

TUTTLE CREEK

Located near Manhattan in northeast Kansas, Tuttle Creek State Park offers visitors a broad variety of outdoor recreation opportunities and plenty of room to roam.

Tuttle Creek Reservoir, the state's second largest impoundment, offers 12,500 acres of water and about 100 miles of rugged, wooded shoreline to explore.

Four areas - River Pond, Cedar Ridge, Fancy Creek and Randolph - make up the 1,250-acre park. Electric and water hookups, a swimming beach, boat ramps, courtesy docks, and dump sta-

tions are available. Campgrounds contain eight water/electric and sewer campsites, 159 water/electric campsites, 44 electric-only campsites, and 500 primitive campsites.

Numerous nature trails, a mountain biking trail, and a scenic equestrian trail offer explorers a variety of routes to experience the aesthetic Flint Hills. Scenic picnic areas, an 18-hole disc golf course, volleyball courts, horse shoe pits, and conveniently-placed restroom and shower facilities accommodate park visitors. The state-of-the-

art Fancy Creek Shooting Range is open the first and third weekends of each month and the fourth Thursday.

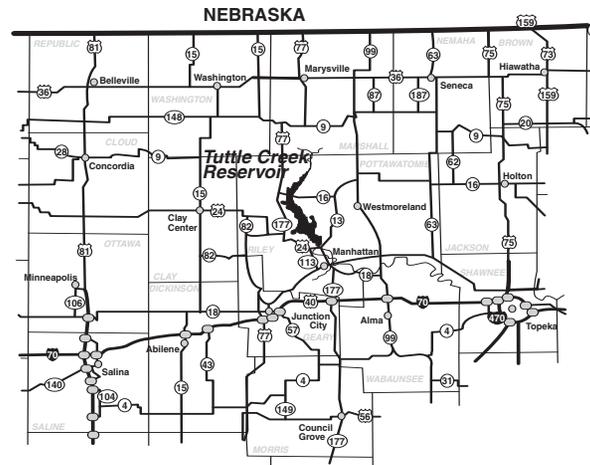
Excellent channel cat and flat-head fishing is available in the lake and in the river above and below the dam. Fair numbers of bass and crappie are caught near standing timber and brush piles, and saugeye can be taken off the face of the dam, as well as in the river below. The 12,000-acre wildlife area adjacent to the park offers excellent hunting and wildlife viewing.

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State Park



CEDAR RIDGE	FANCY CREEK	RANDOLPH	RIVER POND	
50	200	50	200	Primitive Sites
			20	Reservable Sites
			41	Prime Sites
			8	Electric/Water/Sewer Sites
			159	Electric/Water Sites
	24	20		Electric Only
	2		84	50-amp Electrical
				Primitive
			7	Modern
X	X	X	X	Hiking
	X	X	X	Biking
		X		Equestrian
X	X	X	X	Vault Toilets
X		X	X	Shower House
X	X	X	X	Picnic Shelter
			X	Swim Beach
X	X		X	Boat Ramp
X			X	Fish Cleaning Station
		X	X	RV Dump Station
X	X	X	X	Self Pay Station



General Area Map

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs described herein is available to all individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, and military or veteran status. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 S Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1327. 01/09



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CEDAR RIDGE TRAIL

Location: Cedar Ridge Area; Southeast end of lake.

Trailhead Coordinates (GPS): 39 16.736' N, 096 35.473 W

Terrain: Limestone screening on path, wooded.

Length: 0.7 miles.

Details: There are two points that allow access to the trail, one being ADA accessible. Cedar Ridge Trail has improvements and accommodations that allow it to be ADA approved. A trailhead by the parking lot above the boat ramp allows access to those with disabilities. The half-mile trail winds through forested areas with viewing points of Tuttle Creek Reservoir and tall grass prairie areas. Benches are placed at areas that allow rest and viewing of wildlife. The short distance and gentle grade of the switchbacks make it ideal for families and groups that have younger children.

RANDOLPH AREA TRAIL

Location: Randolph State Park; East side of lake on Highway 16.

Trailhead Coordinates (GPS): 39 25.553' N, 096 42.718 W

Terrain: Grassland, hills, wooded.

Length: 14.75 total miles; loops can be separated into shorter lengths.

Details: Over 14 miles of multi-use trails that are accessible all year. The south entrance is closed during the winter months, but you can use the north entrance. These trails offer beautiful views of the lake, the Flint Hills, and wildlife. This trail has been built and maintained by The Flint Hills Trail Riders Association.

COTTONWOOD NATURE TRAIL

Location: River Pond Area; West side of River Pond Campground.

