

Glen Elder District Fisheries

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2010 Glen Elder Youth Tournament Summary

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) hosted the 6th Annual Waconda Lake Youth Fishing Tournament at Glen Elder Reservoir on Saturday, June 5. A record number of young anglers (141) boarded boats and hit the water for a full day of fishing. The day began with a strong south wind that had many of the young anglers wondering how long their fishing would last, but by the end of the day, the wind had diminished, yielding a near-perfect day.

The fish cooperated, too, and all boats were able to bring in at least a few, with walleye dominating the catch. Of the 141 youth who fished — including 131 on 37 boats volunteered by local anglers and 10 youth who fished from the bank — 132 were able to catch at least one fish. The total of 1,545 fish caught included 843 walleye, 266 white bass, 207 drum, 142 crappie, 30 bluegill, 28 channel catfish, 14 smallmouth bass, eight rainbow trout, six wipers, and one largemouth bass.

KDWP staff thank all boat drivers who provided time and equipment, the Waconda Lake Association for providing lunch, Wayne Miner for donating 150 dozen nightcrawlers, and numerous local sponsors who donated more than \$1,500 in prizes. Because of their generosity, each youth was able to take home a fishing pole and a bag of tackle, in addition to prizes awarded in each category. Special thanks also to Angie Peterson and the staff of the Glen Elder area office for assisting with the event.

Congratulations to all 2010 participants and we look forward to hosting the 7th Annual Waconda Lake Youth Fishing Tournament again next year!

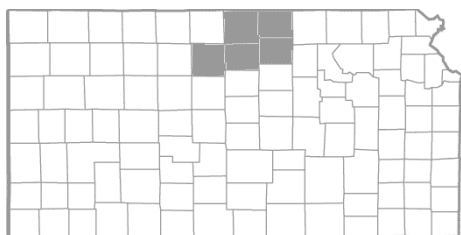
2010 Youth Tournament Winners

Following is a list of the winners in each category:

- most fish – Bryce Nichols, 67
- biggest walleye (tie) – Trinity Wagner and Lucas Mong, 21 inches
- biggest crappie – Zachary Stocker, 16 inches
- biggest catfish – Melissaty Sexton, 25 inches
- biggest white bass – Reid Behrends, 17 inches
- biggest wiper – Autumn Vowinkle, 20 inches
- biggest smallmouth bass – Beckett Kendrick, 15 inches
- biggest largemouth bass – Brittney Rodger, 10.5 inches
- biggest drum – Brianna Geisler, 22 inches
- biggest trout – Jimmy Broeckleman, 15 inches
- biggest bluegill – Shaelyn McMillan, 8 inches
- smallest fish – Gage Trimble, 3 inches



2010 youth tournament participants anxiously waiting the awarding of prizes.



Check out the following link for fishing reports at both Glen Elder and Lovewell Reservoirs. Reports are updated weekly all year!

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Jewell State Fishing Lake Renovation

Thanks to several years of above average rainfall Jewell State Fishing Lake was able to completely fill on July 7th, 2010 for the first time in 12 years, and has been a very busy place this year for both anglers and campers alike.

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has been hard at work over the past couple of years maintaining and improving the facilities and opportunities for sportsmen at this 57 acre lake. While lake levels were low, public lands personnel continued to mow shorelines and areas in the lake basin to provide anglers with open areas to fish.

There are five designated overnight camping areas around the lake. These areas have picnic shelters with tables and metal fire rings. Camping is not permitted at the reservable Group Shelter except by special permit. If you would like to reserve the shelter, simply contact the Glen Elder Area Office (785-545-3345). Other amenities at the state lake include ADA pit toilets near the boat ramp and group shelter, an ADA floating fishing dock, new boat ramp, several day use picnic areas, and five fishing piers which increase shoreline access.

A limited amount of public hunting is available around the lake. Hunters will find deer, pheasant, quail, rabbit, and dove in the 108 acres of native prairie grassland and timbered draws. Waterfowl hunters may have some success hunting the upper half of the lake as migrating ducks and geese pass through in the fall. Roads are closed seasonally (Oct. 1-Mar. 1) to lessen disturbance but access to the boat ramp and dam area are open year around.

