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# ***INTRODUCTION & MISSION STATEMENT***

This report is intended to provide general information about the operations and management of the Kansas state parks system. Information includes narrative and statistical reports, and is interpreted as it pertains to the mission, objectives, philosophy and vision of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

## **Parks Mission Statement:**

The mission of the state parks division is to: Enhance or conserve the natural, historical, cultural, and wildlife resources, through good stewardship, while providing for quality outdoor recreation experiences. We will provide public service which includes courtesy, cleanliness of facilities, protection of resources, and safety, being responsive to the needs of the people and the resource.

## **Parks Vision Statement:**

Parks will effectively balance recreation with preservation, wildlife and environmental concerns while leading in environmental awareness through conservation, education and resource protection through involvement of the public in support of our Department's mission.

## **Summary of Kansas State Parks Management Philosophy**

Four factors will shape the future: demography, lifestyle, technology, and resources. Parks will employ the theory and concepts of Kansas Quality Management and Entrepreneurial Governance including policies which are responsive to the changing resources, public, and educational needs while demonstrating leadership and stewardship through cooperation with the public, other agencies, and private enterprise. Parks will lead in entrepreneurial governance by revising a comprehensive management plan to improve the quality of the experience and education, stimulate the economy, and encourage more people to become involved in partnerships.

## **Mission of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks**

Fish, wildlife and outdoor recreation are important to the quality of life for all Kansans and to the Kansas economy. As a public steward of Kansas natural resources, the mission of the Department of Wildlife and Parks is to:

**Conserve** and **enhance** Kansas' natural heritage, its wildlife and its habitats -- to assure future generations the benefits of the state's diverse, living resources;

**Provide** the public with opportunities for the use and appreciation of the natural resources of Kansas, consistent with the conservation of those resources;

**Inform** the public of the status of the natural resources of Kansas to promote understanding and gain assistance in achieving this mission.

The ***HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007 ACHIEVEMENTS*** section of this report will detail how the Parks Division has contributed to furthering the mission of the Department by addressing the critical issues identified in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. These issues are:

1. Improve recreation opportunities through coordinated planning of public and private entities, role analysis and expanded partnerships.
2. Respond to demand for trail experiences.
3. Better identify the scope and diversity of the outdoor recreation market and intensify public and private promotional and advocacy efforts to ensure quality, life enriching outdoor recreation experiences.
4. Utilize all resources in an effort to obtain adequate funding for Outdoor Recreation.
5. Improve Natural Resource Stewardship and protect open space while simultaneously enhancing sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities.

The entire text of the SCORP can be accessed using the link on the Department website at [http://kdwp.state.ks.us/news/state\\_parks/s\\_c\\_o\\_r\\_p](http://kdwp.state.ks.us/news/state_parks/s_c_o_r_p) or can be found at <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/Stevenson/SCORP.pdf>.

## *OVERVIEW OF DIVISION*

The Parks Division of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, under the leadership of Director Jerry Hover, has statewide management responsibility for 25 state parks and the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail. Kaw River State Park officially became KDWP property this year, and the Department purchased additional acreage at Rocky Ford to continue trails and fishing access. This responsibility encompasses approximately 35,000 land and 25,000 water acres, which received over six million visits in 2007. These visitors were served by 114 full-time personnel, augmented by seasonal and part-time staff, contracted service providers, volunteers, inmate crews, AmeriCorps teams, and cooperative work crews from the U.S. Navy Seabees. Although the national average is for one permanent employee to serve 18,000 visitors, Kansas state parks serve over 54,000 visitors per employee, making the Kansas state park system one of the most efficient in the nation. Although the state park system was created by the legislature in 1955, the first facilities in Kansas state parks were not completed until 1958, with the grand opening of Kanopolis State Park. Development continues today with Land and Water Conservation Fund projects and other projects funded from a variety of sources.

Kansas state parks offer a wide variety of geographical, demographic, historical, archeological, biological and recreational opportunities to the public. Each park is unique. Developments for recreation involve approximately 40% of the Pomona State Park's 490 acres, making it one of the most densely developed state parks in Kansas. Lovewell State Park administers 60 private cabin leases. Fifty-six private trailer leases are administered by the marina concessionaire, while the concessionaire at Kanopolis administers 75 trailer lease spaces. Webster State Park administers contracts on eight private cabins, on the south shore of the reservoir, and one organizational camp. Cedar Bluff also administers such leases, while a number of private homes are located within Crawford State Park. Camping, boating, swimming, fishing and hiking are available, as well as naturalist programs and special events. Special events often range from fishing tournaments and family reunions to full-scale outdoor concerts and bicycle races, competitive trail rides, and triathlons. Park topography varies from heavily wooded eastern hardwood forests to windswept sandstone canyons. Many parks contain historical sites and artifacts, such as El Cuartelejo at Scott State Park, famous as the northernmost pueblo in the United States, and rock inscriptions at several state parks. These attractions will become more important if water levels remain at current levels or continue to decline.

The Division is divided administratively into three regions, more or less geographically dividing the state into thirds. The Eastern Region, headed by Bill Porter of Topeka, is comprised of Clinton, Crawford, Eisenhower, Elk City, Fall River, Cross Timbers, Hillsdale, Kaw River, Perry, and Pomona State Parks and the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail. The Central Region is supervised by Alan Stark at Wichita, and is comprised of Cheney, El Dorado, Kanopolis, Milford, Mushroom Rock, Sand Hills, Tuttle Creek, and Wilson State Parks. Cedar Bluff, Glen Elder, Lovewell, Meade, Prairie Dog, Scott, and Webster State Parks make up the Western Region, supervised by Troy Brown from the Hays Regional Office. Much cooperation and coordination occurs among park staff in the various regions, as well as with staff from other Department divisions and other agencies. Division staff often serves on multi-disciplinary task forces, which may involve other agencies.

Permanent, full-time staffing is very lean. The statewide headquarters office at Pratt is staffed by the director, assistant director and a senior administrative assistant. An unclassified position has been added to assist with the workload engendered by the AmeriCorps and Land

and Water Conservation Fund grants. Some AmeriCorps members periodically serve parts of their terms in the headquarters office, usually taking on the backlog of Land and Water Conservation Fund inspections. The three region supervisors have law enforcement responsibilities and often fill in at parks during peak use times as rangers or maintenance personnel. Most parks have a manager, although Mushroom Rock is managed by the Kanopolis staff, Sand Hills by the Cheney staff, and Fall River and Cross Timbers are managed as a unit by the Cross Timbers manager. Most parks also have a park ranger and an administrative assistant, although Pomona and Crawford had no permanent administrative assistant positions until this year, when unclassified administrative assistants added last year became permanent, and the Prairie Spirit Trail was permanently staffed by only the manager until this year. A ranger was added for Prairie Spirit, due to the near-doubling of the mileage as Phase 3 of development progresses. A vacant conservation worker position at Wilson State Park was reallocated to create an additional ranger position at Tuttle Creek State Park. Additionally, most parks have general maintenance personnel, some require the services of a facilities maintenance supervisor, and a few of the larger parks have more than one ranger or maintenance person. An additional unclassified administrative assistant FTE was added at El Dorado State Park to assist with the volume of work through that office. Services to the public are made possible through the management of seasonal and part-time labor, AmeriCorps members, contracted services and labor provided at no cost to the Department. Department of Corrections inmate crews provide a valuable labor force at Prairie Dog, Glen Elder, Hillsdale, Cheney, El Dorado, Fall River, Cross Timbers, Sand Hills, Kanopolis, Wilson and Webster State Parks.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007 ACHIEVEMENTS

2007 will go down in history as the year that each and every one of the 105 counties in Kansas was declared either a state or federal disaster area. Ice, and then snow, coated much of western Kansas as the year opened, crumpling electrical towers and knocking out power, stranding cattle without food, and leaving flooded fields and roads as it melted. Then flooding so widespread that it necessitated holding reservoirs well above flood pool for much of the opening of peak park season hit parts of eastern Kansas. While eastern Kansas lay underwater, one of the most devastating tornadoes in history all but wiped out the town of Greensburg, causing further damage all along its long, wide path. While Kansans, parks division staff and AmeriCorps members included, rolled up their sleeves to help Greensburg and other areas dig out, more flooding combined with a fuel spill hit southeastern Kansas, leaving only the tops of shower houses and the office compound above water in Elk City State Park. Fires burned in drought-ravaged areas of the state. The few counties that escaped natural disaster suffered crop damage from the drought. Then the year ended with another round of severe winter storms.



In the midst of all this devastation, parks staff demonstrated dedication, adaptability, and persistence. Many parks division employees are also volunteer members of fire departments, emergency medical teams, rescue squads and other public service agencies. They responded without question, assisting in flood rescues, sustaining life in the wake of power outages, and responding as security to Greensburg. AmeriCorps members served all over the state to help Kansans work their way out of the disasters. In spite of often working in crisis mode, the division drove forward with new initiatives, adding cabins in rapid succession and moving forward with other programs to provide products and services our constituents want. Despite the number of challenges met and accomplishments made during the year, this comment by the Meade State Park manager sums up the reason our people are so extraordinary: “It was a busy year, but nothing out of the ordinary.”

## SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES

El Dorado Lake was hit with significant flooding during the months of June and July which resulted in a lot of damage and flood debris being deposited in the campgrounds. The park was contacted by Workforce Alliance of Kansas, who had received a U.S. Department of Labor



Crawford Rescue

grant to hire temporary workers for flood cleanup and repair. A team of 20 to 25 workers continues work in the park’s campgrounds to clean up all the flood debris and driftwood, clean and repair electrical pedestals, refurbish nearly 500 picnic tables and resurface campsites and set new railroad tie borders.

The Crawford State Park staff was involved in a rescue of two teenagers who had driven through a flooded low water crossing and were swept into the lake while

stranded on top of their vehicle. Park staff initiated a tight line rescue which saw a successful end and came about with the support of Crawford County EMS, Sheriff's Department, Rescue and the Sherman Township Fire Department. A photo of this rescue made its way to local and national papers and the top story in Crawford County of 2007. Rangers Light and Larson, along with Farlington Hatchery Environmental Scientist Mosier and Park Manager Goble had command of the situation and completed all of the water maneuvers.

Staff and inmates at Fall River State Park worked through the night of June 29, 2007 and all day of June 30, 2007 to secure facilities, move campsite ancillary facilities from flood water and removal all electrical components subject to flood waters, resulting in minimum loss of facilities. A federal share of \$7,920 was secured to repair noted damages from FEMA.

Park Ranger Jeff Ostlund and Sam Allred (Law Enforcement Division) from Cheney State Park saved two individuals stranded in the floods of northern Reno County. The rest of the park's law enforcement contingent assisted with rescue and safety efforts along the Arkansas River. Ostlund also worked security at Greensburg after the tornado. Meade Manager Mark Goldsberry and Doug Lauxman, El Dorado manager, pulled security details at Greensburg, as did Prairie Spirit Manager Trent McCown and PSRT Ranger Phil Bures. Trent's previous experience with the incident command proved vital to making the connections to bring an AmeriCorps team, which remained in Greensburg for the summer, in to assist. Trent and Phil were photographed with both the Governor and the President.

