

The Butterfield Hiking Trail

provides an excellent opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty Western Kansas has to offer. The trail is accessible through the Bluffton Area of Cedar Bluff State Park, just to the west of the Cedar Bluff area office. Vehicle permits are required to access the trailhead.

The trail has two loops. The Butterfield Loop, located to the south, about 1 1/4 miles, gives a great view of the lake and the park. The Smokey Hill Loop, about 1/2 mile in length, provides steeper elevation and a beautiful overlook of the lake.

Open to the public for hiking, the trail is a great place to become familiar with the local flora and fauna. Take a minute to look to the far west; located just a few miles from the trail was the home for the historic Butterfield Trail Bluffton Station, in which many campgrounds are named after. The Butterfield Overland Despatch started in 1865 and provided the quickest route between Atchison, KS and Denver, CO.

The trail is currently being developed further, so come back to visit often to see the development.

Trail Rules

- State Park vehicle permit required.
- NO motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail.
- The trail is open year-round for hiking, biking, hunting during legal seasons and other allowed recreational activities.
- NO camping or open fires are allowed along the trail.
- Bikers must remain on marked trails and roads.
- Bikers must yield for hikers.
- Leave natural vegetation, animals, artifacts and fossils undisturbed.
- NO horse riding. Special equestrian events may be allowed upon request.
- Please report problems, vandalism, unique species or other information to the Cedar Bluff area office.
- Pack it in, pack it out. Carry out all trash.
- Please leave only your footprints.

Cedar Bluff Flora and Fauna

Common Plants

- Cottonwood
- Red Cedar
- Aromatic Sumac
- Hackberry
- Great Plains Yucca
- Sideoats Grama
- Little Bluestem
- Blue Grama
- Switchgrass
- Big Bluestem
- Indian grass

Common Mammals

- Whitetail Deer
- Mule Deer
- Coyote
- Raccoon
- Opossum
- Bobcat
- Porcupine

Common Birds

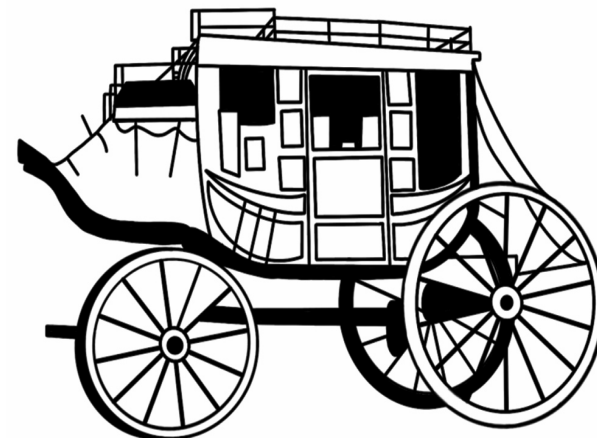
- Red-tail Hawk
- Great Horned Owl
- Horned Lark
- Western Meadowlark
- Marsh Hawk
- Screech Owl
- Flicker

Common Reptiles

- Ornate Box Turtle
- Western Rattlesnake
- Common Garter Snake
- Fence Lizard
- Six-lined Racerunner
- Hognose Snake
- Bull Snake
- Ringneck Snake

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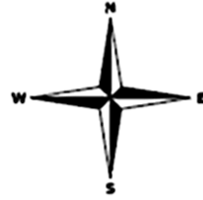


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