

# 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 Miami County, Hillsdale State Park and Wildlife Area has convenient access from urban Kansas City. Hillsdale offers outdoor recreational opportunities to campers, anglers, boaters, hunters, swimmers, horseback riders, model airplane flyers, hikers, naturalists, picnickers, photographers, sightseers, and those just out to enjoy our natural environment.

## Camping

Camping is only allowed in designated camping sites. There are 241 utility campsites. 234 of these sites are 50-amp. Sixty of these sites are full-utility and are located in the Sunflower Campground, thirty of which have concrete pads. Seven 30-amp sites are located in the Saddle Ridge Equestrian Campground. There are 75 primitive sites available with non utilities. Five bathroom/showerhouses are available during the regular camping season, April 1 - October 31.

## Fishing

When the lake was filled, more than 70 percent of the standing timber was left to provide fish habitat. Walleye, catfish, largemouth bass, crappie, and bluegill are abundant.

Fishing is allowed on all 51 miles of shoreline and approximately 4,500 acres of surface water, except for developed beach areas and boat ramps. Special length limits may apply to some species. For more information on fishing laws and regulations, refer to the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary.

## Hunting

Approximately 7,000 acres are open to hunting. Waterfowl, big and small game, and upland game-bird hunting is allowed on state park and wildlife areas during the designated hunting seasons. Developed areas such as boat ramps, shelter areas, parking lots, beaches, campgrounds, and the dam are safety zones where hunting is prohibited. Refer to *Hunting and Furharvester Regulations Summary* for seasons and bag limit information.

## Boating and Sailing

There are currently seven boat ramp areas (primitive and developed) available at the Hillsdale Reservoir. All vessels propelled by machinery of any kind, or a sail, must be properly registered before operation in the state of Kansas. For details on boating laws and regulations, refer to the Summary of Kansas Boating Laws and Regulations.

## Beach Use and Swimming

There are three developed beach areas (Swimming Beach, Windsurfer Beach and PWC Beach) that are open from sunrise to sunset. One bathroom and one bathroom/showerhouse are open from May 15 - September 15, sunrise to sunset. In order to provide public safety, the following items or activities are not allowed within the developed beach areas: glass containers, open fires, pets, fishing, boats, alcohol/beer. Dogs are allowed at Windsurfer Beach.

## Horseback Riding

The Saddle Ridge equestrian area on the east side of the reservoir has approximately 32 miles of marked trails available to horseback riders. Outside of this area, horse and other riding of livestock is allowed only on maintained roads, and parking areas. Livestock is not allowed in developed picnicking, camping, or beach areas. Camping for trail users only at Saddle Ridge campground.

## Model Airplane Flying

Model airplane flying is allowed in the flying area located south of the dam. All posted rules and regulations must be strictly adhered to.

## Some General Regulations

All vehicles require day-use permits while in state park permit area.

All campers must have a nightly camping permit. Campers in an electric and water camping site must pay a utility fee.

Fires are allowed only in designated fire rings. There is currently no target practicing allowed in the Hillsdale State Park or Wildlife Areas.

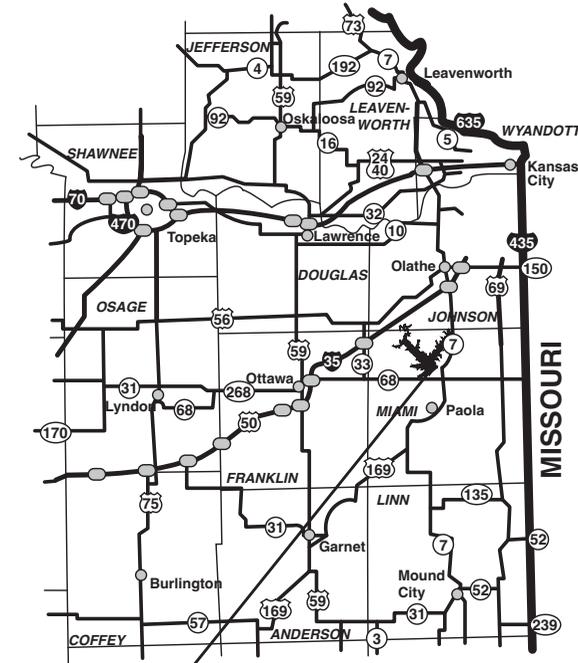
Pets are required to be on a leash or confined to a cage or vehicle in all state park permit areas except while hunting in designated hunting areas.

## Things to Remember

The regulation summary contained in this brochure is not a complete listing. Consult state park offices and area information signs regarding additional regulations.



