

# MONTGOMERY

**B**uilt in 1953, Montgomery State Fishing Lake is a 105-acre impoundment located four miles south and one mile east of Independence. In addition to the 105-acre lake, 303 acres of terrestrial habitat provide an abundance of wildlife.

Montgomery State Fishing Lake is built on Coal Creek, a small tributary of the Verdigris River, and

many scenic bluffs are found along the creek. The stream and lake shores are covered with oak-hickory woodlands and stands of black-jack oak interspersed with a mixture of native rangelands. This provides excellent habitat diversity for a variety of wildlife.

Montgomery County is rich in archeological sites, which have been found on the banks of Coal Creek.

Coal Creek is underlain with sandstone. It received its name from the abundance of shallow strips of coal, locally mined, in the early 1900s. Some of these surface-mined areas are still visible.

The property was purchased, developed and is maintained by fees from licensed anglers and the Sportfish Restoration Program.

## FISHING

The area is primarily managed for fishing.

The lake was renovated in 1984 to eliminate undesirable fish and prevent contamination after restocking. It was reopened to fishing on January 1, 1987.

Fish species present are largemouth bass, white crappie, bluegill, redear sunfish and channel catfish. Channel catfish are supplementally stocked to help meet the demand for this species.

Fisheries management objectives are designed to provide and maintain a wide variety of fishing opportunities. To achieve these objectives, management techniques employed include water level management, har-

vest regulations, supplemental stocking, fish attractors, and fisherman access.

Harvest regulations have become important to sustain good fishing in public waters, due to increasing use and harvest of certain species. Special creel and length limits may be in effect for some fish species. Check the *Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary* and all posted notices.

Brush piles placed along the shoreline are used to concentrate fish and improve angling success. Rock piers and floating docks give anglers access to deeper water and additional structure from the shoreline.

## WILDLIFE

Hunting is not allowed on Montgomery State Fishing Lake; however, there is abundant opportunity to view and study a variety of animals. Many species of songbirds are available for birdwatchers and photographers.

Amphibians and reptiles are abundant, especially along the sandstone outcroppings on the lake.

Copperhead snakes are common during the warm months, so explorers should be cautious.

Anyone wanting to hike the perimeter of the area will enjoy the lichen-covered sandstone bluffs and exposed rocks along the lake shore.

## FACILITIES

Facilities include gravel access roads, three boat ramps, two floating fishing docks, seven rock fishing piers, and two vault toilets.

The lake has several fishermen campsites. There are not

any electric, water, or sewage hookups, showers, or drinkable water.

At the present time, no fees are assessed to use the area.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

Special creel and length limits may be in effect for some fish species. Check the *Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary* and all posted notices. Seining bait fish, and using trot lines or set lines are prohibited.

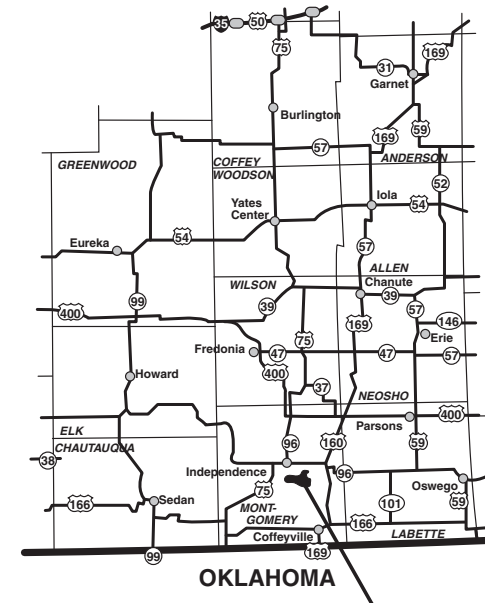
A no trash policy is in effect throughout the area. Please carry out what you carry in.

Vehicles are permitted on maintained roads, parking areas and camp pads only.

Power boats may be used only for fishing. Pleasure boating is not allowed.

The consumption of cereal malt beverages containing no more than 3.2 percent alcohol is permitted.

Consult information signs on the area for complete rules and regulations that may apply to Montgomery State Fishing Lake.



