FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Kansas has more than 10,000 miles of rivers and streams which provide great fish. You must have permission of the landowners, on both sides, to fish rivers and streams except those that run through public land and the three rivers classified as navigable - the Missouri, Kansas, and the Arkansas.

Fish Consumption Advisory

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) issued fish consumption advisories in 2010.

The advisories are based on mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in fish, and lead and cadmium in shellfish.

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

1. The Kansas River from Lawrence (below Bowersock Dam) downstream to Eudora at the confluence of the Wakarusa River (Douglas and Leavenworth counties) for bottom-feeding fish (carp, blue catfish, channel catfish, flathead catfish, freshwater drum, bullheads, sturgeon, buffalos, carpuckers and other sucker species) because of PCB levels;

2. Shoal Creek from the Missouri/Kansas border to Empire Lake (Cherokee County) for shellfish because of lead and cadmium levels.

Due to mercury contamination, Kansas recommends a limit of one 8-ounce serving per week for adults or one 4-ounce serving per week for children (twelve years or younger) of any species of fish from the Blue River:

1. The main stem of the Blue River from U.S. 69 Highway to the Kansas/Missouri state line (Johnson County).

Kansas counties with current fish consumption advisories include: Cherokee, Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Reno, Sedgwick and Sumner counties.

Consumers of Kansas fish can safely eat at least two 8-ounce fish meals per week from any Kansas water body not under a specific KDHE/KDWPT advisory. Data suggest higher levels of consumption are safe for most consumers.

Women who are pregnant or nursing may wish to consult with their physician about safe levels of fish consumption and mercury exposure. This sensitive group, and children under twelve, should restrict their total mercury intake as related to both supermarket fish and locally caught species. Information on the FDA/EPA commercial fish advisory is available at: http://www.epa.gov/fishadvisories/advice/.

Fish consumption advisories assess cancer risk levels using EPA methods. Cancer risk assessment is a method to determine the added increase in cancer levels in a human population if fish in the advisory areas are consumed regularly over a 70-year period.

Assessments that estimate the increased risk of cancer as greater than one in 100,000 are regarded as unacceptable high. Risk assessments for contaminants assessed as non-carcinogens (mercury, lead, cadmium) are based on 8-ounce serving size for adults and 4-ounce serving size for children nine to eighteen years of age.

For more information, contact the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, (913) 296-5565, or the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, (620) 672-5911.

OTHER LAKES CLOSE TO KANSAS CITY

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

Perry Reservoir: 12,600 acres, 18 miles NE of Topeka on US-24.

Hillsdale Reservoir: 4,500 acres, 6 miles SW of Spring Hill on US-169.

Louisburg Middle Creek SFL: 280 acres, 7 miles S of Louisburg.

Miami State Fishing Lake: 118 acres, 8 miles E and 5 miles S of Osawatomie.

Douglas State Fishing Lake: 180 acres, 1.5 miles N and 1 mile E of Baldwin.

Leavenworth State Fishing Lake: 175 acres, 3 miles W and 1 mile N of Tonganoxie.

You don’t need to travel far to wet a line in Kansas. Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas provide ample fishing opportunities. If you’re looking for walleye or bass, channel catfish or crappie, there’s a lake for you. A state fishing license is required for Kansas residents age 16 to 64 and for nonresidents age 16 and over. Most of the waters are owned by city/county governments; be sure to check regulations.

The only waters that require additional permits are located in the Johnson County Park and Recreation District and the Wyandotte County Unified Government.
9. Lake Lenexa - 30 acres
   1 mile S of 83rd St. on Monticello Rd., Lenexa
   BG, CC, LB, GS, RE, CR

