

LOVEWELL

Lovewell Dam impounds approximately 3,000 surface acres of water and there are 2,255 acres of public hunting area available around the reservoir. Lovewell is an irrigation reservoir with seasonally changing water levels.

FISHING

In mid March to early April, walleye move to shallow sand, gravel and rocky shorelines to spawn. As spawning increases, trolling with thin-fins, rapalas and other crank baits becomes popular. As spawning ceases walleye move to the flats where drifting a jig and night-crawler is an excellent method.

As the water warms walleye tend to move to deeper water. Concentrate on the lower half of the lake near the old creek channels.

Walleye again move into shallow water and anglers enjoy some success by casting rattle traps and other shad

imitating baits into flooded weed beds along the shoreline.

Most white bass are caught during the irrigation season from June through August on the lower end of the lake. Fishing near the inlet, outlet, and along the dam with small jigs and roadrunners is the most productive.

Prior to the irrigation season, most anglers concentrate on fishing the main creeks and channels for flat-head and channel catfish. Trotlines and rod-and-reel anglers have equal success with all the traditional baits.

The inlet canal is closed to fishing from Sept. 15 to April 15 as part of the waterfowl refuge.

HUNTING

This area is small and receives heavy hunting pressure. Rabbit hunting is especially good late in the season. The limited public lands in Kansas require intensive wildlife management and some special restrictions to provide quality hunting areas.

Areas with a mixture of grassland, cropland and weeds offer limited pheasant and quail hunting opportunities. Hunting pressure is heavy on opening weekend but areas can have a lighter pressure later in the season.

Deer and turkey provide limited archery and firearms hunting due to the small size of the area but can provide a quality experience.

Ducks and geese use the lake during their migrations, and are attracted by the reservoir's fall water levels, mud flats and flooded vegetation. Up to 1,000 Canada geese spend the winter. A refuge on the east end has been established to increase the number of geese on the area.

A portion of the refuge is closed to all activities year-round. Some of the area in this refuge is closed to hunting, Sept. 1 to April 15. Another portion is closed to hunting, but open to fishing. See map for details. There is no hunting from the dam.

Numerous furbearers inhabit the wildlife area. Trapping and running is allowed in areas open to public hunting.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The park offers 102 utility hookups and many non-utility camping sites near modern shower and rest room buildings. Utility sites are open year-round. Water hookups and shower buildings are open from April 15 through October 15. Frost-free water hydrants and several vault toilets remain open through the winter. Camping in the wildlife area is free, but limited to three designated areas.

A walk-through, seven-station archery range lies in the park's northwest corner (just north of Cottonwood Campground). The range features two targets per station, two handicap accessible elevated stands and a four-target practice range. Range rules are posted. No arrows with broadheads, please.

Six boat ramps around the lake provide access. During low water periods, the best boat ramps are in Lovewell State Park.

Hiking is permitted throughout the area with the exception of the refuge area, which is closed to all activities.

WILDLIFE INFORMATION

The area offers outstanding opportunities to view and photograph wildlife. Deer, bald eagles, geese, prairie dogs and other wildlife can be seen from the area's maintained roads and viewing from the park office overlooking the refuge.

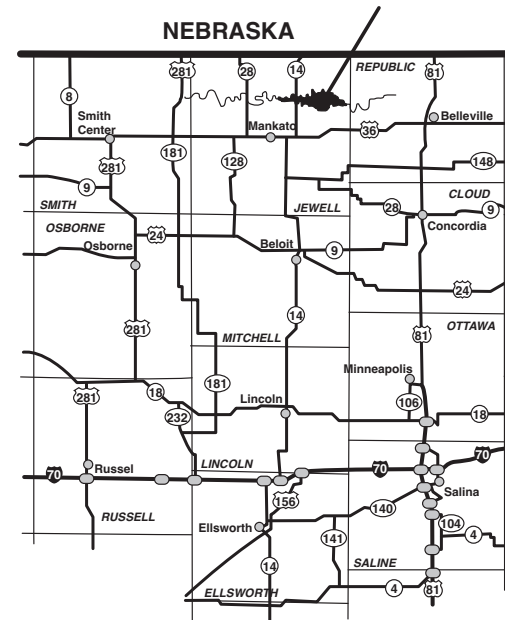
THINGS TO REMEMBER

Vehicles are permitted on maintained roads only.

Trash receptacles are not provided in the wildlife area so please take your trash with you.

Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area. Special regulations may be in effect.

Lovewell Reservoir & Wildlife Area

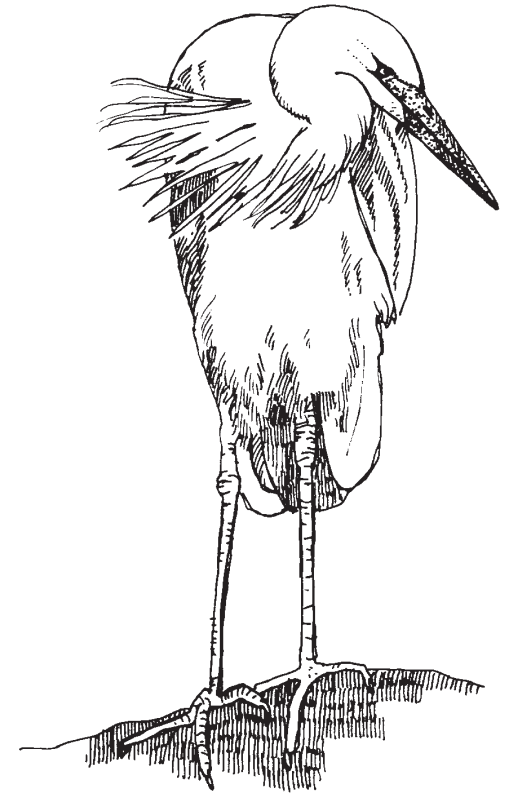


General Area Map

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LOVEWELL RESERVOIR & WILDLIFE AREA

8 Miles
to
Superior, NE

LEGEND

Wildlife Area

State Park Area (Archery/Shotgun Only)
No Waterfowl Hunting From Shore

State Park Area (No Hunting)

Refuge - Closed to All Activities
(Year-Round)

Refuge - Closed to Hunting
and Fishing (Sept. 15 - April 15)

Refuge - Closed to Hunting
Open to Fishing (Nov. 1 - April 15)

Dam (No Hunting)

Paved Roads

Gravel Roads

Seasonal Roads

Railroad

Area Office

Parking Area

Vault Toilet

Boat Ramp

Information Center

Fish Attractor

Submerged Trees

Unmarked Brush Piles

Old Foundation



14 Miles
to
Mankato

Designated Camp Areas

△ White Rock △ Oak Hill
△ Blue Shale

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