Located in northcentral Osage County, Osage State Fishing Lake is maintained by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. The area, acquired by the state of Kansas in 1955, provides opportunities for hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, picnicking, and wildlife observation.

The lake includes 140 surface acres of water surrounded by 366 acres of timber and native grasslands.

FISHING
Osage State Fishing Lake sports good populations of largemouth bass, crappie, channel catfish, and walleye. Intensive fisheries management allows for good fishing year-round. Fishing piers and trails provide access to the natural and developed fish habitat in the lake.

Trotlines and setlines are prohibited. Special length and creel limits may be in effect for fish species. Check local postings and the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary before fishing.

BOATING
Motorized boating is allowed only for fishing and hunting. Pleasure motorized boating is not permitted. Non-motorized boats such as canoes and sailboats are permitted. A single-lane concrete boat ramp allows for easy boat launching.

HUNTING
Wildlife management techniques are employed on the area to enhance wildlife populations. Native grasslands, brush, and timber comprise the property surrounding the lake. Habitat enhancement efforts include brush piles, standing timber, and controlled burning and haying of native grass areas. These efforts support many species of wildlife including bobwhite quail, white-tailed deer, fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, waterfowl, and more.

Hunting and trapping opportunities on the area are good. Hunting is allowed with shotgun and archery equipment only. Current management practices determine season regulations, so check for local posting prior to hunting. Target practice is prohibited.

CAMPING
Primitive camping is permitted on maintained areas. Camping fees are not required. However, campers are limited to 14 consecutive days of camping. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Vehicles are permitted on maintained roads and parking areas only.
Swimming is prohibited.
Motorized boating is allowed for fishing and hunting purposes only.
There are no trash barrels, so all visitors are asked to remove their own trash.
Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area.