons Cr. • Millford Res. • Republican R. • Smoky Hill R.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY
- Crooked Cr. • Dawson Cr. • Delaware R. • Fall Cr. • Howard Cr. • Hulls Branch • Indian Cr. • Kansas R. • Mooney Cr. • Mud Cr. • Ninemile Cr. • Perry Res. • Plum Cr. • Prairie Cr. • Scatter Cr. • Walnut Cr.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY
- Blue R. • Camp Branch • Captain Cr. • Clear Cr. • Camp Cr. • Cedar Cr. • Coffee Cr. • Coon Cr. • Hillsdale Res. • Indian Cr. • Kansas R. • Kill Cr. • Little Cedar Cr. • Little Mill Cr. • Mill Cr. • Negro Cr. • Spoon Cr. • Tomahawk Cr. • Turkey Cr. • Wolf Creek

#### KINGMAN COUNTY
- Cheney Res. • Kingman Hoover Pd. • North Fork Ninnescah R. • South Fork Ninnescah R.

#### LABETTE COUNTY
- Neosho R.

#### LEAVENWORTH COUNTY
- Branch Cr. • Brush Cr. • Buckhorn Cr. • Buttermilk Cr. • Corral Cr. • Cow Cr. • Cramer Cr. • Dawson Cr. • Fall Cr. • Fivemile Cr. • Hog Cr. • Island Cr. • Jarbalo Cr. • Kansas R. • Kent Cr. • Little Kaw Cr. • Little Sandy Cr. • Little Snell Cr. • Little Stranger Cr. • Missouri R. • Mud Cr. • Murray Cr. • Ninemile Cr. • Plum Cr. • Pony Cr. • Prairie Cr. • Quarry Cr. • Salt Cr. • Sevenmile Cr. • Stranger Cr. • Threemile Cr. • Tonganoxie Cr. • Walnut Cr. • West Brush Cr. • Wolf Creek

#### LINCOLN COUNTY
- Saline R. • Wilson Res.

#### LINTON COUNTY
- Linton Valley Lakes-Main Lake • Marais des Cygnes R.

#### LYON COUNTY
- Cottonwood R. • John Redmond Res • Melvern Res. • Neosho R. • Lyon SFL

#### MARION COUNTY
- Cottonwood R. • Marion Res.

#### MARSHALL COUNTY
- Clear Cr. • Manley Cr. • Pole Cr. • Tuttle Creek Res. • Tuttle Creek Res.- River Pd.

#### MCPHERSON COUNTY
- Emerald Lk. • Smoky Hill R.

#### MIAMI COUNTY
- Hillsdale Res. • Bull Cr. • Marais des Cygnes R. • Dorsey Branch • Paola CL (Lake Miola) • South Wea Cr.

#### ELLIS COUNTY
- Smoky Hill R.

#### ELLSWORTH COUNTY
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#### KINGMAN COUNTY
- Cheney Res. • Kingman Hoover Pd. • North Fork Ninnescah R. • South Fork Ninnescah R.

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#### LINCOLN COUNTY
- Saline R. • Wilson Res.

#### LINTON COUNTY
- Linton Valley Lakes-Main Lake • Marais des Cygnes R.

#### LYON COUNTY
- Cottonwood R. • John Redmond Res • Melvern Res. • Neosho R. • Lyon SFL

#### MARION COUNTY
- Cottonwood R. • Marion Res.

#### MARSHALL COUNTY
- Clear Cr. • Manley Cr. • Pole Cr. • Tuttle Creek Res. • Tuttle Creek Res.- River Pd.

#### MCPHERSON COUNTY
- Emerald Lk. • Smoky Hill R.

#### MIAMI COUNTY
- Hillsdale Res. • Bull Cr. • Marais des Cygnes R. • Dorsey Branch • Paola CL (Lake Miola) • South Wea Cr.

#### MITCHELL COUNTY
- Glen Elder Res. • Solomon R.

#### MORRIS COUNTY
- Cannings Cr. • Council Grove CL • Council Grove Res. • Neosho R.

#### NEMAHAMA COUNTY
- Burger Cr. • Clear Cr. • Deer Cr. • Fisher Cr. • Fourmile Cr. • Harris Cr. • Honey Cr. • Illinois Cr. • Manley Cr. • Negro Cr. • North Fork Wildcat Cr. • Pole Cr. • Rattlesnake Cr. • Rock Cr. • South Fork Big Nemaha R. • South Fork Wildcat Cr. • Tennessee Cr. • Turkey Cr. • Wildcat Cr. • Wolf Pen Cr.

#### NEOSHO COUNTY
- Neosho R.

#### OSAGE COUNTY
- Marais des Cygnes R. • Melvern Res. • Melvern River and Rearing Ponds • Pomona Res. • Osage SPL • 110-Mile Cr.

#### OSBORNE COUNTY
- Glen Elder Res.

#### OTTAWA COUNTY
- Saline R. • Solomon R.

#### POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY
- Big Blue R. • Jeffery Energy Center • Make-up Lk. • Jeffery Energy Center Auxiliary Lk. • Kansas R. • Tuttle Creek Res. • Tuttle Creek River Pd.

