

KANOPOLIS

The Smoky Hill Wildlife Area on Kanopols Reservoir is a 5,065-acre public property located approximately 33 miles southwest of Salina in Ellsworth County. The area is part of the larg-

er Kanopolis Lake Project administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Smoky Hill is licensed to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) and is funded primarily through a user

pay system supported by hunters and anglers. Therefore, primary management considerations focus on optimizing habitats for wildlife and associated hunting, and fishing uses.

HUNTING

The portion of the area known as Alum Creek is open to everyone throughout the seasons and comprises around 3,000 acres. About 2,000 acres of the area are refuge where hunting is only allowed by special draw permits.

Whitetail deer are very common on the area providing excellent hunting opportunities throughout the various seasons. Alum Creek offers a place to go for everyone while the refuge offers draw hunts to a few lucky individuals.

Opportunities are very limited for both bobwhite and pheasants. Most of Alum Creek is native prairie with very little cropland or early successional plants present due to the archeologic importance and frail soils. Traditional management like food plots and strip disking are used sparingly. A small population of prairie chickens frequents the area but is hard to find. The refuge portion has fair pheasant numbers depending on the year but is only available through special upland hunts.

SPECIAL HUNTS

The area has around 2000 acres of refuge that offer hunts as part of the Statewide Special Hunt Program. These hunts are designed to offer a different type of opportunity and can be excellent when conditions are

FISHING

Fishing is allowed when the refuge is not closed but access is very limited except by boat from the main reservoir and on the west-end via the Smoky Hill River.

Waterfowl use the entire Kanopolis Project area seasonally and the refuge provides the only undisturbed resting area which helps hold more waterfowl in the entire general area throughout the season than would be present otherwise. Hunting on the area is limited mostly to special draw hunts for geese from pit blinds and ducks from shore blinds when water levels are conducive.

Rio Grande turkeys are common on the area but quickly figure out hunters when the seasons are open and become very difficult to harvest. Early in the season, especially youth season, opportunities are very good for success.

right. Canada Geese and Whitetail Deer hunting are the best opportunities but to participate you will have to apply in June during the application period for the upcoming year.

TRAILS

Hiking and biking are allowed on the area. Horseback riding is allowed in cooperation with Kanopolis State Park but all access for horseback riding must be made through the State Park Trailhead. Riding is restricted during hunting seasons to reduce disturbance to hunters and wildlife and for safety of the riders.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

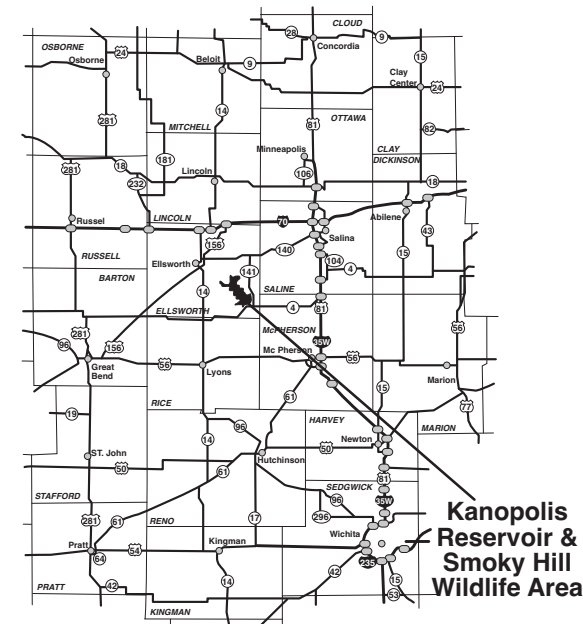
Information Centers are present on most parking areas located around the area.. No other facilities are located on the area.

Motorized vehicles are allowed on maintained roads only.

Take all trash with you when you leave the area.

Special length and creel limits may be in effect. Observe all posted regulations, and check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary brochure for details.

Entrance fees are required at most state parks.



