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When you choose a Kansas state park for your next overnight stay, you're choosing from one of 10,000 campsites and more than 120 cabins and yurts.

When you choose a Kansas state park for fun with your family, you're choosing from 130,000 surface-acres of water to boat, jet ski, swim, paddleboard, and fish.

When you choose a Kansas state park for making memories with friends, you're choosing from more than 250 special events throughout the year.

But above all, when you choose a Kansas state park, you're choosing adventure.

New this year, adventure can be found at two of Kansas' newest state parks—Flint Hills Trail and Little Jerusalem Badlands (set to open this summer). At 117 miles, the Flint Hills Trail State Park is the longest trail in Kansas—and the seventh-longest rail trail in America. Hike a stretch, bike a stretch, or just pick a few favorite spots to complete. As for the Little Jerusalem Badlands, it's something you'll need to see to believe. The 330-acre tract of land is home to 250 acres of Niobrara chalk formations that will have you thinking you're on another planet—in a good way! And while access to the core of this state park is limited to preserve its fragile formations, you're bound to have a phenomenal time participating in one of the guide-led hikes.

So flip through this *KANSAS! State Parks* guide, find the places where adventure is calling you, then go make it happen! There are incredible sights to see, great fun to be had, and friendly staff waiting to greet you.

Kansas state parks—where your next adventure lives.



Linda Lanterman
State Parks Director

welcome

MISSION

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWP) is charged with conserving our state's natural resources and inspiring people to visit these and all attractions in Kansas.

KDWP's mission is to:

- Conserve and enhance Kansas' natural heritage, its wildlife and its habitats to ensure the benefits of the state's diverse, living resources for future generations;
- Provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate the natural resources of Kansas, consistent with conserving those resources;
- Inform the public about the natural resources of Kansas to promote understanding and develop assistance with this mission;
- Encourage the public to visit and travel in Kansas and stimulate tourism and travel-related spending in the state by promoting its recreational, historic, cultural and natural attractions.

The agency works toward its mission through activities in the following categories:

- Administration
- State Parks
- Hunting and Public Lands
- Fishing and Public Waters
- Boating
- Tourism
- Conserving Habitats and Species
- Law Enforcement
- Information and Education



On The Cover

A young boy plays at El Dorado State Park. Photo by Crossroads Photography.

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Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park



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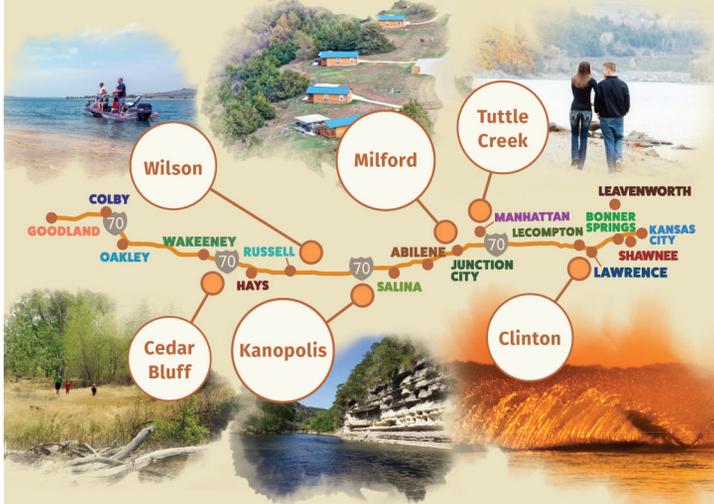
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FEES

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MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS

Daily or annual vehicle permits are required at most state parks. Senior and disabled vehicle-owners can take advantage of special discounts (Kansas residents only). Annual motor vehicle permits are available at KDWPT park and regional offices, or you can purchase daily vehicle permits at park entrance gates or self-serve kiosks.

STATE PARKS PASSPORT

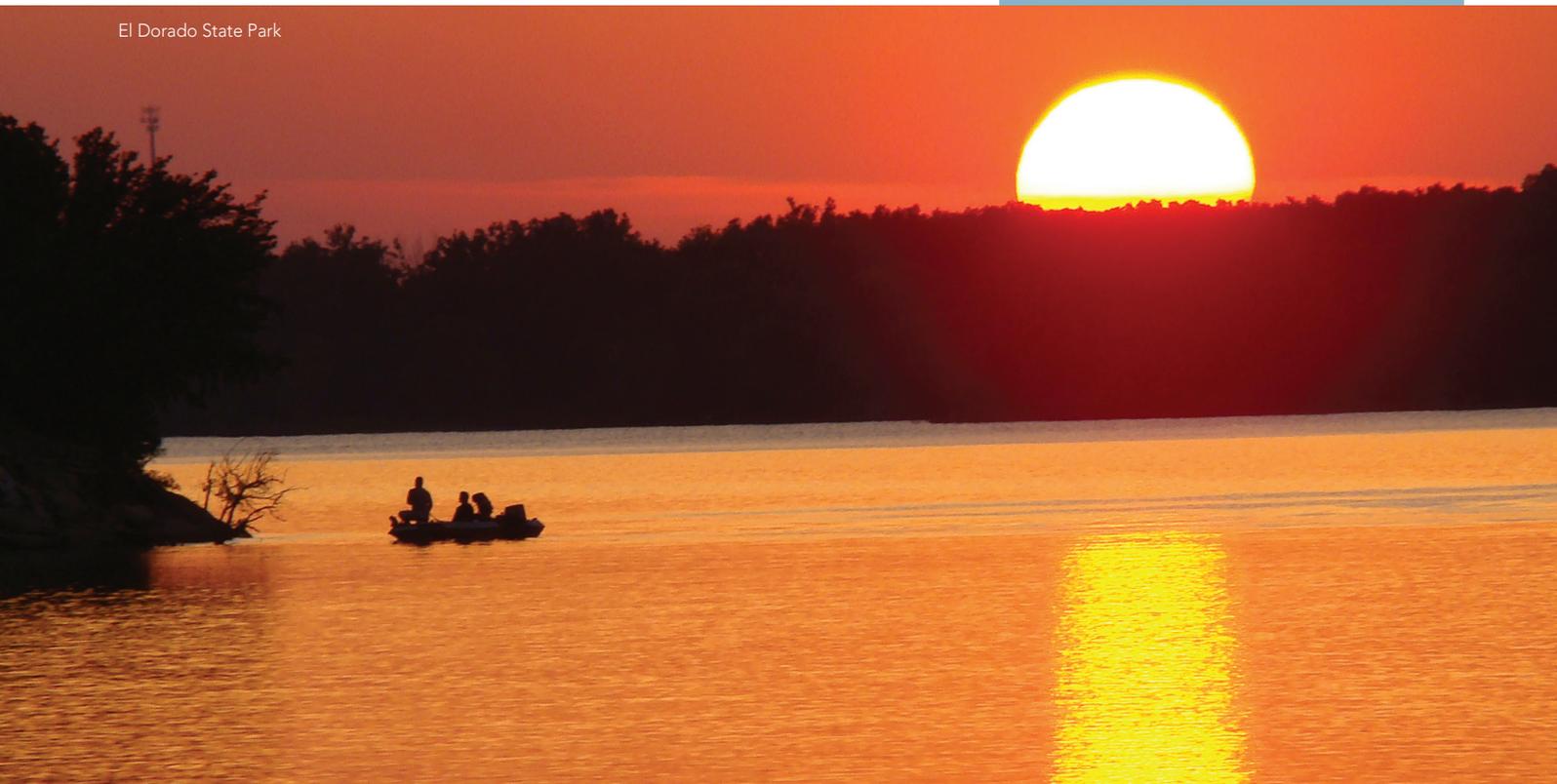
Kansas motor vehicle owners can purchase a "Kansas State Parks Passport," an annual park vehicle permit, when they register their vehicles. The permit costs \$15.50 (compared to \$25 for an annual permit through the KDWPT office). This non-transferable permit is only available during the vehicle registration process at a motor vehicle registration office, through the online vehicle registration site (www.kswebtags.org), or when registering by mail. The Kansas State Parks Passport is valid for one year from the date of purchase.

KANSAS STATE PARKS

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism manages 28 state parks, offering such amenities as RV sites with utility hookups, cabins, primitive camping sites, shower houses, playgrounds, trails, beaches, boat ramps and more. Most parks offer convenient access to reservoirs and wildlife areas. All the state parks highlight beautiful Kansas landscapes, perfect for outdoor exploration. No matter what your nature-loving interest, a Kansas state park has what you're looking for. Use this guide to learn more about the Kansas state parks in your area, or to find a park in Kansas that offers the activities that interest you.



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cabins & camping

CAMPSITE & CABIN RESERVATIONS

To make cabin or campsite reservations, visit www.ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Reservations, or call a KDWP state park office or the KDWP Operations Office at (620) 672-5911. The number of campsites available for reservation will vary by park—in most parks more than half of the sites can be reserved. The rest are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Shelter and group campground reservations can be made through park offices. Rates vary depending on location, dates and amenities desired. Special event and youth camping permits are also available. Seasonal camping permits are available at some parks. Fees vary depending on the season.



CAMPING

A camping permit is required in addition to the motor vehicle permit for overnight stays at state park. Fourteen-day or annual camping permits are also available. All daily camping permits expire at 2 p.m. Special seasonal camping permits are available at some parks.

CABINS

Consider a relaxing stay in one of the 120 comfortable cabins at Kansas state parks. Deluxe cabins feature refrigerators, stoves, microwaves and coffee pots, as well as separate bedrooms and full bathrooms with showers. Basic sleeper cabins are also available and are located near a showerhouse. Most cabins can sleep four to six adults while others can sleep up to 10 adults. Many of the cabins are ADA-accessible. Nightly rental rates vary depending on location, season, day of the week and available amenities.

	Modern Cabins	Primitive Cabins	Total Cabins
Cedar Bluff State Park	3	3	6
Cheney State Park	9	0	9
Clinton State Park	7	0	7
Crawford State Park	5	0	5
Cross Timbers State Park	4	0	4
Eisenhower State Park	4	2	6
El Dorado State Park	5	5	10
Elk City State Park	1	0	1
Fall River State Park	3	3	6
Glen Elder State Park	2	0	2
Historic Lake Scott State Park	2	0	2
Kanopolis State Park	6	0	6
Lovewell State Park	4	5	9
Milford State Park	10	0	10
Perry State Park	4	0	4
Pomona State Park	4	0	4
Prairie Dog State Park	2	2	4
Tuttle Creek State Park	11	0	11
Webster State Park	2	0	2
Wilson State Park	8	0	8

MODERN CABINS

Beds; heat/AC; electricity; water; bathroom with toilet, shower and sink; kitchen with stove, oven and refrigerator.

PRIMITIVE CABINS

Reliable shelter and accommodation. No bathrooms or running water.

No linens provided. Bring your own linens, toiletries and food. Telephone and TV not provided.

camping scavenger hunt

How many of the items below can you find? As you find the items, cross them off. If you make a line horizontally, diagonally or vertically, you win! Or you can try to find all of the items.

b i n g o



recipe

DIRECTIONS

Layer potatoes, seasonings, oil and butter in Dutch oven.

Regular Dutch oven method—Cover and cook on medium heat until potatoes are tender, about 35 to 45 minutes, stirring frequently. Adding a lid will help steam the potatoes and speed up the cooking.

For camp Dutch Oven method—For a temperature of 350°F, use about 16 charcoal briquettes on top and 8 on bottom; this system provides more uniform internal heat and lets the inside of the pot act as an oven. Kate advised, “I also heat a few extra briquettes to be on the safe side.” Baking requires more heat on top of the oven than is needed on the bottom. Rotate oven a quarter to a half turn once or twice while baking; this regulates the uneven heat caused by wind and/or the uneven distribution of coals on the top and bottom of the oven.

COOK-YOUR-OWN

RADER'S TATERS

RECIPE BY KATE RADER | STORY BY META NEWELL WEST

ABOUT THE COOK AND THE RECIPE

Kate Rader, a seasoned campfire cooking enthusiast and trail cook, likes to stack up a collection of camp Dutch ovens and prepare a full meal in her backyard in Carlton, Kansas. One of her favorites sides is this colorful and flavorful potato dish that daughter, Annette Satterfield, makes for the family.

INGREDIENTS:

- Yukon Gold, new or fingerling potato — about 3 pounds
- 1 big sweet potato, peeled, cut in bite-size pieces
- 2 or 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon fresh sage, finely chopped
- 1 or 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- Olive oil, about 1/4 cup
- Butter, about 3 or 4 tablespoons

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THINGS TO DO

Kansas state parks offer more than just camping and relaxing, although those are two excellent options. There are archery ranges, basketball courts, baseball fields, swimming beaches, fishing, boating and disc golf. Three parks offer shooting ranges, and most are conveniently located near large public hunting areas.

FORE!

