

EL DORADO

El Dorado Reservoir is located just north and east of the city of El Dorado at the edge of the scenic Flint Hills. The reservoir was constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a multi-purpose (flood control, water supply, and recreational)

project. It was completed in June of 1981. The reservoir at conservation pool is 8,000 surface acres of water with approximately 98 miles of shoreline. The average depth of the reservoir is 19 feet.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has granted responsibil-

ity to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to manage the fisheries and wildlife resources of the area. There are approximately 4,000 acres of land available for public hunting and approximately 2,000 acres of park land for hunting waterfowl and upland game.

HUNTING

The Flint Hills area surrounding El Dorado Reservoir offers excellent opportunities for quail, prairie chicken, dove, turkey, and deer. Pheasants are present, but their numbers are low. A substantial number of waterfowl is attracted to the reservoir, and the department has established a flock of giant Canada geese on the reservoir.

Squirrels, rabbits, songbirds, and numerous other species of wildlife also inhabit the area. Public hunting areas are clearly posted.

Hunting at the El Dorado area is subject to applicable state and federal wildlife regulations. Hunting is permitted in areas with signs marked "Public Hunting." Many portions of the area are not open to hunting because of development. Areas open to public hunting within the state park require a state park vehicle permit.

Only temporary blinds are authorized on the project, and these must be removed after each day's use.

Areas that have potential for good fishing include rip-rap on the face of the dam, rip-rap along the railroad right-of-way on the north end of the lake, old submerged railroad beds, old river channels, fish attractors, and standing timber. A public fishing area is maintained below the dam at the reservoir outlet.

Crappie and largemouth bass fishing are good in standing timber and around fish attractors. Walleye fishing is good along the face of the dam and on the old railroad bed. Channel catfish fishing is good throughout the lake and in the river below the outlet. Flathead catfish fishing is good in many areas, especially Old Bluestem Lake.

facilities include two swimming beaches with change houses, a modern marina, and a large amphitheater with an indoor-outdoor stage. Rental cabins are also available. Contact the park office at (316) 321-7180.

FISHING

El Dorado Reservoir has been stocked with a variety of sportfish, including walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, channel catfish, blue catfish, black crappie, wiper, and bluegill. Other species include flathead catfish, white crappie, white bass, black bullhead, drum and carp.

The lower half of the lake has steep, rocky shorelines. Approximately half of the timber in the reservoir basin was left standing. Much of the timber that was clear-cut below existing city lakes was stacked into piles and rows to serve as fish attractors. A portion of the standing timber on the west shoreline was also placed as fish attractors. These fish attractors are anchored in areas where water depths range from 6 to 18 feet.

CAMPING

A variety of campsites are available in El Dorado State Park. Nearly 1,100 campsites offer visitors utility hookups or primitive sites. Five shelter houses are available for reservation. Day-use picnic sites are also available. Other

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Consult area information signs for additional rules and regulations on the area.

Special length and creel limits are in effect for some fish species. Check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary and all posted notices before fishing.

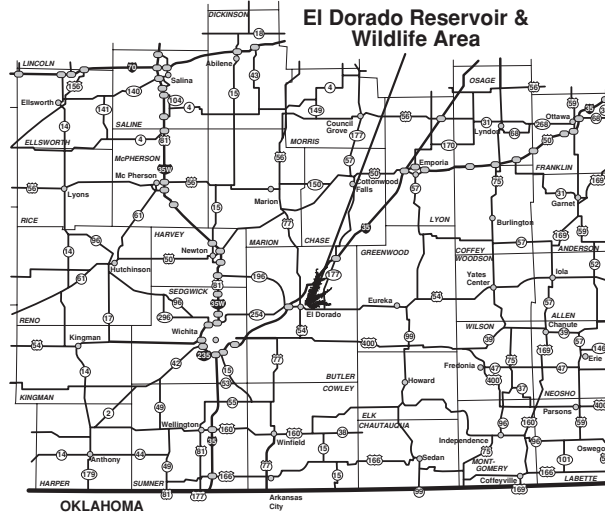
Zebra mussels have been discovered in El Dorado Reservoir. Boaters and anglers are asked to take necessary precautions to prevent contaminating other bodies of water.

Camping is not permitted on the wildlife area. Excellent camping opportunities are available at the state park.

Vehicles may be driven only on maintained roads and trails.

Target practice is not allowed.

