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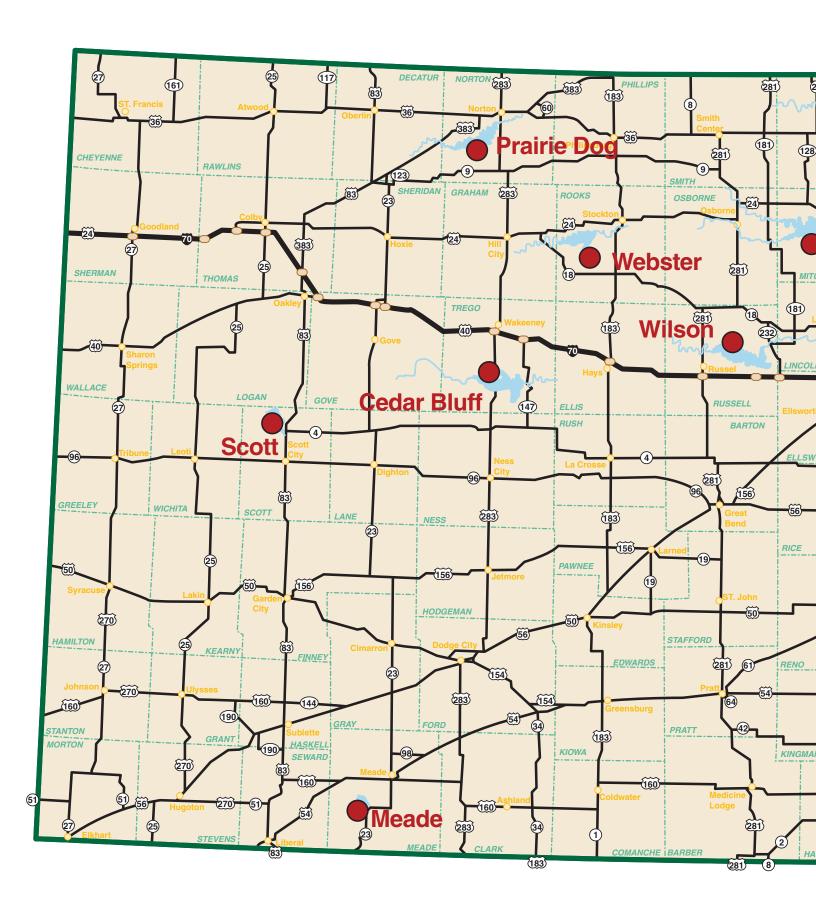
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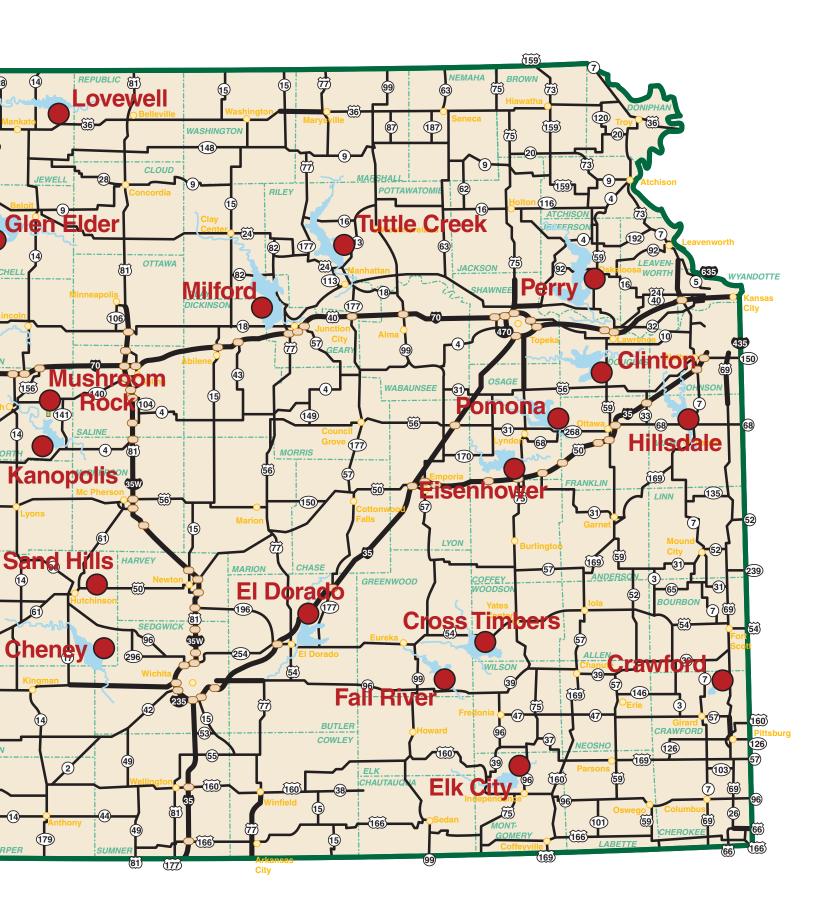
The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks manages 24 state parks across the state. Most provide utility and primitive camping, and access to reservoirs, trails, and wildlife areas. A few are preserved natural areas, allowing visitors to enjoy unspoiled wild Kansas. Many parks host annual events such as concerts, festivals, and competitions. Whatever your outdoor interest — hiking, camping, wildlife observation, fishing, bike riding, horseback riding, hunting, or just plain relaxing, a Kansas state park has what you're looking for. If you've never been to a Kansas state park, use this guide to find the nearest one. Visit our website for current park fees at www.kdwp.state.ks.us or call one of the offices listed in the back of this publication. If you haven't visited a state park recently, look again. There's a rich collection of outdoor adventures waiting for you.



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Cedar Bluff State Park

County, this western Kansas park consists of two areas comprising 1,100 acres on the 6,000-acre Cedar Bluff Reservoir. The Bluffton Area, located on

the lake's north shore, is the most developed and receives extensive use. The Page Creek Area, on the south shore, offers beautiful primitive camping as well as a generous helping of utility sites.

Park campgrounds offer 121 utility sites, and a group campground contains 12 utility sites. Expansive areas are set aside for primitive camping; the park is equipped to suit nearly anyone's preference.

Five rental cabins are available in a variety of styles and amenities. Each cabin is equipped with electricity, water, air conditioning and heating, beds, tables, chairs, and a fantastic view of the state park and reservoir area. Three cabins – two two-bedroom facilities and one one-bedroom facility with loft for additional sleeping quarters – also include refrigerators, showers, bathrooms and electric stove tops. The other two cabins are two-bedroom facilities which differ only in that they do not have bathrooms, stove tops and showers, although water is available year-around from a freeze-proof exterior hydrant.

Other facilities include five showerhouses, two reserv-

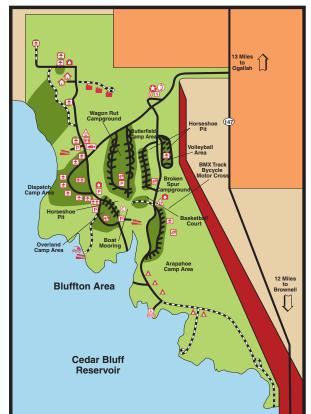


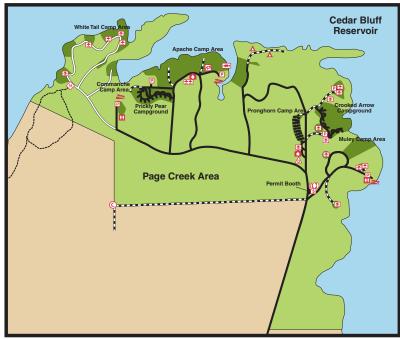
able shelters, three vault toilets, numerous picnic shelters, two fishing docks, two fish cleaning stations, BMX track, basketball court, and horseshoe pit.

On the lake, fishing, boating, windsurfing, and skiing are popular. In the stilling basin just below the Cedar Bluff Dam, anglers may fish for the rainbow trout stocked in the spring and fall. Five boat ramps allow access to the water, two in the Bluffton Area and three in the Page Creek Area.

The area around the park offers excellent wildlife watching opportunities, enhanced by food plots and a waterfowl refuge. Deer, turkey, pheasant, Canada geese, pelicans, eagles in the winter, and more can be seen in and near the park. A portion of the Page Creek Area is designated as a handicapped hunting access area.

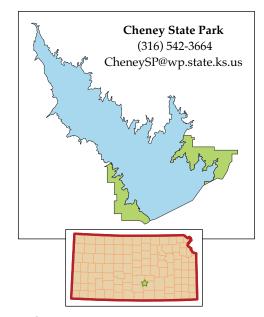
Threshing Machine Canyon, the site of an 1850s Indian attack on a wagon train bearing a threshing machine, is accessed by a road west of the park. In the historic canyon, you will find carvings dating back to the mid-1800s. For a stunning view of the area, take a drive to the top of the 150-foot tall, cedar-covered limestone bluffs.





