

# KAW RIVER

**K**aw River State Park is Kansas' newest state park and is the only urban park in the state park system. The property was acquired by donation in 2005, and the park officially opened to public use on September 4, 2010.

The park property presently consists of 76 acres of land on the

south bank of the Kansas River in west Topeka. The area is mostly hardwood forest overlooking the Kansas (Kaw) River and is adjacent to MacLennan Park and Cedar Crest (the Kansas Governor's residence) to the east. The Kansas department of Wildlife and Parks Region 2 Office is also adjacent to the park property. Additional prop-

erty west of the Region 2 Office building will also include public access for trails.

Deer, turkey, and numerous other wildlife species are common in the oak and hickory forest of the area. Eagles and various species of waterfowl are common visitors on the river through winter.

## TRAILS

Trail usage includes walking, hiking, running and mountain-biking. Development for the park trails is underway to provide a wide range of trail types for pedestrian use and mountain-bikers of various skill levels, and is designed and constructed for erosion protection, sustainability, and access. Trail access is available at the 6th Avenue parking area and the Region 2 Office. Access also exists directly from MacLennan Park and Cedar Crest trails.

The park will eventually have both double-wide gravel surface trails and dirt-surface single-track trails. Some of the more remote areas of the park provide some interesting natural features and views. The single-track trails will also include varied skill level requirements.

## RIVER ACCESS

The Kansas River is accessible from a boat ramp and parking area. This river access is available for canoes, kayaks, and other small craft. Two miles downstream is Portage Park, which provides a portage around the city water wier (low-head dam). Learn about river conditions and know your skill level and abilities before entering the water. For more info about the river and safety, go to the Friends of the Kaw website at [www.kansasriver.org](http://www.kansasriver.org)

## TRAIL SAFETY AND COURTESY

It is the responsibility of the trail user to know where they are and how to get back to the trail head.

Please let the trails dry out when they are muddy. Help preserve the tread condition by not using them until they are dry.

Carry plenty of water. There is NO water available on the trail.

Wear proper clothing in case of weather change.

Hike, run, bike, and ride under control and within the limit of your ability and conditioning. Know when it is time to turn back.

Control your speed at all times. Be ready to stop in an instant.

Avoid skidding; skidding causes needless trail erosion.

Ride on marked trails only. Be aware and respect private property.

Leave no trace. Carry out trash.

Watch for other trail users. Bikers should yield to pedestrians and announce their approach.

Downhill riders should yield right of way to uphill riders.

Report illegal trail use to park authorities.

Wear a helmet, if cycling.

Be courteous to wildlife. Avoid scaring wildlife by approaching slowly and quietly. They will reward you later by being there the next time.

Keep pets on a leash at all times.

## Park Rules

Hours 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.

All pets on leash

No ground fires

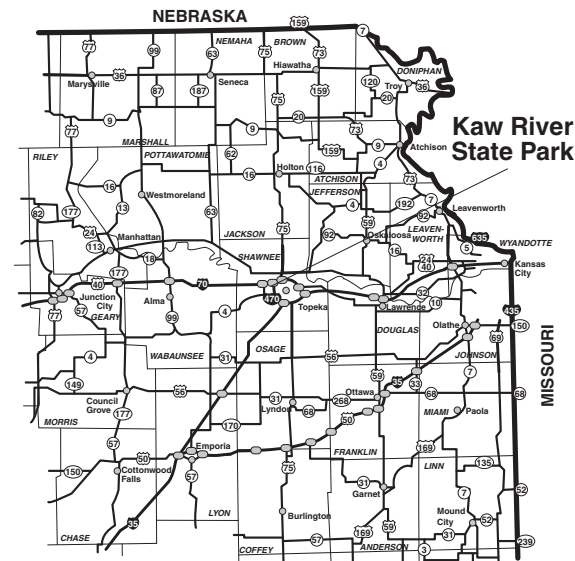
No motorized vehicles off roads or on trails

Alcoholic beverages prohibited

No camping or overnight use

No equestrian use

Carry out all trash



## 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, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, and military or veteran status. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, 1020 S Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1327. 09/10

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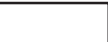