The Pomona Park Manager continued his responsibility of Department Representative for the Kansas Coalition for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. He presented programs, assisted with marketing at conferences and interpretation at National Signature Events.

The Department took possession of our first urban park, which was finally named Kaw River State Park. Jeff Bender was selected as manager, and planning has begun for development and operation of it. The park property presently consists of 76 acres of land on the south bank of the Kansas River in northwest Topeka. The area is mainly wooded bluffs overlooking the Kansas (Kaw) River, north of the old Menninger Hospital campus and is adjacent to MacLennan Park and Cedar Crest (the Kansas Governor's residence) to the east.

Parks Administrative Assistants were reallocated to Administrative Specialists, a change more in line with their current office management duties. Phil Bures was hired to fill the new position of Park Ranger with Prairie Spirit Rail Trail. Former AmeriCorps member Justin Wren won the position of Park Ranger at Tuttle Creek when the vacant conservation worker position at Wilson was reallocated.

Utility costs continue to be a dominant and sometimes limiting factor when budgeting or prioritizing park needs and improvements expenditures. A slight increase in rates or increase in visitation strains the budget and reduces the ability to make other repairs and improvements and reducing customer satisfaction. Utility expenditures were 33 percent of Cedar Bluff State Park's operations and maintenance budget. At Eisenhower State Park, 65 percent of the total park budget was spent on utilities: this increase to utilities is more than the park's budget can handle.

Gasoline and diesel fuel prices rose 190% to a high of \$3.28 a gallon during mid summer 2007. At Glen Elder, this required immediate reductions in random patrolling and closure of some facilities earlier than previously initiated. This also meant fewer repairs to equipment, buildings, roads and vehicles and an increase in the numbers of complaints.

The water level at Cedar Bluff remained fairly stable during 2007 due to seasonal rainfall and snowfall amounts which were able to offset evaporation for the year; there were no artificial releases. Like most reservoirs, Cedar Bluff State Park's success depends greatly upon the reservoir level.

Like much of Kansas, the area around Pomona State Park was struck by two floods this year. During the first flood in May the reservoir rose 19 feet in three days. The second flood that occurred in July hit the surrounding area hard, but the park had minor flood damage compared to surrounding areas. However, the lake elevation was above conservation pool throughout most of the “peak season.”

## REVENUE

Revenue to the Park Fee Fund is largely dependent on two things: weather and the cost of fuel. Both of those factors impacted revenue in a negative way this year, as eastern and central Kansas reservoirs faced flooding and western Kansas ones faced declining water levels due to drought.

The half-price vehicle fees that began last year continued, yet in most cases, overall park revenue dipped very little, as the lowered fees brought more people into the parks and camping and utility fees made up some of the vehicle fee loss. Declines in revenue despite a slight rise in visitation can probably be attributed to high fuel costs and people having less available time or money due to the disasters. Also, some people who would have been recreating at the parks instead took their vacations to assist at Greensburg and other locales.

Online sales and the availability of all department issuances from other vendors has also cut down on the amount of revenue brought in through parks offices, while keeping the amount credited to the Park Fee Fund relatively stable. Cedar Bluff’s 2007 revenue was down 6.87% from 2006, to \$222,253; which is nearly the same amount that was generated in 1999, not including fee increases.

While high waters cut visitation to Cross Timbers State Park and revenue from vehicle permits, hunting & fishing licenses and boating registrations were down (some of which could be due to internet and other vendor sales), camping and utility permits were up over 50% while cabins were up nearly that much. At Hillsdale, though vehicle permit sales were down more than 50%, camping permit sales dipped only slightly. Camping revenue for Glen Elder for 2007 exceeded all previous years (except 2005 and 2006) revenue for a total of \$45,396, making 2007 the third highest year on record. The number of camping permits sold decreased by 4% in 2007 due to the extreme peak in motor fuels cost impacting recreation, greater number of annual camping permits sold, and lower lake levels during the year.

Total overnight camping at Milford has increased 19% from last year and 98% from CY00. The most dramatic increases this year came from the Equestrian Campground. This area has proven very popular for horse enthusiasts and regular campers alike. However, although this large increase in utility camping has led to increased revenue, it has also increased utility costs. In fact, most of the park’s O&M budget was spent on utilities (electric, propane, water, phone, mileage). This scenario has a negative effect on other park operations such as repairs and general maintenance.

Crawford State Park’s overall revenue was up 112% this year with the half price permits, even while half of the fourth of July holiday weekend’s normal revenue, significant to the annual total, was lost due to flooding. Revenue at Webster State Park showed an increase from 2006, most notable in annual vehicle permits, 14-day camping permits, annual camping permits, and daily camping permits. At Wilson, total revenue for 2007 was \$271,015, showing an increase from 2006.

Total dollar revenue in and around Kanopolis for 2007 was \$173,880. This revenue was a 9% increase from the prior year and, although it reflects environmental factors of first low and then high water affecting both boaters and fishermen and trail users alike, it does show the

customer response to lower entrance fees and improving lake access.

The total revenue of \$128,940.40 for the 2007 calendar year at Prairie Dog State Park was a 4% increase compared to 2006. Overall, the increase can be attributed to the half price vehicle permits, an increase in the number of cabin rentals, and an increase in the number of extended stay camping permits sold.

El Dorado revenues did decrease by approximately 20% this year, but this was expected from the half-priced vehicle permit fees and the impacts of the summer's prolonged flooding. At Perry, long-term camping, cabin rental, and continued sales of camping and utilities kept revenues near last year's despite a dip in vehicle permit sales dollars. Cheney was down \$111,247.81 from 2006.

### **Ag Leasing:**

Cedar Bluff Reservoir has experienced a gradual decline in water levels over the past five years and, as a result, areas within the park that were once farmed prior to becoming inundated with water have now become exposed once again and are now suitable for agricultural practices.

At Webster State Park, wheat crops were harvested and netted \$4,225.95. Milo fields were harvested and netted \$2,757.08. Two fields of Pheasant Forever food plots were planted and left unharvested which provided excellent wildlife habitat. Some of this ag money was used to purchase two hand-held, dash-mounted radar units. Also, the park will be purchasing a quick attach front blade for the 5425 tractor.

Approximately \$11,330.30 was derived from the Glen Elder ag contract during 2007. Limited crop rotation and haying were utilized to control vegetation, improve grass stands, and promote habitat diversity. Additional ag revenue in 2007 was directly attributed to habitat enhancement efforts and ample moisture during growing seasons.

### **Other Revenue:**

Cedar Bluff administers 105 private cabin lot contracts. These private cabins are on Department property from which they lease individual lots. In addition the state park administers all dock, construction and maintenance permits, as well as cabin transfers. Many of these leases date back to 1957: therefore annual fees for the leased lots vary from \$18.50 to \$219.40 per year.

In 2007, 1,395 lbs of aluminum cans were recycled at Kanopolis State Park to meet the requirements of a 1997 grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

At Wilson, the concession agreement is a flat fee of \$14,000 and will continue that way in the future. Annual compensation to the Department remains at a flat fee of \$2,525 for the Glen Elder concession. A contract extension has been secured for 2006-2010. KDWP will be working on the Glen Elder Marina contract during 2009 to re-bid a new shorter term contract or re-evaluate the services provided and develop a new concept. Current low water conditions and limited recharge may severely impact marina longevity should water levels continue to remain substantially depressed.

### **VISITATION**

The price of vehicle permits was cut in half by the Kansas Legislature for 2007. An increase in visitation and, in some cases, revenue can be attributed to the lower prices.

At Cheney, rains hit the weekend before Memorial Day and three campgrounds had to be evacuated, causing an estimated \$58,000 in lost revenue and approximately \$365,000 in damage to camping areas, roads and facilities. Cross Timbers' camping numbers were down in 2007 largely due to the extremely high water and possibly because of the previous year's 2006 high water events, which may have caused many campers to permanently relocate in pursuit of

outdoor recreation. At El Dorado, visitation was up slightly over last year in spite of the flooding which kept several of the park's areas closed for up to two months. Crawford State Park saw an increase in camping occupancy throughout the summer, with an increase in day use traffic as well. Staff believes that the reduction in fees did bring additional usage to the park.

Currently Crawford State Park is infected with Large Mouth Bass Viral Disease. While this only has a negative effect on bass, not humans, it has killed the fishery by virtually eliminating the predominant predator species of the impoundment and allowing non-desired species, such as carp populations, to explode. The present carp population had muddied the once clear waters and by sheer numbers are out competing all other species, with the exception of channel catfish and flathead. While our fisheries division is currently working on solutions to this problem, park revenues will suffer until a viable fishery is re-established.

188,226 patrons visited Kanopolis State Park through December, 2007. Although this number represents an 18% increase from 2006, it still is lower than the prior three years. This is due to a number of environmental factors. The lake level in February was 6.7 feet below conservation pool with only very limited lake access. Rains in April and May caused flooding to over 17 feet above conservation pool, limiting lake and trail access. Lake levels approached normal levels in June and July, but the return of flooding in August again limited lake and trail access. Lake levels returned to more normal conditions shortly before Labor Day at the end of park season.

Half price vehicle permits brought larger crowds to Prairie Dog State Park, while fairly good rainfall and a long term reservoir agreement with the Almena Irrigation District eliminated any large reservoir elevation fluctuations. Specifically, 2007 traffic counts gave an estimated visitation of 165,846, an increase of 45% compared to 2006. Most of this increase was noted June through September which means the decrease in vehicle permit fees must have had a huge impact on patrons in Northwest Kansas.

At Wilson, new laser counters were installed by the Corps of Engineers to give a more accurate count of visitation. It appears that we had fewer numbers of visitors in the park in 2006; however the old counters numbers may have been somewhat inflated in prior years so it may be difficult to determine whether numbers were actually down from previous years. Respectively, the increase in visitation in 2007 was apparent to park staff by the crowded campgrounds. With lower water levels in surrounding lakes, campgrounds were full more weekends in 2007 than in previous years, leading us to believe that we now have a better account of the number of people visiting the state park.

### **Camp Hosts and Gate Vendors:**

Cheney State Park utilizes eight camp hosts in eleven campgrounds, one cabin host for the seven cabins, two gate hosts at Mr. D's and at the east park entrance and one gate vendor at the west park entrance to collect fees and assist park patrons. Clinton State Park also utilizes gate vendors.

While important prior to the KOALS system, the gate vendor program is declining as patrons can now purchase their permits at many more vendor locations, including their home computers, than ever before. This decreased traffic cuts down the income gate vendors may earn.

## *CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS*

A much-needed new office building was built and placed in service at Eisenhower State Park. A courtesy dock was transferred from Pomona to Cross Timbers State Park and repaired and is now accommodating cabin users.