Cheney State Park





This 1,900-acre park comprises two areas at the south end of Cheney Reservoir, 20 miles west

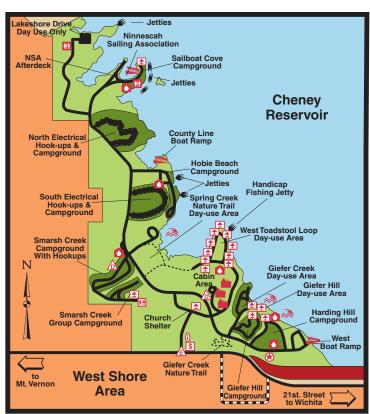
of Wichita. Since its completion in 1964, the park has grown to include more than 225 utility camping sites, as well as 275 designated non-utility campsites with amenities. In addition to the variety of camping amenities available here, the West Shore Area offers seven reservable modern cabins.

Cheney State Park occupies the shores of one of the top sailing lakes in the U. S. The Ninnescah Sailing Center on the West Shore Area is the "headquarters" for sailing at Cheney. A marina in the East Shore Area offers supplies and services for boaters and anglers.

The park is equipped with modern toilets, 10 restrooms with showers, a shelter house, four trailer dump stations, and four designated swimming areas, as well as several picnic/day use areas. The Giefer Creek and Spring Creek nature trails offer hikers aesthetic samplings of the area's lush natural beauty.

Fishing is productive for channel catfish, white bass, crappie, striped bass, wiper, and walleye. The park's 22 boat-launching lanes provide convenient access to the 9,500-acre lake. A handicapped-accessible fishing complex is available at the Toadstool Loop Jetty.

The 5,200-acre Cheney Wildlife Area adjacent to the park provides a rich variety of wildlife watching, nature photography, and public hunting. A refuge has been set aside on the wildlife area for migratory waterfowl. The area is closed to all activities from Sept. 15 through March 15, when it is reopened for fishing and non-hunting day-use activities.



Clinton State Park

Lawrence in the scenic Osage Questas region.
The 1,425-acre park lies on the north shore of Clinton Reservoir, known for its clear water and good fishing. Modern facilities and an extensive hiking/biking trail system make this park and adjacent 9,200-acre wildlife area an attractive destination for all outdoors enthusiasts.

Popular activities include picnicking, swimming, and camping on one of the nearly 500 campsites. Of these, 240 are water/electric utility sites; 70 provide 50-amp service; and 220 are primitive sites. Nearby restrooms and showers add a touch of comfort and convenience for park visitors.

Visitors to the park can view white-tailed deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, bald eagles in spring and fall, and numerous species of songbirds in the carefully-managed habitats that make Clinton a distinctive outdoor destination.

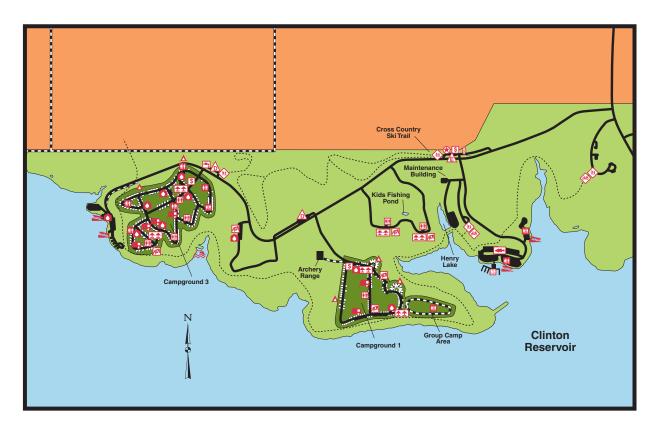
Winter camping with a heated restroom is now available, and a new area for mountain biking features a skills course. The course is designed with obstacle course features that offer a real challenge for cyclists of various skill levels. The course is approximately 1/8-mile long. Much of the course is a raised wooden track design with narrow, low-speed balance crossings, a half pipe, multilevel stream crossings, and other aspects that fully test a



rider's balance and abilities at low speed. There is a signin and liability waiver that must be completed prior to using the course.

The Clinton Lake Marina offers boat slips, fishing and boating supplies, equipment rental, and a floating restaurant. Anglers are attracted to Clinton Reservoir for its good channel catfish, walleye, and crappie fishing.

Well-known for its extensive trails system, Clinton State Park is an outdoor mecca for hikers, nature photographers, mountain bicyclists, wildflower enthusiasts, wildlife observers, and cross-country snow skiers. Park staff work closely with Lawrence and University of Kansas individuals and organizations to present several concerts and other special events each year.



Crawford State Park

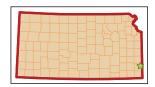
Rich in history and spectacular scenery, Crawford State Park has a flavor all its own. This southeast Kansas treasure, located nine miles north of Girard in Crawford County, resides on a 150-acre lake built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s.

There are two recorded archaeological sites within the park's boundaries, including remnants of a 19th-century U. S. military outpost. An interpretive trail connects the park with the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks' Farlington Fish Hatchery, which was built shortly after the CCC completed construction of the lake.

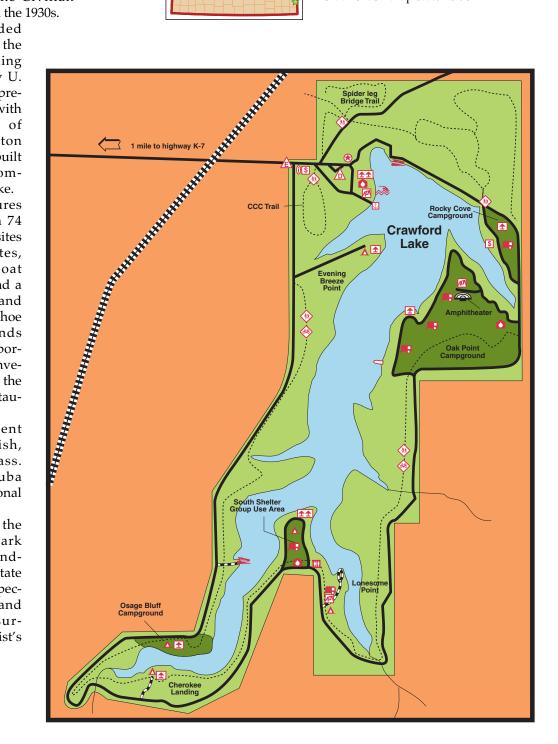
The 500-acre park features seven campgrounds with 74 water/electric utility campsites and 30 primitive campsites, four rental cabins, two boat ramps, three bathhouses, and a swimming beach. Hiking and mountain bike trails, horseshoe pits, and three playgrounds offer more recreational opportunities. Food, fuel, and convenience items are available at the full-service marina and restaurant located within the park.

Anglers enjoy excellent fishing for channel catfish, crappie, and striped bass. Pleasure boating and scuba diving are favorite recreational pursuits.

Located on the edge of the Ozarks, Crawford State Park displays the variety of landscapes available in Kansas state parks. Redbud trees offer spectacular beauty in spring, and the lush foliage of the surrounding forest is a naturalist's delight.



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Cross Timbers State Park

ross Timbers State Park is located in the gently rolling hills of the Verdigris River Valley in southeast Kansas. Comprising 1,075 acres in the northern reaches of the physiographic region known to early pioneers as the Cross Timbers, this park provides numerous access points to the 2,800-acre Toronto Reservoir.

The park is located 12 miles west of

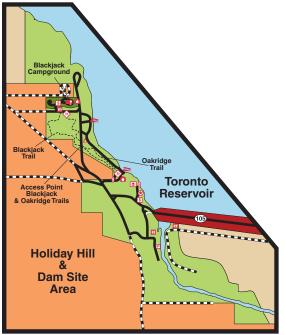
Yates Center in Woodson County. This region was a favored hunting and camping ground of Native Americans of the Osage Nation. The forested flood plains, sur-

rounded by terraces of prairie and hills of oak savannah, provide visitors an opportunity to immerse themselves in some of the most diverse flora and fauna in Kansas.











Shaded campsites within easy access of the lake are available for both full RV hookups and primitive camping. All park campgrounds are served by modern bathroom and shower facilities. All park trails are open to hiking and backpacking. All but the Ancient Trees Trail are open to other non-motorized uses such as jogging and mountain biking. Backcountry camping is allowed by special permit on segments of the Chautauqua Hills Trail.