Disc golf is a fun and competitive way to explore the outdoors. Find a course at these state parks:

- Clinton State Park
- Eisenhower State Park
- Elk City State Park
- Historic Lake Scott State Park
- Lovell State Park
- Meade State Park
- Pomona State Park
- Tuttle Creek State Park

TAKE AIM

Practice archery at any of these state parks:

- Cedar Bluff State Park
- Clinton State Park
- Eisenhower State Park
- El Dorado State Park
- Elk City State Park
- Glen Elder State Park
- Hillsdale State Park
- Lovell State Park
- Prairie Dog State Park
- Tuttle Creek State Park
- Webster State Park

HUNTING

Some parks offer limited special hunting for youth or with special permit. A state park cabin is a perfect hunting base camp—a warm and cozy place to rest after a long day of hunting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on state park biking trails, visit ksoutdoors.com/Services/Outdoor-Activities/Bicycling. For more information on equestrian trails, visit ksoutdoors.com/Services/Outdoor-Activities/Equestrian-Trails.

HIKING, BIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING

KDWPT maintains some 617 miles of recreational trails built for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding and nature appreciation. Enjoy native flora, fauna and natural geological formations unique to the state. Visitors can also experience history and culture by walking the paths once traveled by Native Americans or early Kansas settlers. The natural settings of Kansas state park trails provide a renewed spirit and peace of mind seldom found in the urban landscape.

SHOOTING RANGES

Supervised shooting ranges are located at Hillsdale State Park, the Fancy Creek Area of Tuttle Creek State Park and El Dorado State Park. These ranges have designated open hours, which are listed at ksoutdoors.com. Just type “shooting ranges” into the search box.

For information on shooting ranges available to the public, visit www.ksoutdoors.com/Services/Education/Shooting-Ranges.

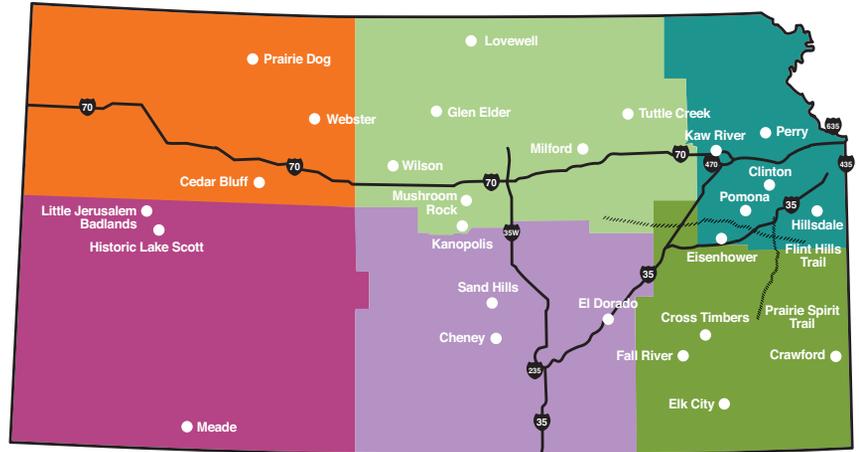
SWIM, PADDLE AND FLOAT

For canoeing fans or avid kayakers, Kansas state parks are the perfect place to hit the water. Tuttle Creek, Cross Timbers, Meade, Elk City, Eisenhower and Historic Lake Scott state parks have kayaks and canoes available to rent. Don't forget your life jacket! Kansas state law requires anyone 12 and younger to wear a life jacket at all times when aboard a water vessel. KDWPT suggests everyone wear a life jacket at all times to ensure optimal safety.

Amenities & Regions

-  Archery Range
-  Bait Shop
-  Biking
-  Boat Ramps
-  Boating
-  Cabins
-  Campgrounds w/ Utility Hook-ups
-  Canoeing
-  Courtesy Docks
-  Disc Golf
-  Drinking Water
-  Dump Stations
-  Equestrian Trails
-  Fire Rings
-  Fish Cleaning Station
-  Fishing
-  Grills
-  Group Camp
-  Hiking (Trails)
-  Historical Site
-  Hunting
-  Kayaking
-  Marina
-  Mountain Biking
-  Nature Trails
-  Park Office
-  Picnic Areas
-  Playground
-  Primitive Campground
-  Restaurant
-  Restrooms
-  Shelters
-  Shooting Range
-  Showers
-  Swimming
-  Waterskiing
-  Wildlife Watching

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NORTHWEST
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SOUTH CENTRAL
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NORTHEAST
- 
SOUTHEAST



State Parks by region and page number

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 43 CROSS TIMBERS	 23 KANOPOLIS	 15 PRAIRIE DOG
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 31 EL DORADO	 19 LITTLE JERUSALEM BADLANDS	 32 SAND HILLS
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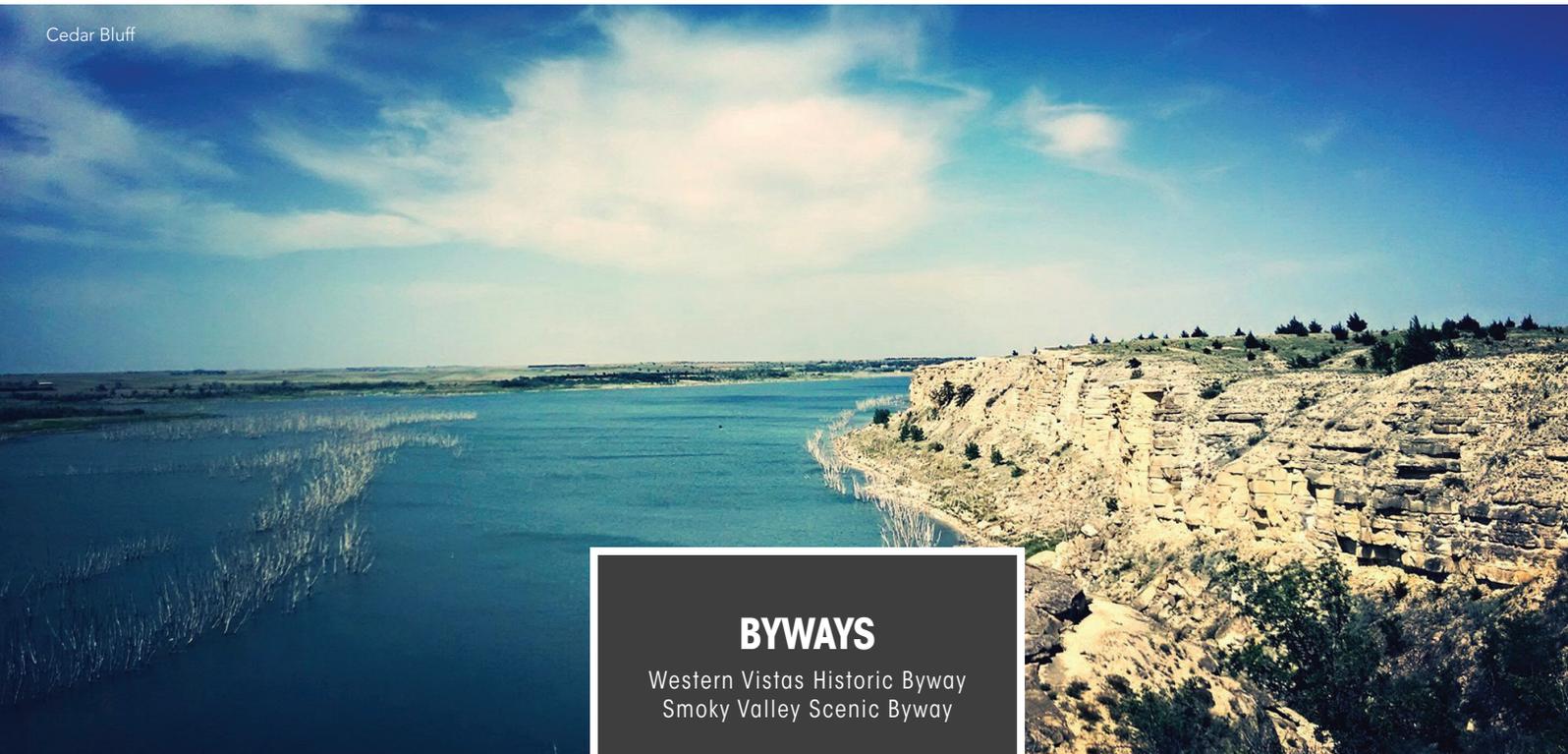
NORTHWEST REGION

14 CEDAR BLUFF

15 PRAIRIE DOG

16 WEBSTER

Cedar Bluff



BYWAYS

Western Vistas Historic Byway
Smoky Valley Scenic Byway

Arikaree Breaks

This small “badlands” region is 36 miles long and is located in Cheyenne County near St. Francis. The deep valleys and ravines were created by wind and water erosion.

Monument Rocks

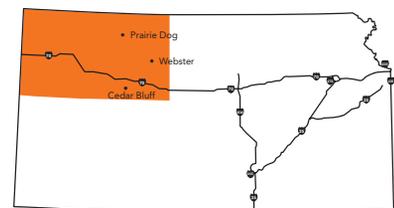
These natural chalk structures, located in Gove County, stand 70 feet tall and were formed 80 million years ago.

Mount Sunflower

Situated at the Kansas-Colorado border, between Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 40, Mount Sunflower is the highest point in Kansas at 4,039 feet.

Physiography

Most of the Northwest Region is considered part of the High Plains physiographic region, featuring excellent farmland and shortgrass prairie. The eastern part of this region features the Smoky Hills grassland, home to greater prairie chickens and a host of other prairie wildlife species.





cedar bluff

STATE PARK

AT CEDAR BLUFF RESERVOIR



See page 12 for icon key listings

32001 147 Highway Ellis, KS 67637 | kdwpt.CedarBluffSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Cedar-Bluff-State-Park | (785) 726-3212

3

modern cabins

3

primitive cabins

267

primitive campsites

3

shelters

144

standard hook-ups with electric & water

21

seasonal (long term) full hook-ups

4

standard full hook-ups

The park boasts two recreation areas, encompassing 1,100 acres along the shore of Cedar Bluff Reservoir. Adventurers will enjoy a stunning view of the lake from the top of the 150-foot-high limestone bluffs. The park is also set to open a new archery range for visitors by summer 2019.

Located in the heart of Trego County, Cedar Bluff State Park is about halfway between Denver and Kansas City. This area's newly renovated campsites await you.



Threshing Machine Canyon
This canyon is named for the 1867 Native American attack on freight couriers transporting a threshing machine. All three men were killed and the threshing machine was set on fire. Remains of the burned threshing machine are now on display at Trego County Historical Society Museum in WaKeeney.

Butterfield Overland Despatch trail (BOD).
The Cedar Bluff Reservoir is located along the old BOD, a post-Civil War freight passage from Atchison to Denver. Stations, wagons and coaches along this route were often targets for attack by Native Americans. A stone marker for the BOD trail can be seen along the highway near the Cedar Bluff Dam.

GREAT FOR

- Boating
- Water sports
- Fishing
- Anglers
- Hiking
- Hunting
- Wildlife watching

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- Mule deer
- White-tailed deer
- Coyotes
- Jackrabbits
- Bald eagles
- Golden eagles (seasonal)

FISH TO CATCH

- Crappie
- Walleye
- Wiper
- Largemouth bass

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prairie dog

STATE PARK

AT KEITH SEBELIUS RESERVOIR



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13037 State Highway 261 Norton, KS 67654 | kdwpt.PrairieDogSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Prairie-Dog-State-Park | (785) 877-2953

2

modern cabins

2

primitive cabins

154

primitive campsites

3

day use shelters

1

community shelters

67

standard hook-ups with electric & water

13

standard hook-ups with electric

10

standard full hook-ups



GREAT FOR

- Fishing
- Wildlife watching
- Hiking
- Archery

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- Prairie dogs
- Burrowing owls
- Coyotes
- Turkeys
- Waterfowl
- Bald eagles
- Golden eagles (seasonal)

FISH TO CATCH

- Largemouth bass
- Wipers
- Crappie
- Saugeye
- Channel catfish

Occupying 1,150 acres on the shores of Keith Sebelius Reservoir, Prairie Dog State Park is known for its prairie dog town with an estimated 300 prairie dogs. However, the park was named before prairie dogs called the area home. After reintroduction efforts failed, the prairie dogs voluntarily found their way to the state park and have thrived since. You can find the colony about a quarter-mile south of the park office.

Young visitors will enjoy The Steve Mathes Nature Trail, a 1.4-mile pathway complete with seasonal storybook signs for young hikers to enjoy. The park also features an updated archery range for visitors. The adjacent 6,400-acre Norton Wildlife Area offers good prospects for wildlife viewing and hunting.



The Last Adobe House in Kansas

Visitors can tour an adobe building that was originally built in 1892. The house was preserved by a group of activists during the park's creation.

The Hillmon Schoolhouse

This one-room schoolhouse, built in 1887, was relocated to Prairie Dog State Park in the 1960s.

Shortgrass Prairies

Prairie Dog State Park is the perfect place to view the shortgrass prairie, which is home to many iconic grassland wildlife species, including mule deer and western meadowlarks.

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webster

STATE PARK

AT WEBSTER RESERVOIR



1140 10 Road Stockton, KS 67669 | kdwpt.WebsterSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Webster-State-Park | (785) 425-6775

2

modern
cabins

100

primitive
campsites

26

shelters

6

standard
hook-ups with
electricity

86

standard
hook-ups with
electric & water

1

standard full
hook-up

A sandy beach awaits visitors seeking a retreat on Webster Lake amid rolling hills and spacious skies. Fossils dot the rock formations around the lake's clear water, and camping is available along the rocky shoreline.

