

WHO TO CONTACT

If you are interested in learning more about KDWP access programs, fill out the application included in this brochure and return it to the KDWP Regional office for your area. Additional information is available from your local fish or wildlife biologist, conservation officers, or the Wildlife & Parks Regional offices listed below. Your interest in the programs help to maintain Kansas outdoor traditions and is greatly appreciated.

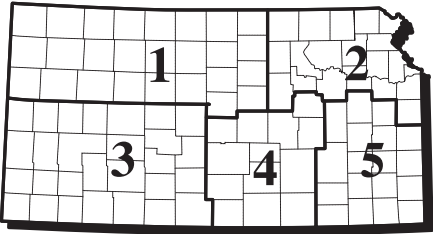
Regional Offices

REGION 1

1426 Highway 183 Alt.
PO Box 338
Hays, KS 67601
(785) 628-8614

REGION 2

300 SW Wanamaker
Topeka, KS 66608
(785) 273-6740



REGION 3

1001 McArtor Rd.
Dodge City, KS 67801
(620) 227-8609

REGION 4

6232 E 29th St. N
Wichita, KS 67220
(316) 683-8069

REGION 5

1500 W 7th,
PO Box 777
Chanute, KS 66270
(620) 431-0380



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WIHA APPLICATION

I am interested in enrolling my property in the WIHA program.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

I am interested in enrolling:
Fall WIHA _____ Spring Turkey _____

It would be best to contact me during the:
Day _____ Evening _____

Do you wish to be contacted before we inspect your land? Yes__ No__

Complete legal description for each parcel of land. (Example: S 1/2 of NE 1/4, Sec. 26, T18, R16, Ellis Co.) Please include an aerial photo for each parcel marked, if possible.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

I am the landowner _____
I am the tenant _____

FISH APPLICATION

I am interested in enrolling my property in the FISH program.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

It would be best to contact me during the:
Day _____ Evening _____

Do you wish to be contacted before we inspect your land? Yes__ No__

Complete legal description for each parcel of land.
Example:

Pond Acres 2 Stream Miles _____
Sec 26 T 18 R 16 Co. EL

Pond Acres _____ Stream Miles _____
Sec _____ T _____ R _____ Co. _____

Pond Acres _____ Stream Miles _____
Sec _____ T _____ R _____ Co. _____

Pond Acres _____ Stream Miles _____
Sec _____ T _____ R _____ Co. _____

Pond Acres _____ Stream Miles _____
Sec _____ T _____ R _____ Co. _____

I am the landowner _____
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WALK-IN
HUNTING &
FISHING AREAS



Components of the Kansas
Department of Wildlife & Parks’
Walk-In Hunting and FISH Access Programs



WALK-IN HUNTING AREAS AND FISHING IMPOUNDMENTS & STREAM HABITATS

Hunting and Fishing Access and Your Land

WHAT IS IT

The Walk-In Hunting Area (WIHA) and Fishing Impoundments and Stream Habitats (FISH) programs make private land and waters available for public hunting and fishing through a lease agreement between the KDWP and landowners. Participating landowners receive payments, which vary with the number of acres, length of stream, and length of lease. The department posts signs on the land, produces maps for hunters and patrols the areas. The WIHA program has been very successful, growing each year since its start in 1995. The FISH program was started in 1998 following the success of the WIHA program.

WHO CAN QUALIFY

Almost anyone who owns or leases at least 80 contiguous acres of land or has streams, ponds, or lakes can qualify. This includes resident landowners, absentee landowners, tenant farmers, estate managers, trust managers, and others who manage privately owned land or waters.

LAND QUALIFICATIONS

Much of the land enrolled in WIHA is Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres. CRP is ideal for WIHA although land with similar qualities and hunting opportunities, such as native rangeland, weedy wheat stubble, milo stubble, and riparian and wetland areas are also considered.