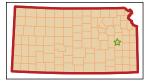
Fishing in the river and on the reservoir can be excellent. Both are noted for excellent white crappie, white bass, channel catfish, and flathead catfish angling. Black bass, bluegill, and sunfish round out the diverse fishing opportunities available here. The adja-4,600-acre Toronto Wildlife Area is a diverse collection of habitats, including forests, grasslands, farmlands, and marshes. Species common to the area include white-tailed deer, wild turkey, quail, squirrel, rabbit, dove, and raccoon. A rich variety of songbirds appeal to wildlife observers and photographers.

Eisenhower State Park

amed after native son President Dwight Eisenhower, this 1,785-acre park features 1,000 acres of tallgrass prairie, 440 acres of woodland, and a complete range of recreational facilities. The park lies on the north shore of the 6,900-acre Melvern Reservoir, in southern Osage County.

The park provides 187 utility sites: 84 with water, 25 with sewer hookups, and five showerhouses. Non-utility sites are available in five camping areas throughout the park. Contact the park office for information on reservable campsites that are available. Laundry facilities are also available at the Doud shower building.

The park offers Mamie's (primitive) Cabin near the east boat ramp and yurts in West Point campground.

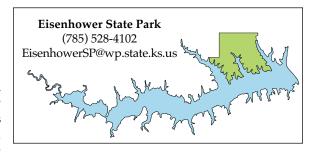


Ike's Shelterhouse is an excellent area for family reunions within the Jones Family Activity Area. Other recreation facilities include a swimming

beach, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, volleyball courts, and picnic shelters.

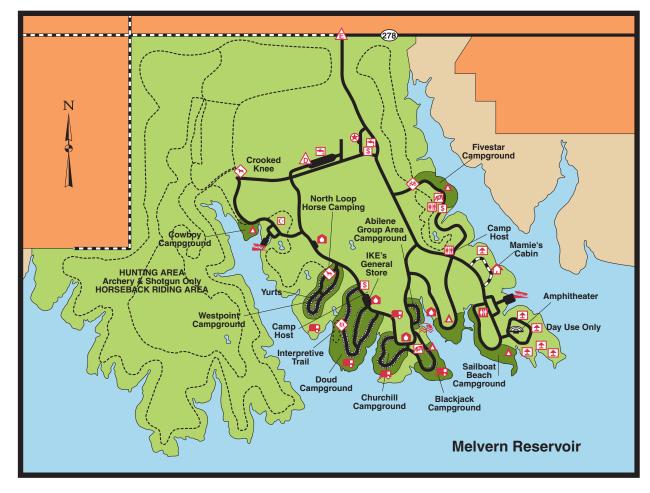
Eisenhower is also home to a burgeoning trails system for horseback riding, biking, and hiking. Crooked Knee Horse Trail offers equestrians a 20-mile excursion through the undeveloped west side of the park. Biking and hiking is available on the horse trails, but remember trail rules.

The park offers a variety of

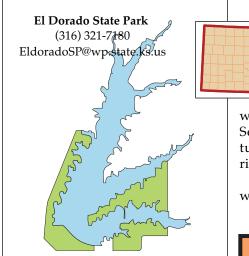


wildlife, including white-tailed deer, eastern wild turkey, bobwhite quail, squirrels, furbearers, and waterfowl. Hunting within the state park is by special permit only.

Melvern Reservoir's excellent fishing potential attracts anglers looking for walleye, crappie, sauger, white bass, and channel catfish. Two nine-lane boat ramps with ample parking offer excellent access to the expansive lake.



El Dorado State Park



stages accommodates a variety of concerts and festivals conducted at the park each year. Trail users

will find a variety of attractions. Seven trails offer outdoor adventure for hikers, bikers, and horse riders.

A modern horse campground with utility campsites, corrals, and

exercise area, as well as shelter-house and wash bays, are under construction, scheduled for completion in 2009.

Ten cabins are available for reservation year-round, offering a variety of comfortable accommodations to suit any preference. Two laundry facilities are also located in the park for campers' convenience.

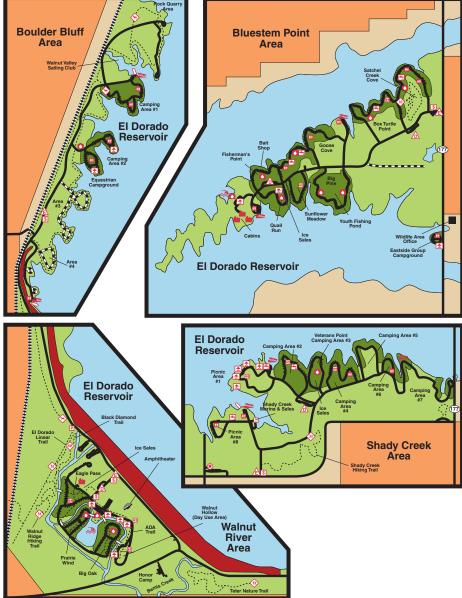
I Dorado State Park is located north and east of the city of El Dorado on the edge of the scenic Flint Hills. Kansas' largest state park, El Dorado's four units sprawl across 4,000 acres along the eastern and western shores of El Dorado Reservoir.

El Dorado contains 1,100 campsites that offer visitors a range of choices. Other facilities include two swimming beaches, 10 group shelters, and a 24-site group campground.

The Shady Creek Marina, Walnut Valley Sailing Club, and six boat ramps offer amenities and facilities for boaters of every stripe. Crappie and largemouth bass fishing are good in standing timber and around fish attractors. Walleye fishing is good along the face of the dam and on the old railroad bed. Channel cat fishing is good lakewide, as well as in the river below the outlet. Flathead fishing is good in a variety of areas, especially Old Bluestem Lake.

The 8,000-acre El Dorado Reservoir has approximately 98 miles of shoreline. About 6,000 acres of land are available for public hunting, including 2,000 acres within the state park. All hunting within the park requires a state park vehicle permit for entry.

A large amphitheater with dual



Elk City State Park

ense oak-hickory woodlands meet rolling meadows of big bluestem and Indiangrass at this striking 857-acre park located west of Independence in Montgomery County. The 4,500-acre Elk City Reservoir and 12,000-acre Elk City Wildlife Area adjacent to the park offer outdoors lovers.

adjacent to the park offer outdoors lovers ample room to pursue their pastimes.

A nationally-recognized trails system invites visitors to take a closer look at the rich variety of flora and fauna in and around Elk City State Park. The Green

Thumb Nature Trail is a one-mile loop that begins in the state park campground and rewards hikers with a panoramic vista of the lake, framed by ash and oak trees. Table Mound Hiking Trail and Post Oak Nature Trail are also park attractions. Park users can also enjoy the four-mile Eagle Rock Mountain Bike Trail, six-miles of hiking/nature trails, and a one-mile exercise trail. A frisbee golf course is also available. Parking is available near the trailheads.

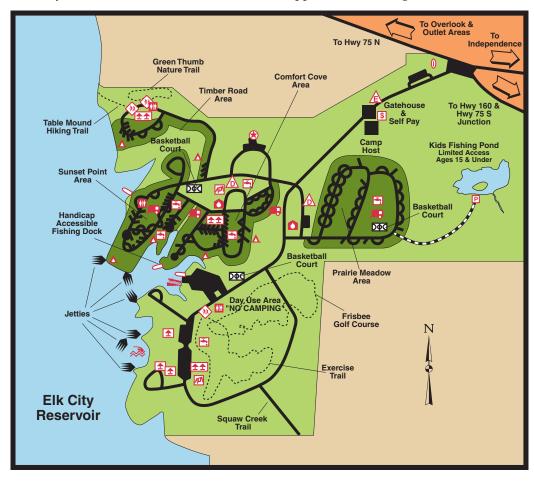
Campgrounds at Elk City offer an array of well-shaded sites appealing to recreational vehicle or primitive campers. Conveniently located restrooms and showers,



swimming beach, group shelter, fishing piers, and threelane boat ramps offer popular amenities for park visitors.

The expansive Elk City Wildlife Area adjacent to the park offers a rich array of wild inhabitants. White-tailed deer, wild turkey, bobwhite quail, cottontail, fox and gray squirrels, and prairie chickens can be found here. Common furbearers include beaver, raccoon, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, opossum, mink, and muskrat.

Elk City Reservoir offers good to excellent fishing opportunities for channel catfish, white bass, crappie, flathead catfish, largemouth bass, and saugeye. A handicapped-access fishing dock is located in the state park.