#### RENO COUNTY
- Cheney Res. • Hutchinson Carey PK Pd. • Hutchinson Carey PK Lagoon

#### RILEY COUNTY
- Big Blue R. • Tuttle Creek Res. • Tuttle Creek River Pd.

#### RUSH COUNTY
- Smoky Hill R.

#### RUSSELL COUNTY
- Saline R. • Smoky Hill R. • Wilson Res.

#### SALINE COUNTY
- Saline R. • Smoky Hill R. • Solomon R.

#### SEDGWICK COUNTY
- Arkansas R. • Big Slough • Cheney Res. • Cleanwater Cr. • Emerald Bay • Lake Afton • Ninnescah R. • North Fork Ninnescah R. • South Fork Ninnescah R. • Sedgwick Co. PK Lakes • Spirit/Boeing Employee Assoc. Lk. • Wichita-South Lake • MS Mitchell Floodway • Wichita-West KDOT

#### SHAWNEE COUNTY
- Deer Cr. • Kansas R. • Lake Shawnee • Shunganunga Cr.

#### SUMMER COUNTY
- Arkansas R. • Chikaskia R. • East Prairie Cr. • Ninnescah R. • Prairie Cr. • Wellington CL

#### TREGO COUNTY
- Cedar Bluff Res. • Smoky Hill R.

#### WABAUNSEE COUNTY
- East Branch of Mill Cr. • Kansas R. • Lake Wabaunsee • Mill Cr. • South Branch Mill Cr.

#### WOODSON COUNTY
- Neosho R.

#### WYANDOTTE COUNTY
- Betts Cr. • Brenner Heights Cr. • Conner Cr. • Eddy Cr. • Honey Cr. • Island Cr. • Jersey Cr. • Kansas R. • Little Turkey Cr. • Marshall Cr. • Mattson Cr. • Mill Cr. • Missouri R. • Munice Cr. • Nearman Cr. • Piper Cr. • Turkey Cr. • West Mission Cr. • Wolf Creek • Wyandotte Co. Lk.
AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS)

ZEBRA MUSSEL

• Zebra mussels are found in the Kansas lakes and impoundments designated with the red “ANS Alert - Zebra Mussels” in the “Locations, Length and Creel Limits” listing on Pages 20-38 of this pamphlet, as well as the rivers that flow from these impoundments. Fish may not be transported live from these waters.

• They filter vast quantities of water, which alters the entire food web within a waterbody. Although this filtering action may clear up the water in some instances, the clear water will often lead to algae blooms that are harmful to people. The clear water can also allow UV rays to damage fish eggs.

• They can reach high densities, causing problems to water intakes, docks, and boat motors. Nationwide expenditures to control zebra mussels in industrial plants alone are estimated at $310 million per year.

• They have sharp shells that can cut the unprotected skin of humans or pets. Shoes or other protective clothing are recommended when wading in zebra mussel infested water.

• All aquatic users need to do their part to prevent the spread of zebra mussels to other waters in Kansas. Follow control recommendations and tell others how to prevent the spread of zebra mussels.

WHITE PERCH

• White perch are found in the Kansas lakes and impoundments designated with the red “ANS Alert - White Perch” in the “Locations, Length and Creel Limits” listing on Pages 20-38 of this pamphlet. Fish may not be transported live from these waters.

• White perch have been associated with declines in both walleye and white bass populations.

• They out-compete native fishes for food and space.

• They hybridize with white bass.

• KDWPT has added white perch to the prohibited species list. The possession of live white perch is prohibited. Dead white perch may still be possessed or used as bait on the waters where they were taken.

• Spiny and soft dorsal fins are connected; both fins pop-up when spiny dorsal manually erected.

It is illegal to transport certain species in Kansas. Protect yourself and your natural resources.

Livewells and bilges must be drained and drain plugs removed from all vessels being removed from waters of the state before transport on a public highway.

Before leaving any body of water:

CLEAN
Inspect all equipment for anything attached (plants, animals, and mud) and remove anything that is found.

DRAIN
Drain all water from equipment (livewell, bilge, bait buckets) before using at a different location.

DRY
Dry all equipment for a minimum of 5 days before using again. If you need to use it sooner, wash with hot (120°) water.

Non-native species pose a serious threat to Kansas waters. If you find one of these species, do not release it back into the water. Contact the Emporia Research Office at (620) 342-0658 or your local KDWPT office. For more information, visit ksoutdoors.com

IT IS AGAINST BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW TO RELEASE ANY EXOTIC SPECIES IN KANSAS WATERS.
AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS)

ASIAN CARP

- Asian carp include bighead, silver, and black carp species.
- Bighead and silver carp can be found in the Kansas, Missouri, Wakarusa, and Big Blue rivers and their tributaries. Fish may not be transported live from these waters.
- These fish are highly adaptive, prolific spawners, and directly compete with other fish for food and space.
- Silver carp pose a physical danger to boaters because of their leaping ability.

FERTILE GRASS CARP

- It is illegal to possess or import fertile grass carp.