10. Mize Boulevard Pond - 5 acres
    N of K-10 on Cedar Creek Pkwy., Lenexa
    BG, CC, LB, CR, GS

11. Resurrection Pond - 2 acres
    83rd and Quivira, Resurrection Catholic Cemetary
    BG, CC, LB, GS

12. Roses’ Pond - 2 acres
    87th & Lackman, Lenexa
    BG, CC, HY, LB, WP

13. Amesbury Park Lake - 4 acres
    143rd St. on Westgate St.
    BG, CC, LB, CR, GS

14. Kingston Lake - 8 acres
    151st & 69 Hwy.
    BG, CC, CR, HY, LB

15. Regency Park Lake - 3 acres
    N of 151st & Horton
    BG, CC, LB, GS

16. South Lake Park - 5.5 acres
    W 86th and Valley View Dr.
    BG, CC, CR, GS, HY, LB

17. Summercrest Park Lake - 2 acres
    112th St. and Riley
    BG, CC, LB, GS

18. Wilderness Lake Park - 3 acres
    16001 Rosewood Dr.
    BG, CC, LB, GS

19. Ironwoods Park Pond - 1 acre
    Mission Rd. and Ironwoods Ct.
    BG, CC, HY, LB, WP

20. Tomahawk Parkway Ponds (3) - 1 acre each
    S of College Blvd. on Tomahawk Creek Pkwy.
    BG, CC, HY, LB, WP

21. Blackbob Park Pond - 1 acre
    14500 W 151st St.
    BG, CC, HY, WP

22. Heatherstone Pond - 8 acres
    12310 S Pflumm Rd.
    BG, CC, GS, LB

23. Olathe East High School Pond- 2 acres
    W of Pflumm on 127th St.
    BG, CC, HY, LB, WP

24. Prairie Center Pond - 5 acres
    135th & Cedar Niles Rd.
    BG, CC, HY, LB, CR, WP

25. Cedar Lake - 56 acres
    2 miles S of Olathe on Lone Elm Rd.
    BG, BH, CC, CR, LB, WP, SE

26. Frisco Lake - 12 acres
    Dennis at Sunset
    BG, CC, HY, LB, GS

27. Lake Olathe - 172 acres
    2 miles W of Olathe on Dennis
    BG, CP, CC, CR, FC, WP, LB

28. Mahaffie Farmstead Pond - 1 acre
    Ridgeview & Kansas City Rd.
    BG, CC, HY, LB

29. Oregon Trail Pond Park - 1.5 acres
    Old Hwy 56 and Robinson Dr.
    BG, CC, LB

30. Prairie Center Park Pond - 1 acres
    N Olathe View Rd. and Prairie Terr.
    BG, CC, LB, CR, GS

31. Stagecoach Park Pond - 4 acres
    E Prairie St. and E Westerfield Pl.
    BG, CC, LB

32. Waterworks Lake - 6 acres
    610 S Curtis
    BG, BH, CC, GS, HY, LB, CP, WP

33. Waterworks Lake N - 1 acres
    6 acres
    BG, CC, HY, WP

34. Bridgewater Lake - 3 acres
    135th & 69 Hwy.
    BG, CC, CR, CR, FC, WP, LB

35. Edgerton City Lake - 13 acres
    S of railroad tracks, W of Sunflower Rd.
    BG, CC, CR, GS, LB

36. Gardner City Lake - 100 acres
    2 miles N of Gardner off Gardner Rd.
    BG, CP, CC, CR, GS, LB, SE

SPRING HILL
37. Spring Hill City Lake - 38 acres
    Off 169 Hwy., W on Lone Elm Rd.
    CC, LB, BG, GS, CR

38. Woodland Ridge Pond - 2.5 acres
    W 207th St., and Skyview Ln.
    CC, LB, BG, GS, CP

SHAWNEE
39. Monticello Springs Pond - 1.5 acres
    1 Mile N of 83rd St. on Monticello Rd.
    CC, LB, BG

WYANDOTTE COUNTY
BONNER SPRINGS
40. North Park Lake - 3 acres
    1200 134th St.
    BG, CC, GS, HY, LB, RE

WYANDOTTE COUNTY
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT
41. Big 11 Lake - 3.3 acres
    11th & State, Kansas City
    BG, BF, CP, CC, LB

42. Pierson Park Lake - 13 acres
    55th & Douglas, Kansas City
    BG, BH, CC, LB, HY, WB, WE

43. Wyandotte County Lake - 407 acres
    North of 91st St. & Parallel, Kansas City
    CC, LB, GS, HY, LB

44. WYCO New Pond - 7 acres
    126th & State Ave., Kansas City
    BG, CC, HY, WP