

PRAIRIE DOG

When you pass the prairie dog statue at the entrance, you know you've arrived at a unique state park. Prairie Dog State Park, on the north shore of Sebelius Reservoir, is a near perfect spot to get away from it all.

The park's charm lies in the modest number of visitors who use the area. But don't let that fool you. Just like the larger, busier parks, there's plenty to do at Prairie Dog State Park.

Park Office

The area office, open regularly year-round, provides brochures and staff to answer questions. Vehicle, camping, and utility permits are required year-round and may be purchased either from the office or the convenient self-pay station. Hunting and fishing licenses are also available at the park office.

Camping

Campsites at Prairie Dog include 77 designated sites with electric and water hookups, 10 designated sites with full hookups, 9 designated primitive sites, and 125 non-designated primitive sites. Reservable sites are available. Shower and restroom facilities are located throughout the park, as are two RV dump stations. Water is available from mid-April through mid-October.

Boating and Fishing

The 1,000-acre reservoir is a great place to boat, water-ski, windsurf, and fish. Black bass, walleye, wiper, crappie, catfish, and saugeye are popular sportfish. The public fishing dock is perfect for a family outing.

Relax and enjoy the swimming beach, picnic shelters, and historic sites. Don't miss these special features. The East Leota Cove Area gives anglers a chance to test their skill on walleye and saugeye gathering in a limestone spawning bed just offshore. Other boating facilities include a two-lane boat ramp on the west side of Leota Cove and a single-lane ramp on the east side of Leota Cove.

Cabin Rentals

Cedar Crest and Cottonwood cabins are primitive cabins located adjacent to Prairie Dog campground. Prairie Dog and Eagle View cabins are modern cabins with a fantastic view of the lake and located near a public fishing dock. Cabins are available year-round. Mattresses are provided, but you will need to bring your own bedding and toiletries. Other camping units (tents and/or campers) are not allowed in the area surrounding the cabins.

The primitive cabins include heating, air-conditioning, refrigerator/freezer, and a microwave. Each sleeps at least eight. During the peak season of mid-April through mid-October, nearby showerhouse, restroom facilities, and a water hydrant are available near each cabin. During the off season, a vault toilet facility is within walking distance, but no water is available.

The modern cabins sleep five comfortably, as many as six, and come with a full kitchen and bathroom. Exterior amenities include a picnic table, fire ring, and water hydrant. Other camping units (tents and/or campers) are not allowed in the area surrounding the modern cabins.

Other Opportunities

A 1.4-mile nature trail complete with interpretive signage is a great way to explore the park. It is also a good area for wildlife watching. Two vintage 19th century buildings are preserved in the park. A one-room schoolhouse (just south of the park office) and renovated adobe house (north of Prairie Dog Campground) are snapshots of Kansas history. Wildlife watching is an exciting treat. Food plots and a waterfowl refuge have been established to enhance this opportunity. In addition to the park's namesake, pheasant, Canada geese, wild turkey, badger, mule deer, and white-tail deer can be observed. Just inside the park entrance, you'll find a growing prairie dog town.

In the Prairie Dog campground, for young and old alike, there are horseshoe pits, a sand volleyball court, basketball court, and playground. A newest addition is a Frisbee golf course.

Things to Remember

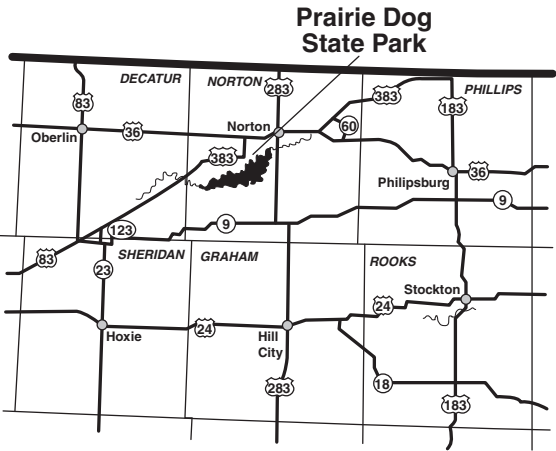
If you're in a campground, use one of the centrally-located dumpsters for trash. In day-use areas, take your trash with you.

	Prairie Dog	Cottonwood	Shady Rest	Leota Cove	Branded Meadowlark	Cedar Ridge	
Full Hookups							10
Water & Electric	50			21		6	
Electric Only	1					1	
Primitive *	5	30	8	20	30	40	
Open Year Round	X	X	X		X	X	X
Shower House	X					X	
Vault Toilet			X	X	X	X	
Reservable	X	X	X			X	X
Beach Nearby	X		X				

* = numbers indicate approximate number of sites available.



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General Area Map

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LEGEND

State Park Area	
Paved Road	
Gravel Road	
Seasonal Road (closed Nov.1-Jan.31)	
Trails	
Railroad Tracks	
Park Entrance	
Parking Area	
Camping Area	
Office	
Dam	
Self Pay Station	
Information Center	
Showerhouse with Toilet	
Vault Toilet	
Trailer Dump Station	
Cabins	
Primitive Camping	
Playground	
Boat Ramp	
Fishing Dock	
Fish Cleaning Station	
Picnic Shelter	
Swimming Area	
Bureau of Reclamation HQ	
Archery Range	
Adobe Home	
Prairie Dog Town	
One Room Schoolhouse	



To Highway 36

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One Room Schoolhouse

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Prairie Dog Town

NORTH LEOTA COVE PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND

WEST LEOTA COVE PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND

EAST LEOTA COVE PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION HEADQUARTERS

Adobe Home

Prairie Dog Cabin

Eagle View Cabin

Cedar Crest Cabin

Cottonwood Cabin

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3
PRAIRIE DOG CAMPGROUND

Lakeview Pavillion

9
8
7
6
COTTONWOOD PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND

SHADY REST CAMPGROUND

Archery Range

10
BRANDED CEDAR CAMPGROUND

CEDAR RIDGE CAMPGROUND

MEADOWLARK CAMPGROUND

MEADOWLARK SHORELINE LOOP CAMPGROUND

COTTONWOOD SHORELINE LOOP CAMPGROUND

PRAIRIE DOG STATE PARK

Sebelius Reservoir