The park's Coyote Trail is a 3-mile nature trail with 33 interpretive stations. The reservoir serves as a stopover for all kinds of migratory birds. The 8,018-acre Webster Wildlife Area features white-tailed and mule deer, turkey, pheasant, quail and more.



Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge

Located 20 miles north of Webster State Park, this wildlife refuge offers wildlife watching, hunting and fishing. A visitor center is located about 6 miles east of the town of Glade on Hwy K-9 and is open Monday–Friday.

www.fws.gov/refuge/Kirwin/

Nicodemus National Historic Site

Established in 1877, Nicodemus is the only remaining site of an all African-American pioneer town west of the Mississippi River. Just a 10-minute drive from Webster State Park, this national landmark is a perfect side trip.

GREAT FOR

- Kayaking
- Boating
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Archery

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- White-tailed deer
- Pheasants
- Quail
- Great blue herons
- Pelicans
- Gulls

FISH TO CATCH

- Walleye
- Crappie
- Channel catfish
- White bass



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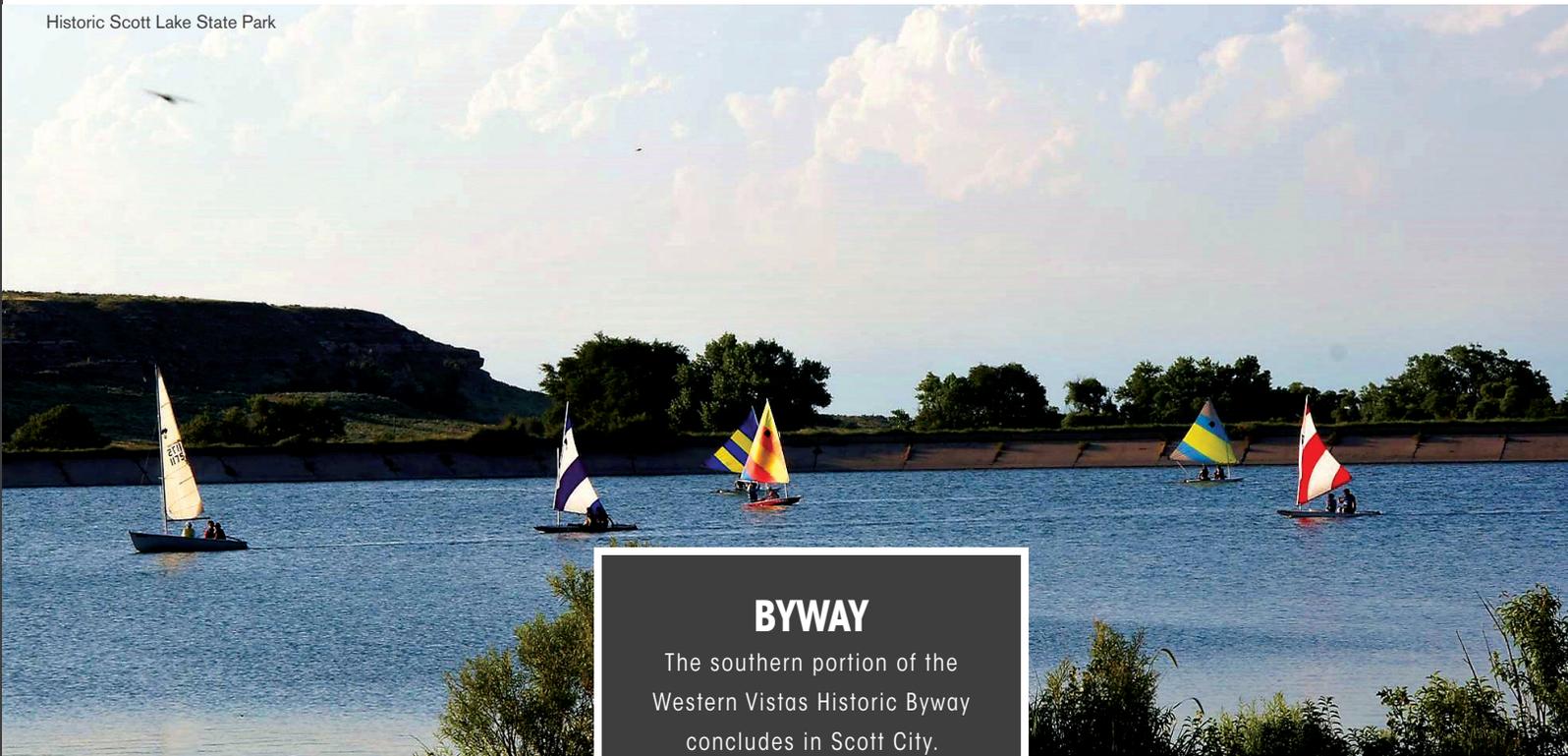
SOUTHWEST REGION

18 HISTORIC LAKE SCOTT

19 LITTLE JERUSALEM BADLANDS

20 MEADE

Historic Scott Lake State Park



BYWAY

The southern portion of the Western Vistas Historic Byway concludes in Scott City.

The El Cuartelejo Museum and Jerry Thomas Gallery and Collection

Learn the fascinating history of what is believed to be the most northern and most eastern Pueblo settlement in North America at the El Cuartelejo Museum. The museum shares space with the Jerry Thomas Gallery and Collection, displaying the art of this Western-theme painter. elcuartelejomuseum.org | jerrythomasart.com

Cimarron National Grassland

Campers, hunters, hikers and wildlife watchers will enjoy this massive, preserved grassland, spanning 108,175 acres.

Sandsage Bison Range and Lee Richardson Zoo

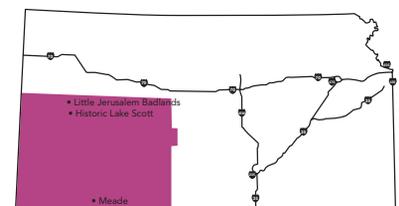
Home to 100 bison, the Sandsage range offers bison tours and wildflower walks. Visitors might also consider stopping by the Lee Richardson Zoo, located one mile from the range and perfect for wildlife lovers of all ages. ksoutdoors.com/KDWPT-Info/Locations/Wildlife-Areas/Southwest/Sandsage-Bison-Range

Boothill Museum

This museum strives to preserve the history of the “Old West” and the legend of Dodge City. It is a must-see experience for history enthusiasts. boothill.org

Dalton Gang Hideout

This historic homestead includes a secret stone tunnel believed to be used by the Dalton Gang to escape the law. The site also features a Wild West facade town for picnics and photo-ops. oldmeadecounty.com



little jerusalem badlands

STATE PARK



101 West Scott Lake Drive Scott City, KS 67871 | kdwpt.ScottSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Scott-State-Park | (620) 872-2061
Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park is administered by the staff of Historic Lake Scott State Park



GREAT FOR

Witnessing
awe-inspiring
views
Seeing natural
wonders

WILDLIFE TO SEE

Bison
Ferruginous
hawks
Golden eagles
Mule deer

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) it will be available to the public. This amazing landscape will open in 2019 as Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park.

Fifth generation landowner Jim McGuire sold the land to TNC because he wanted the formations protected but also because he loved this property so much, he wanted others to enjoy it. The purchase fit TNC's mission of conserving critical habitats and KDWPT's role is to accommodate and educate visitors while ensuring the badlands are not degraded.

The area is known locally as Little Jerusalem because some say that when the early-morning sun lights up the chalk bluffs they resemble the Walls of Jerusalem. The formations consist of chalk sediment deposited 80 million years ago when a sea covered much of Kansas. Erosion sculpted the pillars and ravines over millions of years. The badlands are world-famous for their well-preserved fossils.

The area provides important habitat for ferruginous hawks, cliff swallows, Say's phoebe and rock wrens, and many native amphibians and reptiles. Little Jerusalem is also home to the single largest population of Great Plains wild buckwheat, an endemic plant found nowhere else in the world.

Trails around the perimeter are being developed and will allow park visitors to view the badlands. Access to the interior of the area will be limited to guided tours to protect the fragile landscape.

"We're excited about the opportunity The Nature Conservancy has provided our state park staff to help people enjoy this amazing piece of Kansas," KDWPT Park Division director Linda Lanterman said. "We truly believe that visitors will gain a new appreciation for the Kansas prairie and the desire to conserve it."

Watch for a grand opening announcement this year when facilities are completed, and make plans to visit Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park. You won't be disappointed.

There is a special place in Logan County – 330 acres of land half way between Oakley and Scott City – that will transform your idea of what the shorgrass prairie should look like. This eruption of Niobrara chalk formations is something everyone should experience, and now, thanks to a collaborative effort between the Nature Conservancy (TNC) of Kansas and the

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

22 GLEN ELDER **23** KANOPOLIS **24** LOVEWELL **25** MILFORD
26 MUSHROOM PARK **27** TUTTLE CREEK **28** WILSON

Wilson State Park



BYWAYS

Post Rock Scenic Byway
Prairie Trail Scenic Byway
(northern section)
Native Stone Scenic Byway

Kansas State University

Located in Manhattan, Kansas State University is a neighbor to Tuttle Creek State Park. Stay at the park while also enjoying Wildcat football and all Manhattan has to offer.

The US 36 Treasure Hunt

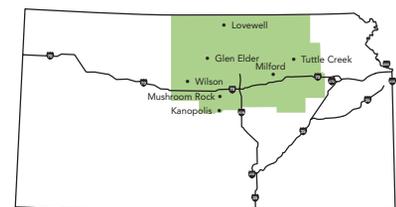
If you enjoy antiquing, then you'll love the US 36 Treasure Hunt. This 400-mile "garage sale" is held annually in mid-September as communities along the northern highway US 36 join forces for a three-day antique sale.

Fort Riley

Located near Junction City and Milford State Park, Fort Riley is home to the 1st Infantry Division, "Big Red One." Visit the base's historic museums, enjoy a driving or walking tour and mark your calendar for patriotic events.

Physiography

The North Central Region includes the High Plains, a portion of the Flint Hills and the Glaciated Region. All three regions feature rolling hills along the northern border of the state.



kanopolis

STATE PARK

AT KANOPOLIS RESERVOIR



200 Horsethief Road Marquette, KS 67464 | kdwpt.KanopolisSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Kanopolis-State-Park | (785) 546-2565

6	200+	5	63	54	41	16
modern cabins	primitive campsites	shelters	standard hook-ups with electric	standard hook-ups with electric & water	designated equestrian campsites	standard full hook-ups



Alum Creek Trail
This path takes visitors across the vast prairie and through many water crossings. Note that it can take more than a day to complete some trails on foot.

GREAT FOR
Hiking
Biking
Horseback riding
Fishing

WILDLIFE TO SEE
White-tailed deer
Collared lizards
Quail
Turkeys
Nesting bald eagles
Cedar waxwings
Indigo buntings
Barred owls
Ospreys
Great blue heron rookery

FISH TO CATCH
Crappie
White bass
Saugeye
Channel catfish

Kanopolis State Park, the first in the Kansas State Park system, is in the rolling hills, bluffs and woods of the scenic Smoky Hills region. From the towering Dakota sandstone bluffs to the caves and crevices of Horsethief Canyon, the 1,605 acre state park and surrounding area offer rugged beauty and stunning vistas.

With 27.4 miles of trails open to hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders, the Kanopolis trail system was designated as the Kansas Millennium Legacy Trail by The American Trails Board and the White House Millennium Council in 2000. In 2002, the Coalition for Recreational Trails recognized the trail system for “Outstanding Use of Recreational Trails Funds for Accessibility Enhancements.” The Buffalo Track Canyon Nature Trail was designated as a component of the National Trails system in 1981.

In addition to trails, visitors can enjoy the 3,500-acre Kanopolis Reservoir, offering excellent fishing opportunities.

Buffalo Track Canyon Nature Trail

On this trail, you can observe native plants, wildlife and the geology of the canyon. Numbered posts along the trail correspond to numbers in the trail’s brochure, providing interesting tidbits of information along the way.

Horsethief Canyon Trail

This trail loops through canyons and trees, and includes a few water crossings.

Prairie Trail

Farther north and west than some of the other available trails, Prairie Trail traverses high prairie and Red Rock Canyon.



lovewell

STATE PARK

AT LOVEWELL RESERVOIR



2446 250 Road Webber, KS 66970 | kdwpt.LovewellSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Lovewell-State-Park | (785) 753-4971

5

rustic cabins

4

deluxe cabins

323

primitive campsites

10

shelters

35

standard hook-ups with electric

93

standard hook-ups with electric & water

27

standard full hook-ups

7

station walk-through archery range

Lovewell State Park offers an inviting blend of camping, fishing, wildlife watching and special events. The Pioneer Day use Area features a playground, sand volleyball court, disc golf course, basketball court and horseshoe pits—ideal for casual visitors. Weekend campers can attend church services each Sunday during the summer at the historic limestone schoolhouse.

Water-lovers will enjoy Lovewell’s 2,900-acre reservoir and full-service marina. Lovewell’s lighted fish-cleaning stations include outlets for electric knives. Fishing licenses can be purchased at the state park office. The full-service marina offers bait and tackle—and once visitors have worked up an appetite, they can find breakfast, lunch and dinner options. Visitors can also rent boats and paddleboards from the marina. For those seeking sun and sand, the Southwinds Swimming Beach is a nice option.

