

OTTER CREEK

Otter Creek Wildlife Area is located on the southwest shore of John Redmond Reservoir near Burlington Kansas. The Kansas Department of Wildlife

and Parks (KDWP) has managed the area's 1,637 acres since 1968 under a license agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The USACE manages the lake's

parks, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) manages the 18,500 acre Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge, located at the upper end of the reservoir.

HUNTING

Otter Creek Wildlife Area is open to public hunting. Deer hunting is restricted to archery and shotgun only. Upland and waterfowl hunting is restricted to non-toxic shot only. Trapping, predator and small game hunting is allowed under current statewide regulations.

Only portable hunting blinds or blinds constructed from natural vegetation are allowed on the area. Portable blinds may not be left unattended overnight. Portable tree stands may be used. All blinds and stands must be tagged with KDWP license number permanently affixed to the blind or stand. Only two blinds or stands per hunter can be utilized on the area. All blinds and stands must be completely removed 14 days after the close of the season. Any blinds or stands found not meeting these requirements **WILL BE REMOVED** by department staff.

Target practice is not allowed on the area.

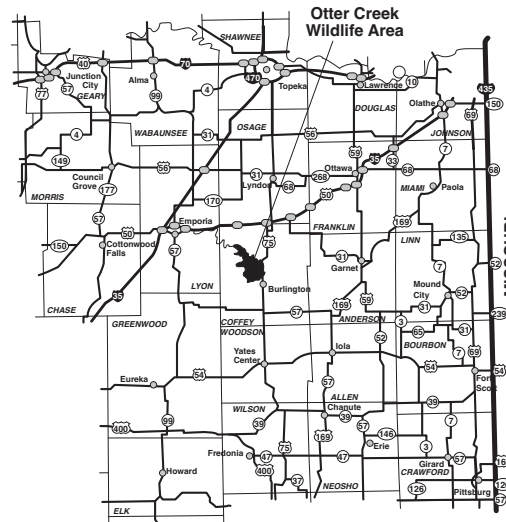
FISHING

Frequent flooding and high water levels makes fisheries management challenging, but John Redmond Reservoir can provide some excellent fishing opportunities for channel catfish, white bass, white crappie, and flathead catfish. The spillway is a popular spot for anglers during moderate to high releases as fish get flushed out of the lake. All anglers who fish the spillway are required to wear a personal flotation device. The Neosho River and tributaries that feed into John Redmond are also popular fishing spots including Otter Creek, Eagle Creek, and Hickory Creek.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Wildlife management goals are to provide quality hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities. Dominant habitat type mixed hardwood bottomland, interspersed with approximately 400 acres of cropland that provides food and cover.

Located below the reservoir dam, a marsh complex including a 15-acre Ducks Unlimited marsh, attracts a wide variety of waterfowl and shorebirds. The entire marsh areas is open to public hunting. Be aware that the two large marsh area have an abundance of deep water, and wading is not recommended.



General Area Map

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Wildlife Area at John Redmond Reservoir



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OTTER CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

JOHN
REDMOND
RESERVOIR

LEGEND

Property Boundary



Marsh



Dam



Paved Road



Gravel Road



Parking Area



Boat Ramp (earthen)



14th Ln.

14th Rd.

Garner Rd.

13th Rd.

12th Rd.

Emmer Rd.

Fauna Rd.



Homestead Rd.

Homestead Ln.

Iris Rd.

Embankment Rd.

