

# HILLSDALE

Hillsdale is one of the newest reservoirs in Kansas. Originally authorized in 1954 and completed in 1982, the reservoir is part of a comprehensive flood control plan for the Osage and Missouri

River basins. Located in the rolling hills of Miami County, Hillsdale State Park and Wildlife Area has convenient access from urban Kansas City. Hillsdale offers outdoor recreational opportunities to campers, anglers,

boaters, hunters, swimmers, horseback riders, model airplane flyers, hikers, naturalists, picnickers, photographers, sightseers, and those just out to enjoy our natural environment.

## CAMPING

Camping is only allowed in the 200 designated camping sites in the Russell Crites Area. Approximately 157 sites have electric and water hook-ups available where a

nightly utility fee is required. Three bathroom/showerhouses are available during the regular camping season, April 15 - October 15.

## FISHING

When the lake was filled, more than 70 percent of the standing timber was left to provide fish habitat. Walleye, catfish, largemouth bass, crappie, and bluegill are abundant.

Fishing is allowed on all 51 miles of shoreline and

approximately 4,500 acres of surface water, except for developed beach areas and boat ramps. Special length limits may apply to some species. For more information on fishing laws and regulations, refer to the *Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary*.

## BOATING AND SAILING

There are currently seven boat ramp areas (primitive and developed) available at the Hillsdale Reservoir. All vessels propelled by machinery of any kind, or a sail, must be prop-

erly registered before operation in the state of Kansas. For details on boating laws and regulations, refer to the *Summary of Kansas Boating Laws and Regulations*.

## HUNTING

Approximately 7,000 acres are open to hunting. Waterfowl, big and small game, and upland gamebird hunting is allowed on state park and wildlife areas during the designated hunting seasons. Developed areas such as boat

ramps, shelter areas, parking lots, beaches, campgrounds, and the dam are safety zones where hunting is prohibited. Refer to *Hunting and Furharvester Regulations Summary* for seasons and bag limit information.

## BEACH USE AND SWIMMING

There are two developed beach areas that are open from sunrise to sunset. One bathroom and one bathroom/showerhouse are open from May 15 - October 15, sunrise to sunset. In order to provide public safety, the

following items or activities are not allowed within the developed beach areas: glass containers, open fires, pets, fishing, boats, alcohol/beer.

## HORSEBACK RIDING

The Saddle Ridge equestrian area on the east side of the reservoir has approximately 32 miles of marked trails available to horseback riders. Outside of this area, horse and other riding of livestock is allowed only on main-

tained roads, and parking areas. Livestock is not allowed in developed picnicking, camping, or beach areas. Camping for trail users only at Saddle Ridge campground.

## MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING

Model airplane flying is allowed in the flying area located south of the dam. All posted rules and regulations must be strictly adhered to.

## SOME GENERAL REGULATIONS

All vehicles require day-use permits while in state park permit area.

All campers must have a nightly camping permit. Campers in an electric and water camping site must pay a utility fee.

Fires are allowed only in designated fire rings.

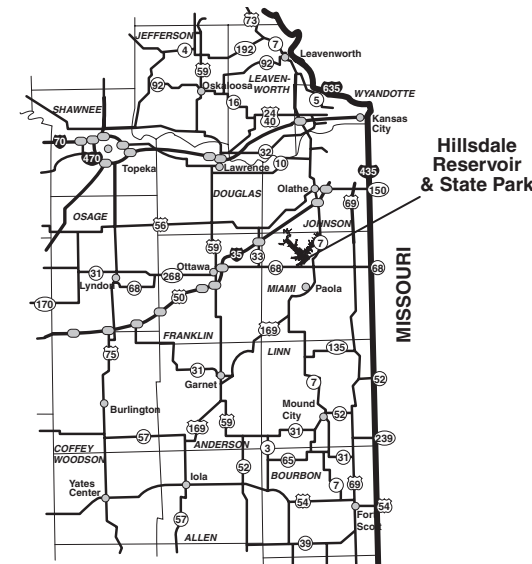
Only 3.2 cereal malt beverage consumption is allowed in state park and wildlife areas. No kegs or party balls.

There is currently no target practicing allowed in the Hillsdale State Park or Wildlife Areas.

Pets are required to be on a leash or confined to a cage or vehicle in all state park permit areas except while hunting in designated hunting areas.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

The regulation summary contained in this brochure is not a complete listing. Consult state park offices and area information signs regarding additional regulations.