KEEP THE WATER SAFE AND CLEAN FOR FUTURE FISHING
Report dumping, pollution to the EPA at 1-800-223-0425

SALT Cedar (Tamarisk)

- Saltcedar is a small tree or shrub that produces pink flowers May through October and can be found in 49 Kansas counties.
- It forms dense monocultures and dramatically changes vegetation structure and animal species diversity.
- It accumulates salt in its tissues, which is later released, making soil unsuitable for many native plant species.
- Infestations of saltcedar can reduce or eliminate water flow in streams.
- Leaves, twigs, and seeds are extremely low in nutrients, and, as a result, very few insects or wildlife will use them.

NEW ZEALAND MUD SNAIL

- The New Zealand mudsnail (NZMS) has not been reported in Kansas, but is considered a priority species because of the late 2004 introduction into Colorado.
- Mature New Zealand mudsnails average 5mm (2/10-inch) in length and have brown or black cone-shaped shells with five whorls.
- NZMS disrupt the food chain by consuming algae in the stream and competing with native bottom-dwelling invertebrates. A population crash of invertebrates can follow the introduction of NZMS, which reduces fish forage. With a decrease in food availability, fish populations may decline as well.
- Mudsnails are able to withstand desiccation, a variety of temperatures, and are small enough that many types of water users (anglers, swimmers, pets) could inadvertently transfer them. It takes only one snail to start an infestation.

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

- Eurasian watermilfoil forms dense mats on the water’s surface.
- It reproduces by fragmentation, and plant fragments can be transported by boaters.
- It will shade out native vegetation and reduce oxygen levels during decomposition.
- Eurasian watermilfoil forms a dense canopy that hinders recreational activities.

PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

- Purple loosestrife is established in several areas across Kansas.
- Loosestrife restricts native wetland plant species, including some federally endangered orchids, and reduces habitat for waterfowl.
- It is highly tolerant to disturbance and reproduces through the dispersal of thousands of tiny seeds.
CURLY-LEAF PONDWEED

• Curly-leaf pondweed is a native to Eurasia, Africa, and Australia. By 1950, curly-leaf pondweed had infested most of the U.S.

• Curly-leaf pondweed is a fast growing perennial with a flattened and sometimes branching stem. It is 1 to 3 inches long and mostly 1/8 of an inch wide. The leaves are simple, long, narrow and attached directly to the stem. The flowers are brownish and inconspicuous and usually occur from May to October.

• In the spring, it forms dense mats which interfere with recreation and limit the growth of native aquatic plants. This plant does die back in mid-summer.

• Mechanical, biological, and chemical control techniques can be effective. Contact the Kansas Department of Agriculture for specific recommendations. Early detection of isolated populations may help prevent their spread. Your help to report new sightings and to prevent their spread is vital.

INVASIVE PHRAGMITES

• Invasive phragmites are native to Europe with strains likely introduced to the U.S. during the 1800s in ship ballast water.

• It is a tall, perennial grass that can grow 15 feet or more in height. Stems are light tan in color and hallow. Leaves are blue green in color, flat and wide. Flower heads are dense, fluffy, and gray or purple in color.

• It is a fast-growing plant that forms dense stands that consume available growing space and push out native plants that are vital to birds, fish and wildlife. It degrades wetland and wildlife habitats with dense growth, thus reducing critical resources for birds and other wildlife. Dense stands impede the movement of boaters, fish and wildlife. Large populations alter hydrology, dry up wetlands, impede water movement, and increase the potential of fire risks.

• Invasive Phragmites spread predominantly through seed dispersal – seeds are dispersed from November through January each seed head can produce up to 2,000 seeds. It can spread to new areas when fragments break off a parent plant and are moved to a new location where they can root. This can happen through natural events such as wind and water. Humans can also unintentionally disperse seeds via contaminated equipment, gear or boats. It is attracted to disturbed areas, open spaces that are free of competitors can easily be colonized.

• Well-established stands are difficult to control. Herbicide treatments containing glyphosate and imazapyr can be used to control and reduce large populations. Herbicide treatments in conjunction with prescribed fire, mechanical pulling or cutting, and flooding can be used to control, but treatments usually need to be repeated annually to control dense stands. Thoroughly inspect equipment, gear and boats for loose vegetation and remove.

WILD-CAUGHT BAIT

Live baitfish, crayfish, leeches, amphibians, and mussels may be caught and used as live bait only within the common drainage where caught. However, bluegill and green sunfish collected from non-designated aquatic nuisance waters may be possessed or used as live bait anywhere. Live baitfish shall not be transported and used above any upstream dam or barrier that prohibits the normal passage of fish. Live baitfish collected from designated aquatic nuisance waters shall be possessed or used as live bait only while on that water and shall not be transported from the water alive.
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**STRIPED BASS**
The striped bass, or striper, is a saltwater native that has adapted to fresh water. Populations are maintained through stocking from fish produced at the Milford Fish Hatchery. Stripers have slender bodies; measurement from belly to back is generally less than one-third their length. They have distinct unbroken horizontal stripes. It is common for them to reach and exceed 20 pounds. Their spiny and soft dorsal fins are not connected; both fins do not pop-up when the spiny dorsal is manually erected. The back of the tongue has TWO tooth patches. Striped bass are temperature sensitive and fishing is usually best in winter, spring, and early summer.