General Area Map

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Reservoir & Smoky Hill Wildlife Area



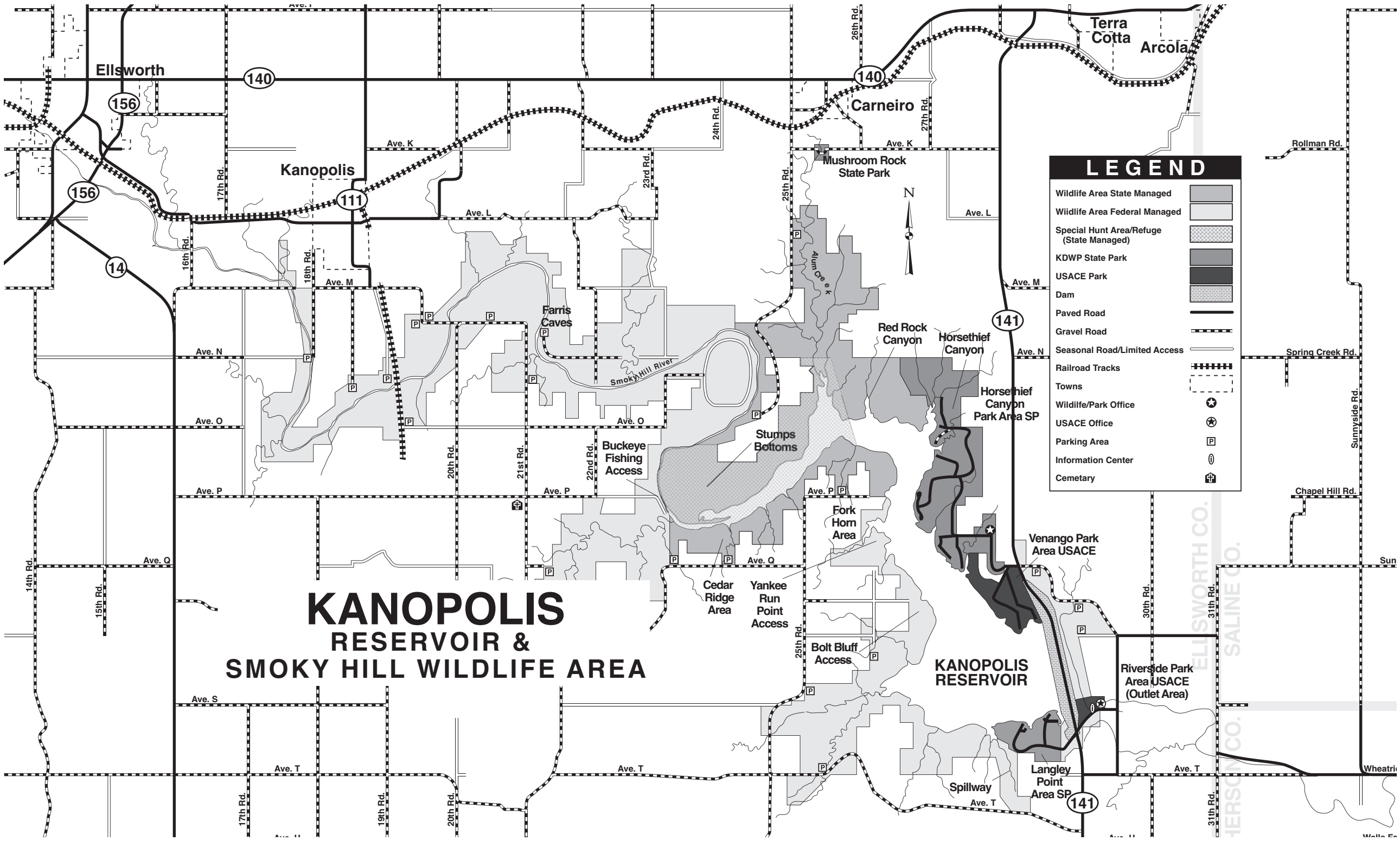
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LEGEND

Wildlife Area State Managed	
Wildlife Area Federal Managed	
Special Hunt Area/Refuge (State Managed)	
KDWP State Park	
USACE Park	
Dam	
Paved Road	
Gravel Road	
Seasonal Road/Limited Access	
Railroad Tracks	
Towns	
Wildlife/Park Office	
USACE Office	
Parking Area	
Information Center	
Cemetery	

KANOPOLIS RESERVOIR & SMOKY HILL WILDLIFE AREA