Welcome to Eisenhower State Park, located on the eastern fringe of the Flint Hills in southernOsage county. In 1990, Eisenhower State Park, formerly Melvern State Park, was renamed by the Kansas legislature to honor the only US President from Kansas. The 1,785 acre area is found at Melvern Lake, a man-made flood control project for the Marais des Cygnes River basin. In addition to the state park, the department maintains a 10,400 acre wildlife area.

Fishing & Boating
Excellent fishing opportunities are available from shore or boat. Anglers can expect to catch walleye, crappie, sauger, white bass, and channel catfish. Melvern Lake offers 6,930 surface acres for watercrafts large and small. Two 9-lane boat ramps with ample parking offer excellent access to the many coves and dam, within two miles of the boat ramps. The park office has fishing regulations, licenses, boating registration services and boating information. Boat dock rental through park office.

Camping
Eisenhower State Park provides 186 utility camp sites and five shower houses. Non-utility sites are available for primitive camping in Five-Star, Blackjack, Sailboat Beach, and Omaha Swim Beach. Group camping is available in Abilene Campground. 17 additional sites are available for single reservations. Campers may stay at any one of the campgrounds for up to 14 consecutive days. Visit the park office for more information, including the availability of cabins/yurts, and Ike’s shelterhouse available for rental.

Other Opportunities
Eisenhower State Park is continually upgrading its outdoor opportunities. The latest addition is the expansion of the trails systems.

The undeveloped west side of the park offers excellent shotgun and archery hunting by written permission only. This area is also open to general exploration throughout the year, and boasts dense populations of wildlife, as well as the newly established Crooked Knee horse trail, which spans 20 miles throughout the park.

Camping with horses is available in Cowboy Camp and the North loop of Westpoint Campground. The North loop of Westpoint has electricity, water, and corrals at each site.

The park also offers a swimming beach, horseshoe pits, play grounds, volleyball pits, and picnic shelters, which may also be reserved. Horseshoes, volleyballs, and other sports equipment can be checked out at the camphost. Kayak rentals are also available.

Things to Remember
The public facilities and natural resources are here for your enjoyment, but remember, you are just one of the many visitors, so please be considerate of other people and the natural resources.

A current motor vehicle permit is required for every motorized vehicle entering the state park.

Pets must be controlled at all times on a leash or otherwise confined.

Vehicles are permitted only on maintained roads and parking areas. Fires are allowed only in fire rings and grills. For your safety, do not swim around boat ramps and docks.

A complete copy of the public land regulations is available at the state park.