Lovewell Wildlife Area invites hunters and wildlife enthusiasts to experience a variety of well-managed habitat on 2,200 acres.



Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site

Located a few miles east of Lovewell Reservoir and about 8 miles north of US 36 along K-266 is the city of Republic, where you can learn about the people of the Pawnee Nation and hear the story of a Pawnee village that existed there in the late 1700s.

www.kshs.org/pawnee_indian

GREAT FOR

- Water sports
- Angling
- Hunting
- Wildlife watching
- Camping
- Disc Golfing
- Day use

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- White-tailed deer
- Turkeys
- Quail
- Pheasant
- Orioles
- Indigo Buntings

FISH TO CATCH

- Walleye
- White bass
- Channel catfish
- Crappie



Lovewell’s playground located in the Pioneer Day use area was donated in memory of longtime camper Dave Collette, who passed away in 2016 after a farming accident. His wife, MaryJane, said the playground was a way to give back to the state park community.



The US 36 Highway Treasure Hunt

Enjoy shopping near Mankato during this antique-filled weekend. Plan a camping trip to Lovewell during the treasure hunt, which takes place in mid-September.

www.us36.com



milford

STATE PARK

AT MILFORD RESERVOIR



3612 State Park Road Milford, KS 66514 | kdwpt.MilfordSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Milford-State-Park | (785) 238-3014

10	103	14	90	51
modern cabins	primitive campsites	shelters	standard hook-ups with electric & water	standard full hook-ups



GREAT FOR

- Biking
- Camping
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Hunting
- Water sports

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- Bald eagles
- Ospreys
- White-tailed deer
- Quail
- Turkeys
- Bluebirds

FISH TO CATCH

- Blue catfish
- Wipers
- Crappie

Milford State Park is a favorite getaway on the shores of the state's largest lake. The 1,600-acre Milford Reservoir is a popular destination for anglers eager for outstanding fishing opportunities.

Milford is also a popular destination for boating and features a large sailing club, swimming beaches, boat ramps, picnic shelters, a full-service marina and a multi-purpose trails system. The horse campground is ideal for equestrians and offers 20 campsites with full hook-ups, covered corrals with lighting and two wash bays.

Whether you're hunting or viewing, the Milford Wildlife Area is home to all types of native species. Roughly 19,000 acres are available for public access to hunting, wildlife viewing, hiking and more.



Milford Hatchery

This hatchery is one of only a few warmwater, intensive-culture facilities in the Midwest. Fish are raised in concrete raceways, and the Milford Hatchery also has six one-acre, plastic-lined ponds.

Milford Nature Center

The Nature Center, located adjacent to the fish hatchery below the Milford Dam, offers an up-close view of wildlife native to the Flint Hills. The center features dioramas, interactive displays and live animals.



Milford Nature Center hosts Eagle Days on the third Saturday of January each year. The event features programs on raptors, as well as tours to view wild bald eagles on the shore of Milford Reservoir.



mushroom rock

STATE PARK



200 Horsethief Road Marquette, KS 67464 | kdwpt.KanopolisSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Mushroom-Rock-State-Park | (785) 546-2565

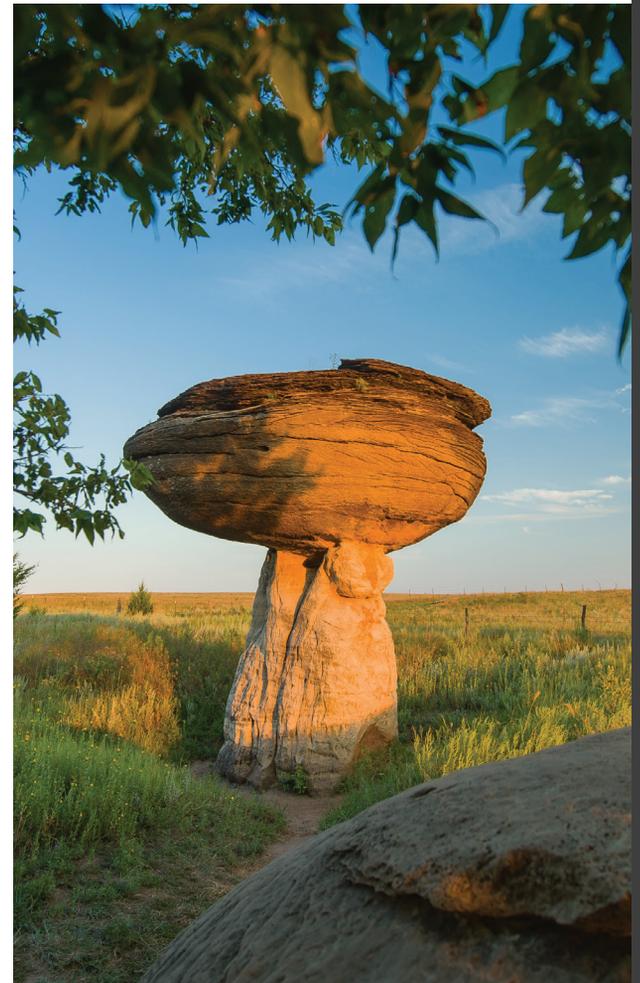
Tucked into the Smoky Hills region in the north central part of the state, the mushroom rocks are actually Dakota, which are the remains of beach sands and sediments of the Cretaceous Period. This 5-acre park was donated by the Ellsworth County Historical Society and was dedicated on April 25, 1965.

The sandstone and sedimentary rock are held together by calcium carbonate, which acts as a natural cement. The largest rock measures 27 feet in diameter. This geological oddity has drawn a variety of people, including Native Americans, mountain men, soldiers and present-day tourists. It's said that this was one of American frontiersman Kit Carson's "favorite little places."

This small but mighty state park is designated as a day-use area only. There is no camping allowed, and no permits are required.

BYWAYS
Prairie Trail
Scenic Byway

**NEARBY
POINTS OF
INTEREST**
Ellsworth
Lindsborg



Ft. Harker Museum Complex

Operated by the Ellsworth County Historical Society, this four-building complex includes the guard house, junior officers' quarters, and the depot associated with Ft. Harker, which was built by the Union Army during the Civil War, then abandoned in 1872.



National Drovers Hall of Fame

Located in Ellsworth, only 12 miles from Mushroom Rock State Park, the National Drovers Hall of Fame honors the founders of the American cattle industry.

Little Sweden

The town of Lindsborg is known as "Little Sweden" for its Swedish heritage and celebration of Swedish cultural events, such as the Annandag Jul on December 26. Find out what is happening during the times of your visit by going online at visittindsborg.com.

tuttle creek

STATE PARK

AT TUTTLE CREEK RESERVOIR



5800 A River Pond Road | Manhattan, KS 66502 | kdwpt.TuttleCreekSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Tuttle-Creek-State-Park | (785) 539-7941

11

modern cabins

501

primitive campsites

23

shelters

44

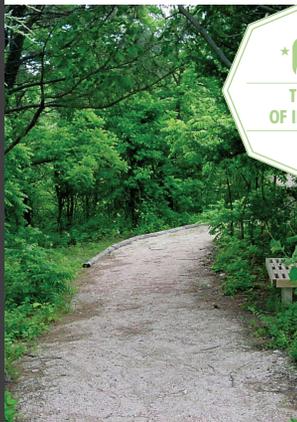
standard hook-ups with electric

159

standard hook-ups with electric & water

8

standard full hook-ups



Randolph Area Trail

Catch the access bridge to experience the 14.75 miles of this hiking and horse trail. The difficult terrain yields spectacular views.

Cedar Ridge Trail

Just three quarters of a mile long, this trail takes visitors through forest, as well as tallgrass prairie.

Cottonwood Nature Trail

Suitable for all skill levels, this 0.6-mile hiking and walking path is dog-friendly.

Fancy Creek

Excellent mountain-biking terrain, Fancy Creek is considered one of the most challenging courses in the state and spans six miles.

Western Heritage

This trail follows the Blue River and wanders 1.25 miles through Rocky Ford fishing area.



GREAT FOR

- Hiking
- Biking
- Horseback riding
- Fishing
- Water sports
- Archery

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- Nesting bald eagles
- Woodchucks
- Great blue herons
- Pileated woodpeckers
- Gulls
- Pelicans
- White-tailed deer
- Canada geese

FISH TO CATCH

- Blue catfish
- Channel catfish
- Crapie
- White bass
- Flathead catfish
- Saugeye

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Located near Manhattan, Tuttle Creek State Park offers visitors a wide variety of outdoor recreation options. Tuttle Creek Reservoir, the state's second largest impoundment, covers about 12,500 acres and has more than 100 miles of rugged, wooded shoreline to explore. The 1,250-acre park features camping and fishing, and there are scenic trails for hiking, mountain-biking and horseback riding. Tuttle Creek's surrounding land is home to one of the steepest mountain-biking trails in the state. In fact, riders travel from across the country to try out the Kansas trail with mountainous terrain. Competitions are held throughout the year though bikers can ride this professional-grade path year-round.

Held annually since 1996 at Tuttle Creek State Park's River Pond area, the Country Stampede is a premier concert event. For three days on the last weekend in June, around 175,000 fans can camp out and hear the top names in country music.

Excellent channel catfish and flathead fishing is available in the lake and in the river above and below the lake. The River Pond area offers rentals of canoes and kayaks. Families shouldn't miss the picnic areas, an 18-hole disc golf course, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and archery range. The state-of-the-art Fancy Creek Shooting Range is open the first and third weekends of the month. Fancy Creek is east of Randolph, about 1/2-mile east and 1/2-mile north of the junction of US-77 and K-16.





wilson

STATE PARK

AT WILSON RESERVOIR



#3 State Park Road | Sylvan Grove, KS 67481 | kdwpt.WilsonSP@ks.gov | ksoutdoors.com/Wilson-State-Park | (785) 658-2465

8

modern cabins

99+

primitive campsites

3

shelters

30

standard hook-ups with electric

105

standard hook-ups with electric & water

4

standard full hook-ups

Set in the scenic Smoky Hills region of Kansas, Wilson State Park provides convenient access to one of the state’s prime water-recreation areas. Wilson Lake, the deepest in Kansas, will satisfy boating enthusiasts and those who enjoy water sports. Lake Wilson Marina is a full-service marina, and anglers can gear up at Knotheads Bait & Tackle Shop, located on the east side of South Shore.

The Switchgrass Mountain Bike Trail is a 24.5-mile trail located in the Hell Creek Area of the state park. In 2012 Switchgrass was the first mountain bike trail in Kansas designated as an “Epic Trail” by the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA). Included in the bike trail is an easy 5.5-mile loop.

The adjacent 8,000-acre Wilson Wildlife Area offers an array of hunting opportunities.

Smoky Hills

Wilson Reservoir features a rugged shoreline punctuated by scenic cliffs and rocky outcrops. The park is a landmark on the Post Rock Scenic Byway, which runs from Wilson north along K-232 to Lucas. Take time to drive the post rock-lined route and be sure to spend time in Lucas, the Grassroots Art Capital of Kansas.

www.ksbyways.com

Cedar Trail

Located in the Otoe Area of the park, this trail is a handicapped-accessible, 3/4-mile loop with a concrete surface.

GREAT FOR

- Fishing
- Wildlife watching
- Water sports
- Biking
- Hunting

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- Quail
- White-tailed deer
- Coyotes
- Blue birds
- Skinks
- Collared lizards
- Meadowlarks
- Turkeys

FISH TO CATCH

- Walleye
- Smallmouth bass
- Striped bass
- Crappie
- White perch
- White bass



Dakota Trail

This well-maintained trail offers magnificent wildlife views, as well as a unique perspective on the nearby lake.

