

# GEARY

**G**eary State Fishing Lake and Wildlife Area is 10 miles south of Junction City along highway 77. The lake was initially constructed and stocked in 1959. The lake was rehabilitated

in 1987. The lake is an excellent clear water lake.

The lake has been stocked with largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, saugeye, channel catfish, flathead catfish, bluegill, white bass and

crappie. Test nettings are performed annually to monitor the fish population and supplemental fish stockings are made when necessary.

## WILDLIFE

The 99-acre lake is surrounded by 180 acres of public hunting land which harbors good numbers of quail, pheasant, doves, squirrels, rabbits, white-tailed deer, beaver, muskrats, raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, and numerous nongame birds and animals. The lake also

serves as a stopover area for migrating waterfowl in the fall and spring.

Several food plots are maintained each year to provide winter food for birds and other wildlife.

## FISHING

Channel catfish can be taken in almost any area of the lake during the spring and summer months using commercial prepared baits, liver or live bait such as crayfish or salamanders.

Largemouth bass fishing can be excellent in the early spring and many are taken along the riprap of the dam and also in the coves. Several brushpile fish attractors have been strategically placed in the lake where they are within easy casting distance from the shore or the piers. These attractors hold largemouth bass, crappie, and bluegill.

## HUNTING

Like most other public areas, Geary Wildlife Area receives a substantial amount of hunting pressure on opening weekend of pheasant and quail season. Following that initial pressure, the area receives only light hunting activity and hunters can enjoy a quality hunting experience.

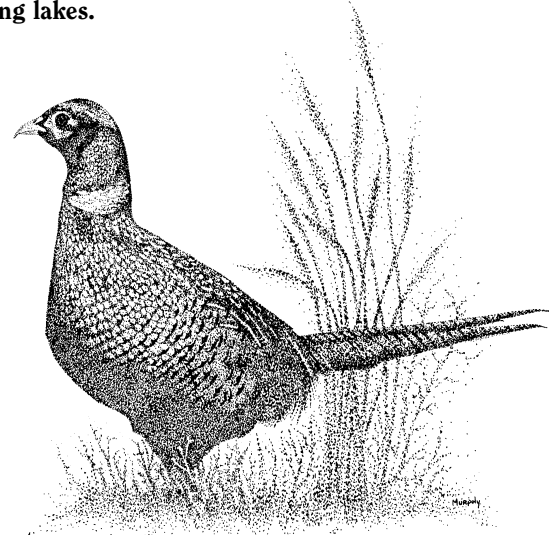
Quail numbers are usually quite good with pheasants present in scattered bunches. Small game such as squirrels and rabbits are also numerous and like the birds can be hunted on the area. While not yet plentiful, there are huntable numbers present and these, too, are increasing.

Several food plots are maintained to provide a winter food source for wildlife.

Crappie and bluegill fishing can be especially good in the spring when they are spawning. The fish will be concentrated in the brushy areas in shallow water and can be taken using minnows, worms, or jigs.

The lake and public hunting area are open year-round. Picnic tables, fireplace grills, and camping areas are available for public use. **Motorboats may be used for hunting and fishing only.** All state and federal boating regulations apply.

**Trotlines and setlines are not allowed on state fishing lakes.**



## THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please consult the current hunting regulations to determine the season dates and bag limits. All of the area is open to hunting except the camping areas and west of State Lake Road safety zone..

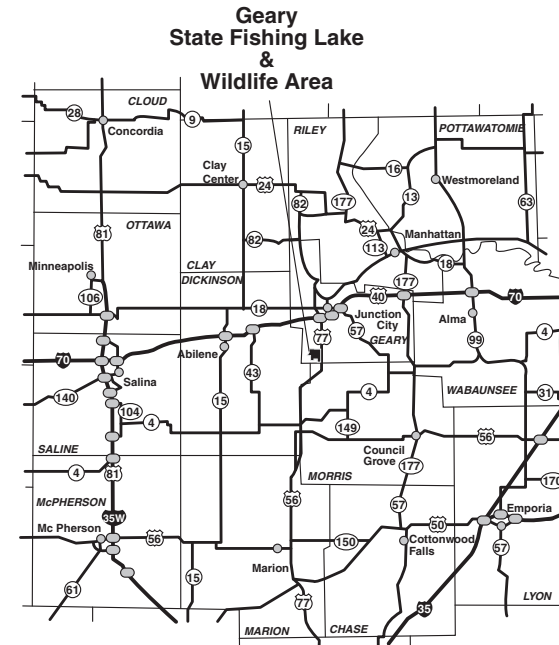
Persons utilizing the area must abide by all state and federal regulations which control these activities.

No special regulations are currently in effect.

**Primitive camping is available and is free of charge. No reservations needed.**

**Camping is limited to no more than 14 consecutive days on the property.**

Campfires are only permitted in main campground area immediately adjacent to the lake within the provided metal fire rings.

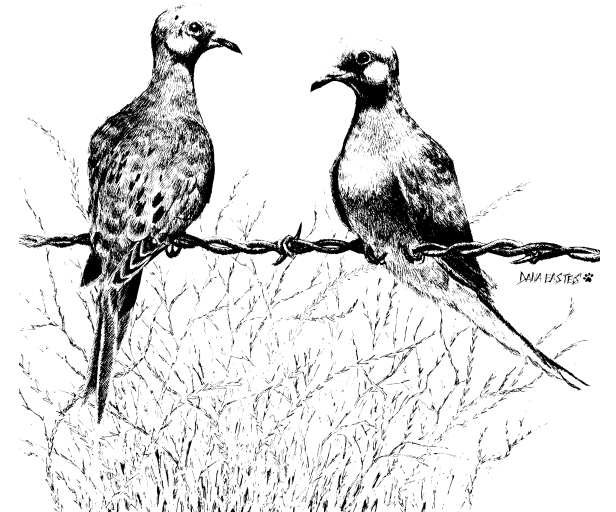


General Area Map

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# GEARY STATE FISHING LAKE & WILDLIFE AREA



## LEGEND

Wildlife Area (Hunting Allowed)	Trails
Wildlife Area (NO Hunting)	Information Center
Camping Area	Parking Area
Dam	Vault Toilet
Paved Road	Boat Ramp
Gravel Road	Picnic Shelter