



Hillsdale Lake Trails

Trail Use Etiquette & Safety

- Trails are multi-use. You may experience hikers, bikers, hunters, birdwatchers and other public land users. Always be courteous.
- Leave no trace, pack out whatever you pack in. Take only pictures, leave only footprints.
- Prepare and plan your outing. Consider the weather and the effort you will be exerting. Know who to contact if necessary.
- Use only established or marked trails. Off trail short cuts may contain hidden obstacles and their use will contribute to unwanted erosion.
- Let the trails dry out when the trails are muddy, help preserve the tread condition by not using them until they are dry.
- Keep your distance when hiking, biking or horseback riding. Tailgaters are not appreciated.
- Always keep another rider in view. Be aware of surroundings and landmarks in case you need to turn back. Always be alert and observant to hazards such as wire, holes, bees, etc. Signal riders behind you of the hazards.
- Pass only on sections of trail that are safe. Give riders behind you time to cross creeks or other obstacles before riding on.
- Keep riding speed at a walk when near other riders or camping areas.
- If your horse is not used to riding with others or outside an arena, practice before going on a trail ride with a large group.
- Red and Blue markers are main trails. Yellow trail markers mean caution, danger or closed trail. White markers are for cross connecting trails.
- Hikers and bikers should give the right of way to horses. Trail users seeking to pass should communicate verbally and wait until safe passage is possible.
- Horses are prohibited on beach areas.

Hillsdale Lake has 30 miles of equestrian trail and nearly 5 miles of designated hiking /biking trail. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers have partnered to develop this Hillsdale Lake Trail Brochure. Trails at Hillsdale Lake are multi-use trails; many different types of users use the trails at the lake. We encourage all trail users to be friendly and courteous to other users.

The Corps of Engineers - "Hidden Spring Nature Trail" is designated for hikers and mountain bikers only (1.5 miles). Dogs must be on a leash at all times in the park and waste must be collected. The State Park Trail (3 miles) is designated for hikers and bikers only. The Saddleridge Multi-use trails are open to all non-motorized types of trail users (horses, bikers and hikers). Trails that wander through Oak Hickory woodlands, native grass and wildflower prairies, grassy meadows, and wetland habitats are available for our lake visitors. Treat yourself to a hike or ride at Hillsdale Lake. Be healthy, introduce children to the outdoors by taking them on a hike and enjoy your visit to the lake.

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