

# CEDAR BLUFF

Cedar Bluff Wildlife Area is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation and is managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP). The management area currently encompasses approximately

13,800 acres – 9,300-acres of land surrounding a 4,500-acre reservoir. Primary funding for the wildlife area operation comes from hunting, fishing, and boating revenue and from various license, permits,

registrations, and an 11 percent federal excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment. There are no Kansas state general fund tax dollars used for annual operation and maintenance on the wildlife area.

## HUNTING

A variety of game can be hunted at Cedar Bluff, including pheasant, quail, waterfowl, small game, deer, and turkey. Management continually seeks strategies to enhance hunting experiences and opportunities.

Several special draw hunts are offered at Cedar Bluff for both youth and adults. Special draw hunts provide opportunities for hunters to enjoy a high-quality hunting experience. Hunts are available for deer, upland birds, ducks, and geese. These hunts are not designed for a guaranteed harvest but provide an opportunity to hunt an undisturbed area without competition from other hunters. Applications are available in June each year for the upcoming season, and the application deadline is July 15.

Today, deer populations are increasing. Bucks comprise most of the harvest while doe harvest remains quite low. There are abundant opportunities for white-tail doe hunting on the area, and hunters are encouraged to harvest does.

The majority of the deer that use the wildlife area are whitetails, but a few mule deer migrate on and off the area. Special draw deer hunts are available for archery, rifle, and muzzleloader.

The Cedar Bluff turkey population has rebounded with recent reintroductions and management efforts. Turkey populations on the Western Smoky Hill River are still susceptible to population decreases; therefore, hunting pressure and populations will be monitored, and Cedar Bluff will remain within the limited Management Unit 4. Fall turkey hunting is not allowed on the area or in Unit 4.

Pheasant and Bobwhite quail populations annually rate as fair to good but fluctuate with habitat and weather conditions. Most hunting occurs during the first few weeks of the season. Late season hunts during periods of snow and cold are exceptional, with low hunting pressure. Special draw upland game hunts are available.

Trapping, running, and predator calling furbearers is also allowed on the area. Furbearers include badger, raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, coyote bobcat, beaver, muskrat, mink, and weasel. All statewide regulations apply.

Portions of the wildlife area are closed seasonally for waterfowl refuge and special hunting opportunities. Consult the brochure map or the area office for information on areas closed seasonally to public access.

### ATTENTION HUNTERS: (Survey Required)

A free daily hunt permit, located at hunter survey stations located in parking areas on the wildlife area, is required of all hunters using the Cedar Bluff wildlife area. Hunters need to fill out the top half of the permit and place it in the receptacle located at the station before hunting. The lower half of the permit must be kept with the hunter while hunting on the area. After hunting is finished for the day, complete the harvest information section of the permit and place it in a permit receptacle located at a survey station.

Your cooperation is valuable and appreciated. Information collected from these surveys help managers and researchers develop strategies that benefit wildlife and hunters.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

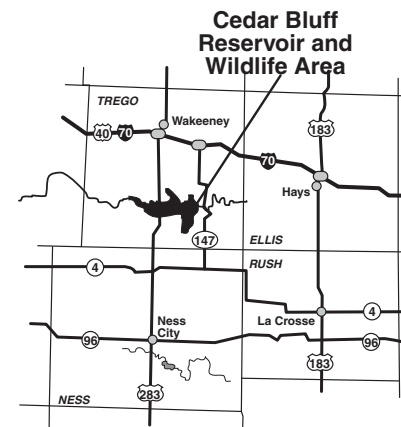
Reservoir fluctuations often make boat facility management difficult. Boat launching facilities are available at reservoir elevations above 2,100. No-wake zones are buoyed and enforced near boat ramps and other designated areas.

Campers are encouraged to use the state park, where modern and primitive camping sites and rental cabins are available year round. Camping on the wildlife area is primitive and limited to four designated areas. The wildlife area has no fees associated with camping. Backpack camping is allowed in designated open areas.

A short interpretive prairie trail and a hike/bike trail are available on the south side of the reservoir with the trailhead near the Whitetail Campground of the state park.

Motorized vehicles can only be operated on open, maintained roadways. ATVs are not allowed.

Information centers are strategically located on the area and provide general information. More specific information, laws, and regulations can be obtained from the area office.



