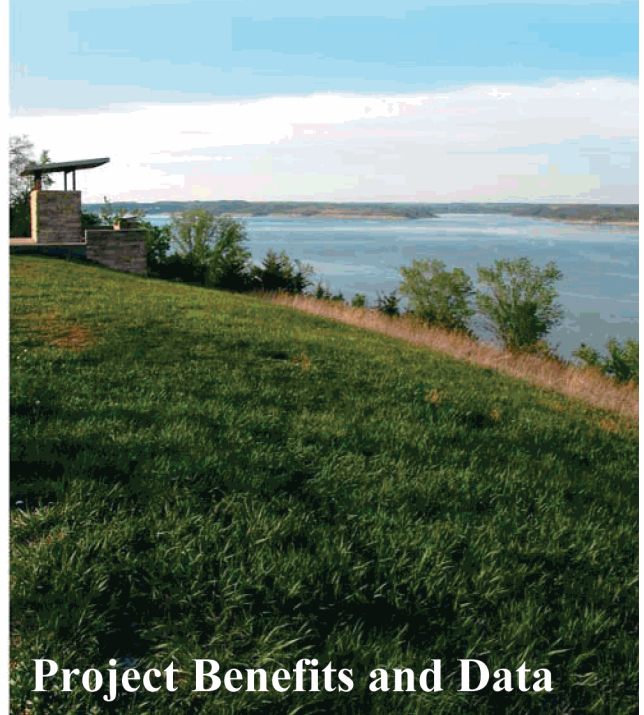


Tuttle Creek Lake

Kansas

Welcome

The Corps of Engineers, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation welcome you to Tuttle Creek Lake. We hope your visit will be pleasant and safe, and that you will return often. This brochure is designed to answer many of the questions you may have concerning the lake. Additional information is available at the Corps of Engineers' Visitor Center near the west end of the dam and at the state park office in River Pond State Park.



Project Benefits and Data

Tuttle Creek Lake was completed in 1962 at a cost of \$80,000,000. Since then, Tuttle Creek Lake has saved approximately six billion dollars in property losses by preventing downstream flood damage.

Tuttle Creek Lake collects water from a 10,000 square mile drainage basin, most of which is in Nebraska. During wet periods the lake can swell from 12,000 surface acres to over 54,000 acres to protect property along the Kansas, Missouri and Mississippi Rivers from flooding.

Conversely, during dry periods, water may be released from Tuttle Creek Lake to improve water quality for downstream municipalities' drinking water, and to aid river navigation.



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Recreation

Tuttle Creek Lake is situated in the beautiful Flint Hills region of Kansas. The lake is the second largest in the state offering 12,000 acres of water and 100 miles of irregular wooded shoreline.

Many sites around the lake have been developed to enhance your enjoyment of fishing, hunting, boating, camping, picnicking, and outdoor sports. Eleven parks (six managed by the Corps of Engineers, four managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and one managed by Pottawatomie County) offer a wide range of facilities such as overnight camping pads, cabins, beaches, boat launching ramps, utility hookups, and picnic shelters. Also available for lake visitors are a full service marina, nature trails, equestrian trails, a disc golf course, a shooting range, and areas for the off road vehicle enthusiast. A complete list of park facilities can be found on the reverse side of this brochure.

Additionally, over 16,000 acres of land surrounding the lake have been enhanced to benefit wildlife and provide excellent hunting opportunities. Turkey, white-tailed deer, quail, pheasant, and waterfowl are common species found here.



Entrance and User Fees

The Corps of Engineers and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks are two totally separate managing agencies. Regulations are different for each agency; therefore, user passes do not reciprocate. Please observe all posted regulations and become familiar with the rules governing park use. Copies of these rules may be obtained at both the Corps and state park offices.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks manages River Pond, Spillway, Randolph, and Fancy Creek Parks. A motor vehicle permit is required for every motor vehicle entering these parks. This permit may be purchased at the state park office, campground hosts, or from self-pay stations.



The Corps of Engineers manages Observation Point, Outlet Park, Spillway Cycle Area, Tuttle Creek Cove Park, Stockdale Park, and the Off-Road Vehicle Area. Entrance fees are not charged in these areas; however, fees may be charged for camping, boat launching, and beach use. Signs mark these areas. Holders of Golden Age and Golden Access Passports receive a 50% discount on all user fees in Corps areas. Passport information can be obtained at the Corps' Visitor Center.