**WIPER**
Wipers are a hybrid of white bass and striped bass, and they grow fast and fight hard. Populations are maintained through stocking. Small wipers look like white bass. They are deep-bodied: measurement from belly to back is generally more than one-third their length. They have distinct broken horizontal stripes. They may exceed 10 pounds. Spiny and soft dorsal fins are not connected; both fins do not pop-up when the spiny dorsal is manually erected. The back of the tongue has TWO tooth patches. Casting jigs, spoons or topwater plugs in spring and early summer is the most exciting way to catch them.

**WHITE BASS**
Native to eastern Kansas rivers, white bass have been stocked in reservoirs throughout the state. White bass are deep-bodied: measurement from belly to back is generally more than one-third their length. They generally do not have distinct horizontal stripes. They seldom exceed 3 pounds. Spiny and soft dorsal fins are not connected; both fins do not pop-up when spiny dorsal is manually erected. Back of tongue has ONE tooth patch. The spring spawning run is a great time to catch white bass in rivers and streams above reservoirs.

**WHITE PERCH**
White perch are an invasive species and it is illegal to possess them alive. However, many anglers fish for them and enjoy eating their white, delicious meat. It's important for anglers to be able to tell them apart from white bass. White perch do not have a central tooth patch on their tongue and they do not have defined horizontal lines like white bass. Notice, too, that the spiny dorsal and soft dorsal fins are connected.

**LARGEMOUTH BASS**
The largemouth bass is native to many streams in eastern Kansas and has been stocked in most reservoirs, lakes, and ponds throughout the state. Largemouths are usually found near aquatic vegetation or other structure. The largemouth's upper jaw extends beyond the eye. April and May are the best months to fish for largemouths. Best lures include spinner-baits, jig-and-pig combinations, plastic worms, and crankbaits.

**SMALLMOUTH BASS**
Smallmouth bass are native to just a few streams in southeastern Kansas, but they have been stocked in several lakes and reservoirs. Smallmouths prefer clear water around rip-rap and rocky points. Brown to olive-green markings and an upper jaw that does not extend beyond the eye distinguish the smallmouth. The best months to catch smallmouths include April, May, and June. Best baits include curly-tail jigs, tube jigs, spinner baits, and crankbaits.

**SPOTTED BASS**
Spotted bass, or Kentucky bass, are native to the clear streams of the Flint Hills. They have been stocked in several reservoirs and lakes. The upper jaw does not extend beyond the eye, and they have distinct dark-green, diamond-shaped blotches along the upper half of the body. They also may have rows of dark spots along the lower belly. Small jigs, spinners, crankbaits, wooly worms, wooly buggers, and poppers are best baits.
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FLATHEAD CATFISH
Native to most of the state’s rivers, the flathead has adapted well to reservoirs. Flatheads are mottled brown/black to pale yellow in color. They have a broad flat head which has a lower jaw that extends beyond the upper jaw. Flatheads are generally much larger than channel cats, with weights of over 100 pounds reported. The anal fin has less than 30 supporting rays with round edges and the tail is a square and non-forked. Banklines, rod and reel, and trotlines are all popular methods, using live bait.

BLUE CATFISH
The blue catfish is native to rivers in northeast Kansas and has been stocked in select Kansas reservoirs, where it has flourished. Blues are pale blue in color although white or dark blue and black are not uncommon. The head generally appears small with a distinct hump in younger fish. The lower jaw is even with the upper jaw and weights of over 100 pounds have been reported. The anal fin is long, containing 30 or more supporting rays with a flat edge and the tail is forked. Blues are usually caught with cut or dead bait.

CHANNEL CATFISH
Channel catfish are native to Kansas and each year millions are stocked in community, state, and urban fishing lakes. They are often brownish-yellow in color with a white belly. Juveniles will have black or brown spots (See inset illustration) and spawning males can be dark blue in color. The lower jaw is even with the upper jaw and weights rarely exceed 30 pounds. The channel’s anal fin is shorter than the blue’s, with less than 30 supporting rays and a round edge. The tail is forked. Reservoirs, streams, state fishing lakes and ponds all provide excellent channel catfish angling opportunities. They can be caught using bank lines, trot lines and rod and reel, using dead or prepared bait – the smellier the better.

BULLHEAD
There are three species of bullheads in Kansas: the black, yellow, and brown. The black bullhead is common to streams and ponds, and the less common yellow is found mostly in the eastern half of the state. The bullhead is dark-green or yellow-green with a white or yellowish belly. The black bullhead is usually larger than the yellow and the barbels on the lower jaw are darker than the surrounding skin. The yellow’s barbels on the lower jaw are white. Bullheads exceeding 2 pounds are uncommon. Bullheads are great fish for young anglers, biting readily on worms, liver and dead bait.

BLUEGILL
Bluegill are native to eastern Kansas streams and have been stocked in ponds and lakes throughout the state. A saucer-shaped sunfish with a namesake blue tab on its gill cover, the bluegill is a popular sportfish that readily takes bait or small lures. It is a fine eating fish as well. Early June, when they move into the shallows and dish out small nests for spawning, is a great time to catch them. Fly gear is particularly effective at this time.