Trailhead Coordinates (GPS): 39 14.972' N, 096 35.409 W

Terrain: wooded.

Length: 0.25 miles.

Details: This trail is located on the west side of the camping area by the Bob Fleming Shelter House in the River Pond area. Its location is ideal for those who are camping in the park to take a leisurely stroll. The possibility of seeing wildlife is good, depending on the time of day and season.

WESTERN HERITAGE TRAIL

Location: South of the River Pond Area and along the Blue River.

Trailhead Coordinates (GPS): 39 14.622' N, 096 35.291 W

Terrain: Concrete sidewalk, flat.

Length: 1.25 miles.

Details: This trail parallels the Blue River, through the scenic Rocky Ford Fishing Area, and ends at the bridge located on Dyer Barnes Road. It is bordered by the river and big cottonwood trees on one side and an agricultural field on the other. Each side offers great opportunities to view wildlife on this easy-hiking trail. This trail also provides excellent fishing access along the river channel.

FANCY CREEK MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

Location: Fancy Creek Area; just East of the town of Randolph on the west side of Tuttle Creek Reservoir.

Trailhead Coordinates (GPS): 39 26.219' N, 096 43.959 W

Terrain: Woods and creek valleys; steep hills; rocky

Length: 6.5 miles; different road access allow for shorter lengths.

Details: This trail is the most challenging the park has to offer. The terrain tracks up and down the hills of the cedar forest and into native grassland. Rock outcrops and ridges allow overlook opportunities and are challenging for hikers and bikers. The trail crosses the road at marked areas. Novice mountain bikers should be aware that parts of this trail are very challenging.

CARNAHAN CREEK TRAILS

This area is maintained by Pottawatomie County. It is located on the east side of the lake. This trail is open to equestrian and foot traffic only. When the water levels in the lake are down, this trail continues across Carnahan Creek north for approximately 10 miles to Garrison Area. At this point, there is a 2-mile turnaround loop to enable you to return to the Carnahan Creek trail head. You have wonderful views of the lake, hills, and grasslands. This trail has been built and maintained by The Flint Hills Trail Riders Association.

ORV TRAIL & SPILLWAY CYCLE AREA

These two parks are operated by the Corps of Engineers. The off-road vehicle trail is located south of Randolph on the west side of the lake. This area is available to all vehicles, and it challenges both driver and vehicle. The Spillway Cycle Area is on the southeast side of the dam. It is open to ATVs, motorcycles, and mountain bikes. For more information, contact the Corps of Engineers at (785) 539-8511.

OTHER TRAILS IN THE MANHATTAN AREA

The **Wam-Sag-Man trail** is under construction and will be designed to connect the town of Wamego, St. George, and Manhattan and connect up with the Linear Park Trail. It will allow access for walkers, joggers, and bicyclists. The **Konza Prairie** is located north of I-70 and south of Manhattan on K-177. This area has a short trail of 2.8 miles and a longer loop consisting of 6.1 miles providing a wonderful chance to view native prairie in its purest form. For more information, contact the Nature Conservancy at (785) 587-0381. The **Linear Park Trail** is 9.4 miles and follows the southern edge of the City of Manhattan. It offers nice views of the Kansas River. For more information, contact Manhattan Parks and Recreation at (785) 587-2757.

ENJOYING THE TRAILS AND WATER FEATURES

Tuttle Creek State Park offers many facilities for the enjoyment of visitors. A major attraction is the extensive trail system for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

The park also offers canoe, kayak, and peddle boats for rent for use on Tuttle Creek Reservoir and local river systems. The Kansas River has three access points located at Manhattan and St. George. The river pond in the River Pond Park area is a fantastic place for novices to enjoy nature on a kayak or canoe.

TUTTLE CREEK STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Rules

- *All vehicles entering the state park are required to have a valid park permit.
- *Motor vehicles are restricted to maintained roads and parking areas only, unless otherwise posted.
- *Quiet hours are enforced from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- *Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages greater than 3.2 percent alcohol is prohibited. Kegs are prohibited.
- *Fireworks are prohibited, except in designated areas.
- *All pets must be kept at all times on a leash no longer than 10 feet.
- *Grey water must be disposed of at the dump station.
- *A camper may stay at one campground up to 14 consecutive days and then must move to a different campsite in a different campground.
- *Fires are allowed in fire rings and cooking grills only.