Reserve campsites in Stockdale and Tuttle Creek Cove parks through the National Recreation Reservation Service, by calling toll-free 1-877-444-6777 or through the internet at www.ReserveUSA.com. Reserve campsites in River Pond Park by calling 785-539-7941.

No user or entrance fees are charged in Carnahan Park, managed by Pottawatomie County.



Water Safety

Boating

Never mix alcohol and boating
 Always wear an approved life jacket
 Obey all state boating laws and buoys
 Keep a sharp lookout for floating debris,
 shallow areas, and other boating hazards
 Be alert for changing weather conditions and head
 for shore immediately if bad weather threatens

Swimming

Swimming is encouraged at designated
 beaches only
 Never swim alone
 Never dive in the lake
 Watch children closely
 Never swim in boat channels or around
 launching ramps and docks

Skiing

Stay in open water and out of restricted areas
 Stay away from swimmers and other boats
 Always wear an approved life jacket



Trails

Hiking

Blue River Trail - The Blue River Trail is located in Outlet Park near Shelter #3. Wildlife viewing opportunities abound on this one-mile interpretive trail.

Cedar Ridge Trail - This 3/4 mile long accessible trail is located in Spillway State Park. Persons with disabilities, and others may explore a wooded ravine.

Other trails available to hikers include the Fancy Creek Mountain Bike Trail and the Carnahan and Randolph Park Equestrian Trails.

Equestrian Trails

Carnahan Park - There are 5 miles of loop trails in the park and a 12-mile linear trail to Garrison Lake access. Featured are scenic views of the tallgrass prairie, wooded ravines, and Tuttle Creek Lake.

Randolph State Park - The north and south units of Randolph State Park boast over 12 miles of scenic loop trails through prairie and wooded ravine.

Mountain Biking

Fancy Creek Mountain Bike Trail - This Fancy Creek State Park trail offers 8 miles of challenging terrain. It is one of Kansas' best mountain bike trails.

Other trails available to bicyclists are in the Spillway Cycle Area and Tuttle Creek ORV Area.

Off-Roading

Spillway Cycle Area - This popular 45 acre park boasts several miles of challenging trails. This area is intended *only* for ATVs, motorcycles and mountain bikes.

Tuttle Creek Off-Road Vehicle Area - The ORV Area is a 310 acre park open to all vehicles. It features many miles of steep and rugged trails and is open during daylight hours.





Fish & Wildlife Management

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks enhances the 12,000 acre lake fisheries through its stocking program and harvest regulations. Predominant fish species include saugeye, white bass, crappie, channel catfish and flathead. Trout stocking in River Pond Park provides a limited fishing opportunity in Kansas. A special trout permit is required.

The department also manages over 12,000 acres of land in the northern half of the project to benefit wildlife. The Corps of Engineers manages 4,500 acres in the southern half that also supports many wildlife species. Most of this land is open to public hunting.

Another 480 acres of marshland have been enhanced to provide food and shelter for migrating shorebirds and waterfowl. Each year thousands of ducks and geese visit these areas. Bird watching opportunities abound. A 1,500 acre waterfowl refuge is closed to all activities from October 1 through January 15. All statewide fishing, hunting, and fur harvesting regulations apply at Tuttle Creek Lake.



Manhattan is home to Kansas State University (KSU), and 45,000 residents. Manhattan serves as a regional center for trade, health care, education, entertainment and communication. It is the county seat of Riley County.

“The Little Apple” is situated near Interstate 70, 125 miles west of Kansas City. The community boasts characteristics of an entrepreneurial spirit and is home to a diverse list of high tech scientific and service related businesses.

Manhattan is home to Colbert Hills, a PGA tour, and licensed collegiate golf course. The course features 18 holes of landscaped Flint Hills highlighted by native limestone and vistas up to 40 miles. With holes up to 620 yards and 130 sand bunkers, even the most accomplished golfer is challenged. In addition to Colbert Hills, Stagg Hill, Wildcat Creek Golf & Fitness and the Manhattan Country Club offer challenging golf on scenic courses.

Manhattan is also a hub for exploring the western frontier of the area. The Riley County Historical Society maintains the Goodnow House, home of Isaac Goodnow, one of Manhattan’s founders, and the Wolf House, a boarding house used while Manhattan was being settled, as well as a museum with rotating exhibits. Abilene, Wamego, and Council Grove are all within short drives and offer a wealth of history on the pioneers that first settled in the area.

