

# MELVERN

Welcome to Melvern Wildlife Area. Located on the eastern fringe of the Flint Hills, the wildlife area consists of 10,100 acres surrounding Melvern Lake. This unique area provides for a diversity of plant and animal life.

## FISHING and BOATING

Fishing is good from shore or boat. Melvern Lake is known for its quality crappie fishing. The lake also has good populations of walleye, sauger, white bass and channel cat. Both largemouth and smallmouth bass are present in the lake.

Melvern Lake offers 6,930 surface acres of water for boating. One concrete boat ramp located on the

Melvern Wildlife Area provides access to the lake's upper end and the Marais des Cygnes River. Two multilane boat ramps with ample parking are available at the state park. Additional concrete boat ramps operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are located in Coeur D'Alene, Arrow Rock, Turkey Point, and Sundance park areas.

## HUNTING

Public hunting is allowed on the wildlife area except for the 1,100-acre waterfowl refuge. The refuge area is closed to all activities during the waterfowl season to provide waterfowl an area to feed, rest, and roost without disturbance. Several marshes have been constructed on the area to attract waterfowl and early-season hunting can be good.

Waterfowl hunters must use steel shot and only temporary blinds made of natural materials are allowed. No permanent blinds or stands are allowed.

Mourning dove management consists of several food plots managed specifically to attract doves in

September. Doves can be abundant in these fields and offer good opportunities for all ages.

Melvern Wildlife Area offers good turkey hunting on the upper end of the lake. Turkey numbers are increasing on the area.

Hunting is also allowed on land controlled by the USACE.

Trapping is allowed on the area. Common furbearers include raccoon, beaver, and coyote. Trappers should use caution because of the many dogs on the area during the upland bird season.

## WILDLIFE

Wildlife management goals are to provide quality public hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities through habitat development and management. Habitat includes grassland, riparian timber, wetlands, and croplands. Habitat improvement efforts include controlled burns of native grass areas, grass and legume plantings and management of crop fields to provide winter food and cover.

Wildlife species common to the Melvern Wildlife Area include bobwhite quail, white-tail deer, turkey, squirrel, and cottontail rabbit. Furbearers such as raccoon, beaver, coyote, and muskrat are also common. Waterfowl can be numerous at times on the area.

## ELECTRONIC DAILY HUNT CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT

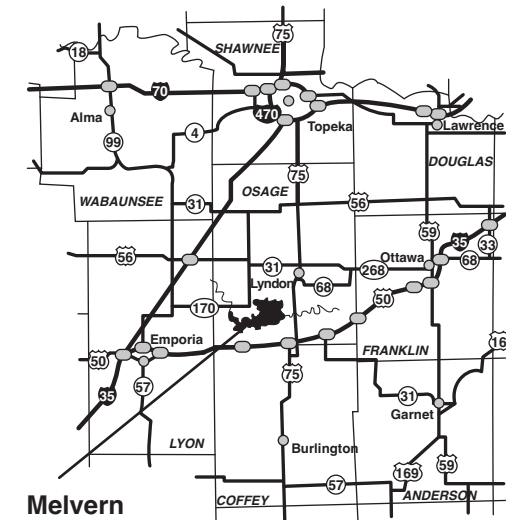
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## THINGS TO REMEMBER

The public facilities and natural resources are here for your enjoyment, but remember you are just one of many visitors so please be considerate of other people and the natural resources. Vehicles and horses are permitted only on maintained roads and parking areas. There are no trash barrels so please take your trash with you. Camping is prohibited on the wildlife area. Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area.