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Hillsdale Reservoir & State Park

## General Area Map

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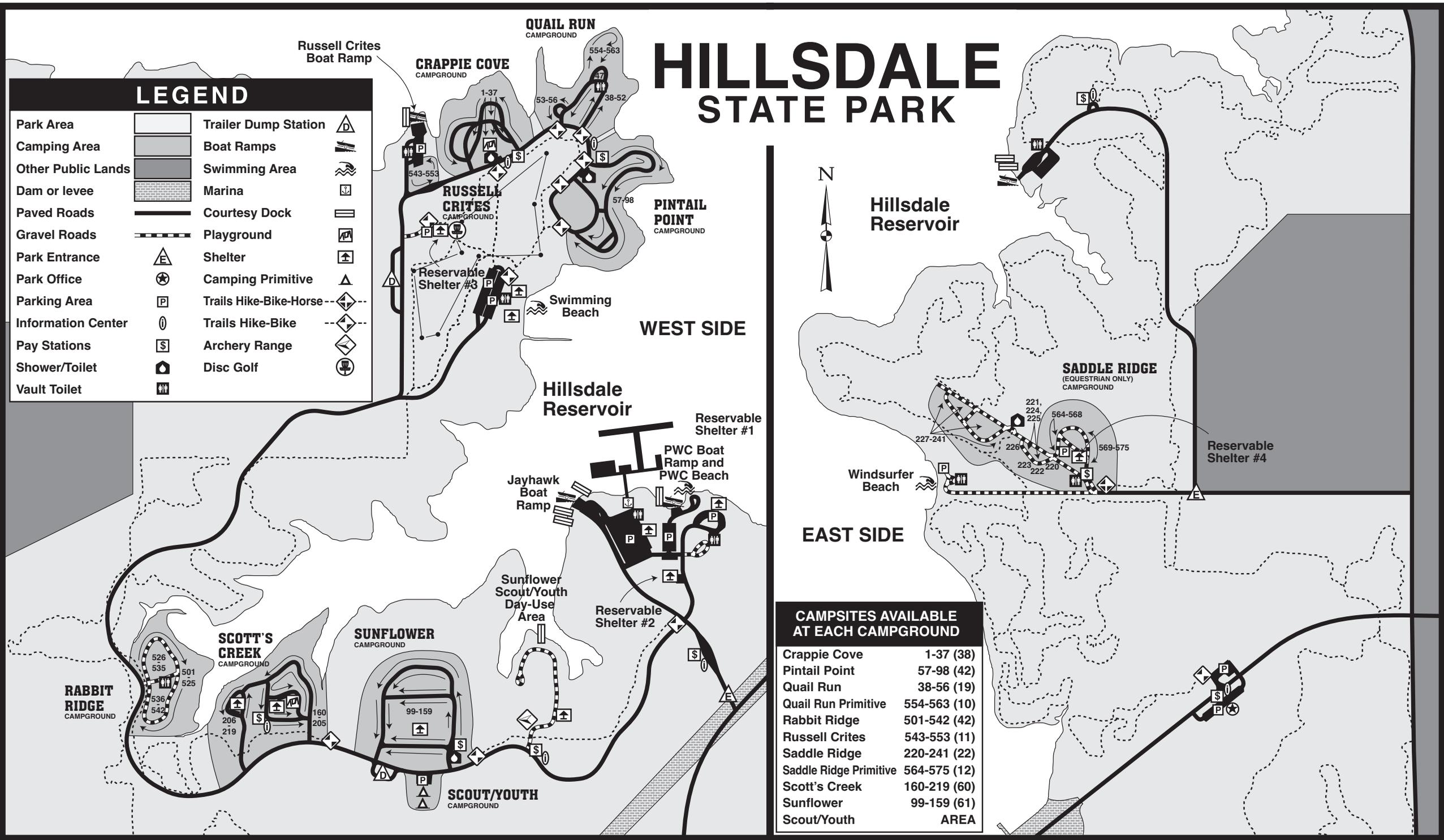
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# HILLSDALE STATE PARK

## LEGEND

Park Area		Trailer Dump Station	
Camping Area		Boat Ramps	
Other Public Lands		Swimming Area	
Dam or levee		Marina	
Paved Roads		Courtesy Dock	
Gravel Roads		Playground	
Park Entrance		Shelter	
Park Office		Camping Primitive	
Parking Area		Trails Hike-Bike-Horse	
Information Center		Trails Hike-Bike	
Pay Stations		Archery Range	
Shower/Toilet		Disc Golf	
Vault Toilet			



### CAMPSITES AVAILABLE AT EACH CAMPGROUND

Crappie Cove	1-37 (38)
Pintail Point	57-98 (42)
Quail Run	38-56 (19)
Quail Run Primitive	554-563 (10)
Rabbit Ridge	501-542 (42)
Russell Crites	543-553 (11)
Saddle Ridge	220-241 (22)
Saddle Ridge Primitive	564-575 (12)
Scott's Creek	160-219 (60)
Sunflower	99-159 (61)
Scout/Youth	AREA