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## General Area Map

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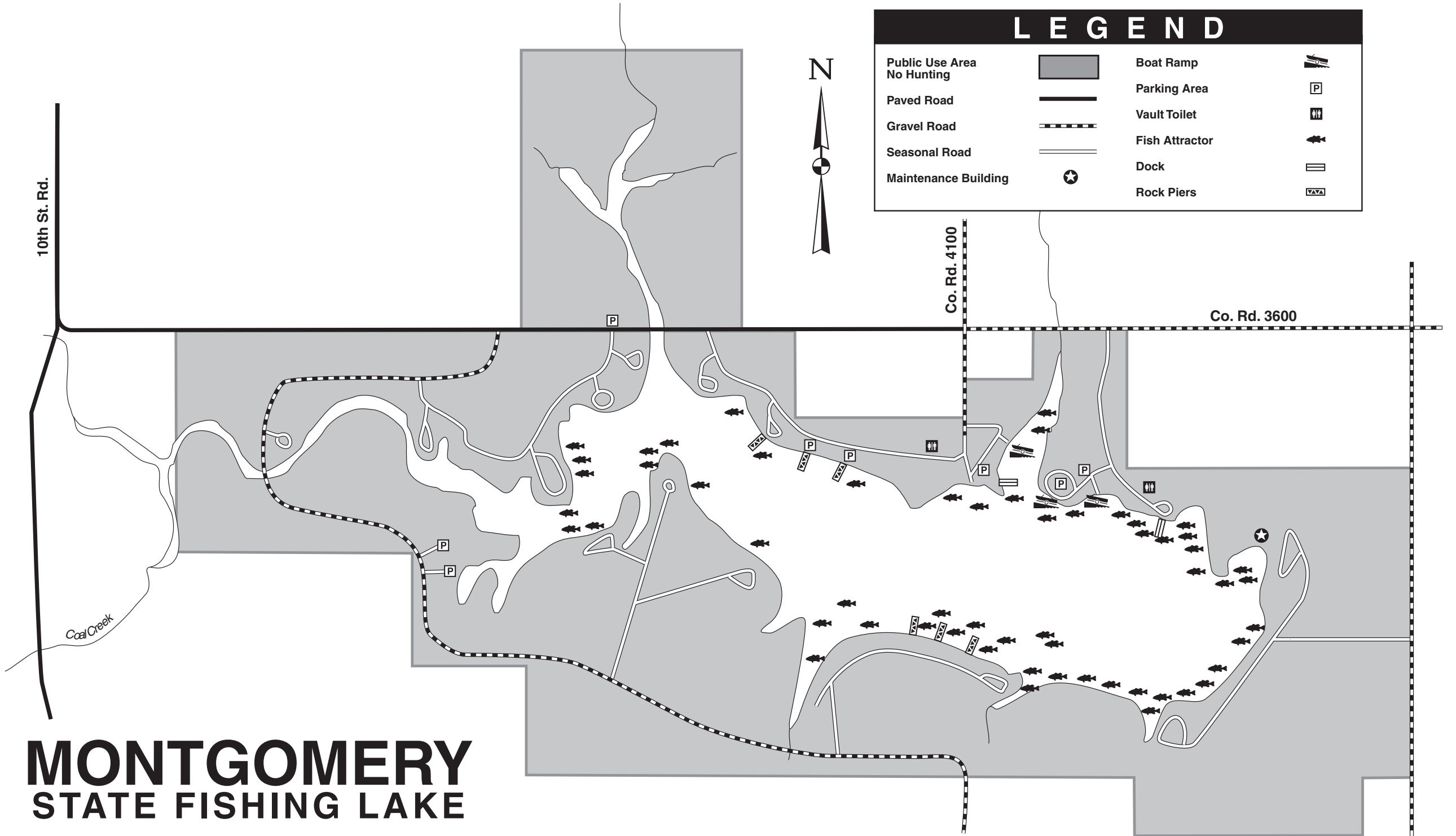
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## LEGEND

Public Use Area No Hunting		Boat Ramp	
Paved Road		Parking Area	
Gravel Road		Vault Toilet	
Seasonal Road		Fish Attractor	
Maintenance Building		Dock	
		Rock Piers	