

LA CYGNE

La Cygne Reservoir is located near U.S. Highway 69 about 55 miles south of Kansas City. Kansas City Power and Light owns the property and operates a coal-fired generating plant on the east side of the lake. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) and

Linn County lease the reservoir and surrounding land for public recreation.

La Cygne reservoir and wildlife area is comprised of 2,600 surface acres of water and 2,000 acres of land managed primarily for wildlife. The reservoir has storage capacity of 40,000 acre-

feet at normal operating level, with a maximum depth of 35 feet and an average depth of about 15 feet. The area is located within the Osage Questas physiographic province. Wooded hills, grass meadows, and small crop fields surround the reservoir.

HUNTING

La Cygne Wildlife Area supports a diversity of wildlife. Interspersion of woods, prairie, and fields provides habitat for both game and nongame wildlife. KDWP is enhancing wildlife habitat through establishing additional prairie grasses, prescribed burning and planting food plots, and cover such as clover.

Generators discharge warm water throughout the winter, and impressive numbers of waterfowl congre-

gate in the ice-free area. Grain and browse crops for waterfowl are planted in several large fields. Winter flocks of waterfowl often attract bald eagles.

The area offers excellent squirrel hunting, as well as good deer, turkey, bobwhite quail, and rabbit hunting. Waterfowl hunting can be excellent when severe weather concentrates birds.

Half-cut trees, brush piles, and tire reefs have been placed in the lake to increase fish habitat. These sites are marked by buoys. Current efforts are aimed at improving predators, increasing fish attractors and removing rough fish.

Special length and creel limits may apply. Check posted regulations or contact KDWP or Linn County Park for current information.

Check posted regulations. **Pleasure boating, wind surfing, water skiing, and swimming are prohibited.** Motor boats must be specifically for hunting or fishing.

This brochure is not intended to be a summary of all regulations concerning use of La Cygne Reservoir and Wildlife Area, but covers the most commonly asked questions. For more information visit www.ksoutdoors.gov.

FISHING

La Cygne reservoir is managed to support a diverse, high-quality sport fishery. The lake is well known for producing big largemouth bass. Crappie, flathead and channel catfish, white and striped bass, wiper, bluegill, and walleye are also present. Rough fish provide opportunities for bowfishing.

Warm water discharge provides open water for year-round fishing and concentrates fish for easier harvest.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Firearms are restricted to shotguns and rim-fire. **Centerfire firearms are not allowed.** Archery and muzzleloader hunting are permitted. Portable blinds and stands may be used, or blinds may be built from natural vegetation or woody debris present at the blind site. Blinds and stands must be removed within 14 days of the close of the appropriate season. Pit blinds are prohibited. Non-toxic shot must be used when hunting waterfowl.

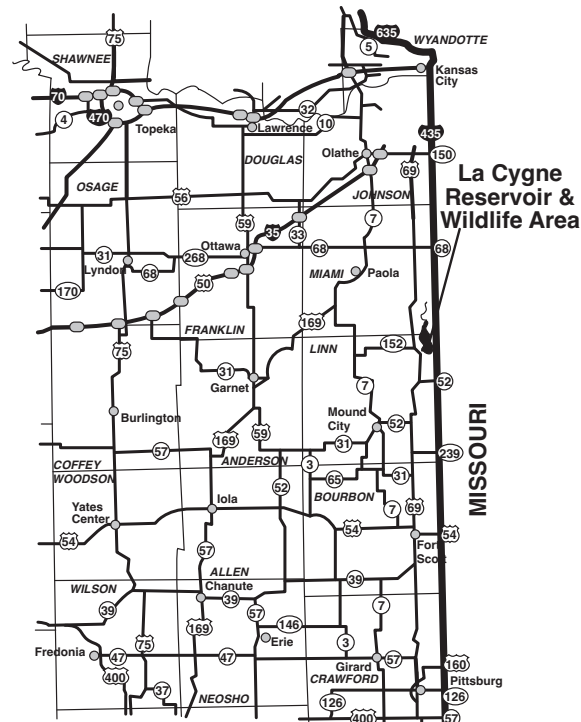
Fishing is not allowed in restricted discharge and intake areas. Special length and creel limits may apply.

