

Dates to remember

- Open House* 3/9
- Blue Grass Festival* 6/1
- OK KIDS DAY* 6/8
- Free vehicle* 6/8
- Free Fishing* 6/8
- Youth Waterfowl Day (Date to be announced)*
- Pioneer Christmas* 12/7

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Lake Scott State Park Spring Newsletter

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Kansas State Parks Passport

Kansas State Park Passports are annual vehicle permits that will allow Kansans access into any park throughout the state. Passports will make enjoying our state parks more affordable and much more convenient. With a passport, families can enjoy a year full of adventure and outdoor activities.

Kansans will be able to purchase their passport during their motor vehicle registration process. This will need to be renewed every year during this process. By law, passports are non-transferable to another vehicle.



If you purchase your annual park permit before you register your vehicle, a prorated refund may be requested after you have purchased your passport. Refund forms are available at any KDWPT state park office or through ksoutdoors.com.

Passports will cost \$15.00, with a possible \$.50 transaction fee. This is \$10.00 less than purchasing your permit through a KDWPT office or website.

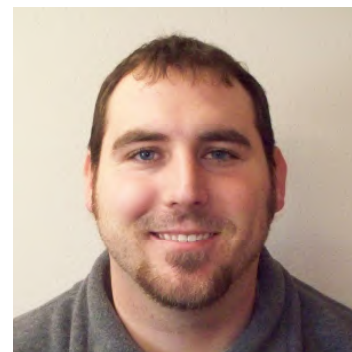
For more information regarding park passports, contact:

Pratt Operations Office
(620) 672-5911



New Employee at Lake Scott!

Tad Eubanks has joined the staff of Lake Scott State Park. Tad is originally from Ottawa, Kansas, and received his Bachelor of Science, Biology, and Sociology degree from Baker University. Tad has spent the last two years working as a utility forester in Lenexa, Kansas. Tad will be graduating from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center on March 22, 2013. We look forward to having Tad as part of the team at Lake Scott State Park, Welcome aboard!





**A Program of the
Corporation for
National and
Community
Service**

The Kansas Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team serves the State of Kansas by performing environmental service projects in state parks and local communities. Our program focus is in three areas: to assist emergency management agencies at disaster sites in response and restoration efforts; to restore, develop, and mitigate the loss of environmental resources within public managed lands; and finally, to develop new partnerships in outdoor recreation and form outreach support groups through public presen-

AmeriCorps 2012—2013

tations and education to schools, civic groups and local governments. Lake Scott State Park has one member for the 2012 - 2013 service year. Neal George, a retired principle from Scott City, Kansas has been hard at work on a major sign renovation project and the Flatland Campground project. Both of these projects have been high priority projects. AmeriCorps has made these projects possible. The Flatland Campground project involves redesigning the entire campground to better utilize the

space. We feel several sites can be added while still maintaining open spaces between sites. If interested in becoming an AmeriCorps member, please call Lake Scott State Park or the Pratt Operations Office for more details.



Lake Scott Friends Group

The Friends of Lake Scott State Park will be opening the doors to the beach house on March 29th. Canoes, paddle boats, fishing bait and tackle, snacks, firewood and ice will be available during business hours Saturdays and Sundays. Canoe and paddle boat rentals will depend on the weather. Stop by for all your fishing and camping needs. The Friends of Lake Scott State Park will also be selling fishing licenses and vehicle permits.



*“That land is a
community is
the basic
concept of
ecology, but
that land is to
be loved and
respected is an
extension of
ethics.”*

— **Aldo Leopold**

Please join us March 9th, 2013 for our open house . This will be a free vehicle entrance weekend. Come meet our staff, buy your licenses and permits, tour the cabins, and enjoy some refreshments. Office will open at 10:00am and will stay open until 4:00pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Open House



ORMS: A New Way to Reserve!

Outdoor Recreation Management System:

Last spring, the Parks Division launched our Outdoor Recreation Management System (ORMS). Though often called a “reservation system,” ORMS is much more. It allows users to reserve campsites from the comfort of their home computers or look online to see a photo of each campsite and see if that site is rented. ORMS, in most cases, saves our customers time and money.

Park staff can look within the system to see what sites are full and who is on that site. This makes emergency notifications much faster. Staff can mark sites that have issues as unavailable, such as off-line breakers or broken hydrants, and put them back online as they are repaired. For the first time, we will have data at our fingertips that tells us what sites are rented most often and which ones see little use, enabling us to make management decisions about how many sites need upgrades or which campgrounds need a change in use.

Reserving a campsite ahead of your visit is quick and easy (just go to <http://www.reserveamerica.com>) and ensures having a site for the duration of your stay. Try it; we think you'll like it.

Reserve a campsite TODAY at www.reserveamerica.com!

