

KAW

Kaw Wildlife Area, located within the floodplain of the Arkansas River, extends from the south edge of Arkansas City to the Kansas-Oklahoma border. The area consists of 4,341 acres of land and river, all well above the conservation pool of Kaw Reservoir downstream in Oklahoma.

Owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the area is

managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for fish and wildlife. Management emphasis is on hunting because management costs are funded by federal funds derived from excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunition.

The entire area is open to public hunting. Not all of the boundaries are fenced, but all are marked with standard yellow and black “Public

Hunting Area” signs at all corners and at intervals along the boundaries. Primary access roads and entrance points are marked with “Public Wildlife Area” signs.

U.S. Highways 77 and 166 provide access to the Arkansas City vicinity while country and township roads provide direct access to Kaw Wildlife Area.

AREA MANAGEMENT

About one-fourth of the area is under cultivation. These cultivated lands are leased to local farmers on sharecrop basis. A portion of the crop is left standing in the fields to provide food and protective cover for

wildlife. Grasslands also provide valuable habitats that need protection, so it is especially important that vehicles be driven only on graveled roads.

HUNTING

Hunting opportunities include bobwhite quail, cottontail rabbits, fox squirrels, mourning doves, turkeys, and white-tailed deer, as well as a few pheasants. As waterfowl migrate to Kaw Reservoir in Oklahoma, duck

and goose hunting is available along the river and in feed fields on the public hunting areas.

REGULATIONS

Regulations for hunting on the area are the same for hunting on private lands. Those regulations are outlined in the hunting regulations brochure available from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Park offices, county clerks and most sporting goods dealers. Special consideration should be given to good sports-

manship and safety. A state regulation prohibits the digging of pits for blinds or any other purpose. All blinds must be portable or temporary, using native materials found at the blind site. Hunting with rifles or slugged shotguns is permitted.

FISH

No impounded water from the dam backs into Kansas, but excellent stream fishing for catfish, white bass, and an occasional striped bass is available to the public on 8 miles of Grouse Creek. Vehicle access to the

river and creek, however, is very limited. Anglers should be prepared to do some walking. There is a boat ramp and canoe access points on grouse creek for public use.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please take your trash with you.

No vehicles off gravel areas.

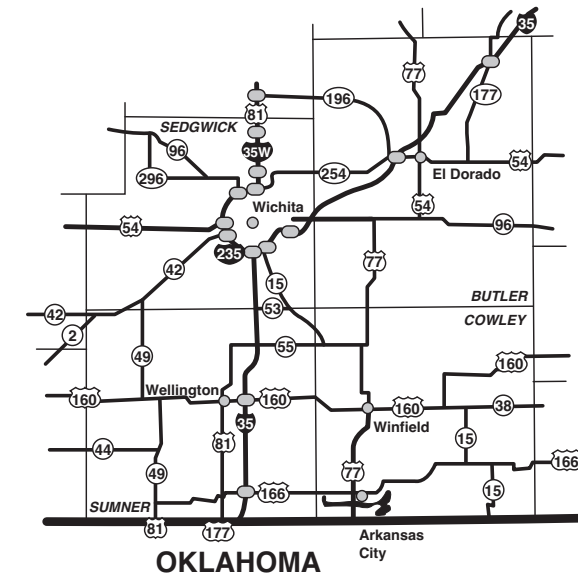
Steel shot for waterfowl.

No permanent blinds (waterfowl or deer).

Look for posted special regulations. Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area.

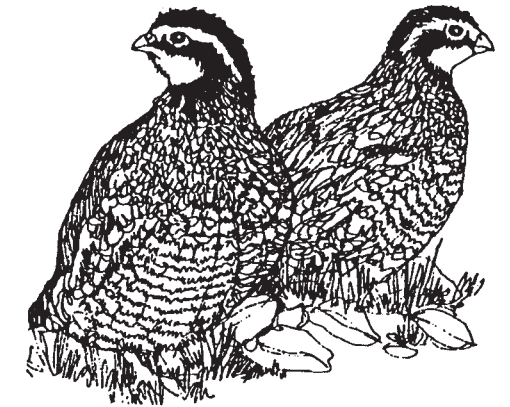
Special length and creel limits may be in effect for some fish species. Check posted notices and the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary for details.

Prescribed burning practices are used on this area to improve and manage wildlife habitat and enhance wild-flower species. Burning practices and dates will differ from that of agriculture because our goals are much different.



General Area Map

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