The Konza Prairie Biological Station is an 8,600 acre tall grass prairie preserve located south of Manhattan, owned by The Nature Conservancy and managed by KSU. A self-guided nature trail is open to the public from sunrise to sunset daily with printed guides available at the trail entrance.

Take time to visit the KSU Botanical Gardens, located just north of Claflin Road and Denison Ave. in Manhattan. View a wide variety of native and exotic plants, and various varieties of roses and day lilies.

Pottawatomie County

Olsburg is the gateway community to Randolph State Park and the Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area - some of the most beautiful and accessible outdoor recreation opportunities in the state of Kansas! Nearby scenic drives and trails, and the superb wildlife viewing and hunting opportunities make Olsburg the service hub for outdoors people of all persuasions. Stay at Randolph State Park with campgrounds for both tent and RV camping. Enjoy the 12 miles of horseback, hiking and biking trails. Visit the Olsburg Marsh - a major migratory waterfowl and songbird nesting area. And while in Olsburg, grab a bite to eat at the Kaffe Hus Cafe or



Brick's Steakhouse and Lounge. Also, stock up on supplies at the grocery store and if you're running low on gas, Olsburg has a 24-hour self service gas station.

Visit Wamego and enjoy the Oz Museum or take in a show at the Columbian Theatre. Have a picnic in the city park, and while you're there visit the Wamego Dutch Mill and Prairie Town. Wamego also boasts numerous retail and gift shops and offers visitor accommodations at motels and several bed and breakfasts. Take in 18 holes at the newly expanded golf course. If hunger strikes, you will find a selection of restaurants and fast food eateries.

Interested in the Oregon Trail? Visit Westmoreland, home of the Scott Springs campsite on the Oregon-California Trail. When visiting Westmoreland experience the Oregon Trail Park and the Rock Creek Historical Society Museum Complex. Also located in Westmoreland is the second largest hand dug well in the state of Kansas. Westmoreland has a recently built RV park that will accommodate 16 units with full hookups and a shelter house with showers. Grab a bite to eat at the South 40 Cafe and be sure to shop for treasures at the local gift shops.



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Annual Events

January

Tuttle Creek Lake Eagle Day

February

KSU Annual Rodeo

March

St. Patrick's Celebration, Manhattan

April

Kansas State University Open House

Tulip Festival, Wamego

Assisted Youth Turkey Hunt

May

National Tourism Week

ZOObilation at Sunset Zoo, Manhattan

June

Arts in the Park, Manhattan

Country Stampede Music/Camping Festival

Master Gardener Tour, Manhattan

Westmoreland BBQ

July

Arts in the Park, Manhattan

July 4th Celebration, Manhattan & Wamego

Kaw Valley Rodeo and Riley County Fair

Walter P. Chrysler Car Show, Wamego

August

Arts in the Park, Manhattan

September

Apple Days, Fort Riley

Biennial Konza Prairie Fall Visitors Day

Purple Power Play on Poyntz

Assisted Deer Hunt for the Disabled

October

Pumpkin Patch Arts and Crafts Show

Spooktacular at Sunset Zoo, Manhattan

November

Buttons and Bows Arts and Crafts Show,
Manhattan

Homemade for the Holidays Art and Crafts
Show, Manhattan

Territorial Days, Fort Riley

Lighted Christmas Parade & Park Lighting
Celebration, Wamego

December

Holiday homes tour, Manhattan & Wamego

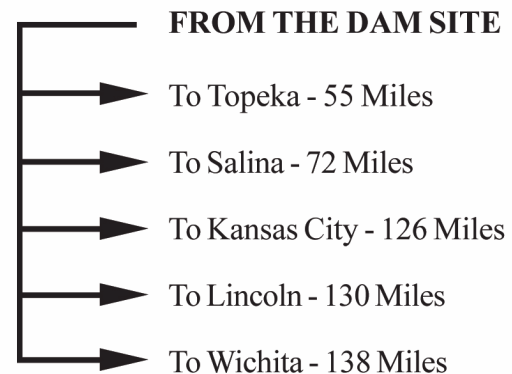
Mayor's Tree Lighting & Parade, Manhattan

Little Apple New Year's Eve Celebration & Ball Drop

Olsburg Lutheran Church Swedish Supper



LOCATION MAP



 **Manhattan**
The Little Apple
Convention & Visitors Bureau