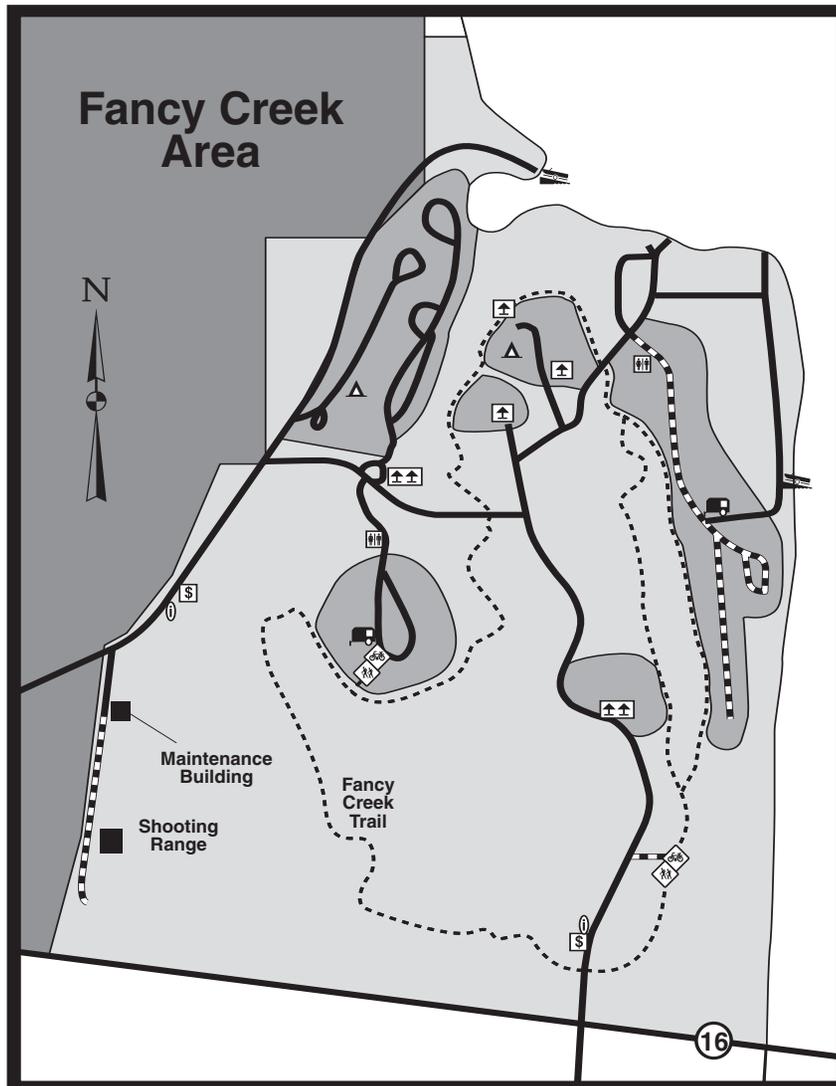
Trail Rules

- *Carry out anything you carry in and leave the trail as you found it. All litter must be disposed of properly.
- *Stay on the established trails to lessen adverse environmental impact and injury. Respect private property.
- *Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations. While camping is not allowed on the trails, there are facilities located within the parks.
- *Ground fires are strictly prohibited on trails.
- *Bikes and horses must stay on designated trails.
- *Motorized vehicles are prohibited on all trails.
- *Use caution when crossing roadways.
- *Horses shall not be tied to buildings or trees.
- *Walkways to bathrooms are not to be ridden on.
- *Trails are open during daylight hours only. Know your limits and don't hike alone. Be aware of your surroundings and weather conditions.
- *Downhill riders should yield right-of-way to uphill riders.

- *Bike/horse riders must yield to hikers on the trail.
- *Be aware of poison ivy.
- *During high lake levels or heavy rains, portions of the trails may be hazardous or impassable. Biking is prohibited when trails are wet enough for damage to occur.
- *Portions of the state park may be open to archery hunting. Trails will remain open during this period. Read trailhead postings.

TUTTLE CREEK STATE PARK

at Tuttle Creek Reservoir



LEGEND			
Park Area		Shower/Toilet	
Camping Area		Modern Toilet	
Other Public Lands Including Corps of Engineers (COE)		Vault Toilet	
Water		Trailer Dump Station	
Dam or levee		Boat Ramps	
Private/City Property		Dock/Pier	
Paved Roads		Fish Cleaning Station	
Gravel Roads		Swimming Area	
Unimproved Roads		Shelter	
Park Entrance		Shelter Group	
Park Office		Cabin Modern	
Parking Area		Camping Improved	
Information Center		Camping Primitive	
Pay Stations		Trail/Trailhead Hike/Bike/Equestrian	