General Area Map

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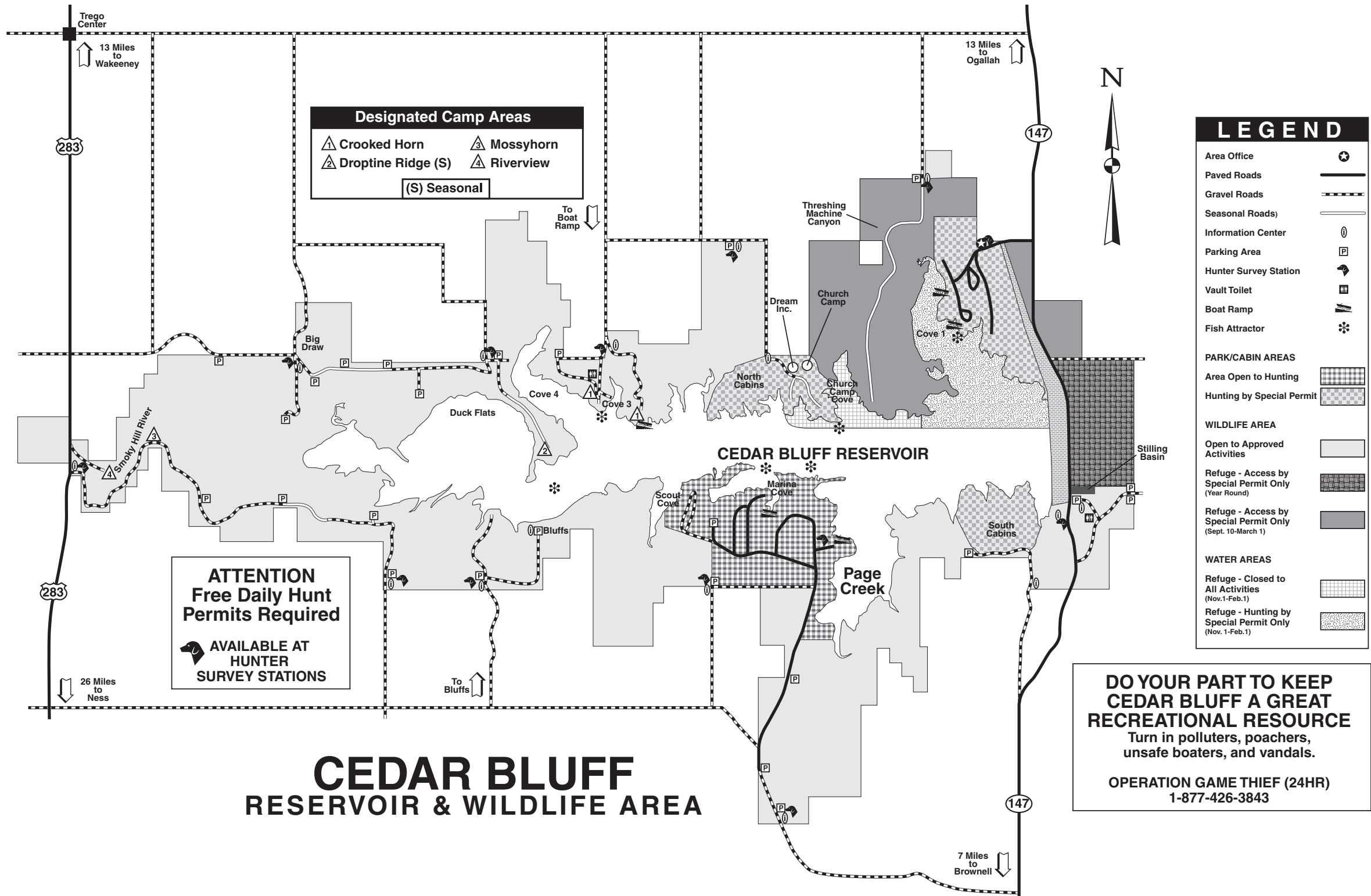
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## Wildlife Area



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(785) 726-3212 (Area Office)  
(785) 628-8614 (Regional Office)

Department Website:  
[www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us)



**ATTENTION**  
**Free Daily Hunt**  
**Permits Required**

**AVAILABLE AT**  
**HUNTER**  
**SURVEY STATIONS**

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