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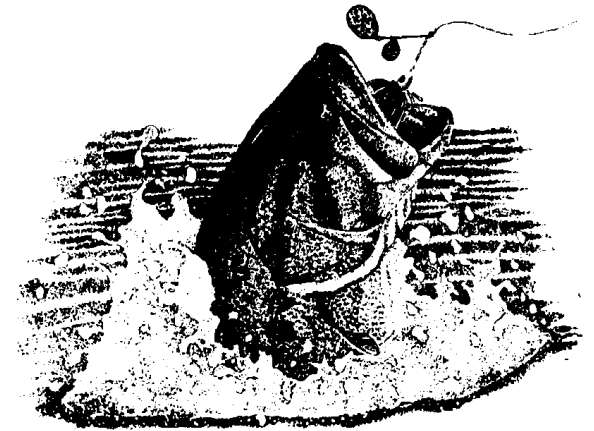


General Area Map

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, 1020 S Kansas Ave. Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612-1327 02/05

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Reservoir Wildlife Area



















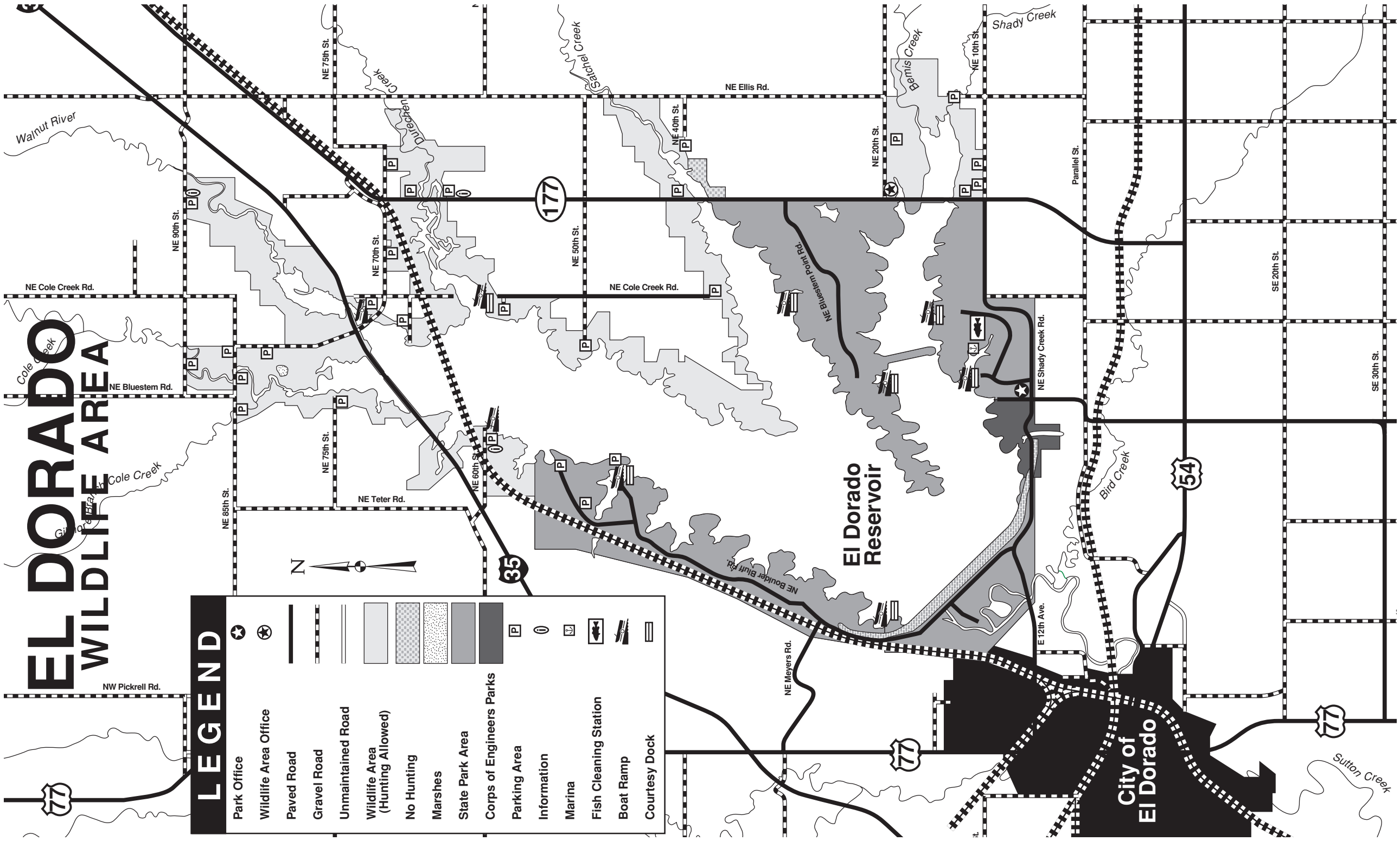
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Council Grove, KS 66846
(620) 767-5900 (Area Manager)
(316) 322-7513 (Fish & Wildlife Office)
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Department Website:
www.kdwp.state.ks.us

EL DORADO WILDLIFE AREA

LEGEND

-  Park Office
-  Wildlife Area Office
-  Paved Road
-  Gravel Road
-  Unmaintained Road
-  Wildlife Area (Hunting Allowed)
-  No Hunting
-  Marshes
-  State Park Area
-  Corps of Engineers Parks
-  Parking Area
-  Information
-  Marina
-  Fish Cleaning Station
-  Boat Ramp
-  Courtesy Dock



City of El Dorado