El Dorado State Park has approximately 28 sewer lift stations located throughout its four campgrounds. After nearly 26 years of heavy use, these facilities were worn out and in need of constant ongoing service to keep them operational. A contract was let last spring which allowed for a contractor to come in and rebuild all of the lift stations. This work has been completed and all the lift stations are operating well. Components to upgrade five lift stations were purchased, and one renovated at Cross Timbers State Park. One lift station at Fall River was renovated with SGF. A supplemental allocation of \$5,500 provided replacement of aging sewer lift pumps at Glen Elder's Hopewell area.

This past spring a contract was let which allowed for the replacement of all of El Dorado's water heaters with a high-efficiency on-demand type heater. The results have been even better than expected and there were few if any complaints about hot water this year.

After many years of budget requests, the old Prairie Dog Shower House, which was built in 1966, was replaced with a new CXT Cheyenne shower house. The new facility was installed in July of 2007 and open for use approximately three weeks later. Working with engineering, Fall River staff installed two unisex vault toilets with walkways, pull offs and parking lots.

Prairie Dog State Park's maintenance building had been remodeled several times since its initial construction in 1964. Each of those remodeling projects also resulted in modifications to the electrical service. Unfortunately, bonded electricians were not used for much of the work, and, due to the threat of personal injury, death, and liability, a project to completely replace the electrical service in the maintenance building was completed in May 2007.



Meade Visitor Center

Amid much fanfare, the Meade State Park visitor center opened in December. A local decorating business volunteered to deck the halls of the center for the grand opening celebrations. Located next to the swimming beach, the center provides 24-hour restrooms, a rentable facility for special events and eventually a concession area.

With low lake levels at the beginning of 2007, Wilson's Otoe Area boating access lanes were dredged out of sand/silt material making both ramps accessible again. Cheney felt the loss of the Navy SeaBees, who spent 2007 deployed to Iraq. In previous years, the SeaBees had completed many useful projects using the park as a training area.

One of Pomona's major projects for the year was a complete retrofit of the sewage lift stations at Wauncondah and Kansa Campgrounds. These lift stations service the Kansa and Wauncondah shower buildings, Kansa campground, and cabins when installed. The park's other project was installing two new courtesy docks and concrete walkways. They also completed the new installation of a CXT vault toilet at boat ramp #3.

Milford installed two new CXT shower buildings at Woodland Hills and Prairie View Campgrounds and continued the construction phase of a 21-site equestrian campground utilizing a federal trails grant. Construction will be completed with final assembly of one covered horse

corral. They also installed a 240' floating breakwater at the Rush Creek boat ramp.

Capital Improvements for 2007 at Lovewell included the final completion work in the enhancement of the Willow Utility Campground, with 32 additional electric/water campsites.

### **Land and Water Conservation Fund:**

Congress has reappropriated the majority of the LWCF funding again for this year, so the Department continued work on previously approved projects.

As part of a matching LWCF grant, Cheney staff installed water, sewer, and electricity and did site preparation for a CXT shower house on Geifer Hill. They then ran sidewalks to complete the project once the building was set. When the shower house was completed, the old beach house restroom was taken down leaving a twin toadstool shelter.

Cross Timbers staff constructed two full-hookup year-round campsites, developed satellite playgrounds at Cross Timbers and Fall River, constructed seven frost-free hydrants in Osage Plains campground, and installed an accessible unloading ramp and a concrete pad for accessible table at the existing playground.

In 2007, LWCF monies were utilized to construct 13 new campsites and a small restroom/shower house in the Walnut River campground at El Dorado. LWCF funds also paid for the CXT showerhouses at West Point and Five Star campgrounds at Eisenhower.



### **Motor Boat Access:**

Motor Boat Access funds paid for a new slip courtesy dock at main boat ramp at Cross Timbers' Toronto Point. El Dorado utilized MBA grants to complete repairs to the marina's rock jetties; replace the failing floating breakwater at the Shady Creek marina; install an additional boat launching facility in the Shady Creek campground; install new restrooms at several of the parks boat ramps; and replace all of the courtesy docks at the park's six boat ramps

Fall River installed CXT vault toilets at South Rock Ridge and at Quarry Bay, including a parking lot and accessible unloading pad and walkway at Quarry Bay and a new walkway leading from the existing asphalt access lane. They added a lane to the existing ramp at Wind Hill, relocated the entrance road and provided designated parking, including a concrete handicapped parking pad.

Boating access funds were used to install a CXT Toilet at the Russell Crites boat ramp at Hillsdale. MBA monies purchased a 60-foot dock to be installed at a new concrete bulkhead to help with the added boat traffic at Wilson.

MBA funds replaced the pit toilet at Pomona's Boat Ramp #3. The existing wood structure was replaced with a pre-cast concrete vault toilet building. A new area light was also installed. An outdoor drinking fountain is to be installed at a later date. MBA funds also replaced courtesy docks at Ramps 1 & 2. This project included installing concrete sidewalks and new courtesy docks. However, due to manufacturing flaws and broken parts only one dock was accessible all summer. We are currently awaiting Atlantic Meeco to do on site repairs.

### **Bureau of Reclamation:**

The Department received a \$600,000 Title 1 fund grant for Region 1 ADA upgrades. With this funding, the region will replace or retrofit facilities to enable ADA access, including

funding seasonal staff to complete the tasks.

At Cheney, off-shore jetties were placed by staff on Hobie Beach, with rock from a BOR project. Three miles of trenching has been done and water, sewer and electric have been installed for a CXT restroom on Wichita Point. This is a BOR matching grant project with the restroom they purchased scheduled to arrive in 2008.

### **Recreational Trails:**

Phase II of the equestrian campground at Sand Hills State Park is underway and Phase III was awarded. Cross Timbers redesigned and printed 10,000 full-color brochures with Recreational Trails monies. Fall River designed and printed 15,000 brochures depicting the trails and facilities of the park.

At Kanopolis, the vault toilet and trailhead amenities (parking lot and roads) at the Rockwall Campground have been completed. A trail to connect this campground to the rest of the trail system has been built. Water and electricity have to be run to the building and an information board, benches and signage have to be added to the trailhead area. This work should be completed in 2008.

Renovation of the Wild Horse equestrian campground at Perry started in CY2007. Camp-pads have already been flagged and are ready to be constructed. A trench was dug and the primary electric line has been laid. The old YACC cement block Meadowlark vault restroom at Prairie Dog State Park was replaced in April 2007 with a CXT vault toilet.

# *INITIATIVES*

## **Long-Term Camping**

At El Dorado, a total of 124 long term camping agreements were signed and utilized for 2007, which generated a total of \$36,135.32 in revenue. This is an increase of 170% from 2006. The long term camping program also created an additional \$8300.00 in revenue from the sale of annual camping and annual vehicle permits. Long term camping doubled at Eisenhower State Park for 2007.

Milford's long term camping program for Hickory Hollow, Prairie View and Woodland Hills (in season) and Eagle Ridge campground (off season) has been a great asset to the park. Customers have appreciated the convenience, and staff have received no complaints by adding the service. Total permits sold for 2007 were 253 which accounted for \$77,486.50.

## **Rental Cabins**

The cabin-building partnership with KDWP, Department of Corrections and Wildscape moved into high gear in 2007. Twelve cabins were built by DOC, including two for wildlife areas. Wildscape secured more funding to accelerate the timetable. By 2009, there should be over one hundred cabins available to rent in Kansas state parks. With the increase in the number of cabins, Department IT personnel began working on a cabin reservation system that will allow patrons to reserve cabins at any state park from their home computer. By the end of 2007, this system was very close to roll out.

Arrangements were made with the Hutchinson Correctional Facility to place a cabin at the State Fair as an example of the cooperative effort between KDWP, Wildscape, DOC, and Greenbush. Inmates are provided construction skills training, and parks benefit by having their own design of cabins built with lower labor costs, while Wildscape funds the materials and transport, receiving a percentage of the rental fees for administrative costs to allow them to pay the interest on the loan. Rick Martin and Wendy Bowles "decorated" the cabin. A DVD composed by Joyce Dixon ran continuously highlighting cabins in Kansas state parks; brochures for each park were available. Numerous state park employees manned the cabin throughout the fair. Most visitors were generally unaware that state parks had so many cabins. Secretary Hayden and Governor Sebelius were also involved in this promotional effort when they drew the winning cards for free park cabin stays at various locations around the state.

Cross Timbers has three cabins operational and constructed two sets of stem wall cabin forms for use by East and Central Region parks. The two cabins at Kanopolis brought in revenue of \$7,736 for 145 nights of stay despite the fact that they only became available in late June.

Crawford State Park hosted its first rental cabin during this season. This cabin, a cooperative venture between the department and local friends group, was a big hit with patrons. The cabin hosted an overall 57% occupancy rate for its first season with a 100% occupancy rate on weekends.

Despite lack of maintenance person at Glen Elder to supervise construction, foundations were excavated and poured. The cabins were set up and ready for occupancy by year's end.

Eisenhower's cabin rentals were the best in seven years; with the addition of the two yurts, total income was higher than expected with little or no advertising. Cabin income more than doubled.

Cabin income at El Dorado was nearly double 2006 with rental up to 902 nights rented in

2007 versus 724 in 2006. In 2007, Webster's cabin usage has increased from 2006 by twenty-two nights and over \$1000 additional revenue.

There can be a downside to full-service cabins, however. While a full service cabin at Prairie Dog would increase income and usage, existing park staff would be unable to maintain any additional facilities without a full-time maintenance employee.

The following chart outlines where existing cabins are located, what cabins are scheduled to be added, and the occupancy rate of our present cabins.

Park	Cabin Type	Dept. Owned	Wildscape Owned	Friends Group Owned	Total	New const 08&09	2007 nights occupancy
Cedar Bluff	Primitive	2			2		110
	1BR Modern	1			1		121
	2BR Modern	2			2		152
Cheney	Modern			7	7	1	730
Cross Timbers	Modern		3		3	1	478
Crawford	Modern			1	1	3	180
Clinton	Modern					2	
El Dorado	Primitive			5	5		470
	Modern			4	4		802
	ADA Modern			1	1		100
Eisenhower	Mamie's	1			1		90
	Yurts - primitive				2		148
	Modern					2	
Glen Elder	Modern		2		2		55
Hillsdale	Modern					2	
Kanopolis	Modern		2		2		234
Lovewell	Primitive	6			6		538
Milford	Modern	3			3	2	398
Perry	Modern		4		4		492
Pomona	Modern					2	
Prairie Dog	Primitive	2			2		210
Tuttle Creek	Modern		4		4	3	645
Webster	Modern	1			1		52
Wilson	Modern	2	2		4	2	497
Scott						2	
Fall River						2	
<b>Parks Division Totals</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6,502</b>
Mined Land	modern	1			1		34
Ottawa SFL	modern	1			1		38
McPherson	modern					1	
Atchison	modern					1	
Clark	modern					1	
Woodson	modern					1	
<b>WA/SFL total</b>		<b>2</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>TOTAL KDWP</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6,574</b>

# AMERICORPS

The division completed the eighth and began the ninth continuous year of administering an AmeriCorps grant for the Kansas Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team. AmeriCorps is a service program whose participants, called members, must complete 1,700 hours of service to receive a \$4,725 educational award. While serving, members receive a bi-weekly living stipend, approximately equal to 40 hours a week of minimum wage pay. Program emphasis is on member development and community service. The Department's grant allows for either full-time (1700 hours) or part-time (900 hours). Part-time members receive approximately half of the benefits of full-time members. Many members welcome this opportunity to pay off student loans or secure funding for further studies while gaining job experience, providing money for living expenses and making valuable contacts for the future career moves. Others, however, struggle to balance service with other responsibilities.

