

# A Wild Oasis in an Urban Setting

## Educational Opportunities

There are many opportunities to participate in activities and events at the Great Plains Nature Center. Nature-related programs are offered quarterly. These are advertised on the nature center's website and with the newsletter, *Prairie Reflections*.

The biggest event of the year takes place the second Saturday in June. *Walk With Wildlife*, entering its third decade, provides a glimpse of native Kansas wildlife to approximately 1,500 visitors. Other opportunities include:

- \* Wildlife Programs
- \* Field Trips
- \* Discovery Boxes
- \* Adult Workshops
- \* Junior Naturalist Classes
- \* Scout Programs
- \* Nature Hikes



## Koch Habitat Hall

Learn more about the grasslands, wetlands and woodlands of the Great Plains. View native fish in the 2,200-gallon aquarium. Compare your hearing to that of a bobcat, search for animals in the woodland mural and hear the sounds of wildlife on the prairie. In the wildlife observatory, relax in front of the stream and cattail-ringed wetland. Keep your eyes open for beaver, muskrat, ducks and graceful egrets in this unique wildlife blind.

*The Koch Habitat Hall was made possible through generous donations from the Fred C and Mary R. Koch Foundation, the Forrest C. Lattner Foundation and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.*



## Coleman Auditorium

Indoor programs are presented in this 186-seat auditorium. Here you can enjoy a variety of programs on Kansas wildlife. Get up close and personal with birds of prey, learn the finer points of turkey calling or enjoy other programs on Kansas wildlife and prairie wildflowers.

*The Coleman Auditorium was made possible through a generous donation from the Coleman Company.*



**T**he Great Plains Nature Center is a cooperative project between the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks and the City of Wichita. These agencies share a common goal of providing opportunities for the public to investigate, understand and develop an appreciation for wildlife and the environment, while promoting sound stewardship of natural resources.



## The Owl's Nest Gift Shop

Books, art, souvenirs and educational materials focusing on the natural resources of the Great Plains can be purchased through the gift shop.

## Friends of the Great Plains Nature Center

Join the conservation and educational efforts by becoming a member of the Friends of the Great Plains Nature Center. Memberships are available for individuals, families, students and educators. Friends receive the newsletter, discounts at the gift shop, invitations to exclusive programs and reduced fees at selected public events.

## Chisholm Creek Park

The adjacent 240-acre park provides an excellent outdoor classroom. More than two miles of wheelchair-accessible trails and boardwalks meander through riparian woodlands, prairies, streams and wetlands. Pets, bicycles, skates and skateboards are not allowed in the park. Picnic facilities are available on the west side of the park at 3238 N Oliver. The park is open every day from dawn to dusk.

## Hours

The Great Plains Nature Center is open Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except federal, state and city holidays.

## Cost

Although donations are always welcome, there is no charge to visit the Great Plains Nature Center. Some prescheduled programs, events and workshops require reservations and have a minimal fee to cover expenses.

## Reservations

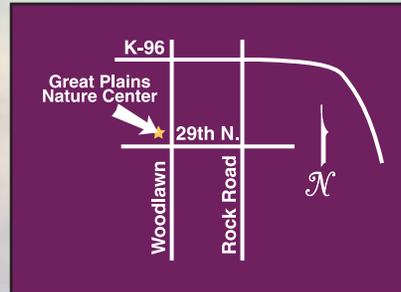
All school groups and any group of more than 20 must make reservations in advance to avoid space conflicts. Groups may also request a naturalist for a customized program by scheduling in advance. To accommodate visitors with special audio and/or visual needs, arrangements need to be made three weeks in advance.

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*Healthy habitats are the key  
to natural diversity and  
quality outdoor experiences.*