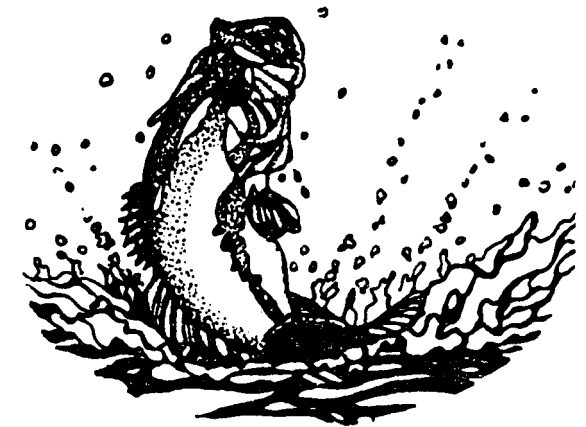


General Area Map

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 3/05

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## State Park



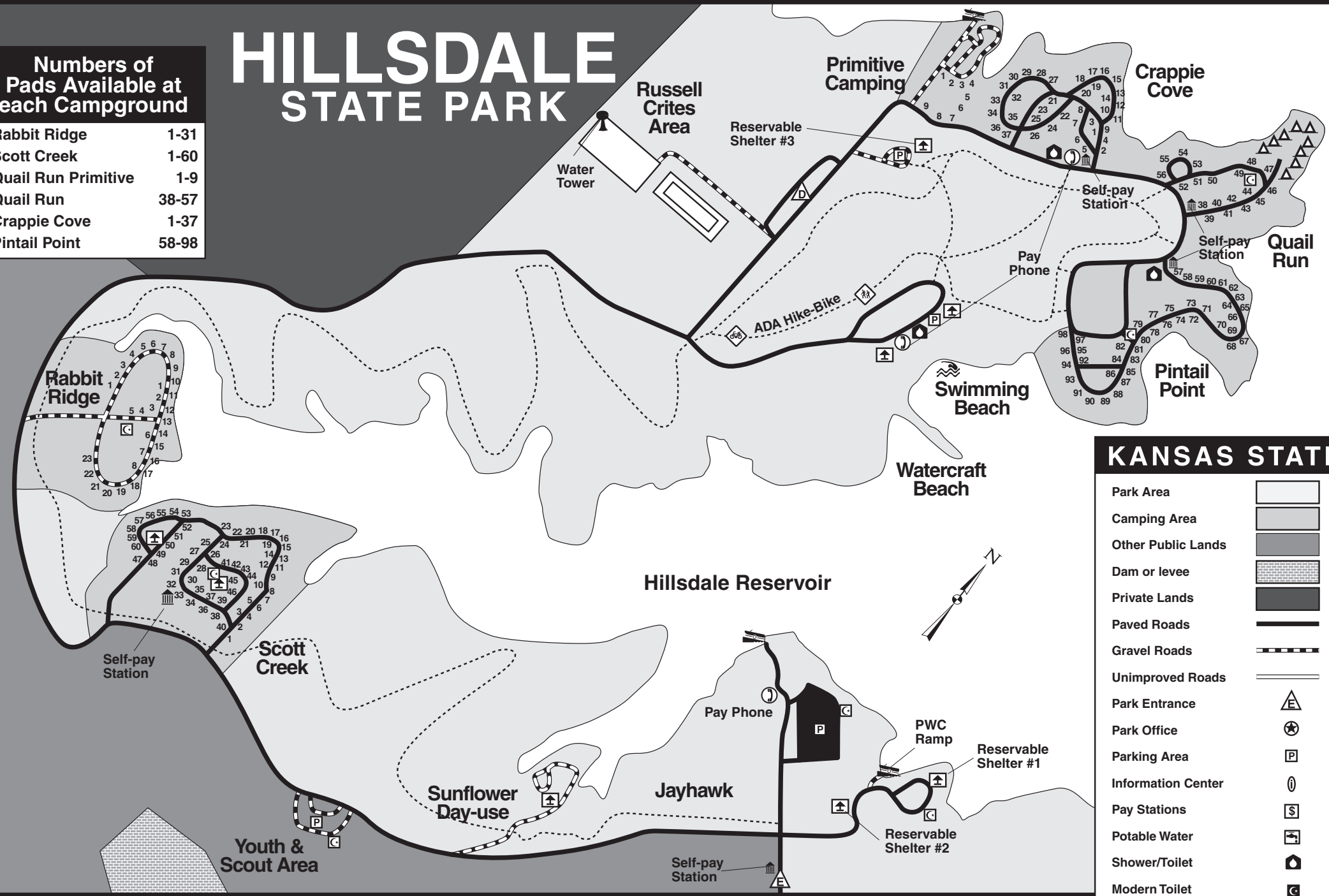
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# HILLSDALE STATE PARK

**Numbers of Pads Available at each Campground**

Rabbit Ridge	1-31
Scott Creek	1-60
Quail Run Primitive	1-9
Quail Run	38-57
Crappie Cove	1-37
Pintail Point	58-98



**KANSAS STATE PARK LEGEND**

Park Area		Boat Ramps	
Camping Area		Dock/Pier	
Other Public Lands		Fish Cleaning Station	
Dam or levee		Swimming Area	
Private Lands		Marina	
Paved Roads		Dumpster	
Gravel Roads		Concessions	
Unimproved Roads		Playground	
Park Entrance		Shelter	
Park Office		Shelter Group	
Parking Area		Cabin Modern	
Information Center		Cabin Primitive	
Pay Stations		Camping Improved	
Potable Water		Camping Primitive	
Shower/Toilet		Trail/Trailhead Hike	
Modern Toilet		Trail/Trailhead Bike	
Vault Toilet		Trail/Trailhead Equestrian	
Trailer Dump Station			