This year we encountered difficulties in filling the number of positions we were allotted, perhaps due to the high cost of fuel and the distance most members have to travel to reach their service sites, usually state parks. We anticipate this being a continuing issue for subsequent years.

With the program emphasis on community service, members are trained to respond to natural disasters. Although all members received the basic training, others opted to attend more extensive courses. Usually, few opportunities arise to use the training, but 2007 was the exception to the norm.

The ice storms of December, 2006, and January, 2007, left a mess in most of the parks. Members assisted with cleaning up limbs at their program sites, as well as assisting in evacuation of citizens who might have been without power.

AmeriCorps members arrived at Scott State Park in March, 2007, to clean up downed limbs in two campgrounds for a week-long project. Members stayed at Camp Lakeside, located on the north edge of the park and reported daily to the park for a full day's hard labor. Some members and staff only stayed a few days, others put in the entire week, but when they left the park, they had visible evidence that "AmeriCorps members get things done."

Members assisted with rescue efforts in the eastern part of the state in the wake of the late April-early May floods. Then on May 5, the tornado ripped through Greensburg and cut a long, wide path through the state. AmeriCorps alumni were among the first responders to Greensburg that night to aid in the search and rescue efforts. While Parks Assistant Director and AmeriCorps Program Director Linda Lanterman worked to arrange the logistics for a response to Greensburg, members served to assist clean-up efforts near their program sites. Several members responded to Ottawa State Fishing Lake and Kanopolis State Park and the surrounding area to assist with debris clean-up. Others worked at a Pratt County farmstead to salvage family keepsakes while the family buried their patriarch.

While parks law enforcement personnel were serving on security details at Greensburg, Prairie Spirit Manager Trent McCown made contact with the right people to enable our AmeriCorps crews to serve alongside and under the authority of the National AmeriCorps team from St. Louis, Missouri. Within two



AmeriCorps in action at Greensburg

weeks of the disaster, our team was housed in “Yurt City,” spending long days assisting residents in sorting through and salvaging their possessions. Members from other programs throughout the state joined our members for periods ranging from one day to a week. Most of our members stayed for a week or two, then rotated back to their program sites for at least a weekend, before returning. One of our members, certified in Red Cross disaster response, stayed on site for weeks, then responded to disasters in other states. Because we had unfilled positions yet in the program, Linda was able to secure permission to fill those as quarter-time (300 hour) slots. We added 12 students from Greensburg High School and an adult team leader. Those members would serve the entire summer at Greensburg.

For one week in August, those members served alongside members from other program sites throughout the state to paint a house for a disabled resident of Wichita. This project was initially scheduled for the second week in May as a National AmeriCorps Week project, but postponed after the tornado.

Despite the Greensburg tornado, the disaster gremlin wasn't through with Kansas yet. Flooding hit eastern Kansas again, this time concentrated on the lower southeastern tier of counties, leaving the Independence, Kansas, area soaking under several feet of flood water mixed with an oil spill from a nearby refinery. Members responded here, as well.

As the year drew to a close, still more trouble came. Ice and snow once again coated much of the state, downing power lines for days in many areas. Members worked to clear areas, either in the parks or near their homes if they were stranded there by the snow. Members at Crawford State Park worked with area officials prepare for warming stations for people whose power had been off for several days. Members went door-to-door to check on welfare of local citizens. Fortunately, power was restored before the stations were needed, but the planning has been done should they be needed again.

The member at Prairie Spirit Rail Trail is an EMT (even though he's just a senior in high school). He served with the local EMS on several major accidents.

Members at Fall River State Park continued the operation of the wildlife rehabilitation center and maintenance of educational birds used for interpretation. In doing so, they maintained all certifications with the department and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The Wilson AmeriCorps team members refurbished approximately 90 picnic tables during the early part of the 2007 term of service. They also performed weed control and repair of the existing park trails, construction and implementation of park informational and traffic signs, and reconditioned shower benches in park facilities. Tree care was performed throughout the term of service and the entrance flowerbeds were replanted and watered during the growing season. The team also assisted park staff in the preparation of the new rental cabin locations and landscaping after arrival. Team members also assisted park staff in the construction of three new picnic shelters in the Sideoats area of the park. The team assisted with public programs such as Earth Day, the Wilson Lake ECO-Meet, and OKKids Day activities and special school and trail presentations given to area students. All three members reported to duty when devastating tornados swept the State. Each member assisted with cleanup and even Red Cross efforts. One member was utilized outside the park at Rolling Hills Refuge for assistance there as well when needed.

## ***FRIENDS GROUPS***

Friends Groups are composed of volunteers who organize to further the mission of the state park they form to support. The groups are as effective as the dedication of the individuals they comprise. In most cases, we couldn't pay for this much dedication. The networking and publicity provided by friends group members is vital to the future of Kansas state parks. Though the Department appreciates the funding and labor contributions of the friends groups, their most important contribution is their ambassadorship of Kansas state parks.

Cedar Bluff is fortunate enough to have two such groups working to improve the park for the areas constituents. In 2007, the Dream, Inc., facility was rented out privately on three occasions and one Dream Camp was held. Use of the facility was also donated to the Messiah Lutheran Church for a group teen retreat. In 2007, the DIEHARDS maintained three revenue-generating projects which included a dry dock boat and camper storage facility, a sailboat mooring facility and reservoir topographical map sales. These funds are then used to enhance existing facilities or to provide new facilities or amenities which result in new and improved opportunities for our constituents. The DIEHARDS purchased and planted wild flowers throughout the Memorial Park and attached memorial plaques inside of the gazebo. In addition, the DIEHARDS sponsored the second annual "Holiday in Lights" special event for which they purchased materials. They also planned and worked the very successful event. In addition, they gave a sizeable donation to the Plainville Rescue Squad for their efforts in the recovery of a drowning victim. The Plainville Rescue Squad is also a non-profit corporation.

The Friends of Cross Timbers and Fall River got a grant for the raptor rehab center from Walmart, added coke machines and sold firewood. They also did several fundraisers in the park including a bean feed, Dutch oven supper, fishing tournament, Kids Day Camp and Spook Fest. They are working toward completion of a camper convenience center.

The Friends of Crawford State Park oversaw the operation of the Marina, which offered valuable services such as boat slip rental, concession items, and restaurant services to area patrons. This is the ninth year this facility has operated in the black due to the donated management of the Friends. The Friends and park staff also started a new venture this past season with the development of the park's first rental cabin. This project was designed and developed by the park staff and totally financed by the friends group. In addition to monetary contributions, many of the friend's group members volunteered their time and helped to complete the project in a timely manner. Of all the new projects completed at the park, this one has been the most notable and successful.

In 2005, The Friends of El Dorado Lake decided to put forth the funds to build a laundry facility in the Walnut River campground. Located adjacent to the deluxe cabins, the building holds four washers and four dryers. In the fall of 2006, the Friends of El Dorado Lake put forth funding towards the development of an additional laundry facility in the Bluestem Point Campground. This building was completed in May of 2007. The Bluestem Laundry provides four washers and four dryers at one dollar each. This facility is also open year round, with the same as hours as the other. The Friends Group collects all revenue for both laundry facilities. The revenue generated goes toward paying off debt on the new facility, purchasing new washers and dryers, and on-going maintenance of the facilities, which will further benefit El Dorado State Park. As of December 2007, the Walnut River Laundry facility has brought in a total of nearly \$12,000 and the Bluestem Laundry has brought in nearly \$1,700.

Each year the Friends of Eisenhower works to raise funds for needed projects around the

park. In the 2007 camping season, the friends group purchased items to be placed in the park store for retail sales, two sun shades for the beach, an outdoor shower to be placed outside the beach restroom to wash sand off individuals before using the shower, and a 220-gallon fish tank for the new park office to develop an educational native stream tank for the tiger salamander, box turtle and other Kansas species.

The Friends of Prairie Dog State Park continue to collect all proceeds from the rental of the 20 boat slips and fishing access permits. The Friends then utilize the funds to provide insurance for the dock, purchase or provide maintenance needs, and fund other park projects. During 2007, the friends purchased dock insurance and beach sand.

At Wilson State Park, one volunteer group was utilized in the “Adopt-a-Public Land” program. Two groups were needed, one for each area of the park, but only one area was “adopted.” The Lake Wilson Area Association undertook this challenge in the Otoe Area. The LWAA also maintains the fish cleaning station in the Hell Creek Area. This group is making annual deposits in a banking account they operate for the maintenance and repair of the facility. Area volunteers and bike organizations have developed the Friends of Wilson Lake Trails group and are responsible for care and maintenance of the major trail in Hell Creek.

# ***LAW ENFORCEMENT***

Parks law enforcement officers (managers and rangers) are fully-certified law enforcement officers with statewide enforcement authority on the same level as the highway patrol. With such authority, officers can arrest on any crime anywhere throughout the state, not just KDWP crimes on KDWP property. They also work closely with their local sheriffs' offices and police departments. Many patrons don't realize the status of the officers they meet in the parks.

In addition to the law enforcement authority, park managers are the CEO's of their parks. They must manage personnel, budgets, construction projects, maintenance issues, and special events. Personnel who assist with special events like the Country Stampede (and it takes personnel from multiple parks) get experience in handling crowds of up to 150,000 people.

Officers from Meade, El Dorado and Cheney state parks and the Prairie Spirit Trail helped with security patrols at Greensburg after the tornado.

Milford State Park Law Enforcement personnel issued 20 NTA's, 38 vehicle permit summons, made seven physical arrests, one long form arrest, investigated two vehicle accidents, assisted in two boating accidents, and assisted with a drowning that occurred at the lake. Our staff of one full-time Park Ranger /NRO I and the law enforcement certified Park Manager/PSM III were assisted by three seasonal park rangers, who contributed 240 hours of additional law enforcement coverage. Our staff of law enforcement personnel has also established a strong working relationship with the Geary County Sheriff's Department which is beneficial for both agencies.



For the first time in two years, the ranger staff at El Dorado was fully manned throughout the entire recreation season, allowing a marked increase in the amount of coverage and presence of park rangers patrolling the campgrounds. The rangers were able to be more proactive in their approach, which cut down on the amount of calls and complaints. An unforeseen benefit of the severe weather experienced throughout the early summer season was that the Rock Quarry was closed due to flooding for almost two months. This greatly reduced the shoreline and boater interaction, which normally is the cause of so many problems.

There were two reported deaths at El Dorado Lake this summer. The first happened prior to Memorial Day, when a male capsized a canoe in the Walnut River Swim Beach area. The man was found by divers within two hours of going under and was pronounced dead at the hospital. The second body was recovered near the Chelsea Bridge in the El Dorado Wildlife Area, which is managed by the Public Lands Section of the Fish and Wildlife Division. Butler County Sheriff's detectives are working this case, along with the Law Enforcement Division personnel. Park Rangers assisted the detectives with the preliminary aspects of the case.

