

TORONTO

Located 12 miles west of Yates Center in the gently rolling terrain of the Verdigris River Valley, this area marks the northern reaches of the physiographic region to early pioneers are the Cross Timbers Area, so named for the stands of post and blackjack oak that they past through on their westward journeys.

This section of the Verdigris

River was also a favorite camping and hunting ground for native Americans of the Osage Nation. The river name refers to the green and gray bark of the sycamore trees found along its banks.

The forested flood plains, surrounded by terraces of prairie hills of oak savannas, provide the visitor an opportunity to see some of the most diverse flora and fauna in the state.

The reservoir was completed in 1960 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and provides 2,800 acres of water for a variety of recreational pursuits. In 1964 the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks entered into a license agreement with the Corps of Engineers for fish and wildlife management of 4,700 acres of land and water in the upper reaches of the project.

HUNTING

The Wildlife area includes riparian timbered area, grasslands, agricultural lands and wetland communities. Management includes native plant restoration, prescribed burning, timber management and farming for wildlife to provide food and habitat for wildlife.

Toronto Wildlife Area has 4,700 acres of land and water open to public hunting where a wide variety of game and non-game animals can be found. Species include white-tailed deer, turkey, quail, squirrel, waterfowl, rabbits and furbearers.

Marshes have been constructed to provide excellent habitat for migratory birds. These marshes also provide some excellent viewing for non-game species of shorebirds.

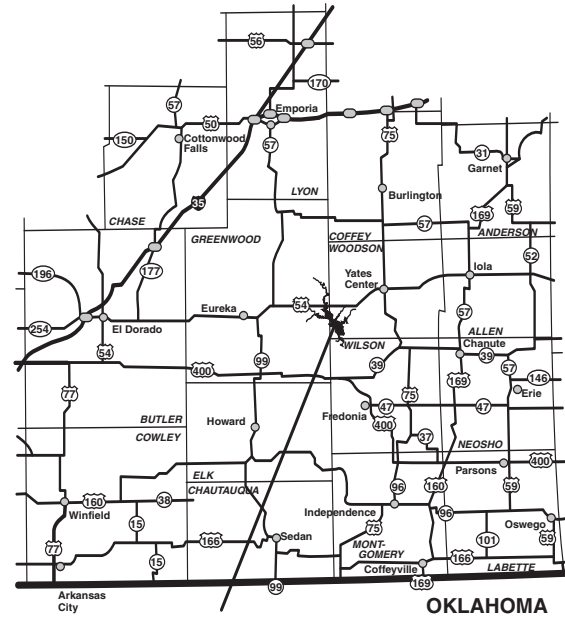


FISHING

Fishing in the reservoir, Walnut Creek and Verdigris River can be excellent for white bass, crappie, channel catfish and flathead catfish. The numerous brush piles are also excellent places to pursue black bass, bluegill and sunfish. Boat ramps have been constructed around the reservoir, on Walnut Creek and the Verdigris River to provide access.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

All users of the area must be aware of the state rules and regulations. Consult information boards that are located throughout the area. Information can also be attained to the area office located on the Fall River Wildlife Area.



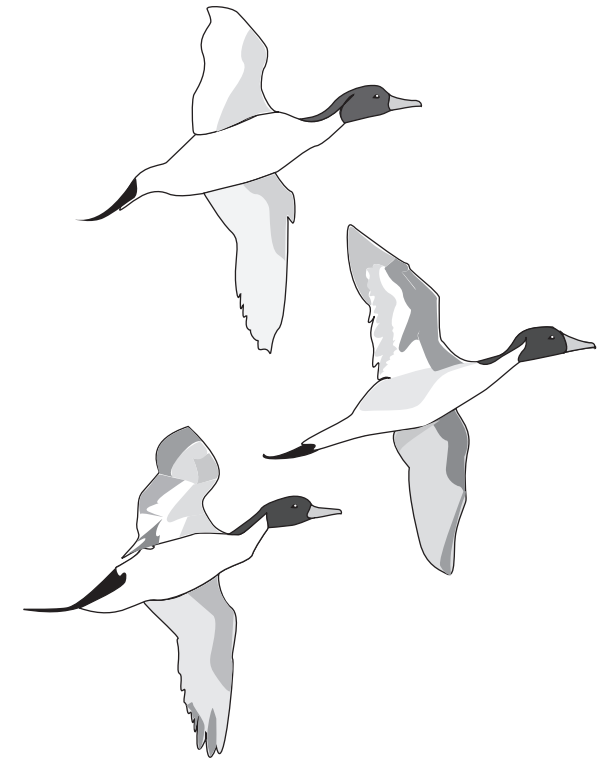
Toronto Reservoir & Wildlife Area

General Area Map

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LEGEND

Public Hunting Area	
Archery Hunting Area	
State Park Area	
Paved Road	
Gravel Road	
Unimproved Road	
Information Center	
Boat Ramp	

