

HILLSDALE

Hillsdale is one of the newest reservoirs in Kansas. Originally authorized in 1954 and completed in 1982, the reservoir is part of a comprehensive flood control plan for the Osage and Missouri

River basins. Located in the rolling hills of Northern Miami County, the Hillsdale Wildlife Area has convenient access from urban Kansas City. The wildlife area offers outdoor opportunities to anglers, boaters,

trappers, hunters, hikers, naturalists, photographers, sightseers, and those just out to enjoy our natural environment.

Hillsdale

Reservoir & Wildlife Area

FISHING

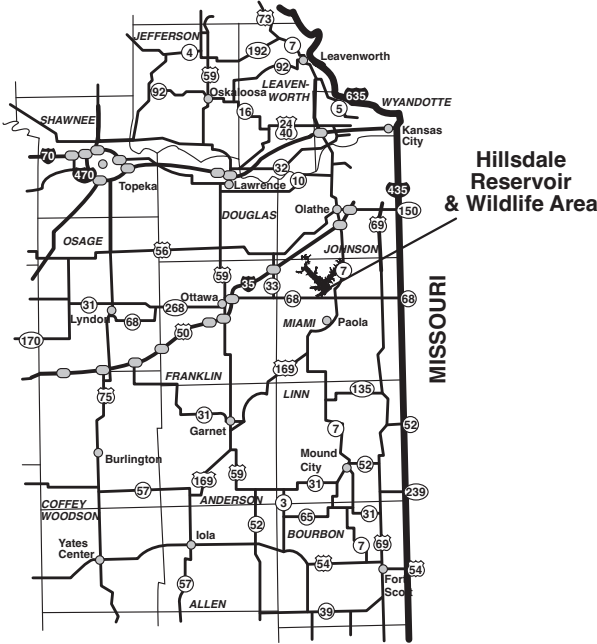
More than 70 percent of the standing timber was left to provide fish habitat when the lake was filled. Primary sport fish include walleye, catfish, largemouth bass, crappie, and bluegill. Fifty-one miles of shoreline and approximately 4,500 acres of water provide fishing opportunities for anglers. Special length limits may apply to some species. Anglers should check local information signs and refer to the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary for details.

HUNTING

Hillsdale Reservoir provides hunting opportunities on approximately 10,000 acres of land and water. Waterfowl, deer, turkey, squirrels, rabbits, dove and quail are the most sought after species. Turkeys and deer predominate throughout the wildlife area. Rabbits and squirrels are common and provide many hunting opportunities throughout the hunting season. Quail are present in low to fair numbers and are highly sought after especially during the opening weekend of November. In addition to the reservoirs' open water and shoreline, manmade marshes provide shallow water habitat for waterfowl hunting and bird watching. The mourning dove is allusive and occurs in variable numbers from year to year. The most successful dove hunting opportunities generally occur during the opening few days of the season around crop fields and open ponds.

Furbearers are numerous within the wildlife area. Trapping, and calling is encouraged within the areas open to public hunting and during established seasons.

Hunting is not authorized in and around developed areas within the state park camp grounds, boat ramps, and parking areas. Hunting is also prohibited around the Corp of Engineers Office and facilities, on the dam, and in the outlet area. Hunters are referred to the "Hunting and Fur harvester Regulations Summary" for Hunting seasons, rules and regulations.



General Area Map

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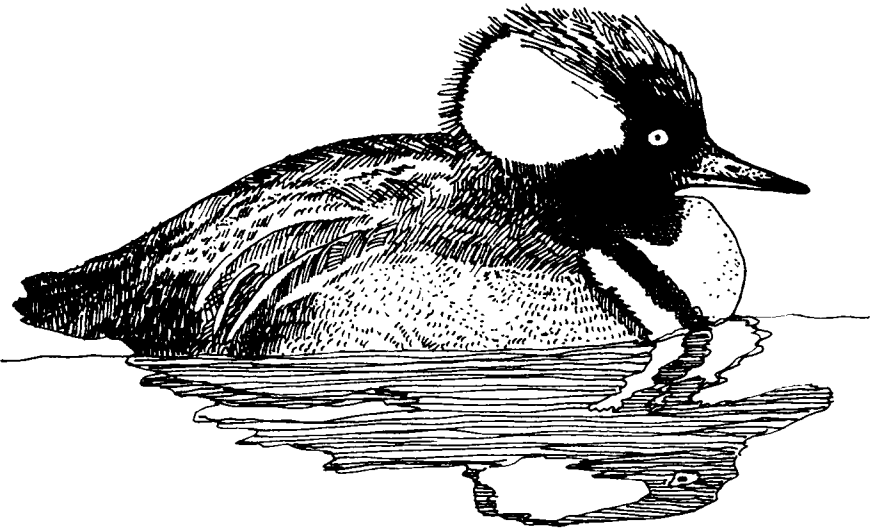


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WATCHABLE WILDLIFE

A variety of wildlife is available for the watching throughout the year. The shorelines and marsh areas provide habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl. Non-game birds including the Harris sparrow, White-Throated Sparrow, White-Crowned Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, American Goldfinch, Dickcissel, Cardinal, Bluebirds, and others are common. Eagles can be observed from time to time. Several pairs of eagles are nesting at Hillsdale. Pelicans are a frequent visitor.

BOATING

The wildlife area has four primitive boating access areas. The primitive access areas have minimum maintenance and limited as to the size and weight of vehicles and boats that can be launched. They are not paved and become unserviceable during extreme water level events. The primitive access areas are generally available for the smaller motorboats, Jon-boats, and canoes.