GREEN SUNFISH
The green sunfish is one of the most abundant sunfish in Kansas. It has the blue tab on its gill cover, but is somewhat less saucer shaped than the bluegill and has a noticeably larger mouth. Fins are usually edged in yellow. The green sunfish, or “greenie,” is a great fish for kids and will nearly always hit small baits and lures.
FISH IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

REDEAR SUNFISH
The redear sunfish is an introduced species, stocked in small lakes and farm ponds. It is similar in shape to the bluegill and has a red trim around the tab on its gill cover. Redears get bigger than bluegill and are generally more difficult to catch. Called shellcrackers in the South, redears will feed on snails and other mollusks. Redears generally prefer deeper water than other sunfishes and are not usually found near shorelines.

BLACK CRAPPIE
The non-native black crappie has been stocked in reservoirs, and especially in smaller lakes and ponds. Black crappie have a dark green, uniform speckled coloration with no vertical barring. There are seven or eight spines in the dorsal fin. Black crappie prefer clear lakes or ponds and are not as prone to overpopulating as white crappie. April and May are best months to catch black crappie, and jigs, minnows, and small spinners are best baits.

WHITE CRAPPIE
The native white crappie is one of the most abundant and popular sportfish in Kansas. Vertical barring evident in the speckled coloration on white crappie distinguish them from black crappie. White crappie have six spines in the spiny dorsal fin, while black crappie have seven or eight. White crappie are generally found in large schools. April and May are the best months to catch white crappie, and best baits include minnows, jigs and small spinners.

PADDLEFISH
The unusual paddlefish is found in a few of the larger rivers of eastern Kansas, common only in the spring when they move upstream to spawn. They feed on plankton, and the only way to catch them is snagging. A special snagging season has been established on a few streams during the spring migration. Anglers use heavy tackle and hooks tied specifically for snagging. Paddlefish are long and thick bodied. They are blue in color with white bellies. They have a long snout, which readily identifies the fish from other species. Weights of over 100 pounds have been reported but 30 to 50 are more common.

WALLEYE
Stocked in many Kansas reservoirs, the walleye is a member of the perch family. The walleye is thick-bodied and brown/black and yellow in color with indistinct blotches on the sides, not extending below the lateral line. The spiny dorsal fin has indistinct streaks or blotches with a distinct dark blotch at its rear base. The cheekplate is smooth with few scales. April, May and early June are the best months to catch them. Anglers troll crankbaits or drift jigs with live bait to catch these fish.

SAUGER
Sauger are common in the Missouri River, and some may be found in the Kansas River. They have been stocked in several northeast Kansas reservoirs. The sauger is thin-bodied and brown/black and yellow in color, with distinct blotches on the sides extending below the lateral line. The spiny dorsal fin is colorless with distinct circular black spots throughout. Their cheekplates are rough with scales. Drifting jigs or spinner rigs tipped with bait over main-lake points and mudflats is a popular angling technique with these fish.

SAUGEYE
The saugeye is a hybrid of a sauger and walleye and was first stocked in Kansas in 1990. Like other hybrids, the saugeye is hardy and grows fast. The saugeye is thick-bodied and brown/black and yellow in color, with distinct blotches on the sides extending below the lateral line. The spiny dorsal has distinct streaks, often with one or two rows of spots at the base along with a dark blotch at the rear base of the fin. Its cheekplate is rough with scales. Saugeye are often caught drifting flats and main-lake points with jig-night crawler combinations and trolling crankbaits.
NORTHERN PIKE
The northern pike is a rare introduced species. It was stocked in the late 1960s as a means of controlling panfish. However, few Kansas waters provide the northern with suitable habitat. The northern pike prefers clear, weedy water. They are long and thick bodied. Occasionally, smaller lakes are stocked with northern pike to help control populations of undesirable fish, as well as provide anglers with an exciting opportunity.

BIGMOUTH BUFFALO
The bigmouth buffalo is native to the larger rivers of eastern Kansas, and has become abundant in many reservoirs. The buffalo feeds on plankton and is considered a non-sport fish. With an angled sucker mouth, the buffalo doesn’t feed on the bottom. At one time, it was an important commercial fish, and is still taken by commercial netters for fish markets. The buffalo prefers deep, still pools and can become quite numerous in oxbows and reservoirs.

COMMON CARP
The common carp was brought to the U.S. from Asia in the late 19th century. Originally stocked for a sportfish, the adaptable carp was soon considered a nuisance. Carp are common in nearly all waters in Kansas. They feed mostly on invertebrates and green plant material. Anglers use dough baits or corn to catch carp, and they fight hard. Intermuscular bones require special meat preparation, but it has many fans who have learned to prepare it.

DRUM
The drum is common in eastern Kansas rivers and streams and has adapted well to reservoirs. Also called sheepshead, the drum emits a grunting, or drumming, noise with special muscles that vibrate against the swim bladder. Jigs, jigs tipped with night crawlers, and crankbaits will catch drum, although a gob of worms stillfished might be the best technique. Although defined as a non-sport fish, their meat is white and tasty.