Rangers also assisted the Butler County Sheriff with an extensive search for a missing girl from El Dorado, Kansas. The search began just east of El Dorado and continued towards Baxter Springs in southeast Kansas. Over the course of several days, the rangers and Butler County detectives searched the ditches and side roads off US Highway 54. During the third day of searching, near Toronto, Kansas, the body of the young girl was found, rolled in a blanket and lying in the ditch along 54 hwy. The suspect has been apprehended in Mexico and is awaiting extradition back to Butler County.

In November of 2007, an individual at a high school near Eisenhower State Park threatened to kill kids during the noon hour. The park ranger and manager assisted the sheriff's office at a time when they were short on officers to help search students' bags as they passed through the door to the middle school. No weapons were taken during the search but a student came forward to confess to the note that was left.

An area of concern at Cedar Bluff and other parks is the number of visitors allowing children under the age of 14 to ride in the beds of pickups, on boats and on personal water craft in tow to and from the boat ramps. In 2007, Cedar Bluff officers issued over 20 verbal warnings to drivers who were towing children on watercraft or who had children in the back of pickups, informing them of the safety concerns as well as the state regulations prohibiting this activity.

Four Seasonal Park Rangers assisted Glen Elder State Park's Assistant Manager/Ranger and Manager during 2007, by providing intermittent patrols and coverage on weekend nights. Due to the success and overwhelming positive public response generated the Seasonal Park Ranger and Host Ranger efforts will be expanded in 2008.

Kanopolis had a gas skip that turned into a methamphetamine/prescription drug bust. Officers were also called to Kanopolis trailer court about a man that was yelling and tearing his trailer apart; the man was a methamphetamine user wanted by Saline County SO for meth use and fleeing. A few months later, officers were called to same trailer about a possible bomb. Upon their arrival, a 76MM tank round was found in the trailer. The Fort Riley bomb team came out and destroyed the round. The Kanopolis office received a report of a stolen car out of Oregon located on COE property, and almost simultaneously received a call about a man swimming in the river asking for help. After a short boat ride, officers found the man on the side of the river in only his underwear asking if we could help him. As it turned out he, too, was from Oregon and had been in possession of the stolen vehicle.

Meade State Park officers chased a person suspected of the kidnap and rape of a twelve-year-old into Oklahoma. The case started in Liberal. and the suspect and the victim came to Meade Lake where Ranger Becker made contact with them. The Department files charges with the Meade County attorney for child endangerment, obstructing the legal process, fleeing/eluding, reckless driving, speeding, failure to stop at stop signs and no driver's license. This arrest cleared up six other warrants from Meade, Ford and Seward Counties under four different aliases.

Cedar Bluff officers assisted local boating officers with the recovery of a drowning victim. Park officers worked three vehicle accidents (one roll over and two deer/vehicle).

Hillsdale has a communication problem in common with several other parks. Because the park operates on minimal staff, officers utilize local, usually county, dispatchers to call in for assistance or vehicle license tag checks. However, sometimes these agencies have problems handling our radio traffic in addition to their own. At Hillsdale, this has led to a situation where seasonal officers refrain from disturbing dispatch to run tag numbers or to call in their locations when making citizen contacts. If an emergency occurs and officers need backup, assisting officers will have a hard time finding them quickly enough to help. Officers do not get information for warrants, driver's license, or vehicle tags that could be very important to a case, knowing the history of the person they are dealing with, or getting a criminal off of the streets and away from the public.

Most park officers (and often office and maintenance staff) are EMTs or first responders. Frequently, they are the first to assist when a medical emergency happens within the park. Even with the training, though, there are times when outcomes are not good. There was one unattended death at Cheney this year. At Kanopolis, a man suffered a heart attack as the boat he was on

neared shore. Manager Rick Martin responded and administered CPR immediately, but to no avail.

Nearly 150 park permit summonses were issued for permit violations within Wilson State Park during 2007. This is down about 25% from 2006. With half-price entrance permits and the availability of permits at numerous vendors, park law enforcement has seen permit compliance on the rise in 2007.

Law enforcement in the parks is a proactive, service-oriented process, but officers are ready to respond in whatever capacity is necessary.

## ***SPECIAL EVENTS***

Special events in Kansas state parks run the gamut from full-blown outdoor music concerts to fireworks displays, bass tournaments and family reunions. Usually, the event is held in our parks, but sometimes we go to the event, such as sports shows, Equifest and school programs.

Special Events at Fall River State Park included the Fifth Annual Star Party and Fifth Annual National Public Lands Day Fall River Rendezvous. Additionally, extensive onsite and offsite programming were accomplished. Cedar Bluff coordinated and hosted the first horseback trail ride in the park, sponsored by Hooves of Heaven. Hillsdale State Park hosted a total of 178 special event days for CY2007. Prairie Dog held a Christmas lighting contest. The July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display there was the largest event this year with an estimated 3,000 people attending.

Pomona and Eisenhower state parks co-hosted OK Kids Day. They had their biggest turn out ever with over 500 kids participating.

In light of reduced staff (no naturalist and no AmeriCorps after June 2007) the Kanopolis staff made the decision to have programs by request only in 2007. Between the months of January and December there were a total of 19 programs and 542 participants. This includes one off-site program and 18 programs in the park. School programs were the primary programs presented. Youth groups and parks and recreation groups called for special programs too.



A portion of the crowd gathered for the Lovewell Kids Fishing Derby, Welch, Ia.

Equifest is a sports and leisure show in Wichita with an emphasis on horse-related activities. Kanopolis State Park set up a booth for this show that was worked by staff from several state park; attendance for the show was 17,500.

Lovewell State Park staff assisted with a booth at the 2007 Omaha Boat, Sport and Travel Show. Nearly 2000 potential visitors were contacted about Kansas State Parks and Reservoirs, and many did make the trip to visit and check out state parks at Lovewell, Cedar Bluff, Tuttle Creek, Glen Elder, Milford and Wilson.

The most popular special event at Webster State Park is the Northwest Kansas Outdoor Cook-off held each July. Held now for thirteen years, the day is filled with impressive cooking displays, lots of cast iron cookware, and unique culinary delights that are shared with all comers. All cooking must be done on-site and dishes are judged for originality, cooking style, and taste. The event attracted over 150 hungry visitors in 2007.

Lovewell's Outdoor Cook-Off contest concluded Fun Day activities, with 12 entries and a record 125 "tasters." The fourth annual Campground Christmas was a popular event again this year, with 24 decorated campsites and camping cabins, and many observers visiting the park to view the decorations. During Lovewell's free park entrance weekend in September, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Chili Cook-off event brought more participants, with twelve participating teams and another participation record of over 90 judges.

Several events were held at Wilson in 2007. April's Earth Day brought area fifth grade students out for a day at the lake. State park employees organize the event and, with the assistance of volunteers, set up stations providing environmental information on items such as recycling, trees, insects, fish, mammals, and water safety throughout the Hell Creek area of the state park. Students rotate through all the stations, which also include a guided hike on the

Dakota Trail. Around eighty five students and teachers participated in the activities.

Father's Day weekend was designated as the BBQ weekend at Wilson. 2007 was the second year for the "Smokin' in Hell Creek" BBQ contest, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. Fourteen teams competed in the contest this summer. All participants seemed to have a great time and enjoyed the contest, as well as many other lake activities. Saturday of that weekend was designated as another Free Park Entrance Day, encouraging people to check out the special events. Approximately 400 people paid to participate in Taster's Choice, where the public is invited to purchase a wristband for \$5, allowing individuals to taste the contestants' BBQ efforts. Boston butt was provided to all the contestants who chose to cook for Taster's Choice. Over \$4,000 in prize money was awarded to the winners of the contest. Lake Wilson Area Association was the main sponsor for the event in 2007.

The Lake Wilson Area Association sponsored their annual Poker Run on July 7<sup>th</sup>, with the Lake Wilson Housing Development providing aerial fireworks at dusk the same evening. Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> was designated as OKKID'S Day and a second Free Park Entrance Day. A full slate of activities began with the kid's fishing clinic at the Myrtle's Cove parking lot. All children received prizes for participating in the event. The was held right after the fishing clinic at Tatanka Lodge. Emergency and law enforcement vehicles were available for children to climb in and check out in the "Touch a Truck" activity. The highlight of "Touch a Truck" was the arrival and departure of the Kansas Highway Patrol helicopter which landed at Tatanka Lodge. Other agencies that participated were: the Wilson Corps of Engineers, Kansas State Troopers, Lucas EMS, Russell County Sheriff's Office, and Wilson Wildlife & Parks. A Kid's BBQ contest for two age divisions, 11 and up and 10 and under, was held following the "Touch a Truck." Individuals could pair up with a partner or compete alone. Each team was given a pound of hamburger, two pre-cooked sausages, and a variety of seasonings. They were required to patty the hamburger, cook it and the sausages, then present their entries for judging. Judges were law enforcement volunteers from the "Touch a Truck" event. Prizes were awarded to the top three teams in each age division. At mid-day, park employees provided a free hot dog lunch for participating kids and their families. A Treasure Hunt was next on the agenda. Huge piles of sand were filled with coins and prizes. Age groups were designated for the different piles of sand. Each child was given a bucket and a shovel to assist in their hunt for treasure. Following the grueling hunt, water games and ice cream treats were provided for a cool down. A water slide proved to be very popular during the heat of the day for those that weren't too hot or tired to participate. The Sunset Zoo of Manhattan provided a live animal program at Tatanka Lodge to start winding down the day's activities. Live animals were shown, viewed, and some were even touched by the audience. Prizes were again given to children in attendance. The day's festivities concluded with a casual roasting of marshmallows by the fire and making S'mores. Free t-shirts were given to all children who participated in the events during the day.

The Kansas Walleye Association's Governor's Cup tournament returned to Glen Elder State Park in June. July 14<sup>th</sup> saw a featured special event co-sponsored by the state park when Tommy Andrew's Band highlighted the annual Music Fest program under a star filled evening at the Amphitheater.

# SCORP

This section provides specific details on how the Division contributed to furthering the SCORP goals.