Melvern Reservoir & Wildlife Area

## General Area Map

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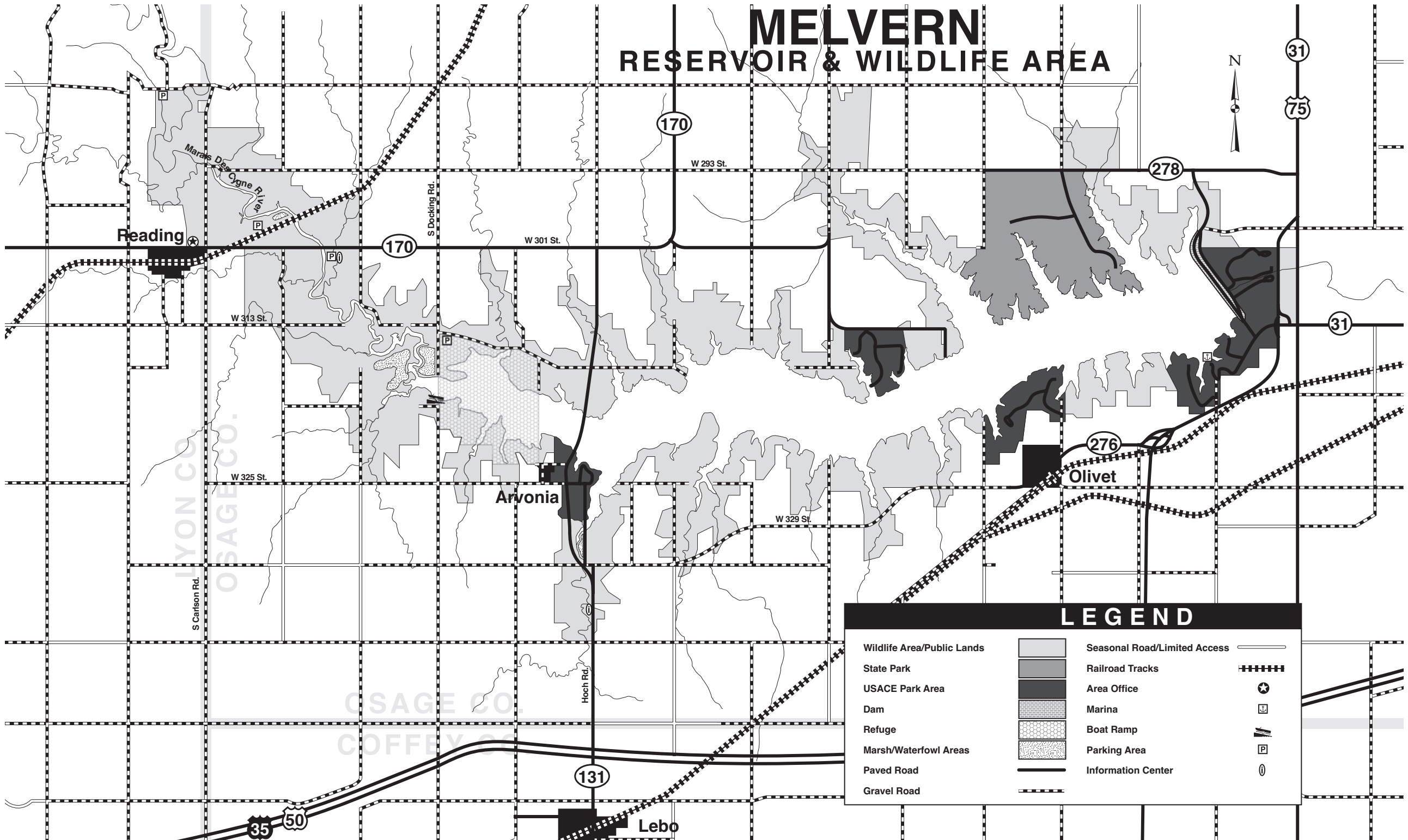
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## LEGEND

Wildlife Area/Public Lands

State Park

USACE Park Area

Dam

Refuge

Marsh/Waterfowl Areas

Paved Road

Gravel Road

Seasonal Road/Limited Access

Railroad Tracks

Area Office

Marina

Boat Ramp

Parking Area

Information Center