GRASS CARP
The grass carp is an introduced species brought from Asia. The grass carp’s diet is entirely vegetation, and it has been stocked to control aquatic vegetation. Only non-fertile, or triploid, grass carp may be stocked. Grass carp get big and are extremely powerful swimmers. Anglers have discovered they can be caught on small flies imitating bits of vegetation, and hooking a large grass carp can be a wild experience. Considered a non-sport fish, grass carp are legal bowfishing quarry.

RAINBOW/BROWN TROUT
Trout provide a winter fishery where they are stocked. Populations are maintained through winter stocking, and generally most of the stocked fish are caught during the Nov. 1 – April 15 season. However, the Mined Land Unit #30 in Cherokee County provides year-round trout fishing. Anglers are required to have a trout stamp in addition to the required licenses. A variety of methods are popular, from fly tackle or spinners to worms and PowerBait fished on the bottom.
LONGNOSE GAR
The longnose gar is native to most of the rivers in the eastern half of Kansas and is the most abundant and largest of the three gar species. It is greenish in color with dark spots on its sides and fins and can be distinguished by its long, narrow snout, which is more than twice as long as the distance between the edge of the eye and the back of the head. The bony mouth makes it almost impossible to hook, so anglers use spinners with nylon thread instead of hooks. The nylon tangles in the fine teeth that line the jaws.

SHORTNOSE GAR
The shortnose gar has jaws less than twice the length of its head and has spots on its fins but differs from the spotted gar by the absence of spots on its head. The shortnose gar is common only in the larger rivers of eastern Kansas. Most shortnose gar are less than 24 inches long.

SPOTTED GAR
The spotted gar has jaws less than twice the length of its head and is spotted with dark, round spots on the top and sides of its head. Most spotted gar are less than 30 inches long. Like other gars, it is covered with a tough armor of thick, heavy scales. It may be confined to the lower Neosho basin where it prefers still pools.

PALLID STURGEON
Pallid sturgeon are native to the Missouri and Mississippi River drainages and are present in the Kansas River. The largest one documented in Kansas was over 40 inches long. It is listed as an endangered species in Kansas and can be distinguished from the more common shovelnose sturgeon in that the four fringed barbels are not in a straight line across the snout, and the belly is usually scaleless. The dorsal fin has 37-43 rays and the anal fin has 24-28 rays. Young pallid sturgeon that are stocked into the Missouri River may have fluorescent-colored tags on the underside of the snout. If you catch a sturgeon that is larger than 30 inches or weighs more than 5 pounds, it is likely a pallid sturgeon and must be released immediately.

SHOVELNOSE STURGEON
The shovelnose sturgeon is common in the Missouri, Kansas and Republican rivers and in lower parts of the Blue and Smoky Hill rivers. There is also a single record from the Arkansas River in Sedgwick County. Adults are usually 20-25 inches long. Often caught by anglers fishing with worms, the shovelnose can be distinguished from the endangered pallid in that the four fringed barbels are in a straight line and the belly has small bony scales, and the dorsal fin has 30-36 rays and the anal fin has 18-23 rays. Young shovelnose sturgeon that are stocked into the Missouri River may have fluorescent-colored tags on the underside of the snout. If you catch a sturgeon that is larger than 30 inches or weighs more than 5 pounds, it is likely a shovelnose sturgeon and must be released immediately.

LAKE STURGEON
The lake sturgeon may be found in the Missouri and Kansas rivers in Kansas. The largest documented lake sturgeon was caught in Atchison County on the Missouri River and weighed 12.5 pounds and was 40 inches long. It is considered endangered in Kansas and can be distinguished from the other Kansas sturgeon by its short, bluntly-shaped snout that is not upturned. It's overall body shape is blunter than the other two sturgeon, as well, with a shorter tail and tail fin. The pectoral fins just behind the gills are smaller in comparison to body size than the other Kansas sturgeons.
AWARDS AND RECORDS

STATE RECORD FISH

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*World Records

RECORD APPLICATION

A potential state record fish must remain intact until officially confirmed.

Weigh the fish on certified scales as soon as possible. The weighing must be done before the fish is frozen and must be witnessed.

The fish must be species confirmed by a KDWPT fisheries biologist or a Fisheries Division regional supervisor. (A tissue sample may be required.)

A color photograph of the fish must accompany the application. Fish species that are threatened or endangered will not be accepted.

All applications for state records require a 30-day waiting period before certification.

Contact the KDWPT Fisheries Division at (620) 672-5911 for more information.

MASTER ANGLER AWARD APPLICATION

Name of angler: ____________________________
Address: __________________________________
Species: ___________________________________
Where caught: _______________________________
Witness to measuring: _______________________
Length of fish: ______________________________
Method of take: _______________________________(rod & reel, trotline, etc.)
Bait or lure used: ____________________________
When taken: Date ____________________________Time ____________________________ a.m. / p.m.
Signature of angler: _________________________
Angler’s phone number: ____________________

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PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY FISHERIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) Fisheries Division will continue the Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) in 2021. Using matching funds from federal excise taxes on fishing equipment and motor boat fuel, the department leases fishing rights on nearly 240 community lakes statewide, removing additional fishing and boating fees for anglers on approximately 13,000 acres of water.