1. Improve recreation opportunities through coordinated planning of public and private entities, role analysis and expanded partnerships.
  - *The continued partnership with Wildscape, Greenbush, KDWP, and the Department of Corrections to provide cabins in state parks is detailed in the “Cabins” portion of this report.*
  - *Partnerships with gate vendors and concessionaires continue to provide additional recreational opportunities.*
  - *Additional cabins have been provided through partnerships with Friends groups.*
  - *The Friends of Crawford State Park continues to manage the marina there as a vital public service.*
2. Respond to demand for trail experiences.
  - *Trail development, including equestrian campgrounds, on Department-managed property continues at a steady pace.*
  - *A multitude of trail special events are hosted on Department-managed properties.*
  - *The Division partnered with KDHE, KDOT and other entities to host the first annual Trails Summit in 2007.*
  - *The Recreational Trails grant application pool grows more competitive every year. Staff is working with several entities to develop a viable off-highway vehicle project.*
3. Better identify the scope and diversity of the outdoor recreation market and intensify public and private promotional and advocacy efforts to ensure quality, life enriching outdoor recreation experiences.
  - *Special events, such as the Country Stampede and fishing tournaments, often receive extensive local and even national advertising with the assistance of local visitor groups.*
  - *Staff regularly participate in public outreach venues such as sports shows, Equifest and the Kansas State Fair.*
  - *Staff continually maintains good relations with constituents to identify new recreation opportunities. Recently added offerings range from cabin rentals through long-term camping to disc golf and cooking contests.*
4. Utilize all resources in an effort to obtain adequate funding for Outdoor Recreation.
  - *The Division currently administers LWCF, AmeriCorps, BOR, Recreational Trail, Department of Justice, KDHE and other grants, while investigating other potential grant-funding sources.*
  - *The Division actively sought FEMA assistance with the extensive weather-related damages of 2007.*
  - *The Division has sought dedicated funding while requesting that the Legislature abolish the motor vehicle permit requirement. Even though this request was not successful, the issue has been recognized by our Legislators and additional SGF budget support was granted.*
5. Improve Natural Resource Stewardship and protect open space while simultaneously

enhancing sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities.

- *Kanopolis State Park has continuously met the requirements of a recycling grant from KDHE that was awarded several years ago, making recycling more convenient for constituents and taking tons of materials out of landfills.*
- *Even though the Division consistently maintains wildlife-enhancing farming practices, lowered water levels at some reservoirs have allowed for additional acreage to be added into this program, while also enhancing revenue and allowing for increased numbers of huntable and watchable wildlife.*
- *El Dorado State Park converted its shower buildings to on-demand water heaters, generating energy and budget savings.*
- *Rather than lower reservoir pools in order to do boat ramp and shoreline enhancements, Division personnel take advantage of natural drops in reservoir levels to accomplish this work.*

# *LOOKING AHEAD: CY2008 and Beyond*

## **CY2008 PARKS DIVISION GOALS AND DIRECTION**

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2. Respond to demand for trail experiences.
3. Better identify the scope and diversity of the outdoor recreation market and intensify public and private promotional and advocacy efforts to ensure quality, life enriching outdoor recreation experiences.
4. Utilize all resources in an effort to obtain adequate funding for Outdoor Recreation.
5. Improve Natural Resource Stewardship and protect open space while simultaneously enhancing sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities.

### **The Division will meet these goals by emphasizing the following strategies:**

#### **Emphasis on Employee Training To Meet the Diversity:**

A training needs assessment will be conducted to prioritize required and desired training for each employee. Specific training will be emphasized over social-type conferences. Ideally, employees can attend conferences that provide the required training. Summarized reports are required for anyone attending a conference or training. Lesson plans will be developed for others that need the specific training but are not attending. Training will concentrate on quality and individual needs. The principles of "quality management" will permeate the organization. Employees will be empowered with responsibility, authority, and accountability. Training will be provided to empower all employees to improve and be a part of the overall team. It will provide for an innovative entrepreneurial organization to rapidly meet the changing needs. It will employ a compelling vision with a sense of ownership and belonging. Teams build lasting networks; teams hold peers accountable; teams are the basic building blocks.

#### **Emphasis on Internal Communications Improvements:**

Electronic networking of all field and regional offices to the Topeka and Pratt offices has been completed. Electronic data interchange is saving time, effort and money. All areas can see the same information at the same time and have the ability to immediately interact. Networking is a form of information processing that utilizes technology by painlessly acquiring and capturing the information once at the source while using the latest technology to process it quickly to its destination. It has turned sequential processes into parallel processes.

#### **Emphasis on Equipment Replacement:**

The implementation of an equipment replacement schedule is a top priority and is currently being targeted. A portion of our appropriation will be set aside annually to replace necessary equipment in a timely manner to eliminate the drain on the maintenance budget and down time. We will also eliminate 15% and replace another 10% of the presently owned equipment by

purchasing or leasing the right equipment. Alternative types of equipment will be purchased in lieu of vehicles where feasible.

**Emphasis on Positive and Effective Customer Service:**

The concept developed through the use of "unit" offices of "one-stop shopping" will be maintained. Visitors will be able to acquire information, all types of permits and licenses in one location. Proper funding sources have been developed during the budget planning and annual work plan process. Each office will be analyzed and scheduled to provide the highest possible customer service in an effective manner.

**Emphasis on Increasing Participation and Special Events:**

We will actively seek special events in partnerships with other groups to acquire additional environmentally sound activities and facilities with a priority on the minimal use periods. Each region supervisor is requested to locate and provide a partnership for a new or expanded event in each region annually. Interpretation and education is stressed with an emphasis on creating a greater sense of ownership by developing an improved volunteer support. A pride of ownership will develop as people will improve upon the quality of life while providing a living legacy.

**Emphasis on Increasing Constituent Cooperation:**

Each area has developed annual, comprehensive, strategic management plans for existing facilities and resources. These plans are dynamic and will be updated using an identical format for each land or water area. The prominent purpose of the area determines its overall use or classification. The large park classification is further defined into sub-classes for individual uses of the resource. Each type of resource use is identified and prioritized with maintenance standards followed. Carrying capacities need to be established and based on the intended use or development status.

The manager of the area will cause a periodic written inspection of the area. All state park public use areas and facilities will be inspected twice daily during the heavy use seasons with immediate corrective action taken where non-conforming maintenance practices, health and safety concerns, and vandalism have been noted. All employee use areas will be inspected weekly with non-conforming items immediately corrected. Planned maintenance will be budgeted.

No state park areas or facilities will be permanently closed or abandoned. Seasonal closures will be determined annually with those areas being closed when cost exceeds demand by more than twenty-five per cent. All closures will be coordinated by the appropriate regional supervisor. Written notification will be transmitted to the director of parks and to the local news media; areas closed will be appropriately signed. Fees will not be collected for areas closed. No organizational changes are required to implement the division goals, however several FTE and restoration of budget reductions to an FY2002 level are required. One FTE is required to assist with the Recreational Trails, AmeriCorps and Land and Water Conservation Fund programs. One FTE Ranger is required at Clinton State Park; the two unclassified FTE Office Assistant positions at Pomona SP and Crawford SP have been upgraded to classified. Budget reductions experienced in FY2004 and in previous years will need to be restored eventually. These positions and budget restorations are necessary if the Department wishes to more effectively meet its goals and mission.

***The division management team will provide agency-supported programs for a system of state parks operating uniformly to accomplish the mandates of legislation and the mission of the***

**Department of Wildlife and Parks.** The management team will be accessible to identify, communicate, plan and develop the natural, cultural, wildlife and recreational needs of the state. The team will foster and encourage creativity, efficiency and effectiveness through continuous improvement in the management and administration of the division.

The division management team consists of the director, assistant director, administrative assistant, region supervisors, and the individual managers. The management team for the individual parks will consist of the respective region supervisor, park manager, and employees on the area. The local biologists from Fisheries and Wildlife Division, the Law Enforcement Conservation Officer, and the respective division regional supervisors will be called on to assist as needed. How the teams successfully perform and what the future holds is as much in the hands of employees as leaders. We intend to:

**DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP** that encourages and supports experimental initiatives and anticipates problems or opportunities that allow innovative solutions to be explored and implemented. **PROVIDE LEADERSHIP** that demonstrates collaboration and the sharing of responsibility with all levels and divisions of the organization. **BUILD TRUST** through positive communication, recognizing the value of free and open exchanges of information. **FOSTER A PARTICIPATIVE MANAGEMENT** style with a philosophical framework for change in paradigms. **PRACTICE GOOD STEWARDSHIP** by teaching good stewardship and by preparing solid, annual management work plans for each area. **PROVIDE QUALITY** customer service to all customers. **QUALITY ACTION TEAMS** of short duration will be continued and empowered to complete a number of quality improvement projects. Teams will be comprised of all levels of the organization and will have specific tasks, guidelines and time constraints.

The department must obtain adequate dedicated funding to fully accomplish the division goals. The department must agree to properly fund the Administrative Assistants that perform work duties for other divisions.

## Kansas State Parks 2007 Visitation

Location	Region	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
Cedar Bluff	West	634	832	3,003	4,272	26,409	31,728	27,942	20,116	13,620	3,849	2,191	1,535	136,131
Cheney	Central	6,076	9,020	26,415	30,730	64,087	77,253	90,400	69,400	55,645	19,693	13,065	6,218	468,002
Clinton	East	13,541	9,504	23,227	30,355	39,144	89,990	53,498	36,346	47,179	16,116	16,603	14,592	390,095
Crawford	East	1,400	2,107	14,120	14,786	26,592	43,530	46,752	30,155	26,560	14,560	12,332	10,526	243,420
Cross Timbers	East	3,085	6,120	12,450	11,563	14,611	15,954	9,574	13,796	16,450	10,100	8,100	5,510	127,313
Eisenhower	East	3,494	3,981	2,782	3,056	20,745	20,258	27,415	13,054	20,898	2,548	2,652	2,681	123,564
El Dorado	Central	17,454	20,784	45,749	60,078	79,908	119,539	151,077	87,743	91,974	52,297	28,868	29,113	784,584
Elk City	East	4,823	4,419	7,210	10,853	12,363	22,151	2,520	3,780	4,032	6,300	4,625	4,977	88,053
Fall River	East	1,025	2,950	4,905	5,244	6,558	9,568	601	4,822	8,550	6,100	5,150	4,562	60,035
Glen Elder	West	8,880	6,920	10,368	14,388	31,706	36,647	39,960	12,431	15,034	8,014	9,021	2,911	196,280
Hillsdale	East	30,706	18,446	40,770	63,920	72,522	105,082	72,368	55,656	45,342	39,032	47,512	18,068	609,424
Kanopolis	Central	4,469	4,178	10,439	16,905	27,542	26,635	36,329	17,547	17,612	14,298	7,669	4,604	188,227
Lovewell	West	2,779	3,205	14,453	13,127	42,548	48,710	49,714	26,606	23,508	8,084	8,736	3,612	245,082
Meade	West	1,219	1,525	5,348	7,731	18,838	24,035	23,400	13,910	10,951	5,461	3,398	1,158	116,974
Milford	Central	20,196	14,988	20,678	46,270	51,823	88,459	79,277	83,626	62,287	29,832	18,871	20,710	537,017
Perry	East	1,367	1,880	7,682	7,632	24,733	54,834	46,397	28,800	28,895	12,570	7,952	1,500	224,242
Pomona	East	2,388	1,669	10,230	7,761	7,779	15,001	17,773	12,076	10,818	5,671	5,233	4,591	100,990
Prairie Dog	West	3,045	4,855	7,644	10,816	24,615	26,310	31,926	18,864	16,938	8,913	6,006	5,914	165,846
Prairie Spirit Trail	East	2,500	2,000	4,000	3,600	4,400	5,000	4,500	3,200	4,000	5,200	5,800	3,000	47,200
Sand Hills	Central	692	563	1,331	1,489	1,616	1,365	1,113	1,418	1,082	962	789	525	12,945
Scott	West	2,124	3,810	11,147	10,962	20,946	22,586	21,062	16,299	13,627	10,692	7,279	2,518	143,052
Tuttle Creek	Central	23,234	24,866	45,523	57,048	107,340	189,214	98,428	82,454	82,133	59,030	42,617	21,451	833,338
Webster	West	3,136	4,785	8,280	8,430	16,413	13,830	15,780	11,643	11,325	6,153	3,786	2,745	106,306
Wilson	Central	11,238	16,400	12,946	17,178	22,096	50,980	66,268	32,214	26,312	12,756	9,610	10,492	288,490
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>169,505</b>	<b>169,807</b>	<b>350,700</b>	<b>458,194</b>	<b>765,334</b>	<b>1,138,659</b>	<b>1,014,074</b>	<b>695,956</b>	<b>654,772</b>	<b>358,231</b>	<b>277,865</b>	<b>183,513</b>	<b>6,236,610</b>