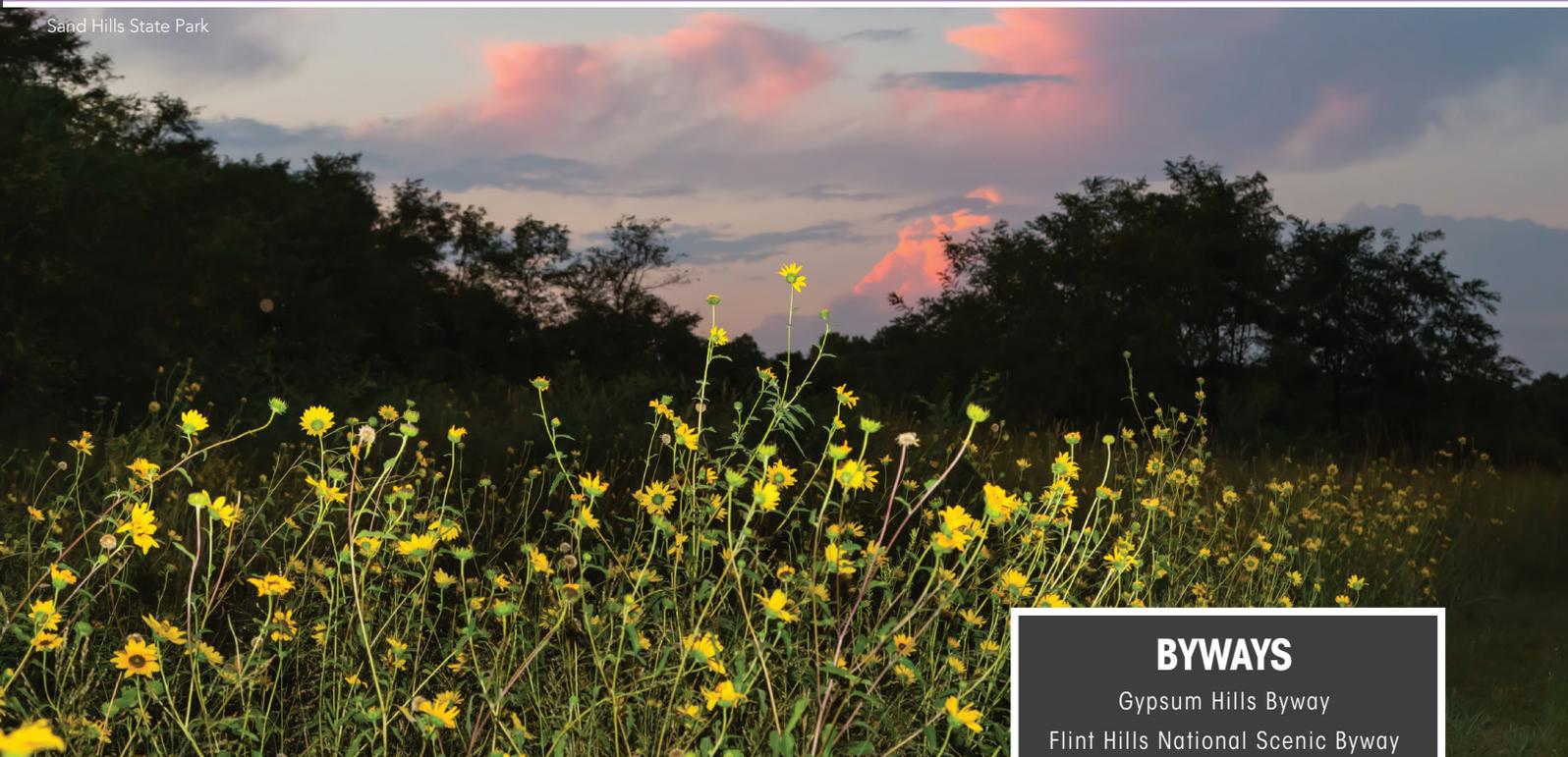
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

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Sand Hills State Park



BYWAYS

Gypsum Hills Byway
Flint Hills National Scenic Byway
Wetlands & Wildlife National
Scenic Byway

Tallgrass National Prairie Preserve

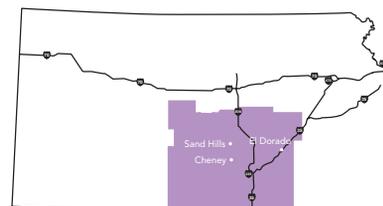
Originally the Z-Bar Ranch, this historic destination shares what life was like on a ranch in the late 1800s. Great for hiking, the preserve is also home to roaming bison.

Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

Located near Great Bend, the Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge are two important regions for migrating birds.

Physiography

The South Central region features six landscapes, including High Plains, Arkansas River Lowlands, Red Hills, Flint Hills and Osage Questas. This region includes a large swath of the Flint Hills, which is scenic pastureland named for its flint rock and bluestem grasses. The Red Hills has traces of sandstone and shale mix amid its many hills and mesas.





cheney

STATE PARK

AT CHENEY RESERVOIR



16000 NE 50th St. Cheney, KS 67025 | kdwpt.CheneySP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Cheney-State-Park | (316) 542-3664

9

modern
cabins

452

primitive
campsites

8

shelters

229

standard
hook-ups with
electric & water

10

standard full
hook-ups

Only 20 miles west of Wichita, Cheney State Park frames Cheney Reservoir and covers 1,900 acres. Cheney Reservoir is known for its dependable winds, and the lake draws sailboaters and windsurfers from around the country.

The Ninnescah Sailing Center on the West Shore Area is a mecca for those seeking water sports with a healthy dose of wind. In addition to a marina on the East Shore, the park's 22 boat-launching lanes provide convenient access to the 9,500-acre lake. The Ninnescah Sailing Association hosts several regatta events each year, as well as informal races. They also offer junior sailing courses.

Giefer Creek and Spring Creek nature trails offer scenic hiking around the reservoir. A handicapped-accessible fishing area is available at the Toadstool Loop Jetty.



Souder's Historical Museum

Relive life in rural Kansas in the late 1880s at this restored and recreated Main Street-style museum located just southwest of Cheney.

cheneyks.org/thingstodo/soudermuseum.html

The Eagle Valley Raptor Center

Eagles, hawks, owls and falcons are just a few of the birds at the center, which offers up-close educational opportunities for children.

eaglevalleyraptorcenter.org

GREAT FOR

- Water sports
- Fishing
- Camping
- Hiking

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- Turkeys
- Scissor-tailed flycatcher
- Bald eagles
- Pelicans
- Gulls
- Armadillos

FISH TO CATCH

- Walleye
- Wipers
- White bass
- White perch
- Channel catfish



O'Brien's Marina

A full-service marina is available to Lake Cheney State Park. O'Brien's Marina offers boat slips, fueling, pontoon rentals, bait and a kitchen to help visitors enjoy the waters at Cheney Reservoir.

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sand hills

STATE PARK



4207 E 56th St. Hutchinson, KS 67502 | kdwpt.SandHillsSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Sand-Hills-State-Park | (316) 542-3664

20

standard hook-ups with electric & water

44

standard full hook-ups

14

sites with horse pens

Located near Hutchinson in Reno County, the park features excellent trails that wind through 1,123 acres of sand dunes, native prairie, wetlands and woodlands.

Sand Hills State Park offers five horse-friendly trails, varying from 1.2 to 3.8 miles. Horses can be kept at the designated campground area, with corrals provided, so visitors can pack in multiple days. The campground includes corrals and frost-free hydrants for year round camping.

Archery deer and upland game hunting are available, but only by special permit.



Sand Dunes

These beautiful dunes are located at the edges of Sand Hills and offer visitors adjacent access to Hutchinson's Dune Tract.

Wildlife Blinds

These state-created areas are made to mimic natural habitats while simultaneously camouflaging human presence. With the use of these sophisticated blinds, onlookers can catch an up-close glimpse of native birds and mammals.



GREAT FOR

- Camping
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting
- Wildlife watching

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- White-tailed deer
- Quail
- Turkeys
- Coyotes

FISH TO CATCH

- Channel catfish
- Bluegill



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KS State Parks

NORTHEAST REGION

- 34 CLINTON** **35 EISENHOWER** **36 FLINT HILLS NATURE TRAIL**
37 HILLSDALE **38 KAW RIVER** **39 PERRY** **40 POMONA**

Eisenhower State Park (Michael Pearce)



University of Kansas

Take a day trip from Clinton State Park to tour the University of Kansas campus. Perched on Mount Oread, the campus boasts limestone buildings, a big dose of history and the Booth Hall of Athletics, which celebrates the school's basketball traditions.

Wine Country

Located near Hillsdale State Park, Miami County is known as Kansas' wine region. Visitors can catch a trolley to each winery for a day full of tastings.

www.kansaswinerytrail.com

Physiography

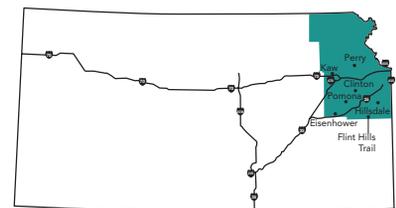
Much of the region is considered part of the Glaciated Region, known for its hills and valleys with deposits of quartzite. Also in the region are some of the Flint Hills as well as the Osage Questas.

Flint Hills Trail State Park

One of the state's newest state parks, the Flint Hills Trail, takes visitors on a 117-mile journey through diverse landscapes, from sweeping tall grass prairies to mature forests. It links five Kansas counties and provides ample opportunities to experience the state's wide range of exceptional outdoor activities.

BYWAYS

- Glacial Hills Scenic Byway
- Native Stone Scenic Byway
- Northern portion of the Frontier Military Historic Byway





clinton

STATE PARK

AT CLINTON RESERVOIR



798 N 1415 Road Lawrence, KS 66049 | kdwpt.ClintonSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Clinton-State-Park | (785) 842-8562

7

modern
cabins

166

primitive
campsites

6

shelters

200

standard
hook-ups with
electric & water

Clinton State Park, located just four miles from Lawrence, is a 1,425-acre park that rests on the north shore of Clinton Reservoir, known for its clear water and good fishing. The park is located next to a 9,200-acre wildlife area. Clinton State Park is well known for its extensive trail system used by hikers, nature photographers, mountain bikers, wildflower enthusiasts and wildlife observers. Don't miss the cross-country ski trail on the northern side of the park. Clinton Lake Marina, in the state park, is the largest full-service marina in the state, offering slips, rentals, fuel, and a store.



Clinton Lake Skills Loop

For biking enthusiasts looking for a chance to practice tricks and skills, this circuit includes obstacles such as bridges, ramps and balancing boards.

Kids-Only Fishing Pond

Located in the picnic area of Clinton State Park is a kids-only fishing pond, perfect for youth anglers. Each year, children can participate in the Fishing Derby during the OK Kids Day.

GREAT FOR

- Camping
- Hiking
- Biking
- Wildlife watching
- Day use
- Fishing
- Archery
- Water sports
- Disc Golfing

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- Bald eagles
- White-tailed deer
- Turkeys
- Barred owls
- Chuck-will's-widows
- Indigo buntings

FISH TO CATCH

- Channel catfish
- Walleye



The area was key for the Underground Railroad. Learn more at the Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum in Bloomington Park East at Clinton Lake.



eisenhower

STATE PARK

AT MELVERN RESERVOIR



29810 S. Fairlawn Rd. Osage City, KS 66523 | kdwpt.EisenhowerSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Eisenhower-State-Park | (785) 528-4102

2

yurts

4

modern
cabins

31

primitive
campsites

7

shelters

17

standard
hook-ups with
electric

127

standard
hook-ups with
electric & water

37

standard full
hook-ups



GREAT FOR

- Camping
- Horseback riding
- Disc Golfers
- Day use
- Fishing
- Water sports
- Archery

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- White-tailed deer
- Coyotes
- Quail
- Scissor-tailed flycatchers
- Blue birds
- Turkeys
- Pelicans
- Gulls
- Warblers

FISH TO CATCH

- Crappie
- Smallmouth bass
- Channel catfish
- Blue catfish
- Walleye
- White bass

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KS State Parks

Named after native Kansan President Dwight D. Eisenhower, this 1,785-acre park features 1,000 acres of tallgrass prairie. The park is popular with equestrians due to its expansive area for riding and facilities that accommodate visitors traveling with their horses.

Other recreation facilities include a 10,000-acre wildlife area, swimming beach on the shore of the 6,900-acre Melvern Reservoir, horseshoe pits, playgrounds, a sand volleyball court, an archery trail, a kids' fishing pond, a fly-fishing pond, and an 18-hole disc golf course. Kayak, canoe and dock rentals are available. Stay the night in one of Eisenhower's popular cabins, or in one of the park's yurts—a unique feature of this state park. Ike's Shelter House is perfect for events such as family reunions.



Crooked Knee Horse Trail

This trail offers a 20-mile journey for horseback riders. Those looking for a two-wheeled adventure can head down the bike trail near the Five-Star campground.

Archery Trail

Visiting archers can practice their shots along a two-mile long trail, featuring 20 targets set at various ranges and difficulties.



flint hills trail

STATE PARK



419 S Oak Garnett, KS 66032 | kdwpt.PrairieSpiritSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Prairie-Spirit-Trail | (785) 448-2627
Flint Hills Nature Trail State Park is administered by the staff of Prairie Spirit Trail State Park

The 117-mile rail-trail running across Kansas from the Marais des Cygnes river valley near Osawatomie to the heart of the Flint Hills is the new Flint Hills Trail State Park. It is the state's second linear state park and intersects with the state's first, the Prairie Spirit Trail State Park, in Ottawa.

Some 96 miles of the trail are now open for non-motorized traffic. Horseback riders, bikers, hikers and even families with strollers can safely enjoy this recreational path that winds through the rural countryside and small-town communities of eastern Kansas.

The Flint Hills rails-to-trails track was originally a Missouri Pacific Railroad line built in the late 1800s that ran from Kansas City to Pueblo, Colorado. Railbanked by the National Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in 1995, it has been managed and maintained for many years by the Kanza Rails-Trails Conservancy. In 2014, state and federal grants allowed work to begin on bridges, railings and safety features along the trail.