The program uses federal aid from the Sport Fish Restoration Act (see Page 7).

Communities that participate in this program no longer charge anglers to fish. In the past, some communities charged boating and fishing fees for anglers. KDWPT officials hope removing this barrier increases opportunities for anglers to fish close to home.

Lakes that were not charging fees are also included in the program. Lease money for these lakes can be used to improve fisheries and angler facilities. KDWPT has designed a lease rate formula based on the number of surface acres, quality of the fishery and facilities at these lakes. Larger lakes offering more facilities will receive greater lease amounts than smaller lakes with fewer facilities. This formula allows KDWPT to offer the program to everyone.

Along with the lease payments, the department provides participating local governments with increased access to resources and contact with district fisheries biologists. Lakes in the program also receive priority for fish stocking, habitat improvement services, and additional improvement grants. This ultimately improves fisheries management and facilities for Kansas anglers.

All waters enrolled in CFAP are listed in the “LOCATIONS, LENGTH AND CREEL LIMITS” section of this publication. Community lakes not enrolled in CFAP are designated with this symbol ●.

URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

To improve fishing opportunities in urban areas where the demand for fish exceeds the supply, KDWPT created an urban fish stocking program. Eighty lakes currently are stocked with 3/4- to 1 1/2-pound channel catfish and hybrid sunfish as often as every two weeks from April through September. If you live in the listed counties, you have currently are stocked with 3/4- to 1 1/2-pound channel catfish and hybrid sunfish as often as every two weeks from April through September. If you live in the listed counties, you have

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To get a complete list of the individual lakes and a stocking schedule, contact your nearest KDWPT office or the KDWPT website at ksoutdoors.com.

ANGLER INSTRUCTOR EDUCATION

If you have a passion for the outdoors and enjoy sharing your knowledge with others, this program may be for you. The Angler Education Program is designed to recruit individuals who have a passion for fishing and want to share it with others. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) has partnered with Fishing’s Future, a not-for-profit group with a mission to reconnect kids with nature, strengthen family bonds, and instill a responsibility for stewardship of our natural resources.

Similar to KDWPT’s Hunter Education Program, Angler Education will certify instructors who will become volunteers of the State of Kansas. Certification events will qualify instructors to teach everything from class design, and working with children, to environmental stewardship, knot tying, fish identification, and casting.

Certified instructors may work alone or with other instructors to teach general fishing information, specific fishing techniques, or just take families fishing.

To become a Kansas Angler Instructor, visit fishingsfuture.org for upcoming certification events in your area.

FISHING CLINICS

Fishing clinics are conducted by department employees at state fishing lakes, parks, and city lakes and ponds. Most are geared toward younger children and others who may not have much experience with fishing techniques and tactics. They are held throughout the spring and summer months and occasionally in the fall.

Content covered in a clinic varies by presenters, but all have fishing as a central theme. Fish identification, management, casting demonstrations, equipment, water safety, and even fish cooking are a few areas covered. Plenty of time is devoted to baiting hooks and catching fish, too. The primary species caught during fishing clinics include bluegill, green sunfish, channel catfish, and largemouth bass.

Rods, reels, and other necessary fishing equipment will be provided for use in clinics.

Fishing clinics serve to educate and entertain thousands of Kansas youngsters each year. Information and experience gained during these clinics remain with children forever. Those involved learn to appreciate the joys fishing can offer and the rewards of a fine day on the water.

If you would like more information on fishing clinics in your area, contact the nearest KDWPT office or the Pratt Operations Office at (620) 672-5911.

OUTDOOR SKILLS PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, KDWPT has placed the “Becoming An Outdoors-Woman” or “BOW” program on hold. The BOW program has historically provided women with knowledgeable and experienced instructors tasked with teaching and fostering interests in a variety of outdoor activities including but not limited to: fishing, hunting, shooting sports, canoeing and paddle sports, wildlife watching, wild game cooking, archery, botany and wildlife ID, camping, and orienteering.

While the statewide BOW program has been temporarily suspended, there are many local groups focused on providing instruction and opportunities for women in the outdoors. Contact Tanna Fanshier at tanna.fanshier@ks.gov or (620) 672-0722 to be connected to an opportunity near you.

Don’t forget to visit the sgoutdoors.com website to learn about our Women’s Outdoor Subscription Boxes; bringing outdoor learning to your doorstep.

TROUT PROGRAM

Since 1997, KDWPT has annually stocked as many as 180,000 rainbow trout that average one-half pound each at more than 30 locations across the state. The trout fishing season is Nov. 1-April 15. This program is funded with a state trout permit and federal aid dollars. For information on stocking locations and schedule, see Page 13 or visit ksoutdoors.com.
PROGRAMS

WALK-IN ACCESS PROGRAMS

Walk-In Fishing Access (WIFA), formerly known as the F.I.S.H. program, has gained popularity with landowners and anglers alike. The program enrolled 1,900 acres of ponds and more than 70 miles of streams on private land for public fishing access. The program includes ponds and lakes ranging in size from 1 acre to more than 70 acres, as well as access to stream reaches formerly unavailable to the public.