OTHER RECREATION

La Cygne reservoir and Wildlife Area is open to fishing all year and hunting during legal seasons. Although no camping facilities are provided, primitive camping is allowed at designated sites. The area provides good opportunities for hiking, picnicking, and birdwatching. Parking lots, boat ramps, and public toilets are available on the wildlife area.

NEARBY FACILITIES

Linn County maintains an excellent park west of the reservoir. Campsites near hookups, bath houses, docks, cabins, a swimming pool, and a marina are available. Fishing bait and supplies may be purchased at the park marina.



General Area Map

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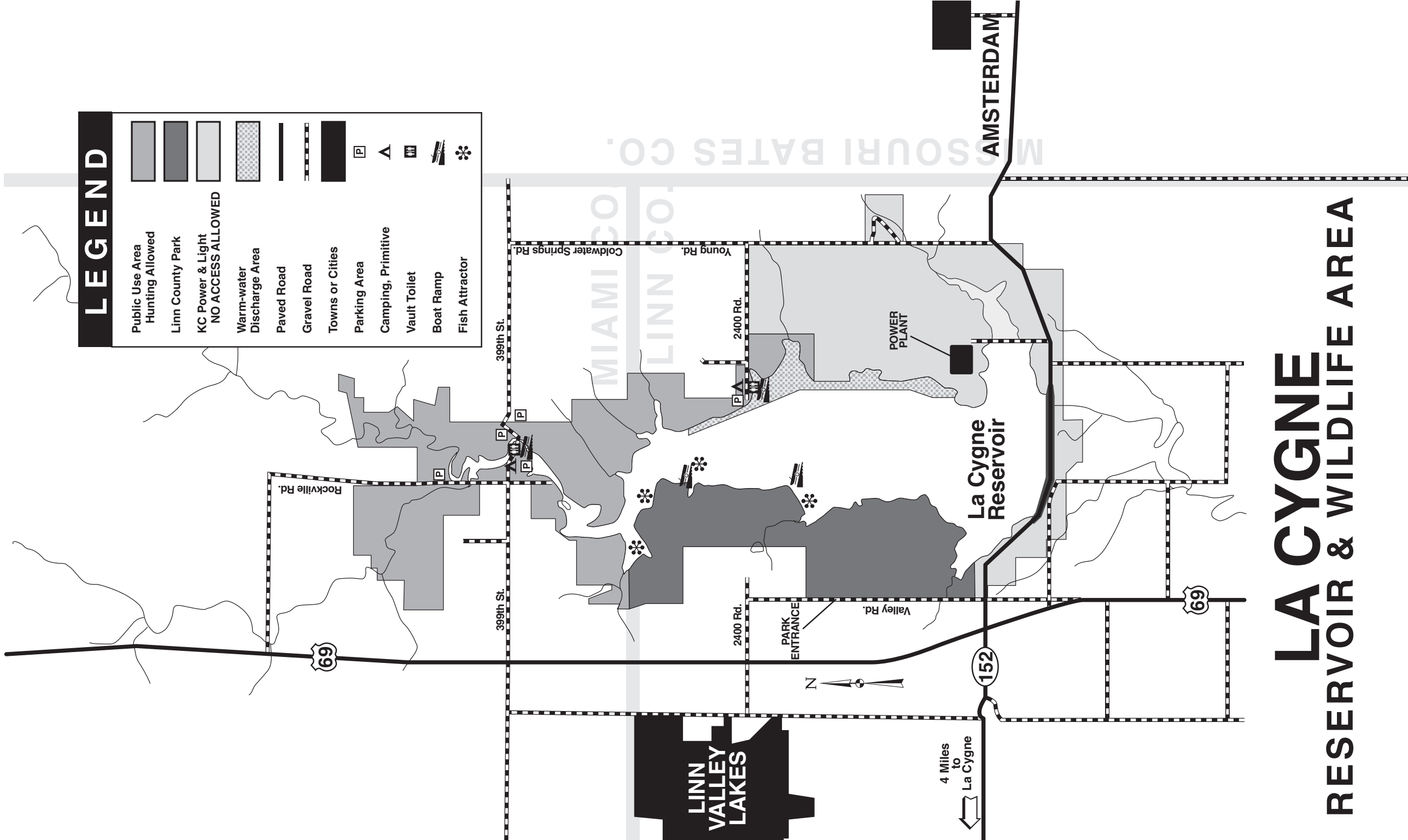
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