

# 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.

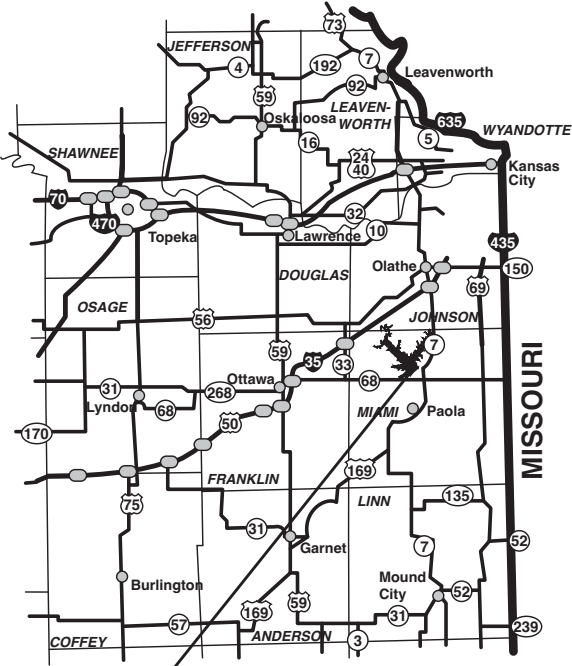
Pets are required to be on a leash or confined to a cage or vehicle in all state park permit areas except while hunting in designated hunting areas.

## 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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# 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       |  |                        |  |

Russell Crites  
Boat Ramp

CRAPPIE COVE  
CAMPGROUND

QUAIL RUN  
CAMPGROUND

RUSSELL  
CRITES  
CAMPGROUND

PINTAIL  
POINT  
CAMPGROUND

WEST SIDE

Hillsdale  
Reservoir

Reservable  
Shelter #1

PWC Boat  
Ramp and  
PWC Beach

Jayhawk  
Boat  
Ramp

Sunflower  
Scout/Youth  
Day-Use  
Area

Reservable  
Shelter #2

SCOTT'S  
CREEK  
CAMPGROUND

SUNFLOWER  
CAMPGROUND

RABBIT  
RIDGE  
CAMPGROUND

SCOUT/YOUTH  
CAMPGROUND

Hillsdale  
Reservoir

EAST SIDE

SADDLE RIDGE  
(EQUESTRIAN ONLY)  
CAMPGROUND

Reservable  
Shelter #4

## 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         |