

Dodge City District Fisheries

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Goodman State Fishing Lake Update

Another water body that suffered from the recent drought but has managed a bit of a comeback is Goodman State Fishing Lake (GDSL). GDSL a 40-acre lake located 5 miles south and 2.5 miles east of Ness City. When the lake began to hold water in 2016, fish stocking efforts were resumed to once again develop a fishery. Fish stocked so far are largemouth bass, channel catfish, and bluegill.



The next stop for these channel catfish loaded on April 11 will be Goodman SFL

The table below shows the number of fish that have been stocked into Goodman SFL since 2016.

Species	Size	Number
Channel catfish	Intermediates (approx. 3/pound.)	4,009
Channel catfish	Adult (1 pound or larger)	1350
Bluegill	Adult	411
Bluegill	Fingerlings	4,800
Largemouth Bass	Intermediated (16/pound)	400

Additional activities available at GDSL are picnicking, camping (primitive), general outdoor recreation. Picnic shelters with tables are available for group activities and are located within easy walking distance of the parking areas. The boat ramp, dumpster, and toilet facility are also located nearby for visitor convenience.





The Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) was designed to remove barriers to fishing access and to provide family friendly fishing areas close to where people live, while improving fishing opportunities at community lakes. The state leases the fishing rights from over 200 community lakes statewide. In conjunction with this program, more than 90 percent of the community lakes in the state provide free fishing access to anglers holding a Kansas fishing license! So when you see the above CFAP logo at the entrance of your favorite community lake, head on in and wet your lines.

In addition to stocking and managing fish in these waters, cooperating entities are eligible to apply for grants through the CFAP program to make improvements that benefit anglers. Typical improvements include adding such amenities as restrooms, ADA parking areas, fishing docks and lighting at boat ramps.



CFAP cooperators from throughout southwest Kansas met in Dodge City on December 14, 2017 to learn about the CFAP grant process.

To locate CFAP as well as other fishing areas in southwest Kansas you can stop at any KDWPT office and pick up a copy of the 2018 Kansas Fishing Atlas or find it online at ksoutdoors.com



Spring Channel Catfish Stockings

One of the benefits of having two state fish hatcheries in southwest Kansas is that when these facilities need to cull fish brood fish, anglers in southwest Kansas are often the beneficiaries. During the second week of April, the Pratt hatchery staff needed to move fish off of the facility and these fish wound up swimming around southwest Kansas. These fish averaged 2.5 pounds each. Locations that received these fish were Goodman SFL (300 fish) SFL, Kiowa SFL (200 fish), Meade SFL (200 fish) and Barber SFL (250 fish)



Channel catfish getting loaded at Pratt Hatchery



Brian Fisher, biologist at Pratt Hatchery holds up an average size channel catfish that was stocked.

In addition to the cull brood fish received from the Pratt Hatchery, the first of four stockings of urban channel catfish has also taken place. The first stocking was April 16 and the fish were stocked in the following locations.

<i>WATER</i>	<i>POUNDS</i>
Ford County Lake	500
Demon Lake (D.C. High)	300
DCCC	420
Ft Dodge	100
Buffalo Refuge – Garden City	500
TOTAL LBS.	1820

The final 3 stockings are scheduled for May 14, June 18 and September 17. Stocking locations vary each year depending on rainfall and water levels throughout southwest Kansas.



Spring 2018 Water levels in southwest Kansas

Rainfall has been scarce in the southwest part of Kansas so far this winter and spring. Water levels in some of our state fishing lakes and larger community lakes as of April 12, 2018 can be seen below. The numbers in parentheses are the surface acreage when the lakes are at full and at conservation pool.

State Fishing Lakes	Community Lakes
Barber State Fishing Lake – (51) - 1 foot low	Coldwater City Lake – (250) – 1 foot low
Clark State Fishing Lake – (337) – 3.5 feet low	Jetmore City Lake – (110) – 2 feet low
Concannon State Fishing Lake – (50) – dry	Pratt County Lake – (51) – Full
Ford State Lake – (40) – 2.5 feet low	Larned City Pond – (2) - Full
Goodman State Lake – (40) acres – 1 feet low	HorseThief Reservoir – (450) – 5.5 feet low
Hain State Fishing Lake – (53) - 2 feet low	
Kiowa State Fishing Lake - 21 acres - full	
Meade State Lake – (80) - 2 foot low	

