

BUFFALO RANCH

Located in the scenic, rolling Chautauqua Hills Region, the Berentz-Dick Wildlife Area, more commonly known as the Buffalo Ranch, is comprised of 1360 acres of native grass, oak timber and ponds. The ranch is located in Montgomery County and grazed buffalo in the 1950's and thus was locally known as the Buffalo Ranch. Located 5.5 miles north of Havana, the Buffalo Ranch is in the Cross-

Timbers region of southeast Kansas and contains a diversity of plant and animal life.

The property was purchased and donated to the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks by the estate of Lynn Berentz, a longtime resident of Montgomery County. Mr. Berentz passed away in 1991, and designated a portion of his estate be utilized to establish a wildlife area in southeast Kansas. The prop-

erty was selected and purchased from Max Dick in 1993. Funding for the operation and development of the property, is provided by the Lynn Berentz Wildtrust Fund.

Visitors are encouraged to participate in hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, photography and bird watching. Certain restrictions are in place for some activities, and a NO TRASH policy is in effect, so please take all trash with you.

FISHING

The wildlife area has several small stockwater ponds and one larger pond. These ponds provide the angler with an opportunity to fish for largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish. The larger pond is stocked

bi-annually with channel catfish. Access is limited to foot traffic only. Length and creel limits apply and are also posted on area information signs. The area is open to fishing daily.

HUNTING

The wildlife area consists of three separate tracts totaling 1360 acres. Vegetation on the rolling hills, is primarily native grassland, interspersed with a cross-timbers oak complex on the hilltops. The hunter will find populations of quail, deer, turkey, squirrel and rabbit.

Management activities include prescribed burning, food plot and legume plantings as well as light grazing on a portion of the area.

Hunting is restricted to Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday only. Hunters are required to use legal archery equipment or shotguns with slugs or pellets only. No muzzleloaders, centerfire rifles or .22's are allowed.

CAMPING AND HIKING

Campers are restricted to the two parking areas only. Due to the large expanses of grasslands in the area, open fires are not allowed and are restricted to contained gas grills and stoves. Hikers are not restricted to any trails and are encouraged to explore the rolling hills, woodlands and ponds.

These areas are wonderful places for game and non-game species alike.

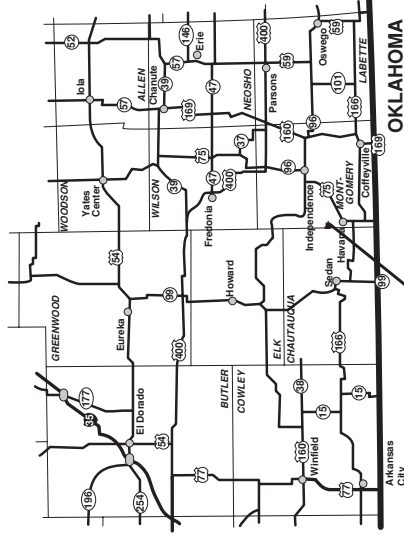


THINGS TO REMEMBER

Motor vehicles are restricted to parking areas only. Primitive camping is allowed with no open fires. Please take all trash with you. Horseback riding and hunting activities are allowed on designated days only, with special restrictions. No parking in field entrances or blocking of gates is allowed (vehicles may be towed). Further information may be available by posted notice at area information boards.

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OKLAHOMA
BUFFALO RANCH
BERENTZ/DICK
WILDLIFE AREA

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, religion, age or handicap. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 900 Jackson St., Suite 502, Topeka, KS 66612. 04/02

