Goodman State Fishing Lake and Wildlife Area is located 5 miles south and 2.5 miles east of Ness City. The area boasts a 40-acre lake and 225-acre upland wildlife area. The area is owned by the Wet Walnut Watershed District No. 58 and managed by Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and Ness County cooperative sponsorship agreements. The Soil Conservation Service provided assistance in construction of the lake.

The potential angler is likely to catch largemouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill, and redear at this lake. Because of water level conditions largemouth bass and channel catfish growth fluctuate but are generally in good condition. However, the bluegill and redear enthusiasts should have no trouble catching a nice stringer of panfish.

Because the property is a relatively recent acquisition hunters will find the area to be somewhat limited in hunting potential. This is primarily the result of the lack of habitat diversity on the area. However, the hunter should be able to scare up an occasional pheasant or quail in the foodplot and tree plantings site along the west edge of the property. Hunting opportunity and success can only get better as more habitat diversity is added to the area through additional tree and shrub plantings.

The lake is a prime spot for picnicking, camping (primitive), general outdoor recreation. Picnic shelters with tables are available for group activities and are located within easy walking distance of the parking area. The boat ramp, dumpster and toilet facility are also located nearby for visitor convenience.

Vehicles are allowed on maintained roads and in the parking areas only.
Special creel and length limits may be in effect for some fish species. Please check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices prior to fishing.
All regulations pertaining to state fishing lakes are in effect for this area.