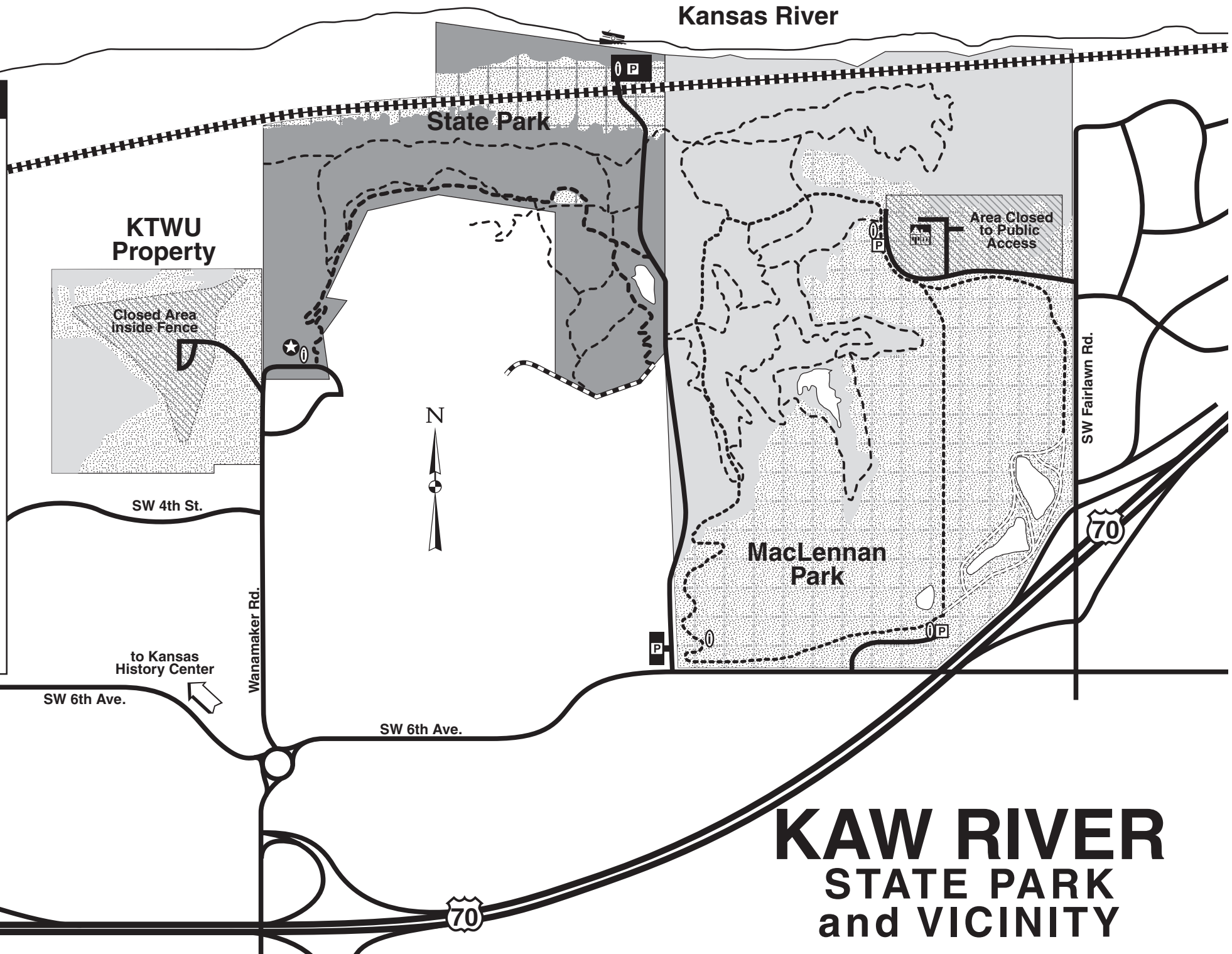
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Department Website:  
[kdwp.state.ks.us](http://kdwp.state.ks.us)

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# LEGEND

- State Park (Wooded Areas) 
- Grassland Areas 
- Public Park 
- Water Areas 
- Closed to Public Access 
- Paved Roads 
- Gravel Roads 
- Railroad 
- Trail - Single Track 
- Trail - Double Track (under construction) 
- Trail - MacLennan Main 
- Pathway - Concrete (ADA Accessible) 
- Region 2 Office 
- Parking Area 
- Information Center 
- Boat Ramp 
- Governor's Residence 



# KAW RIVER STATE PARK and VICINITY