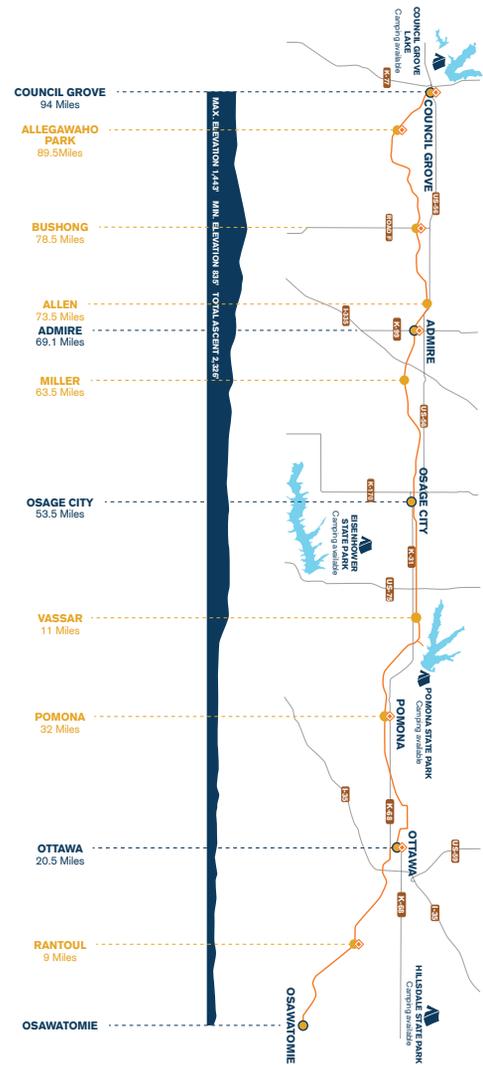
Trail users can visit historic sites, such as the John Brown Museum and the Kaw Mission near the trail, while appreciating the diverse Kansas landscapes of tree-lined canopies and bluffs along the Marais des Cygnes river on the eastern end, and the rolling farm fields and sweeping tallgrass prairies of the Flint Hills on the west.

GREAT FOR

- Biking
- Birding
- Cycling
- Horseback riding
- Strolling
- Side-trip exploring

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- Bobcats
- Bobwhite
- Eastern meadowlarks
- Prairie chickens
- Wild turkeys



hillsdale

STATE PARK

AT HILLSDALE RESERVOIR



26001 W 255th St. Paola, KS 66071 | (913) 783-4507 | kdwpt.HillsdaleSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Hillsdale-State-Park

10
shelters

180
standard
hook-ups with
electric & water

60
standard full
hook-ups



GREAT FOR

- Camping
- Fishing
- Water sports
- Hunting
- Horseback riding
- Model-airplane flying
- Hiking
- Wildlife Watching

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- White-tailed deer
- Wild turkey
- Barred owls
- Whip poor wills
- Bald eagles
- Pelicans
- Gulls

FISH TO CATCH

- Crappie
- Walleye
- Channel catfish
- Largemouth bass

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Hillsdale State Park offers a broad array of outdoor recreation opportunities in the rolling hills of eastern Kansas. Horseback riding is a popular activity with the Saddle Ridge Equestrian Area on the east side of the reservoir. An area just south of the dam is specially designated for radio-controlled model-airplane flying. Completed in 1982, the reservoir is one of the newest in the state park system. Fishing is allowed on all 51 miles of shoreline. Jayhawk Marina offers slip rentals, boat rental, store, fuel, and other services and products.



Target Shooting

The Hillsdale Shooting Range and Training Facility includes a 100-yard rifle range, a 200-yard range, a 50-yard pistol range and a trap/skeet shooting range. www.hillsdalerange.org





kaw river

STATE PARK

AT THE KANSAS RIVER



300 SW Wanamaker Rd. Topeka, KS 66606 | kdwpt.KawRiverSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Kaw-River-State-Park | (785) 273-6740

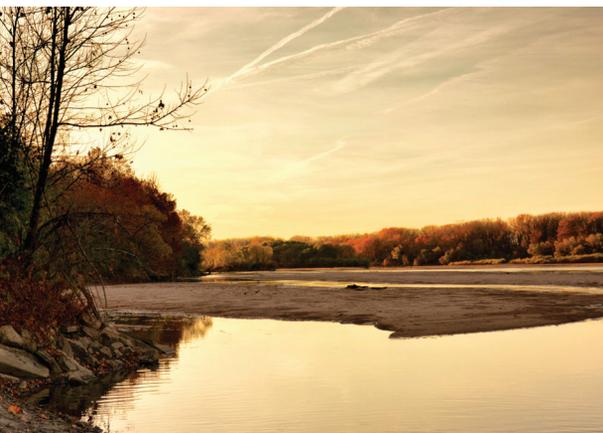
Kaw River State Park is the only urban park in Kansas' state park system, consisting of 76 acres of land along the south bank of the Kansas River in west Topeka. The area is mostly oak-hickory forest overlooking the Kansas (Kaw) River and is adjacent to MacLennan Park and Cedar Crest (the governor's residence) to the east.

The wide range of trails in this park were designed for erosion protection, sustainability and access. A boat ramp and parking area allow access to the Kansas River, which is open for canoes, kayaks and other small watercraft. Kaw River State Park does not require a daily entrance fee.



National Water Trail

The Kansas River has been designated a National Water Trail by the National Park Service, offering scenic recreational, historic and cultural opportunities for novice boaters. Beginning in Junction City, the Kansas River Trail flows to Kansas City at the confluence with the Missouri River.

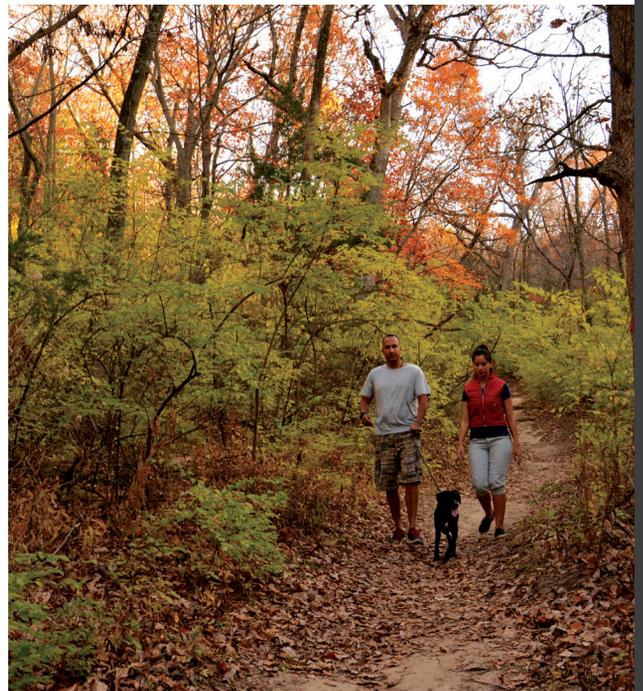


GREAT FOR

- Day use only
- Hiking
- Running
- Mountain biking
- Wildlife watching
- Water sports

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- Eagles
- Waterfowl
- Deer
- Turkey



perry

STATE PARK

AT PERRY RESERVOIR



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4

modern
cabins

9

shelters

118

standard
hook-ups with
electric & water



GREAT FOR

- Biking
- Camping
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting
- Water sports

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- White-tailed deer
- Turkeys
- Barred Owls
- Raccoons
- Opossums
- Gray squirrels
- Pileated woodpeckers

FISH TO CATCH

- Crappie
- Largemouth bass
- Sauger
- Blue catfish

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Perry State Park, nestled in the forested hills of northeast Kansas, boasts a 12,500-acre reservoir and an 11,000-acre wildlife area nearby.

Horse riders appreciate Perry State Park's upland forest riding trails. These 16.5 miles of intertwining trails were designed specifically for horses, although hiking is also welcome.

Campers will enjoy views of the lake and can launch their boats at the two boat ramps or set sail with their catamarans from Hobie Cove campground.

Perry Wildlife Area offers extensive wetlands that attract waterfowl each fall. The wildlife area is a great location for birdwatching, hunting and simply exploring the area's natural landscape.



Perry Bike Trail

These competitive-level biking trails vary in difficulty and length. They provide beautiful nature views for beginning bikers to seasoned trail riders.





pomona

STATE PARK

AT POMONA RESERVOIR



22900 S Highway 368 Vassar, KS 66543 | kdwpt.PomonaSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Pomona-State-Park | (785) 828-4933

4

modern cabins

310

primitive campsites

7

shelters

92

standard hook-ups with electric & water

52

standard full hook-ups

The 490-acre Pomona State Park is well known among campers for its shaded campsites and a great family atmosphere. The park is nestled in an area with historical connections to the Santa Fe Trail and close proximity to Topeka, Lawrence and Kansas City.

Lighthouse Bay Marina provides full services to water enthusiasts, anglers and campers. Four boat ramps provide access to the lake's generally calm waters.

The Southwind Shelter House provides a gathering place for family reunions, parties, and company retreats and is available year-round.



Play Some Games!

Visitors can play sand volleyball, horseshoes, disc golf and basketball in between taking in the scenic views of the lake and landscape.



GREAT FOR

- Camping
- Horseback riding
- Disc Golfing
- Day use
- Fishing
- Water sports
- Archery

WILDLIFE TO SEE

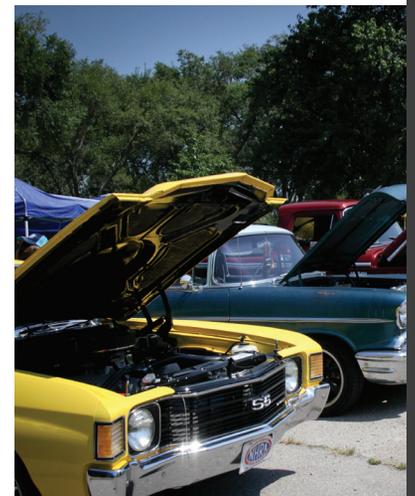
- Pelicans
- Gull
- Barred owls
- White-tailed deer
- Turkeys
- Opossums
- Bluebirds
- Warblers

FISH TO CATCH

- Crappie
- White bass
- Channel catfish



Pomona State Park, like all Kansas State Parks, is open year-round, making it the perfect spot to take a summer dip in the lake or to perfect your winter camping skills.

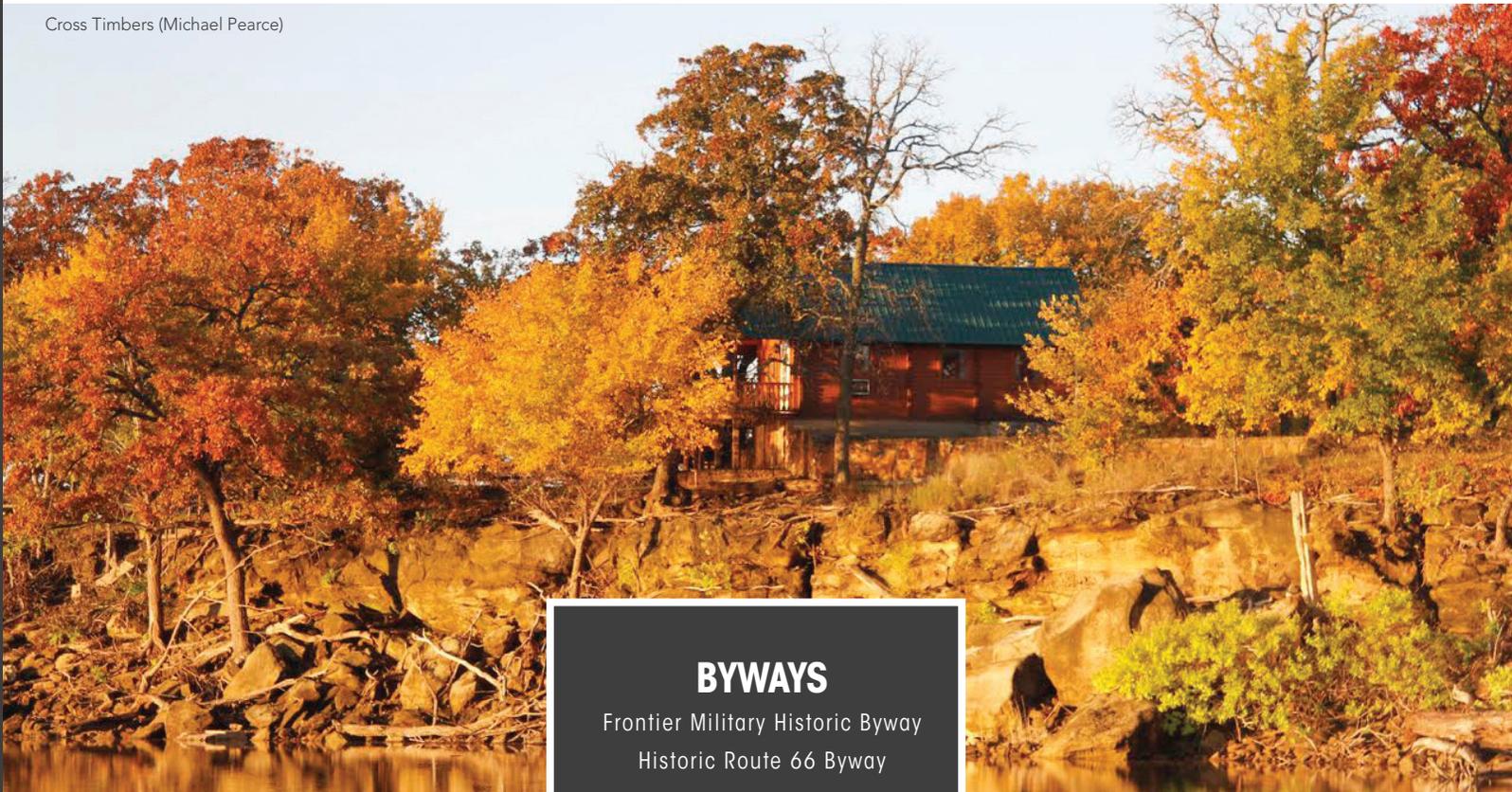


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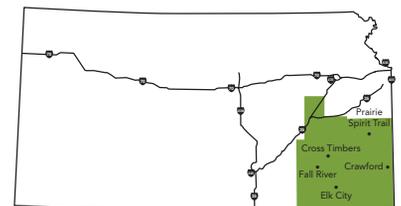
In 2017, this former Civil War fort celebrated 175 years since it was established. This interactive site tells the stories of the soldiers and staff who maintained the fort. Located only 20 miles from Crawford State Park, this is an excellent side excursion for history enthusiasts.