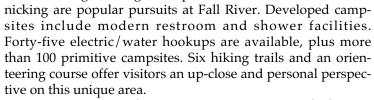


Fall River State Park

Positioned between the Cross Timbers region and the grasslands of the Flint Hills, Fall River State Park is home to a remarkable diversity of plant and animal life. The 980-acre park is a unique blend of forested flood plains, blackjack savannahs, and tallgrass prairie. Outdoor enthusiasts looking to get off

the beaten track will find much to their liking at this park, located in southeastern Greenwood County.

Camping, swimming, boating, water skiing, hiking, and pic-



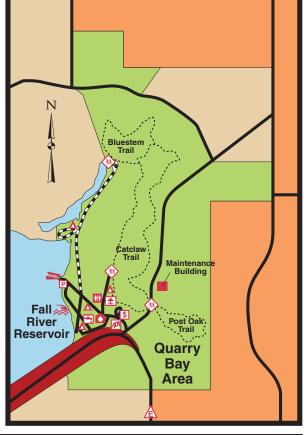
A favorite pastime here is canoeing Fall River, which feeds into the 2,450-acre reservoir of the same name. Bird watchers,

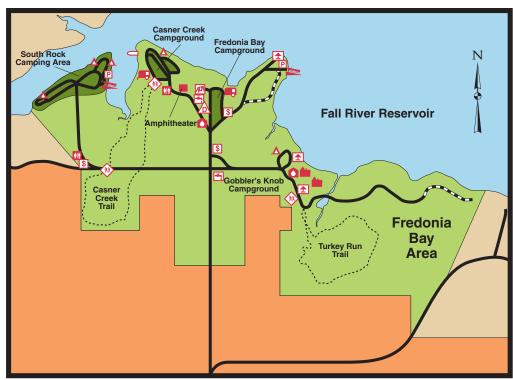
photographers, and naturalists enjoy a variety of native plants and animals here. More than 8,000 acres of public wildlife area next to the park are managed for a variety of game and nongame species. Dove, quail, deer, turkey, rabbit, squirrel, waterfowl, and prairie chicken are common.

Fall River offers good fishing opportunities for channel catfish, white bass, crappie, flathead catfish, largemouth bass, and walleye. White bass fishing can be excellent in early spring, particularly in Otter Creek and Fall River above the reservoir.

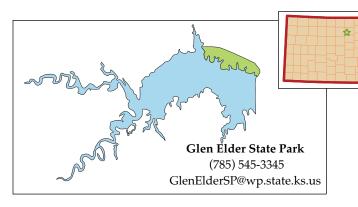








Glen Elder State Park



Situated on the shores of one of Kansas' largest lakes, Glen Elder State Park offers abundant recreational opportunities. Located 12 miles west of Beloit in Mitchell County, Glen Elder was honored as one of America's top five best state parks by Field & Stream magazine, August 2004.

Modern restroom/shower buildings are open in the Sioux, Kanza, and Cheyenne areas from mid-April to October. The Kanza shower may be open during the winter and early spring, as well, depending on the weather. A full-service marina provides fuel, slip rental, and supplies from April through October.

With three campgrounds offering 121 electrical hookups

(most with water), as well as more than 300 primitive sites and two modern cabins, there's plenty of room for campers of any preference. Boat ramps in Kanza and Osage offer excellent lake access and

ADA courtesy docks.

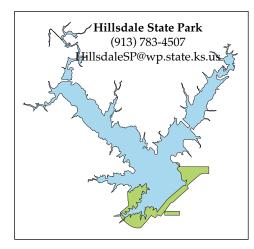
The park offers convenient access to the 12,500-acre Glen Elder Reservoir where crappie, walleye, white bass, saugeye, channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and flathead catfish attract anglers.

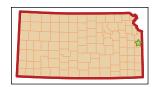
Swimming, boating, hiking, volleyball, softball, and bicycling accommodations are all available at the park. The Osage Area has sand volleyball courts, a reservable group shelter, and a swimming beach. The Pawnee Overlook provides shoreline fishing, primitive camping, picnicking — and an excellent view. The Chautauqua Fishing Pond offers easy access for individuals with disabilities and children. The pond is stocked with trout in the winter.

Waconda Heritage Village, featuring the historic Hopewell Church, offers visitors a glimpse into the area's past. The facility provides historical displays and a room reservable for group events. Current development includes a Waconda Springs replica and possibly a restored limestone schoolhouse.



Hillsdale State Park





ocated in the rolling hills of Miami County, Hillsdale State Park offers a broad array of outdoor recreation opportunities. Campers, anglers, boaters, hunters, swimmers, horseback riders, model airplane flyers, hikers, naturalists, picnickers, photographers, and sight-seers all enjoy special opportunities at Hillsdale.

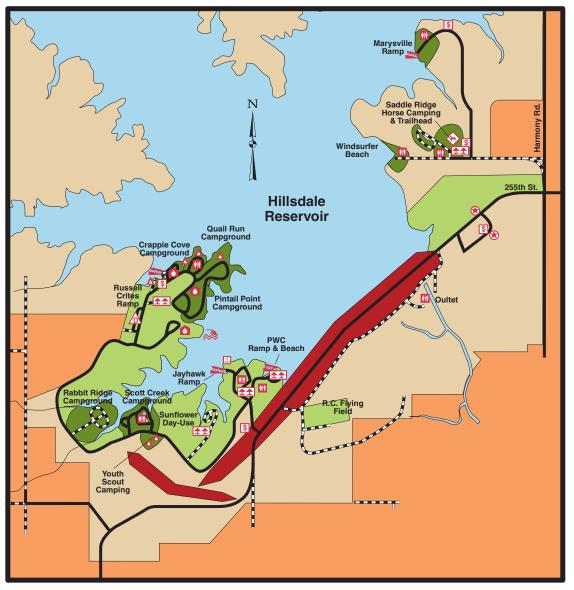
Located in the fastest-growing area of the state, the park is heavily used by residents of nearby Kansas City.

Camping is allowed in the 200 designated camp sites in the Russell Crites Area. About half of those sites have electric/water hookups available. Campsite reservations are available for select camping sites with 14 days advanced notice. Two restroom/shower houses are conveniently located for campground users. The park features a beach area that is open from sunrise to sunset.

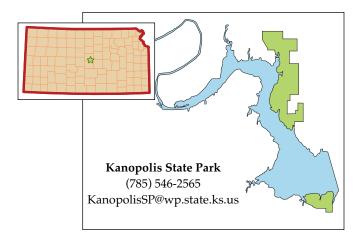
The Saddle Ridge Equestrian Area on the east side of the reser-

voir has 32 miles of marked trails. Model airplane flying is a popular activity in a specially designated area just south of the dam.

Anglers find ample sport in the 4,500-acre Hillsdale Reservoir. Fishing is allowed on all 51 miles of shoreline, and seven boat ramps in the state park and adjacent wildlife area provide convenient access to the water. When the lake was filled in the early 1980s, more than 70 percent of the standing timber in the lake basin was left to provide fish habitat. As a result, walleye, catfish, largemouth bass, crappie, and bluegill are abundant. The adjacent 7.700-acre public wildlife area offers hunters and wildlife observers a variety of enjoyable outdoor opportunities.



Kanopolis State Park

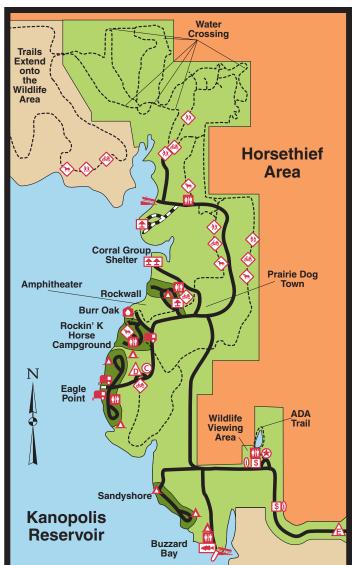


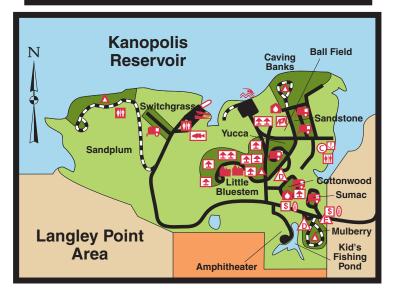
anopolis State Park started it all. The first Kansas state park has drawn visitors to eastern Ellsworth County since 1959. Situated in the rolling hills, bluffs, and woods of the scenic Smoky Hills region of Kansas, Kanopolis is 33 miles southwest of Salina.

The park features a full-service marina; beaches; picnic areas; two cabins; and trails for horseback riding, mountain biking, and hiking. More than 200 primitive campsites and 119 utility sites are located in the 14 campgrounds in the Langley Point and Horsethief areas. Buffalo Track Nature Trail is an enthralling 1.8-mile route rich in native plants and wildlife, as well as Native American history.