The state park has one primitive boat launching area and five developed boat ramps. All state park areas require a state park vehicle permit.

All boaters are referred to the "Summary of Kansas Boating Laws and Regulations" for a summary of safety and boating rules. All vessels propelled by machinery of any kind, or a sail, must be properly registered.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Check area information signs for safety information and regulations.

Camping is authorized only within the State Park camping areas and not in the wildlife areas.

Horses are not authorized in the wildlife area and are restricted to open maintained roads and parking areas.

Horse trails are available within the State Park.

All State Park areas require a state park vehicle permit.

Vehicles must remain on roads and parking areas maintained for public use..

The refuge is closed to all activities as posted.

Hunters remember to remove your hunting stands within 14 days after the season closes.

Duck blinds left in the field must be made from natural materials only.

Mooring of boats is prohibited except in established mooring facilities.

Only 3.2-cereal malt beverage consumption is authorized on public areas unless posted otherwise.

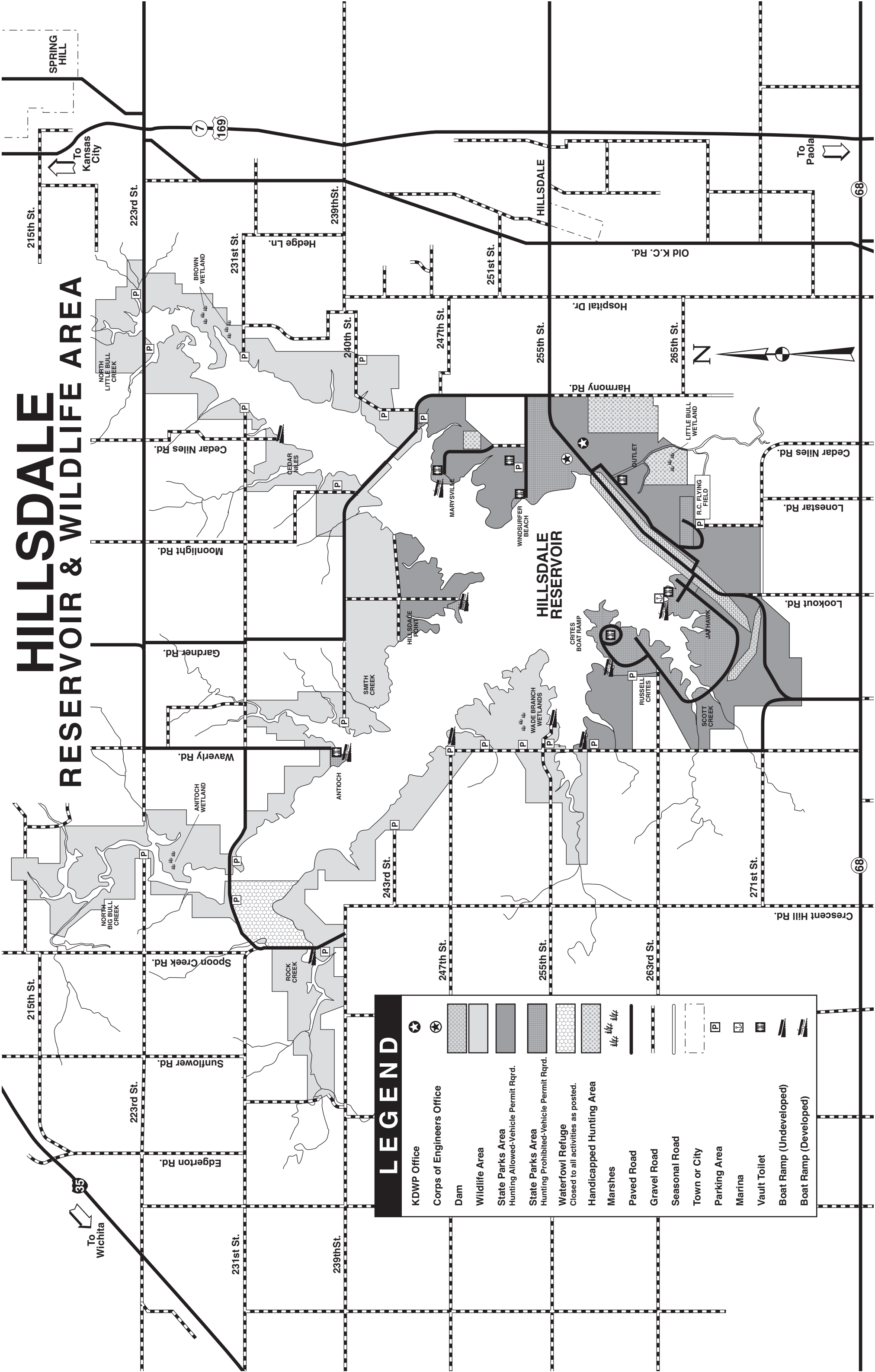
Target practice is prohibited.

Pets must be on a leash except when hunting.

Trash pickup is not available in the wildlife areas. Help protect the environment by packing your trash home with you.



HILLSDALE RESERVOIR & WILDLIFE AREA



LEGEND

- KDWP Office
- Corps of Engineers Office
- Dam
- Wildlife Area
- State Parks Area
- Hunting Allowed-Vehicle Permit Rqrd.
- State Parks Area
- Hunting Prohibited-Vehicle Permit Rqrd.
- Waterfowl Refuge
- Closed to all activities as posted.
- Handicapped Hunting Area
- Marshes
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Seasonal Road
- Town or City
- Parking Area
- Marina
- Vault Toilet
- Boat Ramp (Undeveloped)
- Boat Ramp (Developed)