

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 67 designated sites with electric and water hookups, 13 designated sites with electric hookups, 10 designated sites with full hookups, 6 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. No pets are allowed inside 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 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. Future plans include a Frisbee golf course.

Things to Remember

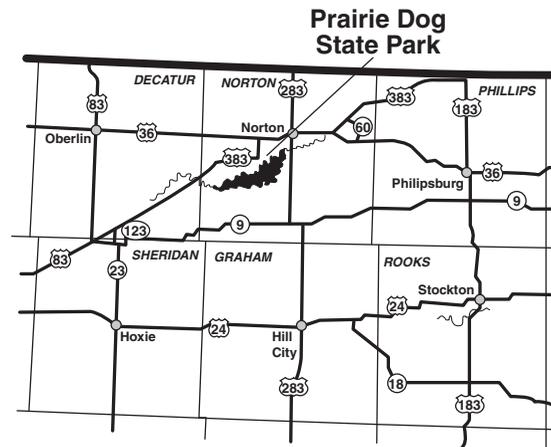
If you're in a campground, use one of the centrally-located dumpsters for trash. In day-use areas, take your trash with you!

	Prairie Dog	Cottonwood	Shady Rest	Leota Cove	Branded Meadowlark	Cedar Ridge
Full Hookups						10
Water & Electric	40		21			6
Electric Only	13					
Primitive *	5	30	8	20	30	40
Open Year Round	X	X	X		X	X
Shower House	X					X
Vault Toilet			X	X	X	
Reservable	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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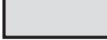
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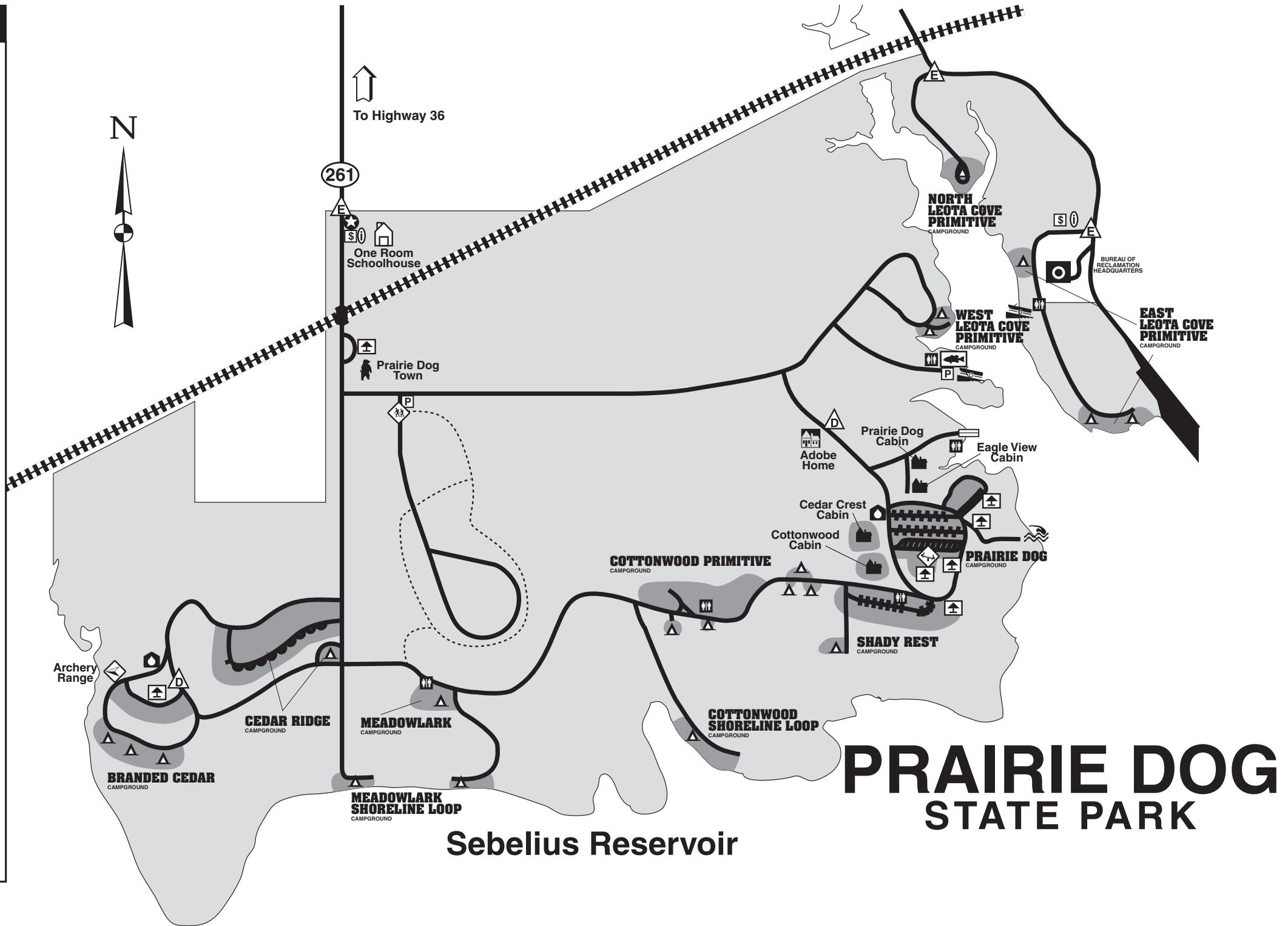
LEGEND

- 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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PRAIRIE DOG STATE PARK

Sebelius Reservoir