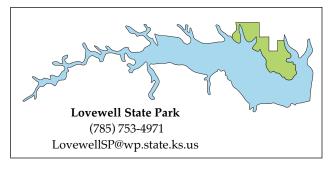
Kanopolis offers 27.4 miles of multi-use trails, all of which start in the state park. The Rockin' K Trail takes visitors to and from the Rockin' K Campground. The Horsethief Trail loops through canyons and trees. Farther north and west, the Prairie Trail traverses high prairie and Red Rock Canyon. The Alum Creek Trail takes visitors across vast prairie and through many water crossings. Be aware that it can take more than a day to complete some trails on foot.

The 3,500-acre Kanopolis Reservoir offers excellent fishing opportunities. White bass fishing can be good soon after ice-out and in April during the spawning run. The best crappie fishing occurs from March through May. In addition, anglers will find walleye, saugeye, wiper, largemouth bass, and channel catfish. More than 12,500 acres of public wildlife area add to Kanopolis' appeal.





Lovewell State Park



ovewell State Park is a haven for outdoor lovers who are looking for variety. Located off the beaten track in northern Jewell



County, Lovewell offers an enticing blend of camping, fishing, wildlife watching, and

special events.

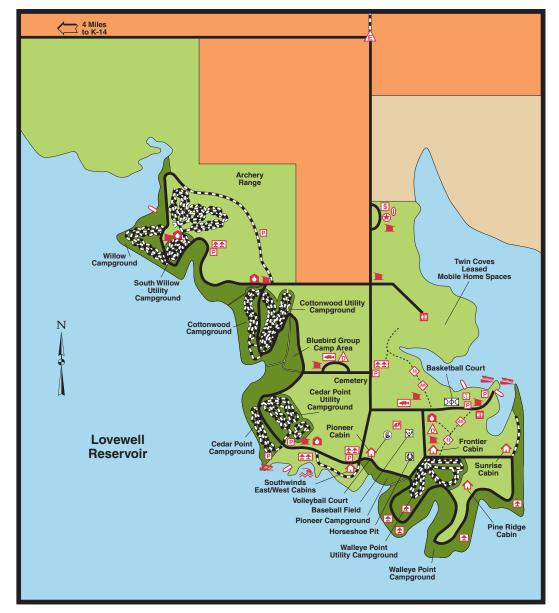
The park features excellent shade and 23 full utility, 45 water/electric, 82 electric-only, and 306 primitive campsites, as well as six semimodern cabins. Designated electrical sites may be reserved. Bluebird and Buffalo primitive campgrounds are reservable for groups. Four shower/toilet buildings, two vault toilets, year-round freeze-proof water hydrants, two trailer dump stations, and fish cleaning stations are centrally located in the park.

A historic limestone school hosts summer church services, and an archery range is located north of the Cottonwood Shower Building. The

> Pioneer Day-use Area features a playground, sand volleyball court, softball diamond, and horseshoe pits. Two basketball goals are located west of the marina. The Southwinds Swimming Beach offers plenty of sun and shade. Picnic facilities are available throughout the day-use areas, as well as a large log group shelter and beach. The mushroom shelter and enclosable willow shelter can be reserved.

> Lovewell hosts several annual special events. including a Kids Fishing Derby in early June, fireworks and sand castle contest in July, Lovewell Fun Day and Campground Christmas events in August, chili cookoff in September, and various other special events throughout the year.

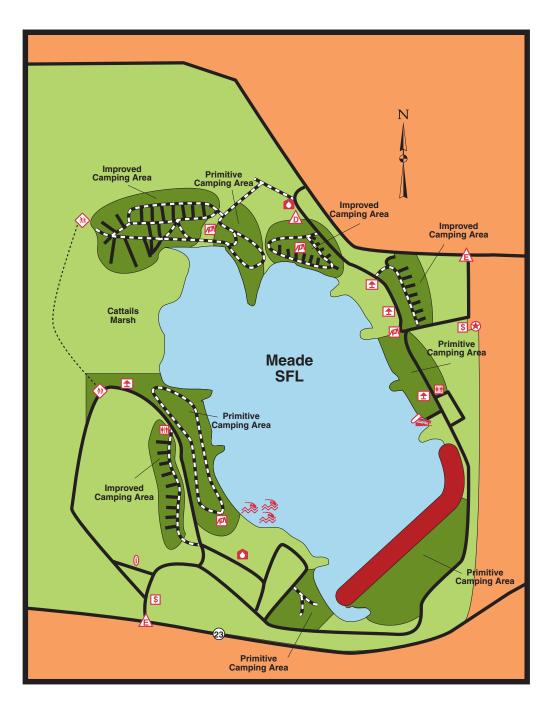
> The 2,900-acre Lovewell Reservoir is popular with anglers. The south shore features high bluffs that block summer winds. The 2,200-acre Lovewell Wildlife Area invites hunters, wildlife watchers, and other wildlife enthusiasts to experience a variety of wellmanaged habitats.



Meade State Park



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The only state park in southwest Kansas, Meade State Park is an oasis in the shortgrass prairie region of the state. The park comprises 440 acres of land and recreational facilities situated around the 80-acre Meade State Fishing Lake.

The nature trail offers visitors an up-close look at the shortgrass prairie. Utility and primitive camping, day use areas, swimming beach, and boating and fishing access make this a popular destination. Campgrounds provide 42 water/electric utility sites and 150 primitive campsites.

The lake invites anglers to sample excellent fishing for bluegill, crappie, channel cat, and largemouth bass. No skiing or pleasure boating is allowed; boats with motors must be used for fishing only.

The adjacent 360-acre wildlife area, although modestly-sized, offers good opportunities for dove and quail hunters. Deer, turkey, rabbit, and squirrel also inhabit the area and offer hunters an occasional mixed bag. Deer may be hunted only with bow or muzzleloader firearms. Naturalists will enjoy a nature trail at the northwest corner of the lake.

Milford State Park

ocated near Junction City on the shores of the state's largest lake – 16,000-acre Milford Reservoir - Milford State Park is a favorite getaway. Park facilities include modern campgrounds, shower buildings, toilets, swimming beaches, boat ramps, picnic shelters, a full-service marina, and a multipurpose trails system. The park also houses a large yacht club.

The park comprises seven camp-

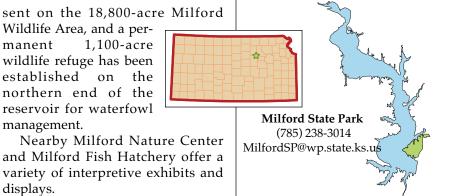
grounds with 141 electric and water hookups. Fifty-one of these sites also include sewer hookups. A total of 108 primitive campsites are available throughout the park. A recently completed horse campground is very popular and consists of 20 campsites with full hookups, covered corrals with lighting, and two wash bays. The park also has a laundry. The park currently has three modern cabins for rent, and two larger modern cabins are scheduled for construction prior to 2009. Contact the park for reservation information.

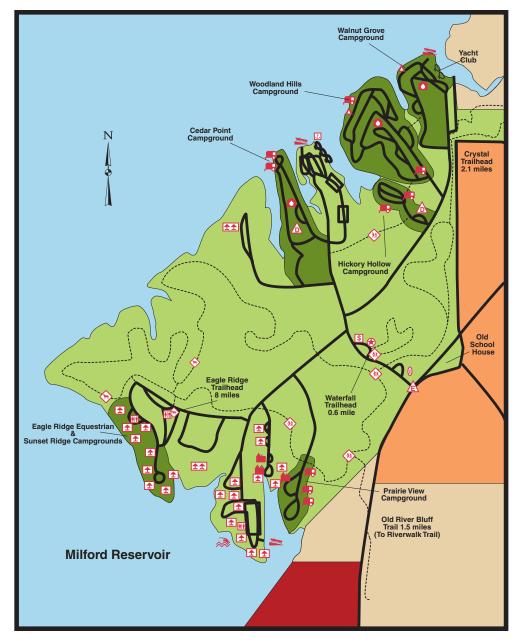
The state park is a popular destination for anglers eager to experience the excellent fishing available in Milford Reservoir. Walleye concentrate along the face of the dam in early April to spawn, then move to the flats at Farnum Creek and mud points near School Creek. Nearly all of the brushy and rocky coves contain crappie and largemouth bass, but coves in the Rolling Hills and Curtis Creek areas are traditional hot spots for crappie. White bass and catfish are plentiful in a variety of locations, and smallmouth bass frequent the face of the dam, as well as rocky points in the lower half of the lake.

Many game species are pre-

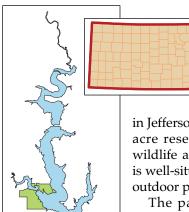
Wildlife Area, and a per-1,100-acre manent wildlife refuge has been established on northern end of the reservoir for waterfowl management.

