

OTTAWA

Ottawa State Fishing Lake's primary purpose is to provide quality fishing opportunities. Compatible recreation is also encouraged.

Located about 24 miles north of Salina, the area includes 111 acres of water surrounded by 617 acres of land. The area is most popular with anglers and campers. Due to

its small size, hunting opportunities are limited. Annual visitation averages between 40,000 and 50,000 visitors each year.

FISHING

The lake has good populations of black bass, channel catfish, crappie, and sunfish. Saugeye and wipers add additional predators, and a few big flatheads and carp provide some line-tugging action. Ten earthen fishing piers and an active shoreline maintenance program provide good fishing access.

Lotus pads provide excellent fish habitat, and lanes are mowed through aquatic vegetation to increase angler access. Brush piles and fish feeders concentrate fish to create excellent fishing locations. Three automatic fish feeders operate from May through October to enhance catfish and panfish growth.

BOATING

The lake has two boat ramps with courtesy docks. Motorized boats are welcome on the lake but must be operated for fishing only at no wake speeds.

WILDLIFE

In addition to white-tailed deer and turkeys, Canada geese winter here. Alert visitors during winter months may also see a bald eagle. Wildlife viewing and photography opportunities exist year-round on the lake and wildlife area.

HUNTING

Limited deer, turkey, quail, pheasant, squirrel, and rabbit hunting occurs on the 275 acres open to public hunting. Another 275 acres provide special hunts to novice hunters as part of the "Pass It On" program. Special hunt applications are taken in June, and more information can be found on the KDWP website. For safety purposes, hunting is limited to shotgun and archery only.

Channel catfish populations are maintained with annual stockings of 8"-12" fish.

SPECIES	Length/Creel Limits
Largemouth bass	15"/ 5
Saugeye	18"/ 5
Wiper	18"/ 5
Channel catfish	NA/ 5
Crappie	NA/ 50

Weekly fishing reports for this and other lakes are posted on the KDWP website.

CAMPING

Free primitive camping is allowed in designated areas only around the lake. Camping is not allowed around fishing piers or next to shoreline, except where designated, to ensure angler access as a priority.

CABIN

No need to drag your camper or rough it in a tent. A rental cabin is available that sleeps six. Bedding and toiletries are not provided. Contact the Regional Office in Hays (785-628-8614) for rates and reservations.

NO HUNTING AREA

The entire lake, most of the shoreline, and west boundary (refer to map) are closed to hunting for safety reasons.

OTHER FACILITIES

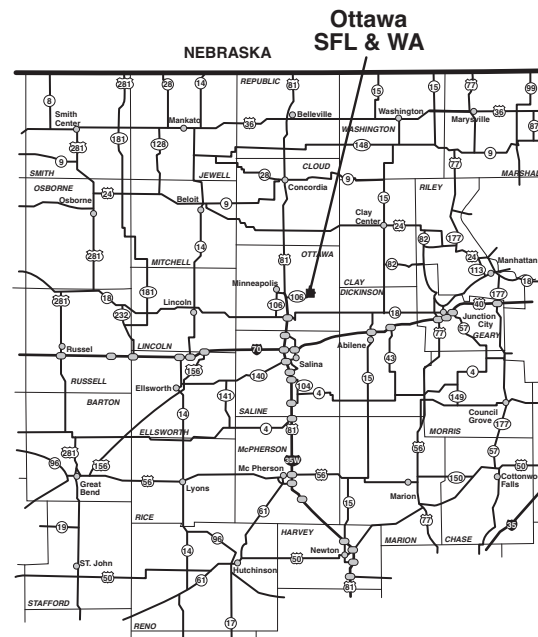
Three vault toilets, numerous picnic tables and fire rings, and a large reservable group shelter house are available on the area. There are no public showers, trash bins, or utility hook-ups.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Portions of the area are closed to vehicle access seasonally to save maintenance costs and to improve fall and winter wildlife use.

Campfires are allowed only in established firings. Camping is not allowed on or near the fishing piers. Vehicles are not allowed on fishing piers.

Shelter house for day-use only except by special permit. Please help keep the area clean by taking your trash with you.

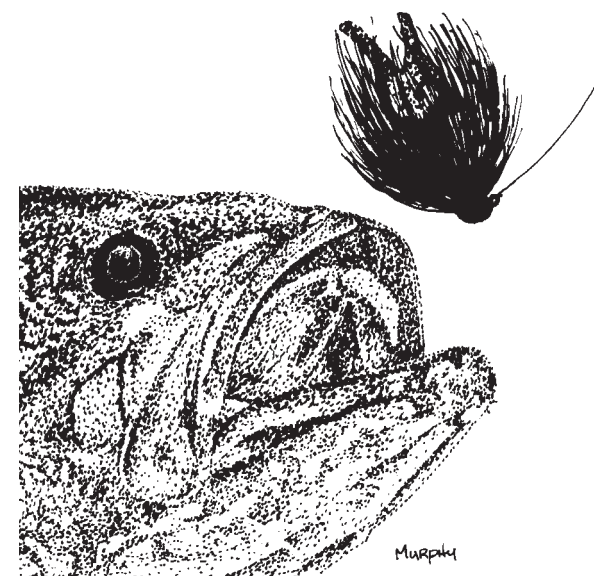


General Area Map

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State Fishing Lake & Wildlife Area



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OTTAWA STATE FISHING LAKE & WILDLIFE AREA



190th Rd.

Kiowa Rd.

Low Water
Crossing

NO
HUNTING

Ottawa
SFL

Tent
Camping
Only

Spillway

190th Rd.

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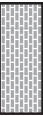
Sand Creek

4 Miles
to
Hwy 81

Justice Rd.

200th Rd.

LEGEND

	Wildlife Area Hunting Allowed (Archery and Shotgun Only)
	Wildlife Area Special Hunts ONLY (Authorized persons Oct. 1 - March 1)
	Wildlife Area NO Hunting Allowed
	Camping Area
	Dam/Dike
	Paved Roads
	Gravel Roads
	Seasonal Roads Closed Oct. 1 - March 1
	Access Gate
	Parking Area
	Information Center
	Boat Ramp
	Vault Toilet
	Fishing Pier
	Shelter House
	Modern Cabin By Reservation Only

