

# SPRING RIVER

Spring River Wildlife Area is located in Cherokee County, 3 miles east and ¼ mile north of the junction of US 69 and KS 96. The property comprises 424 acres on the western edge of the Ozark Plateau. Spring River borders much of the property's east boundary. Terrestrial habitat includes an oak-

hickory upland forest following a ridge of sandstone overlooking the river. Bottomland hardwoods exist adjacent to the river. Virgin tallgrass prairie, restored native grass areas, savannah, and cropland make up remaining habitat. The area is highly regarded for its Ozarkian characteristics and wildlife diversity.

An additional 62-acre tract located 1-mile northeast of Riverton is managed as a part of Spring River Wildlife Area. The property is located at the upper end of Empire Lake and is a low-lying area comprised of an oxbow lake, groves of pin oaks and cottonwoods, and native grass.

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## Wildlife Area

### WILDLIFE INFORMATION

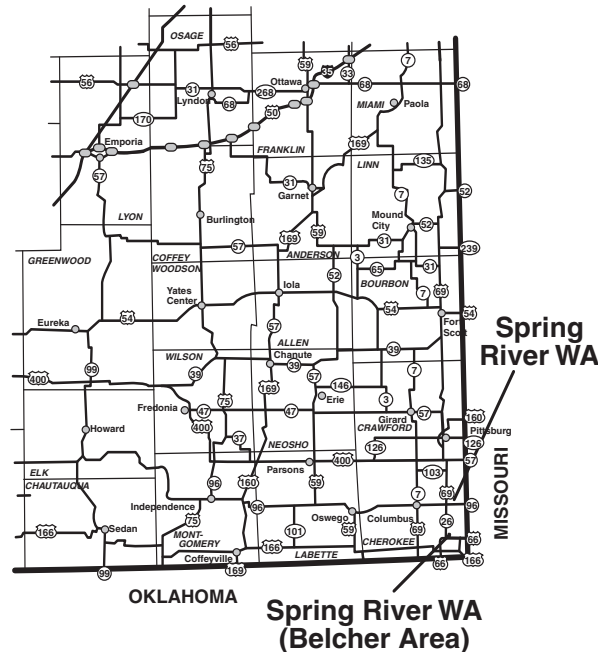
White-tailed deer, eastern turkey, fox squirrel, gray squirrel, and bobwhite quail are found in good numbers. Dove management is a priority for the area using sun-flower plantings to attract doves and provide a food plot for other wildlife. Timber stand improvement practices and prescribed fire are used to maintain quality woodland and diverse grassland to sustain good populations of both game and nongame species. Bird watching, blackberry and mushroom picking, hiking, and primitive camping are other activities that attract use on this area.

### FISHING

Spring River flows clearly through the eastern edge of the wildlife area with numerous riffles and deep pools. The river is home to many fish and mussel species that are commonly found in the Ozarks, but very unique to Kansas. Good fishing for channel catfish, flathead catfish, drum, and spotted and smallmouth bass can be found on the river. Hiking is the only way to access the river.

### THINGS TO REMEMBER

A no trash policy is in effect for all public wildlife areas. Target shooting is prohibited. Off-roading and horseback riding is prohibited on the area.



## General Area Map


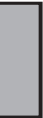






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(620) 827-6301 (West Mineral)  
(620) 431-0380 (Regional Office)