The fish population at the lake is doing very well thanks to several stockings, the fish feeding program, and the current length and creel limits. Since the lake began refilling in 2008, KDWP has stocked 6,000 intermediate channel catfish, 475 intermediate largemouth bass, 2,600 adult bluegill, 275 intermediate walleye, 5,700 redear sunfish fingerlings, 270,000 saugeye fry, and 270 adult black crappie.

The fish feeding program has enhanced the fishery by concentrating channel catfish for anglers to catch, and increasing growth rates of channel catfish and bluegill. Most of the 8-12" catfish stocked in September 2008 were already 18-20" one year later. The two feeders will be maintained between May and September with the goal of feeding at a rate of 75 pounds/acre each year. According to our creel survey, anglers have already harvested over 1,500 catfish in 2010.

Anglers are reminded of special length and creel limits on several fish species. Largemouth bass are currently managed with a 21" minimum length limit, but this may change to a slot length limit beginning in 2012. In addition, channel catfish, walleye, and saugeye all have a 15" minimum length limit, and a daily creel limit of 5 fish. The daily creel limit on crappie is 50, and largemouth bass is 5 fish daily.



Views of Jewell State Fishing Lake from the boat ramp area when the lake was full in 2010.

Rocky Pond Update

Rocky Pond in Belleville has become a popular destination for local anglers thanks to the efforts of the city and KDWP in refurbishing and restocking the lake. With the assistance of grant monies through the Community Fisheries Assistance Program and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, dredge work was completed in 2007 which deepened much of the area near the shoreline to an average depth of 6-7 feet. Another project allowed for the purchase of a new floating dock which the city installed in 2010. Additional work was completed on the dam, and the outlet structure was rebuilt to prevent seepage, and increase the water-holding capabilities. Since 2008, the water level at Rocky Pond has remained within 6 inches of full capacity.

Other improvements include the purchase and installation of two aerators to help prevent future fish kills from occurring. Another grant application which was just accepted is for a new fish feeder, fish food, and a storage container. This new feeder will be in place for the 2011 angling season.

Fish stockings between 2006 and 2010 include 7,800 intermediate channel catfish, 2,000 fingerling channel catfish, 150 adult largemouth bass, 675 adult bluegill, 2,700 fingerling walleye, 150 adult walleye, 4,100 fingerling redear sunfish, and 50 intermediate grass carp. The annual stocking rate of 1,000 intermediate channel catfish was increased to 1,500 this year with those fish stocked on August 24, 2010 and averaged 3.5 fish per pound.

Anglers are reminded of the 15" minimum length limit and 5 fish daily creel limit on channel catfish, walleye, and largemouth bass. In addition, there is a daily creel limit of 50 crappie. There are no length and creel limits for bullheads, bluegill, green sunfish, or redear sunfish.



2010 WLA Fish-A-Thon Results

The Waconda Lake Association again hosted the annual Fish-A-Thon in 2010 with 325 tagged fish available between May 1st and Labor Day at Glen Elder Reservoir. A total of 120 anglers purchased tickets with 41 of the fish reported caught during the year (7 were not paid out as the anglers had not purchased an entry ticket). Local merchants paid out \$1,000 of a possible \$9,595 to anglers who captured tagged fish. A breakdown by species is shown below.

	Number Tagged	Caught/Paid Out	Caught/No Payout	Percent Caught
Crappie	97	17	4	21.6%
White Bass	90	6	0	6.7%
Walleye	84	7	2	10.7%
Channel Catfish	27	0	0	0
Wiper	20	4	1	25%
Flathead Catfish	3	0	0	0
Drum	3	0	0	0
Bluegill	1	0	0	0

The WLA plans on hosting this event again in 2011 with even more tagged fish and prizes available to anglers so keep an eye out for the advertisements and be sure to purchase your entry ticket as they become available.