*Previous Years' Monthly Totals:*

<b>2006</b>	206,459	167,954	266,085	479,470	860,558	1,072,041	1,010,543	655,964	538,097	326,676	271,029	188,536	6,043,412
<b>2005</b>	159,715	244,410	348,123	458,125	869,985	1,165,976	1,041,273	670,839	619,466	379,807	250,451	178,602	6,386,772
<b>2004</b>	171,404	182,192	341,540	461,364	1,046,647	1,019,273	1,110,529	936,474	655,301	446,562	224,205	206,970	6,802,461
<b>2003</b>	195,371	168,902	326,810	524,489	1,199,571	1,214,552	1,302,122	870,743	655,561	364,580	211,198	240,531	7,274,430
<b>2002</b>	182,002	212,794	295,157	616,177	1,259,660	1,263,360	1,382,920	898,009	871,102	418,969	279,258	258,697	7,938,105
<b>2001</b>	151,974	161,161	360,378	642,466	1,293,529	1,276,032	1,206,832	891,958	673,255	359,316	294,425	213,494	7,524,820
<b>2000</b>	183,046	220,794	333,536	598,453	1,198,943	1,105,847	1,178,266	932,052	659,103	454,401	227,860	150,658	7,242,959
<b>1999</b>	155,247	218,211	302,682	470,900	1,107,963	995,436	1,245,329	760,877	629,209	357,963	239,481	166,952	6,650,250
<b>1998</b>	143,571	182,257	207,512	564,873	1,104,198	947,160	1,132,101	782,520	722,853	352,262	233,534	165,773	6,538,614
<b>1997</b>	145,746	150,868	309,512	463,402	1,042,039	1,091,872	1,123,588	853,991	548,857	344,066	180,714	149,743	6,404,398
<b>1996</b>	161,276	203,565	265,716	448,282	908,586	1,086,938	1,003,412	677,850	500,837	271,810	163,375	139,731	5,831,378
<b>1995</b>	162,263	215,187	324,787	469,761	835,348	979,632	1,334,733	930,507	718,681	386,474	209,610	141,378	6,708,361
<b>1994</b>	69,130	103,103	238,202	379,261	715,832	749,166	711,689	478,506	390,902	217,725	146,754	93,972	4,294,242
<b>1993</b>	69,907	91,600	179,143	367,195	627,495	611,598	765,723	609,108	340,982	228,445	122,672	105,225	4,119,093

*Note: 1995 data reflects change in methodology in calculating visits.*

## Park Fee Fund Revenue History

	<b>FY08</b>	<b>FY07</b>	<b>FY06</b>	<b>FY05</b>	<b>FY04</b>	<b>FY03</b>	<b>FY02</b>	<b>FY01</b>	<b>FY00</b>	<b>FY99</b>
July	533,046.30	632,705.88	647,279.46 ++	606,875.12 +	823,367.90 &	874,248.23 @	458,961.58	445,521.92	439,897.50	393,042.45
Aug	528,585.10	534,771.19	534,041.40	586,352.81	587,829.37	491,076.87	603,924.24	494,243.13	545,075.01	515,061.74
Sep	414,308.66	349,675.51	427,826.65	518,659.75	425,539.06	442,288.26	492,991.08	376,916.92	460,726.71	407,757.09
Oct	192,898.22	167,198.94	223,812.41	213,672.14	225,915.51	238,171.39	230,518.08	230,822.57	209,377.10	199,318.29
Nov	97,229.74	82,794.52	90,262.48	92,190.46	76,385.74	68,612.57	121,799.33	99,709.55	106,934.09	77,207.27
Dec	56,404.07	63,184.56	68,126.71	62,179.26	82,634.83	94,728.80	41,413.30	41,314.96	46,075.65	29,696.91
Jan		134,822.04 **	238,282.88	158,635.47	191,018.54	194,201.41 **	135,159.91	130,046.29 **	84,573.90	62,293.41
Feb		119,315.12	152,673.07	149,732.14	91,386.28	117,250.53	126,426.95	91,681.55	69,203.85	62,737.39
Mar		427,047.78	413,134.20	338,513.55	367,313.24	296,215.45 ^	191,516.25	174,055.83	89,024.15	74,079.48
Apr		420,179.70	661,195.48	626,723.20	723,675.59	597,558.95	485,500.35	463,931.04	245,114.26	251,835.73
May		623,369.98	629,148.39	581,962.53	616,647.48	752,695.05	613,278.93	584,674.83	587,432.30	375,638.11
Jun		1,137,247.28	1,517,173.82	1,634,477.12	1,411,122.36	1,408,679.63	1,383,413.88	1,616,202.40	1,297,505.62	1,231,667.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,822,472.09</b>	<b>4,692,312.50</b>	<b>5,602,956.95</b>	<b>5,569,973.55</b>	<b>5,622,835.90</b>	<b>5,575,727.14</b>	<b>4,884,903.88</b>	<b>4,749,120.99</b>	<b>4,180,940.14</b>	<b>3,680,335.28</b>
% change from prior year		-16.25%	0.59%	-0.94%	0.84%	14.14%	2.86%	13.59%	13.60%	2.43%
<b>Calendar Year Revenue</b>		<b>4,684,453.99</b>	<b>3,611,607.84</b>	<b>3,490,044.01</b>	<b>3,401,163.49</b>	<b>3,366,601.02</b>	<b>2,935,296.27</b>	<b>5,010,199.55</b>	<b>2,372,854.08</b>	<b>3,866,337.59</b>
	<u>Current YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>
	1,822,472.09	1,830,330.60	1,991,349.11	2,079,929.54	2,221,672.41	2,209,126.12	1,949,607.61	1,688,529.05	1,808,086.06	1,622,083.75
% change from prior year	-0.43%	-8.09%	-4.26%	-6.38%	0.57%	13.31%	15.46%	-6.61%	11.47%	4.09%
Cash bal in PFF @ 12/31/07:			<b>\$303,835.41</b>		<b>FY08</b>	<b>FY07</b>	<b>FY06</b>	<b>FY05</b>	<b>FY04</b>	<b>FY03</b>
Cash bal in PFF @ 12/31/06:			<b>\$267,392.42</b>	<b>Dec YTD Rev net</b>						
Cash bal in PFF @ 12/31/05:			<b>\$274,504.07</b>	<b>of transfers</b>	<b>1,822,472.09</b>	<b>1,830,330.60</b>	<b>2,043,205</b>	<b>2,247,609</b>	<b>2,255,922</b>	<b>\$2,212,423</b>
Cash bal in PFF @ 12/31/04:			<b>\$39,965.94</b>	<b>% change</b>	<b>-0.43%</b>	<b>-10.42%</b>	<b>-9.09%</b>	<b>-0.37%</b>	<b>1.97%</b>	

# \$50,000 of March FY97 revenue is a reimbursement from an insurance claim.

\* \$210,000 was a transfer from the State General Fund for lost revenues due to FY93 flood damage.

\*\* new fee structure implemented

@ includes transfer out of \$3,297 for death and disability employer contributions fund and amounts budgeted for vehicle purchases in FY03.

^ increase in sales over prior year may be in part to accelerated purchasing of camping/vehicle permits at a discount prior to full pricing in effect on April 1

& includes transfer out of \$34,250: \$19,888 to SGF for motor pool expenses and \$14,362 to SGF for Death & Disability. True revenue actually = \$857,618.

+ includes transfer out of \$167,679 for Best Team reductions. True revenue = \$774,554.

++ includes transfer out of \$51,856 to SGF per HB 2482, Sec 86. True revenue actually = \$699,135.46