Nearby Milford Nature Center and Milford Fish Hatchery offer a variety of interpretive exhibits and displays.





Perry State Park



Park comprises two areas totaling 1,250 acres on the shores of Perry Reservoir

in Jefferson County. With the 12,500-acre reservoir and an 11,000-acre wildlife area nearby, this state park is well-situated to accommodate any outdoor preference.

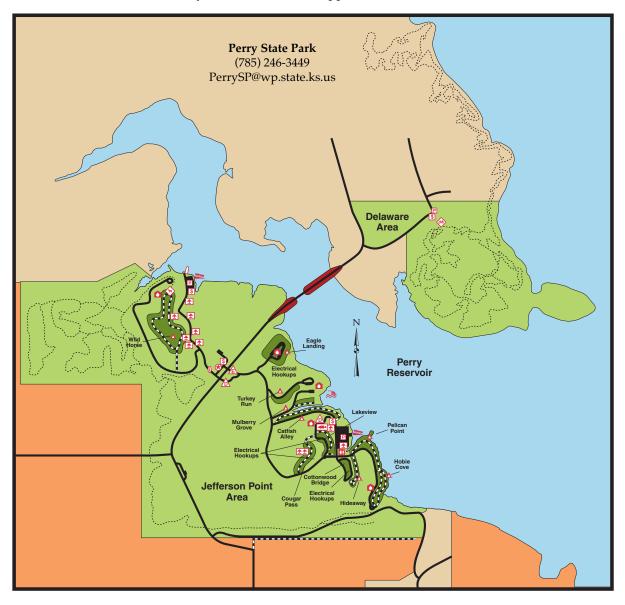
The park's four campgrounds provide 102 electric/water campsites and 200 primitive campsites.

Showers and toilets are conveniently located for all

campers. A swimming beach and beach house serve summertime fun-seekers. Day-use areas of the park offer seven picnic shelters, three of which are available by reservation.

The marshes at Perry Wildlife Area provide early migrant bird hunting, and deep water areas supply late-season mallard and diving duck hunting. In dry years, water is pumped to some of the area's 10 marshes to ensure adequate water levels. White-tailed deer, cottontails, wild turkeys, coyotes, raccoons, and doves are common on the area.

Perry Reservoir is best known for its crappie and channel cat fishing. Best angling opportunities for crappie are in the Slough Creek, Rock Creek, and Old Town areas. The best areas for channel catfish are on mud flats in the upper end of the reservoir and in the Delaware River.

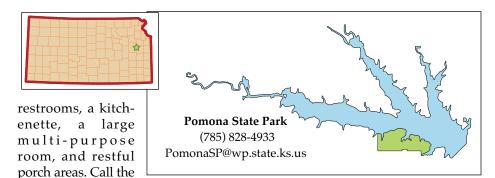


Pomona State Park

Kansas residents for shady campsites and a great family atmosphere, the 490-acre Pomona State Park is located in Osage County, 30 miles south of Topeka. Recreation opportunities at the park include camping, picnicking, fishing, boating, hiking, and wildlife viewing.

The park has 142 water/electric campsites and more than 200 primitive campsites. Lighthouse Bay Marina provides full services to boaters, anglers, skiers, and campers. Four boat ramps are available in the park, and the lake's generally calm waters are popular with skiers.

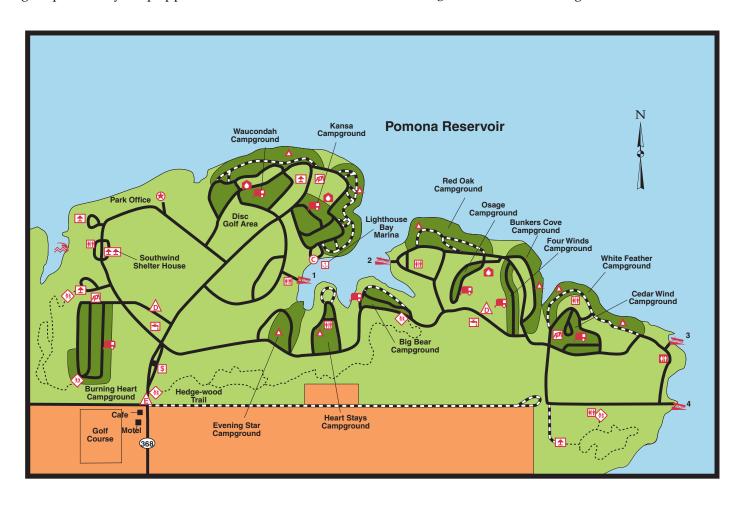
Southwind Shelter House is a group facility equipped with



park office for availability and reservations. A swim beach and bath house are located in the park, as well as picnic shelters, playgrounds, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, a nine-hole disc golf course, and 2.5 miles of trails.

Nearby wildlife areas offer upland bird and waterfowl hunting. Bald

eagles visit the lake in the winter and are often seen perching in shoreline trees or soaring above the lake. A popular destination for fishermen, the 4,000-acre Pomona Reservoir offers some of the best crappie and catfish angling in Kansas, as well as good populations of walleye, white bass, and largemouth bass.



Prairie Dog State Park



prime place to experience the shortgrass prairies of western Kansas, Prairie Dog State Park occupies 1,150 acres on the shores of Keith Sebelius Reservoir in Norton County. The park is home to a thriving prairie dog colony and is the site of one of the last remaining adobe houses in Kansas.

Campsites at Prairie Dog include 46 electric/water sites, 12 electric-only

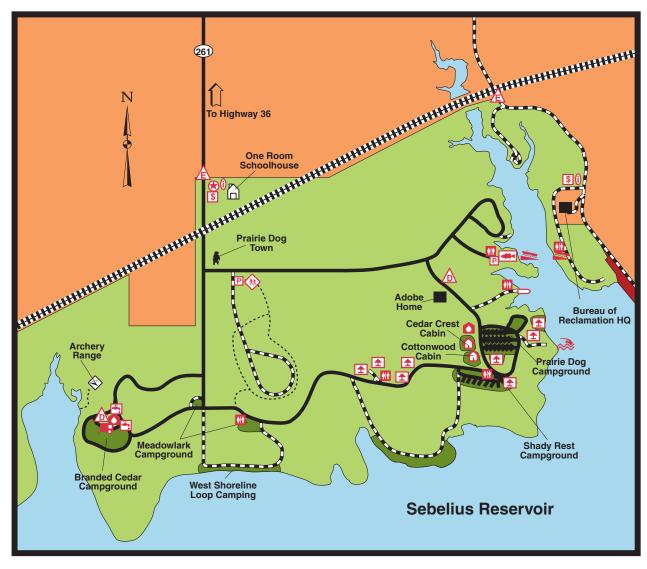


sites, and more than 75 primitive sites. Reservable campsites are available, and two cabins are available for rent. Camping areas offer nearby shower and restroom facilities and and two RV dump stations. A 1.4-mile nature trail complete with interpretive signs is a great place to explore the park and observe wildlife.

Historical interpretation is a hall-mark of this park. Two vintage 19th century buildings are preserved here, including a one-room school and renovated adobe house.

Sebelius Reservoir is well known for its excellent fishing opportunities. In recent years, anglers have found productive fishing for black bass, wiper, crappie, catfish, and saugeye.

The 6,400-acre Norton Wildlife Area offers good prospects for pheasant, waterfowl, turkey, and rabbits. Both white-tailed and mule deer can be found here, as well as a variety of furbearers.



Scott State Park

I idden in the western Kansas prairie, Scott State Park is a startling oasis of natural springs, deep wooded canyons, and

craggy bluffs. The 1,020-acre park surrounds the 100-acre, spring-fed Scott State Fishing Lake.

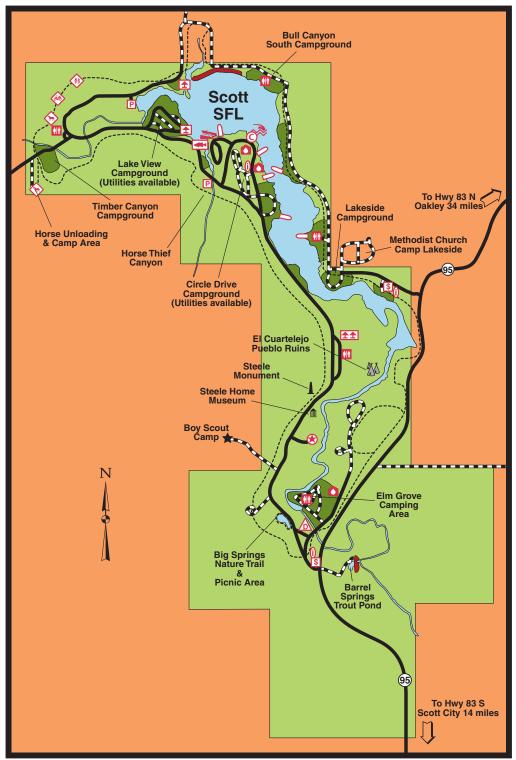
Rich in history, this park provides an ideal setting for camping, boating, swimming, hiking, hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation. The Steele home, the dwelling of the original settlers on the area, has been preserved much as it was more than 100 years ago. The park also boasts the northernmost pueblo in the U. S. – El Cuartelejo.