Pocket Ranger® Smart Phone App

The Kansas State Parks Pocket Ranger® mobile app by Parks-byNature Network serves as an interactive State Parks tour guide accessible through today's leading mobile devices. It is built with the most up-to-date visitor information, and designed for both the novice outdoorsmen and the more seasoned park-goer.

The interactive guide along with the advanced GPS mapping technology provides park

goers with valuable information for planning that perfect trip to any state park, making it easy for anyone to choose an adventure of their choice. The app allows users to keep abreast of weather conditions, view state-surveyed trails, and more—right from their mobile device!

Scan for Kansas State Parks Pocket Ranger®



Conservation is

a state of

harmony

between men

and land.

Aldo

Leopold

El Cuartelejo

In the mid 1890's, these Pueblo ruins were discovered by Herbert Steele, the first homesteader of this area. This site dates back to 1664 and was used by Taos Indians fleeing Spanish rule. It was reoccupied by the Picuris Indians in 1701. El Cuartelejo is the northern-most known pueblo dwelling in the United States. H.T. Martin and Professor S.W. Williston from University of Kansas excavated the site in 1889. In 1964, it was named a National Historical Landmark.

EL CUARTELEJO

Only Known Indian Pueblo in Kansas



El Cuartelejo pueblo as it may have appeared when occupied.



Fishing Report for 2013

Bluegill

Angling opportunities should be fair to good given that this population was abundant in number and 53% of all fish sampled ranged in length from 6 to 8 inches.

Channel Catfish

Individuals of this population were sampled at over twice the rate that we caught them last year, thus abundance will be good. A wide size array of individuals were sampled and ranged from 10 to 28 inches, but 83% of individuals sampled were 15 inches or less in length. This population will provide an excellent opportunity to catch fish given high abundance, but larger individuals will only be caught on a limited basis.

Largemouth Bass

Moderate to good, consistent production and survival of young fish on a year to year basis has resulted in good abundance. Most of the individuals sampled were healthy, and likely enjoyed good growing conditions. Thus, given time, fish have been able to attain quality sizes as fish 15 to 20 inches long comprised 21% of the sample. This population should provide good angling opportunities.

Saugeye

This population is made up of both a 2010 and 2011 year classes, and additional annual stockings are planned. Overall abundance appears to be good, but a missed stocking during 2012 due to hatchery shortfalls could foreshadow a decline in abundance since 76% of the population exceeded the 15 inch minimum length limit and angler harvest is expected to increase mortality. A respectable proportion of this population was approximately 18 inches long and will provide the opportunity to harvest a quality sized fish. This population has successfully established good numbers and individuals have grown at an acceptable rate. Given more time and fish stocking, the quality of this population is expected to increase.

Walleye

As expected with discontinuation of stocking, abundance has decreased, and walleye are approximately half or less as abundant compared with saugeye. However, remaining individuals continue to grow, thus large individuals up to 27 inches inhabit the lake. Although anglers should not expect to catch high numbers, this population will offer some trophy opportunities.

White Crappie

Fish 5 inches and larger were sampled at an extremely high number and only 6% of the fish sampled were 10 inches or larger. This population continued to be characterized by a high number of slow growing individuals. Establishment of an abundant saugeye population will hopefully reduce the number of young crappie coming into the fishery, but to this point this phenomenon has not materialized as production of an extreme number of young-of-the-year was documented in 2012. Anglers can expect to catch loads of crappie, but most harvestable sized fish will range in length from 8 to 10 inches.



**Motor Vehicle & Park Permits	Off - Season 1/1/2013 - 3/31/2013	Prime Season 4/1/2013 - 9/30/2013
Daily Vehicle (\$6.00 if purchased via internet)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Annual Vehicle (Temporary available online)	\$25.00	\$25.00
*Seniors/Disabled Daily Vehicle (Kansas residents only, must be purchased at	\$3.25	\$3.25
*Seniors/Disabled Annual Vehicle (Kansas residents only, must be purchased at KDWPT office) Price includes issuance fee.	\$13.75	\$13.75
Duplicate permit of any kind (any time)	\$12.50	\$12.50
Annual Camping (Temporary available online)	\$152.50	\$202.50
14-day Camping	\$87.50	\$101.50
<p>Camping Fees - A camping permit is required in addition to the motor vehicle permit for overnight stays. All daily camping permits expire at noon. Prime site fee applies to designated sites from April 1 - September 30. In addition to the fees below, there is a \$3.00 per stay transaction fee for</p>		
Daily Camping (annual or 14-day camping	\$7.00	\$8.00
Prime Site Fee		\$2.00
One Utility (year round, in addition to camp-	\$7.50	
Two Utilities (year round, in addition to	\$9.50	
Three Utilities (year round, in addition to	\$10.50	
Designated Overflow Camping	\$6.00	
Youth Camping	\$4.00 per camping unit	
Special Event – must be made by phoning or	\$0 to \$201.50	