Welcome to Eisenhower State Park, located on the eastern fringe of the Flint Hills in southern Osage 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 campsites 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.

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Westpoint Campground
North Loop Horse Camping
Abilene Group Area Campground
IKE’s General Store
Camp Host
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Churchill Campground
Doud Campground
Camp Host

Sailboat Beach Campground
Blackjack Campground
Ike's Shelterhouse

Melvern Reservoir

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Park Area
Camping Area
Other Public Lands
Private Lands
Paved Roads
Gravel Roads
Park Entrance
Park Office
Pay Stations
Potable Water
Shower/Toilet
Vault Toilet

18-hole Frisbee Golf Course

Trailer Dump Station
Boat Ramps
Swimming Area
Playground
Shelter
Cabin Primitive
Cabin Modern
Camping Improved
Camping Primitive
Trail/Trailhead Hike
Trail/Trailhead Bike
Trail/Trailhead Equestrian