The park has 55 utility campsites, including some with 50-amp service and water hookups. Three modern shower buildings, 100 primitive campsites, and several vault toilets are also available. Visitors enjoy a swimming beach and playground, and a concessions building stocks camping and fishing supplies. Canoe and paddleboat rentals are available seasonally.

Nature trails accommodate hikers, horseback riders, and naturalists and provide excellent opportunities to observe wildlife in natural habitats. Wild turkey, deer, bobcat, and beaver are common in the area. A horse camp area provides amenities for equestrian visitors.



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Tuttle Creek State Park

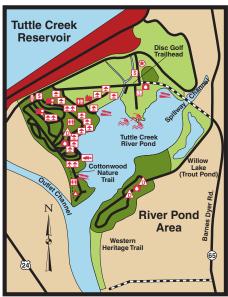
ocated near Manhattan in northeast Kansas, Tuttle Creek State Park offers visitors a broad variety of outdoor recreation possibilities and plenty of room to roam. Tuttle Creek Reservoir, the state's second largest impoundment, offers 12,500 acres of water and about 100 miles of rugged, wooded shoreline to explore.

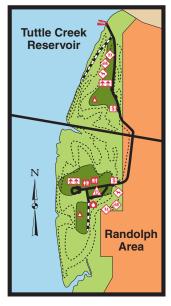
Four units – River Pond, Cedar Ridge, Fancy Creek and Randolph – make up the 1,250-acre park. Electric and water hookups, a swimming beach, boat ramps, courtesy docks, and dump stations are available. Campgrounds contain 154 water/electric campsites, 44 electric-only campsites, and space for up to 500 primitive camping units. The newest campground – Rocky Ford – can be accessed through the River Pond area, and offers 40 designated











utility campsites in a shady, wooded setting with many directly adjacent to the waters of River Pond. This campground contains a new showerhouse, dump station, and a trailhead that allows easy access to the 1.5-mile long Western Heritage Trail. This concrete trail lies adjacent to the Big Blue River for hikers and bikers, as well as access for anglers. A large portion of the trail is completed; the remainder will be completed in 2009.

Numerous nature trails, a mountain biking trail, and a scenic equestrian trail offer explorers a variety of routes to experience the aesthetic Flint Hills. Scenic picnic areas, an 18-hole disc golf course, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, and convenientlyplaced restroom and shower facilities accommodate park visitors. The stateof-the-art Fancy Creek Shooting Range is open the first and third weekends of each month and the fourth Thursday. The River Pond area also offers a laundry facility and rental of canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats for use on River Pond.

Excellent channel cat and flathead fishing is available in the lake and in the river above and below the lake. Fair numbers of bass and crappie are caught near standing timber and brush piles, and saugeye can be taken off the face of the dam, as well as in the river below. The 12,000-acre wildlife area adjacent to the park offers excellent hunting and wildlife watching.

Webster State Park

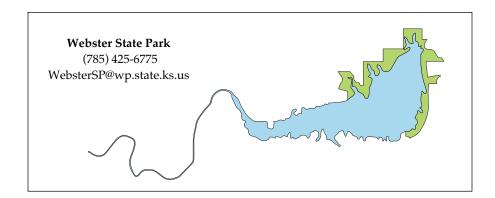


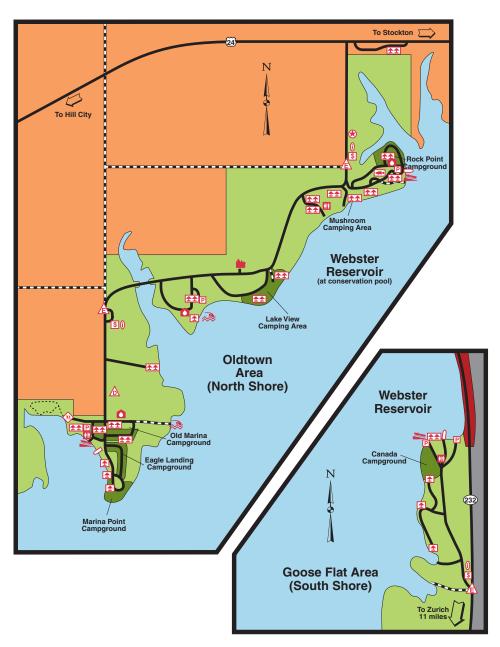
Tebster State Park offers a prairie setting of rolling hills and spacious skies. The park occupies 880 acres contained in two tracts on the shores of Webster Reservoir.

Campers can choose from 74 utility campsites and more than 100 primitive campsites. In addition to boating and fishing, campers at Webster choose from recreational opportunities provided by swimming beaches, a sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, and a hiking trail. The newest addition to Webster's attractions is a two-bedroom cabin that accommodates six people.

Five boat ramp lanes and three courtesy docks offer boaters ample launching facilities. Pleasure boating, fishing, water skiing, and windsurfing are popular activities at Webster. Primary sportfish include walleye, wiper, largemouth bass, crappie, channel catfish, and flathead catfish. The park offers floating fishing docks, and there is an easily-accessible fishing pier at the nearby stilling basin.

The 5,750-acre Webster Wildlife Area is home to white-tailed and mule deer, pheasants, quail, waterfowl, wild turkey, squirrels, and numerous songbirds.





Wilson State Park



et in the scenic Smoky Hills region of Kansas, Wilson State Park provides convenient access to one of the state's prime water recreation areas.

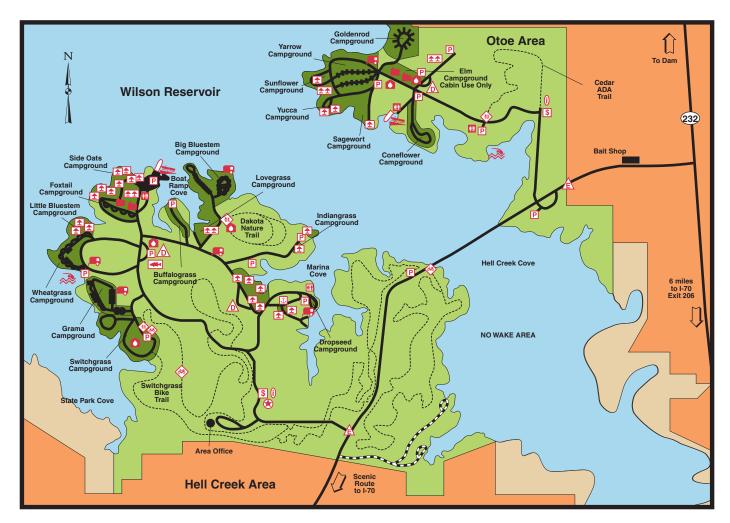
The park's 945 acres consist of two areas – Hell Creek and Otoe – both situated on the south side of the 9,000-acre Wilson Reservoir. Utility and primitive campsites, day-use areas, a swimming beach, boating access, a marina, and trails provide enjoyable alternatives for visi-

tors. Water hookups and shower buildings are available April through September. Frost-free water hydrants and several vault toilets are open through the winter. For RV campers, the park has three dump stations – two in

Hell Creek and one in Otoe. The park offers four modern cabins for rent by visitors.

The Dakota Trail gives visitors one of the best views of the Kansas prairie and Wilson Reservoir. The Switchgrass Bike Trail offers bicyclists a scenic 13-mile route. Cedar Trail in the Otoe area is a handicapped-accessible, onemile loop with an asphalt surface.

Wilson State Park offers excellent opportunities to view and photograph wildlife, including deer, bobwhite quail, waterfowl, numerous songbirds, and migratory birds. The adjacent 8,000-acre Wilson Wildlife Area offers an array of hunting opportunities. Famous for its striped bass and walleye fishing, Wilson attracts thousands of anglers each year.



