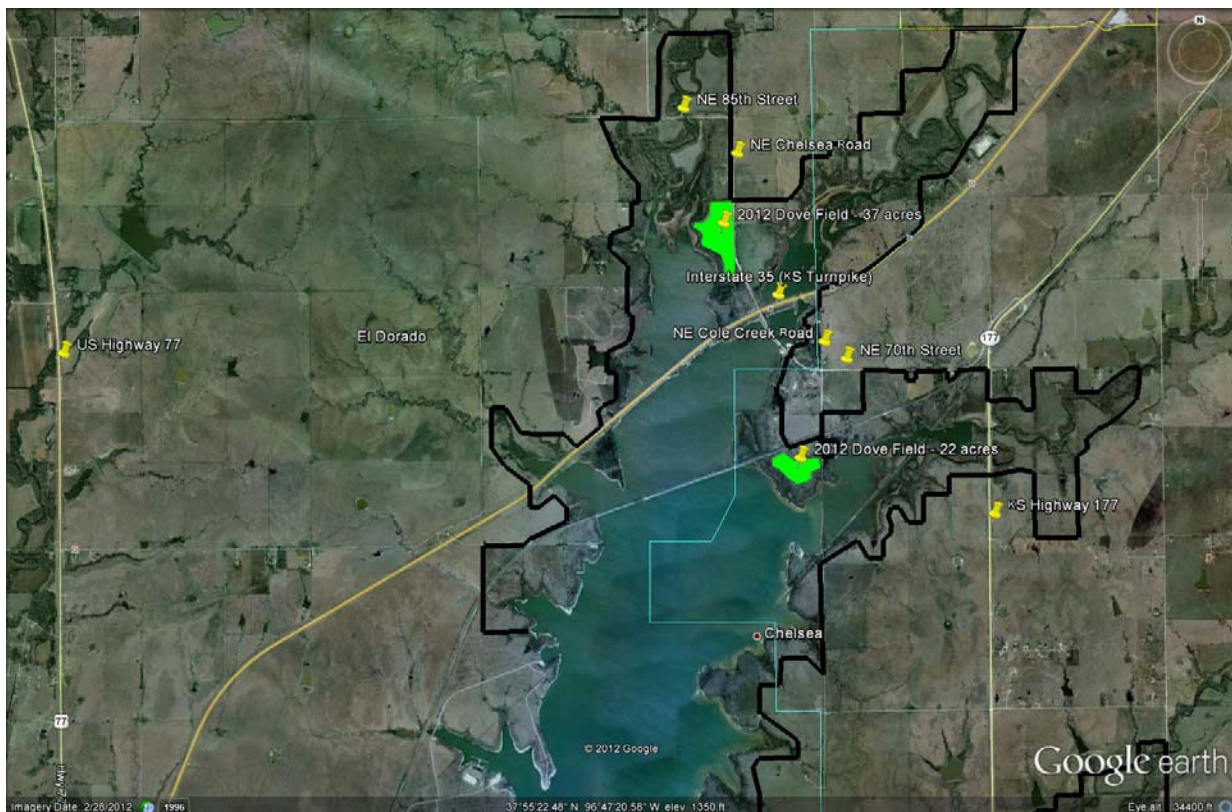


El Dorado Wildlife Area News

Area News – Summer 2012

2012 Dove Hunting Outlook:

Two sunflower tracts (22 & 37 acres) and one adjacent wheat stubble field (37 acres) should provide fair to good dove hunting opportunities at El Dorado Wildlife Area. Portions of each of the sunflower fields have been mowed to enhance dove use and hunter access. The 22 acre sunflower field can be found just west of the Chelsea cemetery or approximately 0.5 miles south of the junction of NE 70th Street and NE Cole Creek Road. The 37 acre sunflower field can be accessed from the east by traveling 0.5 mile north of the junction of NE 70th Street and Interstate 35, or from the west by traveling 0.5 mile south of the junction of NE 85th Street and NE Chelsea Road. To the east of this sunflower field is a 37 acre wheat stubble field which may also be attractive habitat to area doves and provide hunting opportunities. Dove hunters may be asked to obtain a permit prior to hunting and to report harvest at the conclusion of their hunt. Please assist area staff with evaluating these opportunities by following instructions located at permit stations posted at each field. Hunters are also reminded to please be courteous and aware of other hunting parties while using these fields! For a brochure and map of the entire wildlife area please visit the El Dorado Wildlife Area web page (ksoutdoors.com) and click on the brochure tab at the top of the page. For more information please call #620/767-5900.



El Dorado Wildlife Area – 2012 Managed Dove Hunting Locations

9th Annual Fall Outdoor Youth Event Planned at Council Grove:

Area youth are invited to attend a FREE shotgun, pellet rifle, and archery shooting and safety clinic on Saturday, September 22 at Council Grove Lake (just 1 hour drive north of El Dorado Lake). Sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism (KDWP), The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the Flint Hills Chapter of Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation (QUWF), and Morris County Hunter Education instructors, this special event will provide participants with an opportunity to enhance firearm and archery shooting and safety skills. Controlled live fire instruction will teach safe, responsible, and fun shooting techniques.



Archery station at annual outdoor youth event. Shotgun station at annual outdoor youth event.

Participants will be provided safety and shooting instruction by certified firearm and archery skills instructors. All gear and supplies, including shotguns, pellet rifles, shells, bows, arrows, targets, and eye and ear protection will be provided by KDWP's "Pass It On" and Hunter Education Programs. Participants need only a desire to learn some valuable techniques and have fun! Teaching methods almost guarantee that students will be breaking shotgun targets by the end of the session.

Anyone, age 11 through 16 may participate. Participants are required to pre-register for the event. Students are not required to have completed a hunter education course, but prior completion is preferred. The event will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the COE managed area between Marina Cove and Neosho Park, approximately 0.25 miles west of the COE office at the west end of the dam. Check-in and a free lunch provided by QUWF, will be between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. Instruction will then begin at 12:30 p.m. and will end at approximately 4:00 p.m.



Air rifle station at annual outdoor youth event.

The event is part of KDWP's "Pass It On" Program. This program is designed to increase the percentage of Kansas who hunt. Those interested are reminded to pre-register before September 14. Persons interested in registering or learning more about this special event can contact: Brent Konen, Council Grove Wildlife Area Manager, #620/767-5900.

New Public Lands Regulations Enacted:

In June of this year the Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission approved new regulations relating to hunting on public lands. Designed to provide hunters with equal opportunities on limited public lands, the following regulations have been enacted:

- Baiting is illegal on public lands. Bait is considered any grain, fruit, vegetable, nut, hay, salt, sorghum, feed, or other food or mineral capable of attracting wildlife. Liquid scents and sprays are not considered bait.
- Only two portable blinds or tree stands are allowed per hunter on public lands.
- Portable blinds and tree stands must be marked with the owner's name and address or KDWPT number. Portable blinds may not be left unattended overnight on public lands.
- Decoys may not be left unattended overnight on public lands.
- Commercial guides must have a permit to guide on public lands. The permit is free and must be specific to the land where guiding takes place.

Would you like more information about the El Dorado Wildlife Area?

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