

Recreation

Big Hill Lake is one of the clearest lakes in Kansas. Located about 5 miles east of Cherryvale, Kansas, the lake offers 1,240 surface acres of water and its wide variety of native wildlife and vegetation is an invitation to all water and nature enthusiasts. Opportunities for recreation includes camping, picnicking, sightseeing, swimming, boating, waterskiing, hiking, fishing, and hunting.

Five beautiful park areas are offered by the Corps of Engineers for camping, picnicking and other outdoor activities. Facilities available in each area are listed in the chart on the map side.

Take a hike on the Ruth Nixon Memorial Hiking Trail! The trail is one mile in length and meanders along the lake's western shoreline. The trail links the Overlook and Cherryvale recreation areas and is equipped with areas where a hiker can rest and enjoy the views.

If horseback riding is your passion, then Big Hill is the place to be! Surrounding three-fourths of the lake is the Big Hill Lake Equestrian Trail. At approximately 17 miles long, the horse trail provides a variety of terrain for riders of all ages to enjoy. Tethering areas and three large turf parking areas are equipped with limited facilities and may be used for overnight camping by the trail riders.

Camping

Over 100 designated campsites are operated by the Corps of Engineers in three pet friendly campgrounds. The campgrounds have accessible facilities for people with disabilities. Campsites are offered with or without electrical hook-ups and some sites have full hook-ups. Two group camping areas are offered in the Mound Valley Park and each can hold 32 people. The group area in Cherryvale Park can accommodate 75 people. Timber Hill Park offers primitive camping. All of the campsites at Big Hill Lake can be reserved.

Reservations

Camping reservations can only be made for dates during the peak season. Please visit the reservation service to find out the peak season dates. The service provides a nationwide reservation service for many state and federally managed facilities.

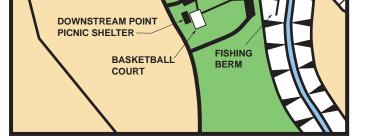
Contact them by phone at: 1-877-444-6777 or visit them on the Web at: www.recreation.gov

Day Use

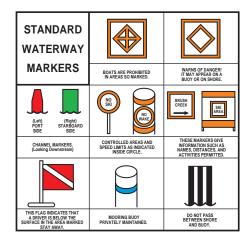
If you want to get away for a day of fun, visit Big Hill Lake. Enjoy a picnic at one of our individual picnic sites, a day of sunbathing and swimming at the Mound Valley beach, or come enjoy the accessible fishing dock in the Overlook park area. The group picnic shelters at Overlook and Downstream Point are reservable through the NRRS, or if not reserved are available on a first come first served basis free of charge!

Visitors Welcome

Inquiries regarding the project and its use are welcomed



DOWNSTREAM POINT



CHERRYVALE

by the project personnel at the Project Office located near the dam. Copies of Title 36 Rules and Regulations governing public use of the lake, and other information may be obtained at the Project Office. The mailing address is:

Big Hill Lake Project Office U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 19065 Cherryvale Pkwy Cherryvale, KS 67335-0426 For phone inquiries call 620-336-2741.

For more information on Pearson-Skubitz Big Hill Lake please visit the Tulsa District's website at www.swt.usace.army.mil

Food, bait and tackle, as well as, medical facilities are available near the lake.

Contact the Labette County Sheriff's Department at 620-795-2565.