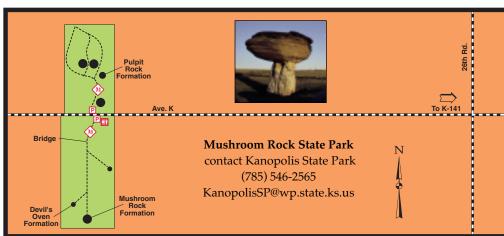
Mushroom Rock State Park



ushroom Rock State Park is a geological phenomenon of sandstone spheres balanced on softer pedestals of sandstone. The power of erosion weathered away the softer portions of sandy rock. The spheres of the naturally-cemented portions of the sandstone are what we see today.

The Smoky Hill Wagon Trail crossed in this vicinity. These unusual formations, which resemble giant mushrooms reaching for the sky, served as landmarks and meeting places for Native Americans and pioneers.

Managed by staff from nearby Kanopolis State Park, Mushroom Rock is a unique site in a history-rich region.



Sand Hills State Park



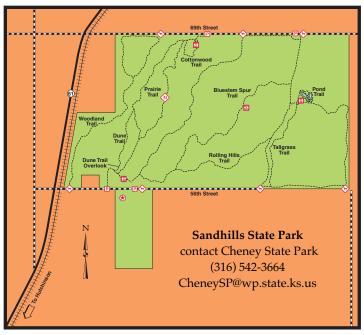
A unique natural area, Sand Hills State Park is a wildlife watcher's delight. Located northeast of Hutchinson in

Reno County, the park features excellent trails that wind through 1,123 acres of sand dunes, native prairie, wetlands, and woodlands. Visitors are limited to walk-in access to help protect the area's natural features. A trail access permit is currently required for persons 16 or older. However, KDWP plans to remove the trail permit requirements and implement a vehicle permit requirement in 2009, upon completion of a modern horse campground.

Two wildlife observation blinds allow visitors a close-up view of ducks, geese, songbirds, deer, muskrats, and more. The most popular activities at Sand Hills are hiking and horseback riding. Eight different trails provide hikers and horseback riders a variety of natural environments. The trails range from one mile to almost four miles and are open throughout the year. Most trails start from four parking lots located on 56th Street or 69th Street.

Archery deer and turkey and upland game hunting

are available only by special permit. Contact the Cheney State Park office for information.



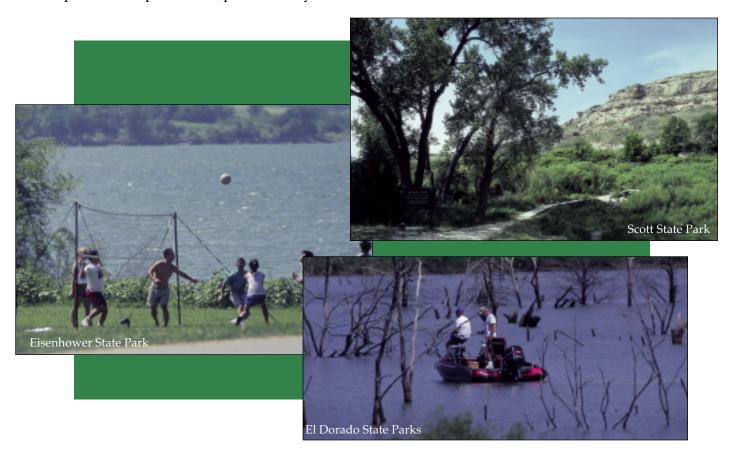
State Park Regulations

- **1.** A current motor vehicle permit is required for every motorized vehicle entering the park.
- **2.**Vehicles are permitted on improved roads and parking areas only.
- **3.** A camper may stay at one campground up to 14 consecutive days and may extend an additional 14 days only with written permission from the manager.
- **4.** Fires are allowed in fireplaces, firerings, and cooking grills only.
- **5.** Swimming is at your own risk and recommended only at swimming beach areas.
- **6.** Beverages containing more than 3.2 percent alcohol are not permitted. Kegs are prohibited in some state parks.
- 7. Pets must be restrained on a leash not longer than 10 feet or otherwise confined.
- **8.** A special event permit is required for any

- event involving entrance fees, sales, organized competition, amplified sound, use of temporary structures (does not include common camping gear or blinds), or reservation of a specific site or facility.
- **9.** Quiet hours are 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Actions that alarm, anger, or disturb others are prohibited. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from the park and a notice to appear in court.

This summary highlights only a portion of the current regulations. For a complete listing of the state park rules and regulations, contact a state park office or KDWP, 512 SE 25th Ave., Pratt, KS 67124-8174; (620) 672-5911.

Complete regulations are also available at the KDWP website, kdwp.state.ks.us.



Cabins Offer Lake-house Experience

Looking for a special yearround Kansas state park experience? Rental cabins are available throughout the year at 18 Kansas state parks, and KDWP continues to add new cabins to your state park system. As of July 2008, Kansas state parks offered 60 completed cabins, with another 11 in various stages of planning and construction. As funds become available, even more are expected in the future. These cabins feature all the comforts of home while providing access to the pleasure of parks and lakes across the state.

Hunters, anglers, hikers, birdwatchers, boaters, and other outdoor enthusiasts can choose from a variety of cabins, ranging from primitive to modern. Scenic surroundings and economical rental fees provide an enticing reprieve from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Some state park cabins feature amenities such as full bathroom with shower; kitchen with microwave, refrigerator, and cook-top stove; beds for as many as nine people; screened-in porch; fire ring; and barbecue grill. Heating and air conditioning, table and chairs, basic pots and pans, and table service for four are also offered at many cabins, making them all-season getaways. Most modern cabins are fully ADA-accessible. Cabins without water or full bathrooms are located near park shower houses.

Reservations are required, and cabins are in high demand, so renters are encouraged to call well in advance of a planned trip to make sure a cabin is available. Some are handicapped accessible.

Prices vary depending on location, timing, and amenities. Weekly and monthly rates are available.

Phone the state park of your choice and plan a home-state vacation or weekend getaway with all the comforts of home and the outdoor recreational opportunities of one of many fine Kansas state parks.





Park Visitors Hit The Trail!

At one time, Kansas trails were an essential part of the state's pioneering economy. The Santa Fe, the Oregon, the Chisholm — these are just a few trails Kansas helped make famous. Although modern highway systems have made these trails obsolete, demand has increased for recreational trails: places to hike, bicycle, ride horses, and just plain enjoy nature.

This shifting demand for access to the land has created a new interest in public trails. In response, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has put new emphasis on developing and maintaining trails at state parks and wildlife areas across the state. Currently, the department maintains 480 miles of recreational trails, enhancing the economic and environmental value of the Sunflower State's park system.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also maintains trails at many of the state's major reservoirs. Some of these trails dovetail with state park trails, creating expansive hiking experiences.

Kansas trails provide a wide range of benefits. Many trails have historic value, tracing the footsteps of pioneers such as Lewis and Clark, Zebulon Pike, and John C. Fremont. Trails provide an economic boost to local communities because trail users spend money when they travel. Trails also provide people with a better appreciation for wildlife and natural resources. Trails get people close to flora, fauna, and natural geological formations that roads and highways just can't access.

Not the least of trail benefits is personal health. Studies show that walking and bicycling can condition the heart and lungs, reduce weight, and lower blood pressure and cholesterol. And the natural settings of Kansas state park trails provide a renewing of the spirit and peace of mind seldom found in the urban landscape.

So get in step with the future. Discover Kansas trails, truly a moving experience.

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Cedar Bluff	1	1	1	1 trail, 5 miles
Cheney	2			2 trails, .8 miles
Clinton	3	1		3 trails, 29.75 miles
Crawford	4	4		4 trails, 8.25 miles
Cross Timbers	5	4		5 trails, 15.75 miles
Eisenhower	3	1	3*	3 trails, 20.75 miles
El Dorado	6	5	1*	6 trails, 19.2 miles
Elk City	4	2		5 trails, 10.75 miles
Fall River	5	5		5 trails, 6.5 miles
Glen Elder	3			3 trails, 7.5 miles
Hillsdale	2	2	1*	2 trails, 39 miles
Kanopolis	5	2	1*	5 trails, 31.52 miles
Meade	1	1		1 trail, .8 miles
Milford	4	4	1	4 trails, 13.6 miles
Mushroom Rock	1			1 trail, .5 miles
Perry	2	1	1*	2 trails, 40 miles
Pomona	3	2		3 trails, 3 miles
Prairie Dog	1	1		1 trail, 1.4 miles
Prairie Spirit RT	1	1		1 trail, 33 miles
Sand Hills	8		5	8 trails, 12.6 miles
Scott	2	1	1*	2 trails, 7.3 miles
Tuttle Creek	4	2	1*	5 trails, 20.5 miles
Webster	1			1 trail, 3 miles
Wilson	3	1		3 trails, 22.75 miles



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