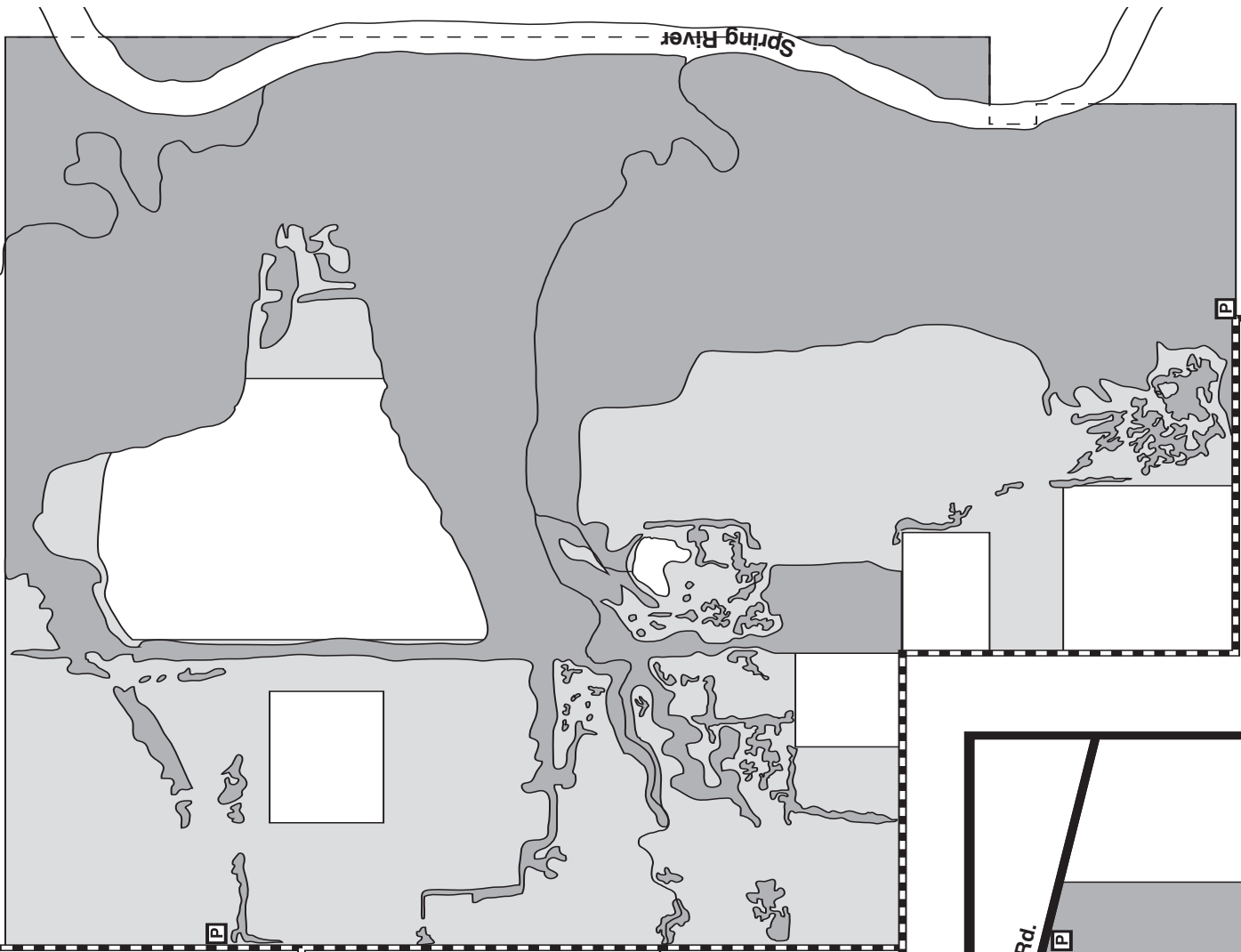
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# LEGEND

- Wildlife Area/Grasslands 
- Wildlife Area/Woodlands 
- Wildlife Area/Crops 
- Water-river/ponds 
- Gravel Roads 
- Parking Area 

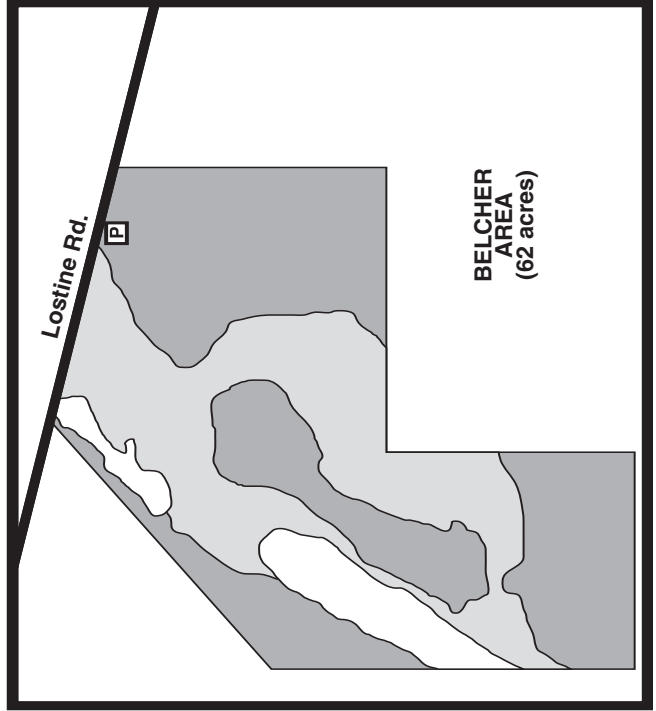
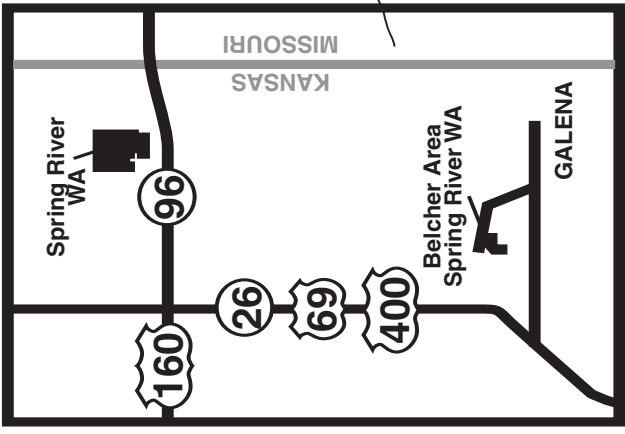
# SPRING RIVER WILDLIFE AREA



SE 100th St.  1/3 Mile to K-96



NE Bethlehem Rd.



BELCHER AREA  
(62 acres)