Lovewell State Park

Lovewell State Park in north-central Kansas is a haven for outdoor lovers who look for variety in their vacations. Just 18 miles northeast of Mankato on US Hwy 14, Lovewell offers a blend of camping, fishing, wildlife watching and special events.

Starting with a full-service area office at the park entrance, you can study wildlife mounts and pick up informational brochures, regulations, and the latest hunting and fishing reports. The area office sells all of the required park permits, as well as hunting and fishing licenses, boat registrations, and big game permits. Daily vehicle and camping permits are also available 24 hours from the self-pay station near the office. Don’t forget to check out the Kansas Outdoor Store for a great selection of t-shirts, hats, and other souvenirs.

The area office and Lovewell Marina also serve as free wifi hotspots. Visit Lovewell Marina April through September for fishing boats and camping supplies, souvenirs, and homemade pizzas or sandwiches including delicious barbecue!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lovewell hosts several annual special events. Past events have included a kids fishing clinic in early June, and fireworks display in July. Lovewell Fun Day and Campground Christmas in August, and various other special events throughout the year. For more information on a specific event or a schedule of events, contact the area office.

CAMPS

Lovewell is popular with campers. The area offers excellent shade and provides utility hookup sites including freeze-proof water and sewer hookups at designated sites, seasonal sites, improved primitive sites, primitive camping area, and five primitive (sleepy) and four modern (deluxe) camping cabins. Designated electrical sites may be reserved, and Buffalo and Walleye Point primitive camp areas are reservable for camping groups. Four shower-toilet buildings, two vault toilets, and three trailer dump stations are centrally located in the park. A year-round unisex shower and restroom facility is also available at the park maintenance building.

DCY USE

You’ll discover plenty of variety in the day-use areas. A historic limestone schoolhouse hosts summer church services every Sunday. A seven-station, 14-target archery range is located north of the Cottonwood shower building. Pioneer day-use area activities include a playground, sand volleyball, basketball, disc golf course, and horseshoes. The Southwinds swimming beach offers both sun and shade. Picnic facilities are available throughout the day-use areas, as well as two large group shelters that can be reserved.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Lovewell takes pride in its clean campgrounds and day use areas, and you can help. Pick up extra trash bags at the area office at no charge. You can then take the trash out with you or use one of our conveniently located dumpsters.

Lovewell is for people who love water. The south shore’s high bluffs block the summer winds and help calm the waters. You’ll find a full-service marina with double-lane boat ramp and daily or season boat slip rental. Lighted fish cleaning stations (with outlets for your electric fillet knives), lie west of the limestone school house and marina.


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LOVEWELL RESERVOIR & STATE PARK

General Area Map

Lovewell Reservoir & State Park

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