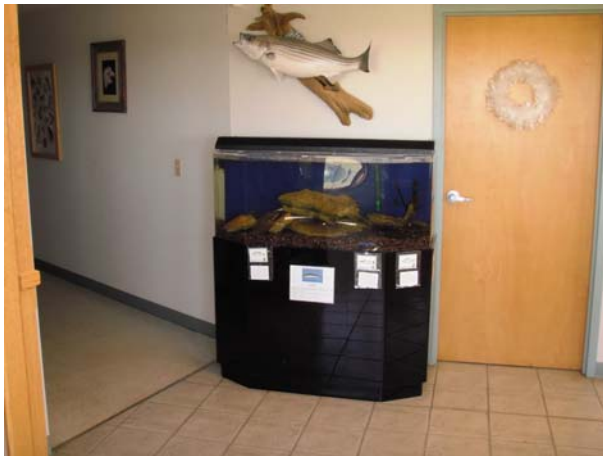


New Aquarium at Glen Elder Area Office

Visitors of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks area office at Glen Elder Reservoir will notice a new addition to the front lobby. A 75 gallon aquarium was purchased in August with funds donated from the Eugene Miller Memorial.

The aquarium will provide more aquatic education to both kids and adults by presenting several local fish species that anglers are likely to encounter while fishing at the reservoir. Information cards and pictures on the front of the aquarium educate the public on what different fish species look like and include some interesting facts about each one. In addition to several fish species, the aquarium is home to crayfish, tadpoles, and a painted turtle.

So stop on by and take a look at the new addition. We will try to keep it supplied with a variety of fish you may encounter while in the area. We're always on hand to answer questions and try to increase your awareness and understanding of the aquatic environment.



Waconda Lake Association Holds Catfish Tournament

The 11th annual channel catfish tournament was held at Waconda Lake on Saturday August 14th with fourteen teams entered. Most of the teams targeted chum piles along river breaks to find their catfish while a few teams drifted with large bullheads and bluegill. Anglers reported a fair to good bite throughout the morning, but the action slowed during the last 3 hours of the tournament. Nine of the teams weighed in 45 fish weighing 207 pounds with the winning team of Cecil Miller and Scott Waters catching a 5 fish limit of 37.75 pounds. John and Mike Stoeber were close behind with 36.30 pounds followed by Slim and Charlie Hughes with 25.40 pounds, and Bill Loomis and Fred McMillen with 24.56 pounds. Big fish was caught by Mike Stoeber and weighed 11.66 pounds. The Waconda Lake Association plans to hold the event again next August and is looking forward to another great day on the water.



WLA member Cecil Miller with a nice channel catfish

Trout Program Returns to Glen Elder this Winter

Following a very successful trout season last winter we will continue with more trout stockings beginning in mid-November 2010. Approximately 1,100 rainbow trout will be stocked in November, December, and February for a total of 3,300 fish stocked again this winter.

Similar to last year, the fish should average about ½ pound apiece with about 5% of them over 3 pounds. There may be some more golden trout stocked as well which always provides an opportunity for a nice bonus fish in the creel.

Anglers typically have success using a variety of methods at the park pond with Powerbait, worms, cheese, and salmon eggs probably producing the best results. Small inline spinners such as Panther Martins, roostertails, and beetle spins are also effective. Fishing through the ice was also productive last winter with anglers using many of the prepared baits mentioned above as well as small jigs, minnows, and spoons. A handful of anglers prefer to use more traditional methods and pull out the fly rod when pursuing these stocked trout.

As always, special regulations apply while fishing trout waters between October 15 and April 15. All anglers are required to purchase a trout permit (\$12.15) if they intend to fish the park pond, whether they are fishing for trout or not. Anglers 15 and younger are exempt. In addition, all residents 16 through 64 years old and non-residents 16 and older must also have a valid fishing license. Trout permits are available at KDWP offices, license vendors, county clerk offices, or online at www.kdwp.state.ks.us. The daily creel limit is 5 trout (2 trout for anglers 15 and younger fishing without a trout permit). The possession limit is three times the daily creel.



Rainbow trout being stocked in the Glen Elder Park Pond

This is the second edition of the Glen Elder district newsletter. I will continue to provide information for Glen Elder and Lovewell Reservoirs, Jewell State Fishing Lake, Rocky Pond in Belleville, and Jewell City Lake. Don't forget to check out the many FISH properties in the area as well. They can offer some great fishing for those without a boat.

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