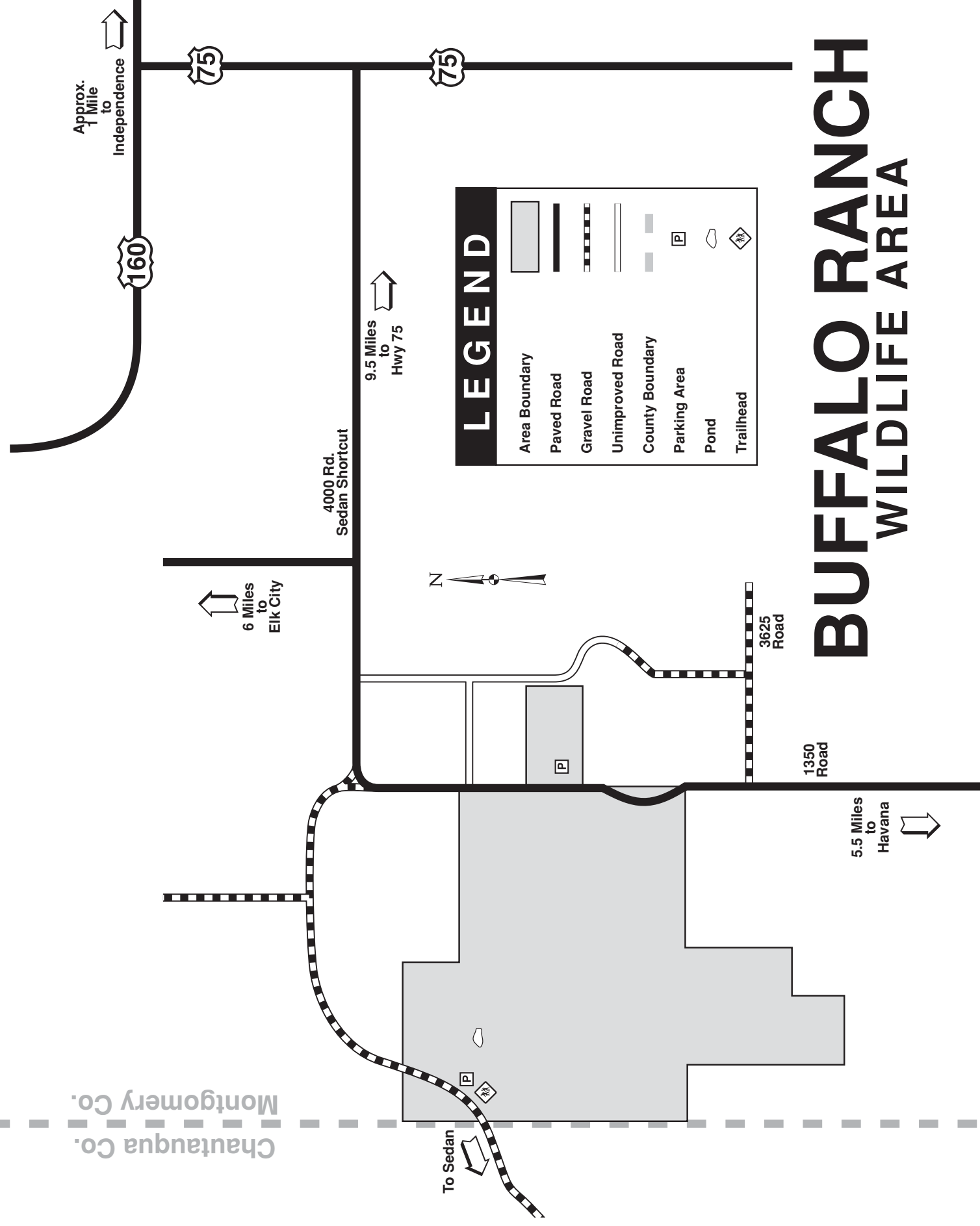


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Department Website:
www.kdwp.state.ks.us

HORSEBACK RIDING

- Horseback riding allowed on Sunday and Monday only.
- Horses and riders may go anywhere on the area. Horseback access may be restricted by locked gates, due to management activities. Please do not block any gates at the parking area with vehicles. Vehicles blocking gates are subject to tow and/or fine. Please keep all gates closed.
- Horses are allowed at pond edges for watering only. Do not walk horses into the water, which damages fish habitat and water quality.
- Horses are not to be tethered to trees or fences.
- Hobbles or ground tying is not allowed. Do not turn horses loose to graze.
- All horses must be kept under control.
- Do not place hay on ground. Use hay bags only.
- No horses allowed east of Havana blacktop (county road 1350 or north of gravel road CR 4000)
- Smoking is not permitted on the ride except at the parking lot.
- All dogs must be on not more than a 6-foot leash in the parking lot. Dogs must be confined to the parking area and are not allowed to accompany riders.
- No glass containers permitted on the ride.
- All horseback activities will cease during firearms deer season.
- No weapons permitted while on horseback
- Campfires in designated areas only.
- It is unlawful to pick flowers, to cut or remove trees or other resources. Leave them for others to enjoy. Please keep horses out of food plots.
- Motor vehicles must remain at the parking lot.
- Do not litter. If you carry it in—carry it out.
- Please police the area before leaving. Do not leave trash at the parking lot or on the ride.

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