Big Brutus

The former mining community of West Mineral is home to Big Brutus, the largest electric shovel in the world. Weighing in at 11 million pounds and standing 16 stories tall, the out-of-commission shovel is now part of a visitors' center dedicated to the history of the coal-mining industry that once shaped the area. www.bigbrutus.org

Physiography

The Southeast area is predominately made up of the Osage Questa Region, offering steeper slopes than the western part of the state. Also in the region are the Chautauqua Hills, which includes remnants of thick limestone.





crawford

STATE PARK

AT CRAWFORD STATE LAKE



One Lake Road | Farlington, KS 66734 | kdwpt.CrawfordSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Crawford-State-Park | (620) 362-3671

5

modern cabins

28

primitive campsites

2

shelters

45

standard hook-ups with electric & water

28

standard full hook-ups

1

group use area

Rich in history and spectacular scenery, Crawford State Park gives visitors a “taste of the Ozarks.” The park dates back to the 1930s, when members of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built the 150-acre lake. A short (.25 mile) interpretive trail leads visitors to a CCC memorial. Two recorded archaeological sites lay within the park’s boundaries, as well as remnants of a 19th-century U.S. military outpost. Patrons who visit the park on holidays and special occasions will enjoy the spectacle of 104 state and American flags set out along the dam by members of the park friends group.

Hiking and mountain-bike trails offer recreational opportunities nestled in the regional woodlands. Lush foliage of the surrounding forest is a naturalist’s delight. Shady campsites are peppered among a mature oak forest.



Frontier Military Historic Byway

Crawford State Park is located along this 167-mile byway, which runs along the eastern edge of the state and highlights locations with historical significance. www.travelks.com/ksbyways/frontier-military/

GREAT FOR

- Hiking
- Biking
- History enthusiasts
- Fishing
- Water sports
- Camping

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- White-tailed deer
- Turkeys
- Gray squirrels
- Painted buntings
- Barred owls
- Whip poor wills

FISH TO CATCH

- Bluegill
- Channel catfish
- Crappie
- Largemouth bass





elk city

STATE PARK

AT ELK CITY RESERVOIR



4825 Squaw Creek Road Independence, KS 67301 | kdwpt.ElkCitySP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Elk-City-State-Park | (620) 331-6295

- 1 modern cabin
- 53 primitive campsites
- 2 shelters
- 85 standard hook-ups with electric & water
- 14 standard full hook-ups

Elk City State Park's 857 acres are where oak-hickory woodlands meet rolling meadows of big bluestem and Indiangrass. There is a 12,000-acre Elk City Wildlife Area adjacent to the 4,500-acre Elk City Reservoir, offering visitors ample room to pursue their pastimes.

Four miles of trails stretch across the state park, which is open year-round. This is where hikers come to enjoy open prairies, wooded hills and limestone bluffs. And the kids will enjoy splashing at the swim beach.



Little House on the Prairie Museum
Located 13 miles from Elk City State Park, this museum features a reconstruction of the Ingalls' cabin, among other historic buildings.
www.littlehouseontheprairiemuseum.com



The world-record 123-pound flathead catfish was caught in Elk City Reservoir.

GREAT FOR

- Fishing
- Wildlife watching
- Hiking
- Water sports
- Camping
- Archery
- Disc Golfing

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- Pileated woodpeckers
- White-tailed deer
- Turkey
- Bobcats
- Coyotes
- Indigo buntings
- Orioles
- Chuck-will's-widow
- Barred owls
- Whip poor wills

FISH TO CATCH

- Channel catfish
- White bass
- Crappie
- Flathead catfish

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prairie spirit trail

STATE PARK



419 S Oak Garnett, KS 66032 | kdwpt.PrairieSpiritSP@ks.gov | www.ksoutdoors.com/Prairie-Spirit-Trail | (785) 448-2627

Prairie Spirit Trail State Park was the first rails-to-trails site in Kansas and follows the original bed of the old Leavenworth, Lawrence and Fort Gibson Railroad. Built in the 1860s, it was the first north-south rail line in Kansas.

Prairie Spirit was constructed from Ottawa to Iola between 1996 and 2008. The 51-mile trail is a unique linear park spanning three counties and including eight pocket parks to stop along the way. The Prairie Spirit Trail connects with the 7-mile-long Southwind Rail Trail between Humboldt and Iola. Combined, the trails pass through 10 charming rural communities.

It is a greenway and travel corridor open to pedestrians and bicyclists traversing diverse ecosystems including tallgrass prairie, riparian areas, and agricultural lands and communities. The trail is a hard-packed limestone screening surface in rural areas and paved with asphalt through Garnett, Iola and Ottawa.

North Area

About 25 miles of trail can be found on the north end of Prairie Spirit's path. The historic trailside Old Depot Museum in Ottawa serves as a local museum and trailhead parking. The Prairie Spirit Trail connects to the 117-mile Flint Hills Trail State Park south of the Marais des Cygnes River in Ottawa, and visitors can access both trails from the museum.

South Area

This 26-mile section travels from Garnett, where visitors may stop in to see the historic trailside Santa Fe Depot, to Iola, where visitors can explore the historic community and then continue south to Humboldt on the Southwind Trail.

GREAT FOR

- Hiking
- Running
- Mountain biking
- Wildlife watching

WILDLIFE TO SEE

- White-tailed deer
- Coyotes
- Mourning doves
- Wood ducks



Iola

The Prairie Spirit Trail passes through Iola, a Kansas town with plenty of rich history. Visitors can enjoy antique architecture and unique restaurants and shops. Don't miss the annual Buster Keaton Celebration in September. The famed silent film actor hailed from the area. The Prairie Spirit and Southwind trails connect to the Lehigh-Portland Trails area south of town.



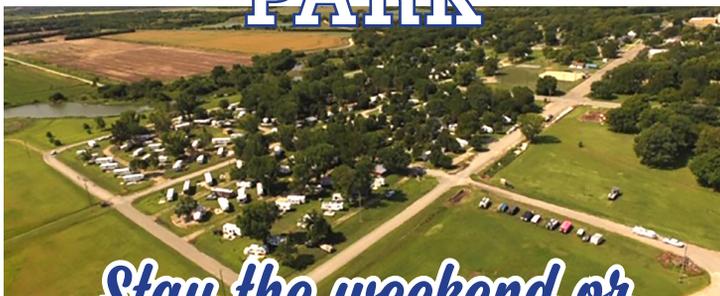
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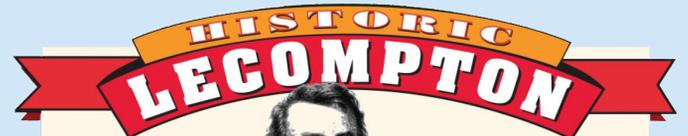
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Aquatic nuisance species are animals and plants not native to Kansas that can threaten lake and river ecology, harm desirable species or humans, and interfere with our economy. They can “hitchhike” with unsuspecting people on equipment that has come into contact with a lake or river containing an aquatic nuisance species.

Help stop aquatic nuisance species...

- **Clean—drain—dry** boats and equipment—every lake and river, every time
- **Don’t dump bait in the water or drainage ditches;** discard it on dry land or in approved receptacles
- **Don’t move live fish** between bodies of water or up streams

Before leaving any body of water:

- **Clean**—Inspect anything that comes in contact with the water, including boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, boots and waders, etc. Remove any mud, plants, animals, and other debris before leaving the area.
- **Drain**—Remove all water from engines, livewells, bilges, bait buckets, and spaces that can hold water before leaving the area. Dump live bait on dry land or at bait disposal sites, not into the lake or stream.
- **Dry**—Allow all equipment to dry completely (for about 5 days) before using it again. If you need to use it sooner, wash it with 140-degree water (retail car washes are OK) before using your equipment in another body of water.

Non-native species pose a serious threat to Kansas waters. If you find one of these species, do not release it back into the water, and remember that it is illegal to possess many of these species alive. If you find one of these species in a new location or any other species that looks out of place, please contact the Emporia Research Office at (620) 342-0658, report it online, or notify your local KDWPT office. For more information or to report a finding online, visit www.ProtectKSWaters.org.



KEEP THE WATER SAFE AND CLEAN FOR FUTURE FISHING.

Report dumping or pollution to the EPA at 1-800-223-0425.



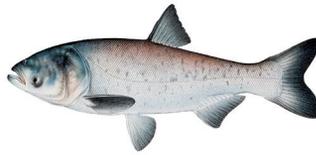
WHITE PERCH

- Although the possession of live white perch is prohibited, dead white perch may still be possessed or used as bait on the waters where they were taken.
- White perch have been associated with declines in both walleye and white bass populations and out-compete native fishes for food and space.
- They look very similar to native white bass and the two species can hybridize.
- White perch can be distinguished by the connection between the spiny and soft dorsal fins; both fins pop up when the spiny dorsal fin is manually erected.



ZEBRA MUSSELS

- Zebra mussels have been discovered in a number of Kansas lakes, streams and rivers, and they are easily spread as microscopic larvae in water, attached to hard surfaces, or in mud.
- Zebra mussels filter vast quantities of water, which drastically alters the food web. Filtering may clear up the water in some instances, which can lead to more frequent or more severe harmful algae blooms and allow UV rays to damage fish eggs.
- They can reach high densities, causing problems to water intakes, docks, and boat motors. Nationwide expenditures to control zebra mussels in industrial plants alone are estimated at more than \$300 million per year.
- Their sharp shells can cut the unprotected skin of people or pets. Shoes or other protective clothing are recommended when wading in zebra mussel-infested water.
- All aquatic users need to do their part to prevent the spread of zebra mussels to other waters in Kansas. Follow the clean, drain and dry procedures on page 48 and tell others how to prevent the spread of zebra mussels.



ASIAN CARP

- Asian carp include bighead, silver, and black carp species.
- Bighead and silver carp can be found in the Kansas, Missouri, Wakarusa, and Big Blue rivers and their tributaries. Fish may not be transported live from these or other Aquatic Nuisance Species Designated Waters.
- These fish are highly adaptive, prolific spawners, and they directly compete with other fish for food and space by filtering food from the water.
- Silver carp pose a physical danger to boaters because of their leaping ability.



NEW ZEALAND MUD SNAIL

- The New Zealand mud snail has not been reported in Kansas, but it is considered a priority species because of its introduction into Colorado.
- Mature New Zealand mud snails average 5mm (2/10 inch) in length and have brown or black cone-shaped shells with five whorls.
- NZMS disrupt the food chain by consuming algae in the stream and competing with native bottom-dwelling invertebrates. A population crash of invertebrates can follow the introduction of NZMS, which reduces fish forage. With a decrease in food availability, fish populations may decline as well.
- Mud snails are able to withstand desiccation and a variety of temperatures, and they are small enough that many types of water users (anglers, swimmers, pets) could inadvertently transfer this nuisance species. It takes only one snail to start an infestation.



FERTILE GRASS CARP

- It is illegal to possess or import fertile grass carp.
- Grass carp are very effective at controlling or eliminating some types of aquatic vegetation, which is why they are often stocked in small ponds to control aquatic vegetation.
- Too little aquatic vegetation can be damaging to the ecosystem by removing habitat for invertebrates, small prey fish or young sportfish.

IT IS AGAINST STATE LAW TO RELEASE ANY ANIMALS INTO KANSAS WATERS.

It is illegal to transport certain species in Kansas, or to release any animals onto state or federal properties. Protect yourself and your natural resources. Livewells and bilges must be drained and drain plugs removed from all vessels being removed from waters of the state before transport on a public highway.

Learn more about aquatic nuisance species and take the ANS Awareness Course at www.ProtectKSWaters.org

camping 101

CAMPING ESSENTIALS

TENT. Try pitching it before you leave home so you know how it fits together.

A FLY OR RAIN TARP. The forecast might not call for rain, but sometimes heavy dew can seep into your tent. Be sure to have that extra cover to keep your sleeping area dry and free from bugs.

TOOLS. Include a mallet or hammer in your tool kit.

A SLEEPING BAG AND SLEEPING PAD. Be sure to pack a heavier bag (and layers) to keep yourself warm during early spring or late fall camping trips. The sleeping pad will add a little extra protection between you and the ground. Don't forget to pack a pillow, too!

FLASHLIGHTS AND LANTERNS. So you can see at night.

KITCHEN GEAR. You might bring a propane stove along, or you might plan on cooking all of your food by campfire. Regardless of the method, be sure you pack everything you would need to prepare your meal, such as knives, mixing bowls, whisks, spatulas and can openers.

