Cheney Reservoir was constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation. Final construction was completed in 1964. Its major uses include fish and wildlife management, recreation, flood control and a water supply for the city of Wichita. The reservoir is located 17 miles west of Wichita on 21st Street. The north end is 12 miles south of Hutchinson. The reservoir complex consists of 9,537 acres of water at conservation pool, 5,249 acres of wildlife area and 1,913 acres of state park.

**STATE PARK**

The state park is located on the south end of the lake on both east and west shores. Since its completion in 1964, the 1,913 acre lake park has grown to include 223 electric hookup sites with water, 22 boat launching lanes, seven modern pit toilets, nine restrooms with showers, one shelter house with restrooms and four trailer dump stations. Camping is permitted only in designated areas.

There are seven modern cabins located on the West Shore Area of the park. Rental information is available by calling the park office.

The group camping area can be rented and includes 20 utility sites, a modern restroom, and a large 30’ x 60’ shelter.

The park has four designated swimming areas as well as several picnic/day use areas. For the camper, there is a mix of primitive and utility camping. These areas range from water’s edge to grassy, tree-covered areas along a quiet spring-fed creek.

Located in windy central Kansas, the lake offers excellent sailing. In fact, national sailing regattas take place at Cheney. It’s a breathtaking sight to see more than 100 multicolored sailboats on the lake at one time. The Ninnescab Sailing Center on the west shore is the “headquarters” for sailing at Cheney. On the east shore, a full-service marina carries supplies for the boater and fisherman with rental docks.

**FISHING**

Fishing is excellent for channel catfish and white bass, good for crappie, striped bass, wipers, and walleye. Hotspots include walleye along the dam in late March and early April, crappie in brush and cattails in April and May, white bass spawning run upriver in May, and channel catfish at the feeders in June and July.

One handicap accessible fishing complex at the Toadstool Loop Jetty (see map for locations) consists of a fishing pier and brushpile fish attractors for crappie.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

Regulations protecting your area are posted at all information centers, entrances and throughout the area as well as at all offices.

Vehicles limited to maintained roads and parking areas.

A no trash policy is in effect on the wildlife area. Enjoy your area but leave only your footprints behind. Please take your trash with you.

Entrance and camping fees required at state parks.