WIFA sites are open to the public from March 1 through October 31, with some open year-round. Impounded WIFA waters have a creel limit of two channel catfish, a creel limit of two largemouth bass, and an 18-inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass. Otherwise all Kansas fishing regulations and statewide creel limits apply. It’s especially important for anglers using the sites to respect and follow the rules that apply on WIFA properties. You do not need to contact the landowner for permission on WIFA waters.

Anglers who want more information should contact the nearest KDWPT office or the department’s Pratt Operations Office at (620) 672-5911 for a Kansas Fishing Atlas. That information is also available on the KDWPT website, ksoutdoors.com.

Landowners who are interested in enrolling waters in the program should also phone the nearest regional KDWPT office or the Pratt Operations Office.

For additional information on the WIFA program, visit KSOutdoors.com/private-lands or email jeff.conley@ks.gov.

Landowners:

Similar to WIHA, the WIFA program leases ponds and streams for fishing access. Earn extra dollars from your farm or ranch land by enrolling your fishing waters in this program.

Highlights of the program:

• KDWPT pays you to allow fishing access on your land.
• KDWPT posts signs to inform anglers of property boundaries.
• KDWPT game wardens patrol the land.
• Access is by walk-in only – no vehicles are allowed.
• State law limits normal liability.
• A printed and online atlas shows all properties enrolled.
• Visit KSOutdoors.com/private-lands for more information.

Landowners:

Contracts are simple and you can cancel at any time. Rates vary based on access period, location, habitat quality/diversity, and size of enrolled properties. Fall lease payments are made around December 1. Spring-only leases are paid around May 1.

iWIHA

iWIHA links the limited-use concept of KDWPT’s “Special Hunts” program with iSportsman, an interactive web-based service. This option helps landowners limit the number of hunters on their property on any given day, while still receiving competitive rates for participating. Hunters are required to check-in and out of each tract.

More information can be found at KSOutdoors.com/Hunting/Hunting-Programs/iWIHA-Limited-Access-Hunts

WIFI Application

I am interested in enrolling my property in the WIFA program. Send me more information.

Name: _________________________________
Address: _______________________________
City: __________________________________
Day Phone: _____________________________
Evening Phone: _________________________
Property is located in: ____________________ (County)

Send to:
Attn: Jeff Conley
KDWPT
512 SE 25th Ave.
Pratt, KS 67124

For additional information on the WIFA program, visit KSOutdoors.com/private-lands or email jeff.conley@ks.gov.

For additional information on the WIHA program, visit KSOutdoors.com/private-lands or email wes.sowards@ks.gov.
For reservations, visit kshuntfishcamp.com, ReserveAmerica.com, or download the CampIt KS mobile app.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism manages 28 state parks across the state. Most provide utility and primitive camping, cabins, and access to reservoirs, trails, and wildlife areas. A few are preserved natural areas, allowing visitors to enjoy unspoiled Kansas. Many parks host annual events such as concerts, festivals, and competitions. Whatever your outdoor interest — hiking, camping, wildlife observation, fishing, bike riding, horseback riding, hunting, or just plain relaxing, a Kansas state park has what you're looking for. If you've never been to a Kansas state park, use the following map and charts to help find the nearest one and plan a visit. Current park fees are listed on Page 5 and on ksoutdoors.com. Call one of the offices listed on Page 4 of this publication for details on our parks services. If you haven't visited a state park recently, look again — there's more than meets the eye.
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LOCATION

NUMBER OF TRAILS

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Cheney 3 3 trails, 6.0 miles
Clinton 3 3 trails, 24.7 miles
Crawford 4 4 trails, 8.1 miles
Cross Timbers 5 5 trails, 14.8 miles
Eisenhower 2 1 1 trail, 3.0 miles
El Dorado 6 5 1 8 trails, 28.1 miles
Elk City 4 2 3 5 trails, 10.5 miles
Fall River 5 5 trails, 7.4 miles
Flint Hills Trail 1 1 trail, 117.0 miles
Glen Elder 1 1 trail, 4.8 miles
Hillsdale 2 2 1 2 trails, 24.0 miles
Historic Lake Scott 2 1 1 2 trails, 7.3 miles
Kanopolis 5 2 1 3 trails, 31.6 miles
Kaw River 7 7 trails, 8.0 miles
Little Jerusalem Badlands 1 1 trail, 1.5 miles
Littke Jerusalem Badlands 1 1 trail, 1.5 miles
Maize 1 1 1 1 trail, 2.5 miles
Meade 4 4 1 4 trails, 11.0 miles
Mifford 4 4 trails, 10.5 miles
Mushroom Rock 3 3 trails, 7.5 miles
Perry 2 2 1 2 trails, 5.5 miles
Pomona 3 2 2 3 trails, 7.5 miles
Prairie Dog 1 1 1 1 trail, 1.4 miles
Prairie Spirit Trail 1 1 1 trail, 31.5 miles
Sand Hills 8 8 trails, 12.5 miles
Sawtooth Creek 5 2 1 5 trails, 23.5 miles
Webster 1 1 trail, 3.0 miles
Wilson 3 3 trails, 27.3 miles
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Anthony Chrisco, Broker
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