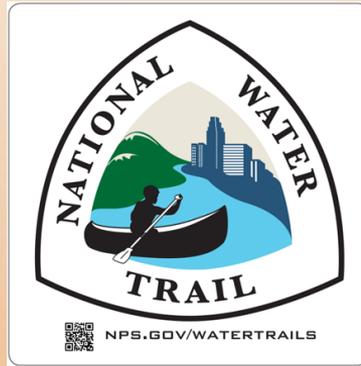


Kansas River National Water Trail



January 8, 2015



Background

- **There are only three navigable streams in Kansas (Kansas, Arkansas & Missouri).**
- **Kansas River is 174 miles long, extending from Junction City to Kansas City.**
- **A few access sites were constructed in the 1970's and early 1980's on the Kansas River.**
- **Renewed interest in the 1990's, "Kansas River Recreation" plan was developed in 1998.**
- **Goal was to place access every 10-15 miles.**
- **In 2000, there were only 5 access sites.**

Background (continued)

- **KDWPT has committed over \$1,000,000 to river access since 2000; and local funds and donations have probably equaled this amount.**
- **An additional 14 access sites have been added since 2000.**
- **KDWPT was contacted in 2011 about potential projects that would fall into the America's Great Outdoors program.**
- **The Kansas River water trail project was identified as a potential project for this program.**

Kansas River was named the 2nd National Water Trail in 2012.



Dedication



River Tour

Items were identified as needed to improve the water trail.

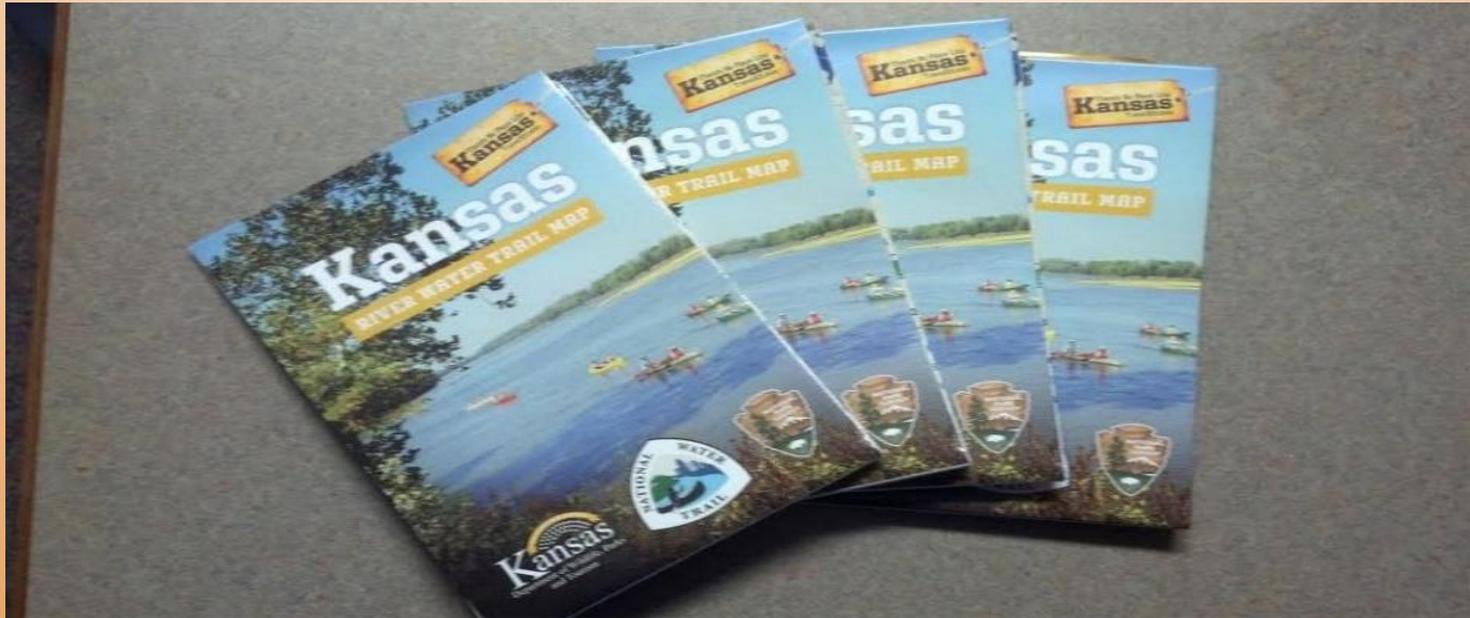
- Path finding signs
- Brochures
- Website
- River navigation signs
- Kiosks

Path Finding Signs



Signs are in place directing people to all 19 access sites.
Thanks to **KDOT** for assisting.

Brochure Development



Brochures and website were developed with funding from a NPS grant.