## 2007 Vehicle Entrance Fees

LICENSE	LTYPE_DESC	NUMBER SOLD	STATE	STATE	TOTAL	AGENT	PERMIT COST	
			COST CASH/CK	COST/CC	STATE FEE	FEE		CTB FEE
201	ANNUAL VEHICLE PERMIT OCT-MAR	13,126	\$174,046.80	\$51,720.40	\$225,767.20	\$13,126.00	\$15,094.90	\$17.20
202	ANNUAL VEHICLE PERMIT APR-SEP	18,737	\$344,433.00	\$71,528.40	\$415,961.40	\$18,737.00	\$21,547.55	\$22.20
203	SECOND VEHICLE PERMIT OCT-MAR	5,883	\$45,008.00	\$12,057.10	\$57,065.10	\$5,883.00	\$6,765.45	\$9.70
204	SECOND VEHICLE PERMIT APR-SEP	6,077	\$62,891.00	\$11,248.40	\$74,139.40	\$6,077.00	\$6,988.55	\$12.20
205	SENIOR ANNUAL VEHICLE OCT-MAR	4,041	\$30,409.60	\$4,343.00	\$34,752.60	\$4,041.00	\$4,647.15	\$8.60
206	SENIOR ANNUAL VEHICLE PERMIT APR-SEP	2,083	\$19,957.80	\$3,163.50	\$23,121.30	\$2,083.00	\$2,395.45	\$11.10
207	SENIOR 2ND ANNUAL VEHICLE PERMIT OCT-MA	2,068	\$8,565.10	\$1,464.70	\$10,029.80	\$2,068.00	\$2,378.20	\$4.85
208	SENIOR 2ND ANNUAL VEHICLE PERMIT APR-SE	803	\$4,245.60	\$652.70	\$4,898.30	\$803.00	\$923.45	\$6.10
209	DISABLED ANNUAL VEHICLE PERMIT OCT-MAR	944	\$6,837.00	\$1,281.40	\$8,118.40	\$944.00	\$1,085.60	\$8.60
210	DISABLED ANNUAL VEHICLE PERMIT APR-SEP	715	\$7,059.60	\$876.90	\$7,936.50	\$715.00	\$822.25	\$11.10
211	DISABLED 2ND ANNUAL VEHICLE PMT OCT-MAR	649	\$2,643.25	\$504.40	\$3,147.65	\$649.00	\$746.35	\$4.85
212	DISABLED 2ND ANNUAL VEHICLE APR-SEP	451	\$2,507.10	\$244.00	\$2,751.10	\$451.00	\$518.65	\$6.10
223	TEMP ANNUAL VEHICLE PERMIT OCT-MAR	1,494	\$25,696.80	\$0.00	\$25,696.80	\$1,494.00	\$1,718.10	\$17.20
224	TEMP ANNUAL VEHICLE PERMIT APR-SEP	810	\$17,982.00	\$0.00	\$17,982.00	\$810.00	\$931.50	\$22.20
225	TEMP SECOND VEHICLE PERMIT OCT-MAR	258	\$2,502.60	\$0.00	\$2,502.60	\$258.00	\$296.70	\$9.70
226	TEMP SECOND VEHICLE PERMIT APR-SEP	82	\$1,000.40	\$0.00	\$1,000.40	\$82.00	\$94.30	\$12.20
227	TEMP SENIOR ANNUAL VEH PMT OCT-MAR	112	\$963.20	\$0.00	\$963.20	\$112.00	\$128.80	\$8.60
228	TEMP SENIOR ANNUAL VEH PMT APR-SEP	36	\$399.60	\$0.00	\$399.60	\$36.00	\$41.40	\$11.10
229	TEMP SENIOR 2ND ANNUAL VEHICLE OCT-MAR	45	\$218.25	\$0.00	\$218.25	\$45.00	\$51.75	\$4.85
230	TEMP SENIOR 2ND ANNUAL VEHICLE APR-SEP	9	\$54.90	\$0.00	\$54.90	\$9.00	\$10.35	\$6.10
231	TEMP DISABLED ANNUAL VEHICLE OCT-MAR	31	\$266.60	\$0.00	\$266.60	\$31.00	\$35.65	\$8.60
232	TEMP DISABLED ANNUAL VEHICLE APR-SEP	18	\$193.55	\$0.00	\$193.55	\$18.00	\$20.70	\$11.10
233	TEMP DISABLED 2ND ANNUAL VEH OCT-MAR	18	\$87.30	\$0.00	\$87.30	\$18.00	\$20.70	\$4.85
234	TEMP DISABLED 2ND ANNUAL VEH APR-SEP	6	\$36.60	\$0.00	\$36.60	\$6.00	\$6.90	\$6.10
723	NG ANNUAL VEHICLE PMT OCT-MAR	693	\$20,033.30	\$0.00	\$20,033.30	\$693.00	\$796.95	\$17.20
724	NG ANNUAL VEHICLE PMT APR-SEPT	273	\$6,283.60	\$0.00	\$6,283.60	\$273.00	\$313.95	\$22.20
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL VEHICLE</b>		<b>59,462</b>	<b>\$784,322.55</b>	<b>\$159,084.90</b>	<b>\$943,407.45</b>	<b>\$59,462.00</b>	<b>\$68,381.30</b>	
235	DAILY VEHICLE PERMIT OCT-MAR	7,351	\$14,946.80	\$1,225.40	\$16,172.20	\$7,351.00	\$3,675.50	\$2.20
236	DAILY VEHICLE PERMIT APR-SEP	101,255	\$262,213.20	\$11,175.30	\$273,388.50	\$101,255.00	\$50,627.50	\$2.70
213	DAILY VEHICLE INTERNET PMT OCT-MAR	60	\$132.00	\$0.00	\$132.00	\$60.00	\$69.00	\$2.20
214	DAILY VEHICLE INTERNET PMT APR-SEP	203	\$548.10	\$0.00	\$548.10	\$203.00	\$233.45	\$2.70
215	SR DAILY VEHICLE PERMIT OCT-MAR	330	\$273.90	\$89.10	\$363.00	\$330.00	\$165.00	\$1.10
216	DISABLED DAILY VEHICLE PMT OCT-MAR	97	\$99.00	\$7.70	\$106.70	\$97.00	\$48.50	\$1.10
217	SR DAILY VEHICLE PERMIT APR-SEP	3,261	\$4,094.55	\$307.80	\$4,402.35	\$3,261.00	\$1,630.50	\$1.35
218	DISABLED DAILY VEHICLE PMT APR-SEP	307	\$386.10	\$28.35	\$414.45	\$307.00	\$153.50	\$1.35
570	PAPER DAILY VEHICLE PERMITS	53,769	\$137,677.25	\$7,498.20	\$145,175.45	\$0.00	\$1,043.00	\$2.70
571	PAPER SR/DISABLED DAILY VEHICLE PMTS	2,855	\$3,766.90	\$86.90	\$3,853.80	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$1.35
551	SELPAY DAILY VEH OCT-MAR	12,730	\$27,997.88	\$8.50	\$28,006.38	\$0.00	\$203.50	\$2.20
552	SELPAY DAILY VEH APR-SEP	53,230	\$141,779.66	\$1,942.30	\$143,721.96	\$0.00	\$720.00	\$2.70
553	SELPAY SR DAILY VEH OCT-MAR	807	\$887.95	\$0.00	\$887.95	\$0.00	\$31.50	\$1.10
554	SELPAY SR DAILY VEH APR-SEP	5,088	\$6,868.36	\$0.00	\$6,868.36	\$0.00	\$111.00	\$1.35
556	SELPAY DISABLED DAILY OCT-MAR	2	\$2.10	\$0.00	\$2.10	\$0.00	\$0.50	\$1.10
557	SELPAY DISABLED DAILY APR-SEP	423	\$567.01	\$3.70	\$570.71	\$0.00	\$6.50	\$1.35
<b>TOTAL DAILY VEHICLE</b>		<b>241,767</b>	<b>\$602,240.76</b>	<b>\$22,373.25</b>	<b>\$624,614.01</b>	<b>\$112,864.00</b>	<b>\$58,848.95</b>	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>301,229</b>	<b>\$1,386,563.31</b>	<b>\$181,458.15</b>	<b>\$1,568,021.46</b>	<b>\$172,326.00</b>	<b>\$127,230.25</b>	

## 2007 Camping Permit Sales

LICENSE	LTYPE_DESC	NUMBER SOLD	STATE COST		TOTAL STATE FEE	AGENT FEE	CTB FEE	PERMIT COST
			CASH/CK	COST/CC				
301	ANNUAL CAMP PERMIT	3,361	\$382,800.00	\$121,350.00	\$504,150.00	\$3,361.00	\$3,865.15	\$150.00
320	TEMP ANNUAL CAMP PERMIT	166	\$24,900.00	\$0.00	\$24,900.00	\$166.00	\$190.90	\$150.00
311	14 NIGHT CAMP PERMIT OCT-MAR	577	\$30,515.00	\$18,530.00	\$49,045.00	\$577.00	\$663.55	\$85.00
312	14 NIGHT CAMP PERMIT APR-SEP	391	\$26,928.00	\$11,781.00	\$38,709.00	\$391.00	\$449.65	\$99.00
302	DAILY CAMPSITE PERMIT OCT-MAR	4,860	\$20,916.00	\$8,244.00	\$29,160.00	\$4,860.00	\$2,430.00	\$6.00
558	SELPAY CAMPSITE OCT-MAR	3,287	\$19,567.46	\$153.50	\$19,720.96	\$0.00	\$173.50	\$6.00
303	DAILY CAMPSITE PERMIT APR-SEP	45,040	\$261,968.00	\$53,312.00	\$315,280.00	\$45,040.00	\$22,520.00	\$7.00
559	SELPAY CAMPSITE APR-SEP	13,975	\$96,694.47	\$1,132.20	\$97,826.67	\$0.00	\$639.50	\$7.00
572	PAPER DAILY CAMP APR-SEP	21,780	\$136,286.00	\$16,172.50	\$152,458.50	\$0.00	\$769.00	\$7.00
304	PRIME SITE CAMP PERMIT	18,807	\$29,014.00	\$8,600.00	\$37,614.00	\$0.00	\$9,403.50	\$2.00
560	SELPAY PRIME SITE CAMP	2,675	\$5,307.60	\$42.00	\$5,349.60	\$0.00	\$194.00	\$2.00
573	PAPER DAILY PRIME SITE CAMP	14,619	\$28,483.10	\$754.50	\$29,237.60	\$0.00	\$186.50	\$2.00
313	GROUP CAMP PERMIT	31	\$2,031.50	\$2,930.50	\$4,962.00	\$0.00	\$9.50	varies
315	YOUTH CAMP PERMIT	406	\$747.50	\$267.50	\$1,015.00	\$406.00	\$203.00	\$2.50
577	PAPER YOUTH CAMP	9	\$0.00	\$23.50	\$23.50	\$0.00	\$0.50	\$2.50
305	1 UTILITIES	5,985	\$25,932.50	\$6,985.00	\$32,917.50	\$0.00	\$2,992.50	\$5.50
306	2 UTILITIES	75,712	\$472,162.50	\$95,677.50	\$567,840.00	\$0.00	\$37,856.00	\$7.50
307	3 UTILITIES	13,052	\$79,662.00	\$31,280.00	\$110,942.00	\$0.00	\$6,526.00	\$8.50
561	SELPAY 1 UTILITY	2,995	\$16,412.06	\$61.50	\$16,473.56	\$0.00	\$309.50	\$5.50
562	SELPAY 2 UTILITY	11,978	\$89,259.07	\$572.50	\$89,831.57	\$0.00	\$605.50	\$7.50
563	SELPAY 3 UTILITY	1,384	\$11,080.20	\$681.00	\$11,761.20	\$0.00	\$104.50	\$8.50
574	PAPER DAILY UTILITY	35,869	\$274,889.05	\$20,203.54	\$295,092.59	\$0.00	\$764.50	varies
308	UTILITY UPGRADE (1)	43	\$38.00	\$5.00	\$43.00	\$0.00	\$21.50	\$1.00
309	UTILITY UPGRADE (2)	58	\$76.00	\$40.00	\$116.00	\$0.00	\$29.00	\$2.00
310	UTILITY UPGRADE (3)	13	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$6.50	\$3.00
316	LONG-TERM CAMP PERMIT (1 UTILITY)	13	\$2,400.00	\$200.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$6.50	\$200.00
317	LONG-TERM CAMP PERMIT (2 UTILITY)	364	\$78,520.00	\$16,120.00	\$94,640.00	\$0.00	\$182.00	\$260.00
318	LONG-TERM CAMP PERMIT (3 UTILITY)	330	\$78,400.00	\$27,200.00	\$105,600.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$320.00
503	CABIN LEASE/CAMP	214	\$35,239.55	\$3,621.05	\$38,860.60	\$0.00	\$33.50	varies
504	PARKS CABIN RENTAL	3,252	\$48,278.00	\$191,918.37	\$240,196.37	\$0.00	\$1,172.50	varies
505	PARKS RESERVATION FEE	4,260	\$11,670.00	\$30,930.00	\$42,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,130.00	\$10.00
506	RENT A CAMP	27	\$210.00	\$195.00	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$13.50	\$15.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>285,532</b>	<b>\$2,290,426.56</b>	<b>\$668,983.66</b>	<b>\$2,959,410.22</b>	<b>\$54,801.00</b>	<b>\$94,616.75</b>	