DON'T FORGET TRASH BAGS! Leave your campsite better than you found it by picking up after yourself (and cleaning up any other litter you might stumble upon). Some state parks require you to take all of your trash with you when you leave.

COOLERS AND ICE. Without refrigeration, you'll need a way to keep your food and drinks cool and safe. Bringing along bottled water is always a good idea.

PLATES, CUPS AND UTENSILS.

METAL ROASTING STICKS for roasting marshmallows (or other food items) over the fire.

FOIL.

PAPER TOWELS OR QUICK-DRYING TOWELS.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE DISH SOAP. Get a brand that is non-toxic and biodegradable.

SPONGE.

FIRST AID KIT. Keep bandages and antibacterial ointment around for nicks, cuts or burns or case of minor camping injuries.

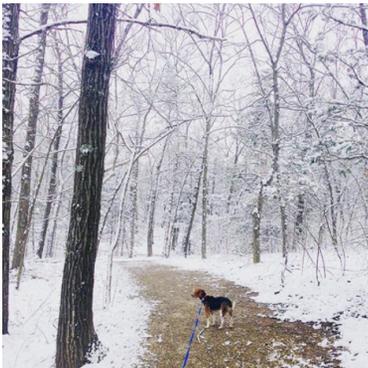
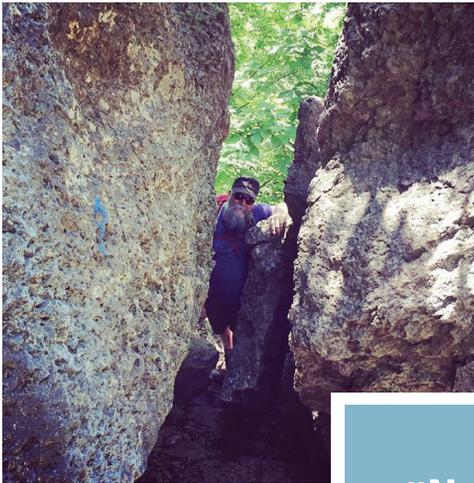
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BUG REPELLENT AND SUNSCREEN.

CHECK ON PICNIC TABLES AND FIREWOOD. Some locations allow only local firewood or will allow you to forage in the wooded areas near the campsite for firewood. Check with the park where you plan to camp to learn more.

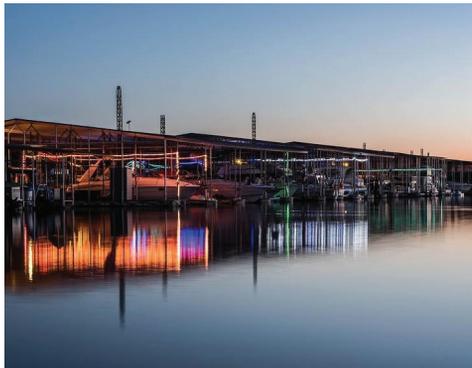
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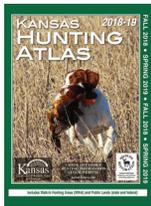


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HUNTING

Although hunting opportunities are limited in state parks, many are located close to state wildlife areas where hunting is allowed. Annually KDWP publishes three helpful information sources that are essential for hunters and furharvesters. The Spring Turkey and Fall Hunting Atlases pinpoint both public hunting areas and Walk-In-Hunting Access (WIHA) locations—private properties leased by the state for public use.



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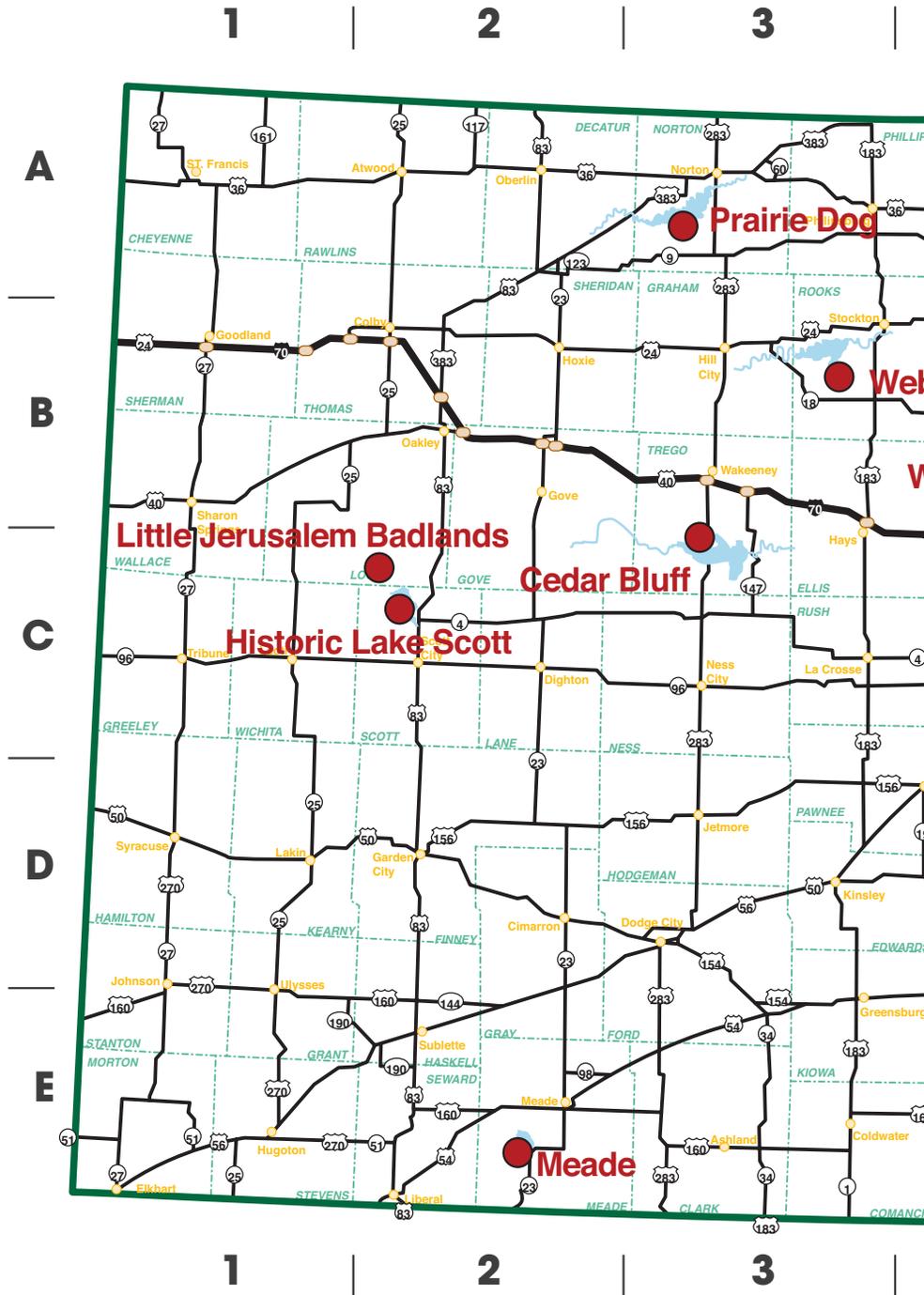
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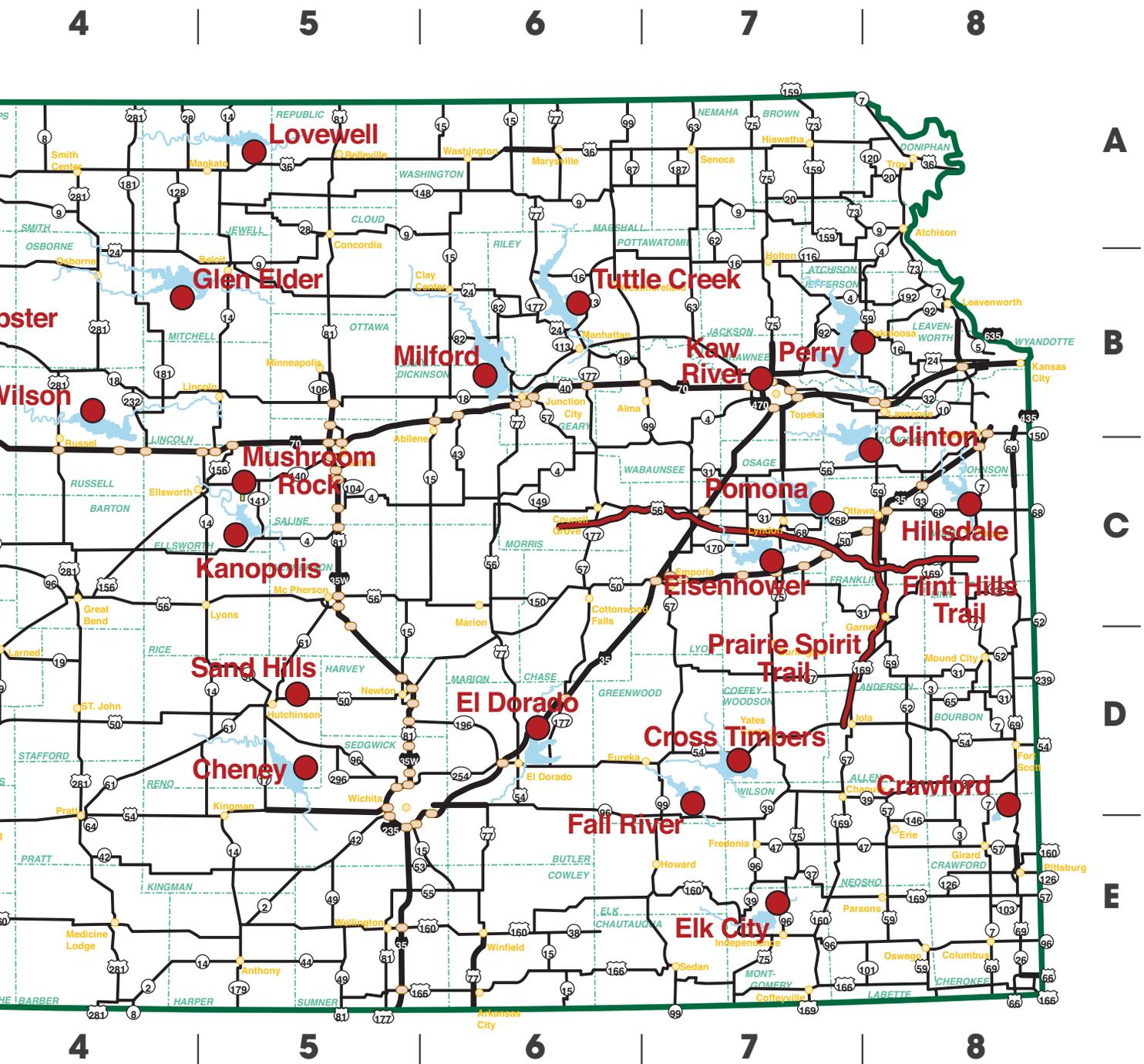
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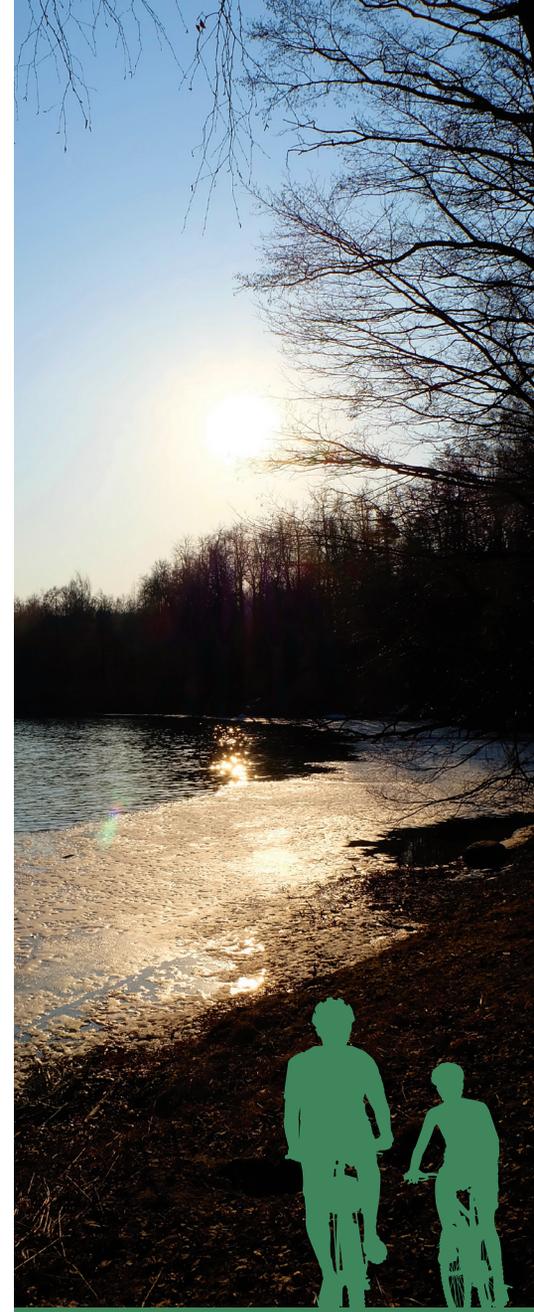
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