Applications will be accepted year-round, however applications received after July 15 for WIHA, December 15 for F.I.S.H., and January 15 for Spring Turkey each year will not receive consideration for enrollment until the following year. This deadline allows for posting of properties and production of the atlases before access periods.

Once applications are received, department biologists review potential properties and assess them for their hunting and/or fishing opportunities. The size and location of the property, and the likelihood that

hunting and/or fishing will occur is also taken into consideration. Although lease agreements are renewable each year, options are available to make multi-year agreements.

BENEFITS

There are several reasons to participate in addition to the lease payment. Many landowners own land far from their home or do not have time to worry about who is hunting or fishing on their land. It may be more convenient for them to enroll in one of KDWP’s access programs. The department publishes detailed atlases of properties enrolled in the program. Hunters and anglers are asked not to contact landowners.

Conservation officers will periodically patrol WIHA and FISH areas much like other public hunting areas. Violators will be ticketed or arrested for offenses such as vandalism, littering, or failing to comply with regulations.

The WIHA and FISH programs provide hunters and anglers with a place to hunt and fish while leaving the land in private ownership. Many sportsmen have limited their outdoor activities because of the difficulty to find a place to hunt and fish. Through these programs, the tradition of hunting and fishing can be preserved, and rural-urban ties can be strengthened.

Landowners can withdraw from the program at any time, but will be paid a prorated payment amount. Properties withdrawn after atlas production will be posted as no longer enrolled.

SPRING TURKEY HUNTING

Land with appropriate habitat and populations of wild turkey will be considered for enrollment in the spring turkey WIHA program. Payment rates are reflected in the April-May column of the rate table.

FISHING IMPOUNDMENTS & STREAM HABITATS

Land with appropriate habitat will be considered for enrollment in the FISH program. Most leases will run from March 1 through October 31. Some are open year-round.

RESTRICTIONS

Access is allowed by hunters and anglers during the access period only. Travel is limited to foot traffic except on trails designated by the landowner in the case of very large tracts of land. Safety zone signs are available to provide landowners additional control over where hunting and fishing will occur. Firearms deer hunting may be restricted if there are safety concerns.

LIABILITY

Liability is a valid concern. However, state law provides that private individuals who lease their land to the state for recreational purposes are immune from damages or injuries that result from ordinary negligence.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Once land is enrolled in a program, the cooperator will receive a payment based on the size of the area and access period. Cooperators will receive payment for fall contracts around December 1, and around May 1 for spring leases.

Incentive payments of an additional 50 percent will apply for WIHA and FISH properties in urban counties and WIHA properties in counties with historically low program participation.

WIHA Annual Payment Rate				
Acreage	Nov.- Jan.	Sept.- Jan.	Sept.- Mar.	April- May
80 - 150	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$150
151 - 250	\$350	\$450	\$450	\$250
251 - 500	\$600	\$700	\$700	\$500
501 - 750	\$850	\$1000	\$1000	\$750
751 - 1000	\$1100	\$1300	\$1300	\$1000
1000+	N e g o t i a b l e			

Urban Incentive Counties (FISH & WIHA)

Butler	Johnson	Saline
Coffey	Kingman	Sedgwick
Cowley	Leavenworth	Shawnee
Douglas	Lyon	Sumner
Franklin	Miami	Wabaunsee
Harvey	Osage	Wyandotte
Jackson	Ottawa	
Jefferson	Reno	

Additional Incentive Counties (WIHA Only)

Allen	Crawford	Montgomery
Anderson	Dickinson	Morris
Atchison	Doniphan	Neosho
Barber	Elk	Pottawatomie
Barton	Ellsworth	Pratt
Bourbon	Geary	Rice
Brown	Greenwood	Riley
Chase	Harper	Stafford
Chautauqua	Labette	Wilson
Cherokee	Linn	Woodson
Clay	Marion	
Cloud	McPherson	

FISH Annual Payment Rate	
Impoundments	\$42/acre
Stream	\$500 - \$1000/Mile