Web site development



- <http://www.travelks.com/ksrivertrail/>
- **There is also a National Water Trail site maintained by NPS** <http://www.nps.gov/watertrails/>



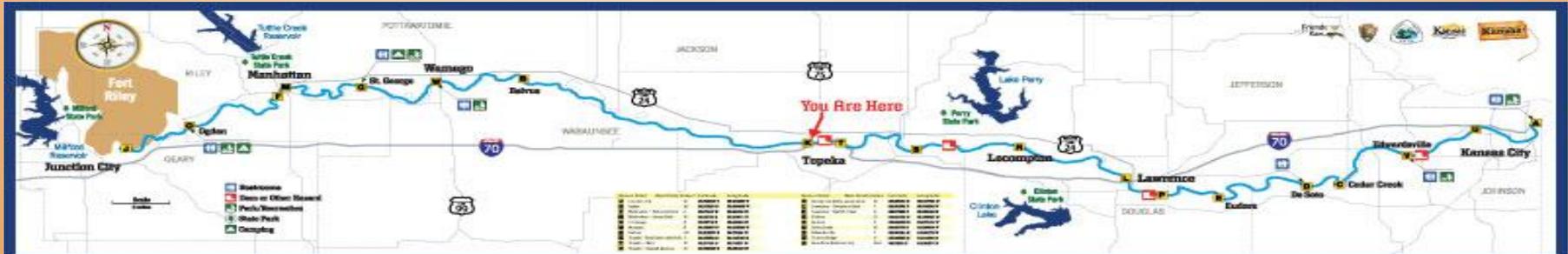
River Navigation Signage

- Placed every two miles for safety and river user reference.
- Topeka-Edwardsville
- Junction City - Belvue



Kiosk Project

Kiosks to be placed at each access site to provide information to river users and give community historical and tourism information.



Welcome to the Kansas River Water Trail

The Kansas River is one of the world's longest great rivers, providing countless recreational opportunities and wild life habitat as well as drinking water, irrigation and electricity for many communities. The Kansas River Water Trail is a great opportunity to explore the unique beauty of waters Kansas flows in while two perspectives - from the river trail!

Boating: The Kansas River is a great place to enjoy a day of boating. Whether you're looking for a peaceful spot to relax or a more active spot to enjoy the water, the river has it all. The river is a great place to enjoy a day of boating. Whether you're looking for a peaceful spot to relax or a more active spot to enjoy the water, the river has it all.

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For More Information: For more information on the Kansas River Water Trail, visit www.kawriverwatertrail.com.

Kaw River State Park

Welcome to Topeka! We are a vibrant community known for our heritage and scenic views. Explore a rich history and scenic views.

Things to See and Do: Visit the historic downtown area, enjoy the scenic views of the river, and explore the rich history of the city.

Visit: Visit www.kawriverwatertrail.com for more information on the Kansas River Water Trail.

State Routes

Information about state routes and their locations. Includes a list of routes and their respective locations.

State Routes: A list of state routes and their locations, including route numbers and names.

Map: A small map showing the locations of the state routes.

Kiosk Structure at De Soto



Structure materials and pole placement donated by Westar.

Current Kansas River Sites



19 sites currently open to public access.

AREAS OF NEED

No access currently available between
Topeka and Belvue (29 miles).

Kansas River Trail Belvue to Leocompton



Visit KSRiverTrail.com
for more information

Access Point	Next Point (miles)	Latitude	Longitude
J Junction City	30	38.0800 N	96.8030 W
O Oplen	14	38.0500 N	96.8063 W
F Manhattan - Fairmount Park	2	38.0747 N	96.5639 W
M Manhattan - Linear Park	30	38.0070 N	96.5387 W
G St. George	9	38.0770 N	96.4204 W
W Wasego	9	38.0827 N	96.3053 W
B Belvue	29	38.0007 N	96.1768 W
K Topeka - East River State Park	3	38.0003 N	95.7646 W
T Topeka - Water	10	38.0740 N	95.7687 W
S Topeka - Seward Division	13	38.0608 N	95.5940 W
R Rising Sun (Perry-Leocompton)	30	38.0063 N	95.3070 W
L Lawrence - Riverbend Park	3	38.0005 N	95.2080 W
P Lawrence - Eighth Street	9	38.0706 N	95.0930 W
E Eureka	11	38.0002 N	95.0063 W
D Deloit	5	38.9048 N	94.67474 W
C Cedar Creek	10	38.0673 N	94.60218 W
V Edwardsville	7	38.0064 N	94.60072 W
U Turner Bridge	9	38.0030 N	94.7050 W
A Kaw Point (Kansas City)	End	38.1000 N	94.60207 W

Projects in Progress

- Working with Rossville to get an access site along the St. Mary's/Maple Hill Road.

October Float Trip and upgrades to Eudora access site.



Potential Projects

- Working with Shawnee County on potential site at Willard.
- Have met with Shawnee County/Topeka Parks about upgrade to Seward Ave. ramp.
- Have met with De Soto about upgrades/restroom at their access site.

Special Thanks



Friends
of the **Kaw**



Best of Plans!!



To Roger Wolfe with Best Wishes!

July 2012



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ken Salazar'.

KEN SALAZAR