WOODSON

Welcome to Woodson State Fishing Lake and Wildlife Area. This beautiful lake was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933. Located 5 miles east of Toronto the 2,885-acre wildlife areas includes a 180-acre lake. Nestled in the northern edge of the spectacular Chautauqua Hills 12 miles southwest of Yates Center. Woodson is an ideal setting for outdoor enthusiasts, from bird watchers and hunters to fishermen and campers.

FISHING & BOATING

The clear waters of Woodson State Fishing Lake can offer fantastic angling opportunities for multiple species. Channel catfish is the most sought after species in the lake, and for good reason; many fish weighing 10 pounds and more are caught each year. The catfish population is in excellent condition and is maintained with annual stockings of large intermediates (10-12 inches average length). There are four fish feeders on the lake that attract and concentrate the fish for the anglers and also help supplement the diet of the catfish. Other species offering good fishing include largemouth bass and white crappie. Bluegill, walleye, and wipers are also present in the lake and can provide some exciting action.

As with all state fishing lakes, power boats may be used for fishing only. A no wake restriction is in effect. Recreational boating is not allowed. A boat ramp and dock make access to water and care of fish easy and convenient. Through a combination of stocking and length and creel limits, this fishery will continue to produce great fishing and provide anglers a peaceful escape

WILDLIFE

The wildlife area is located in the Cross Timbers ecological zone, which is a mixture of native tallgrass prairie and post oak savanna. This unique transition zone separates the Great Plains and the Eastern deciduous forest. Because of this transition, Woodson offers visitors a wonderful chance to observe a wide variety of flora and fauna. During legal seasons, hunters have the opportunity to pursue bobwhite quail, waterfowl, rabbits, squirrels, furbearers, white-tailed deer and turkey. Wildlife watchers have year-round opportunities to view and photograph these game species, plus a wide variety of song birds, raptors, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

Only portable hunting blinds or blinds constructed from natural vegetation are allowed on the area. Portable blinds may not be left unattended overnigh. Portable tree stands may be used. All blinds and stands must be tagged with KDWPT license number permanently affixed to the blind of stand. Only two blinds or stands per hunter can be utilized on the area. All blinds and stands must be completely removed 14 days after the close of the season. Any blinds or stands found not meeting these requirements WILL BE REMOVED by department staff.

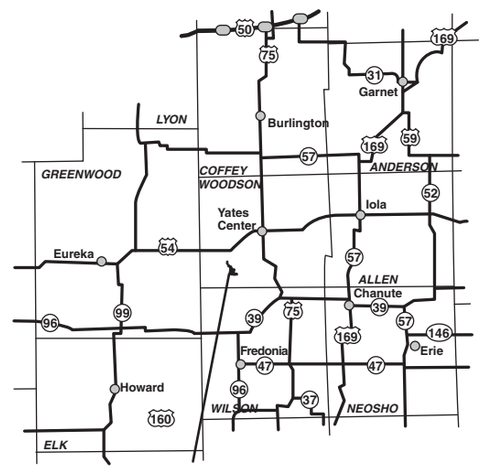
Located at the north end of the wildlife area, approximately 40 acres is managed for upland birds and dove hunting. There are two daily hunting permit stations located on each end of the sunflower fields. This area is restricted to non-toxic shot only.

CAMPING

Although no electrical hookups are available at Woodson, both primitive and recreational vehicle camping are allowed. Picnic tables and fire rings are available at 20 sites, and vault toilets, a dump station, and a potable water supply make camping something more than primitive. There is a large covered public shelter house available for day use only, first come first serve.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

All trash must be removed from the area when you leave. Power boats may be used for fishing only at no-wake speeds. Special length and creel limits are in effect for most fish species at Woodson State Fishing Lake. Check the Kansas Fishing Regulations Summary or one of the kiosks located at the lake for current regulation postings before fishing.



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General Area Map

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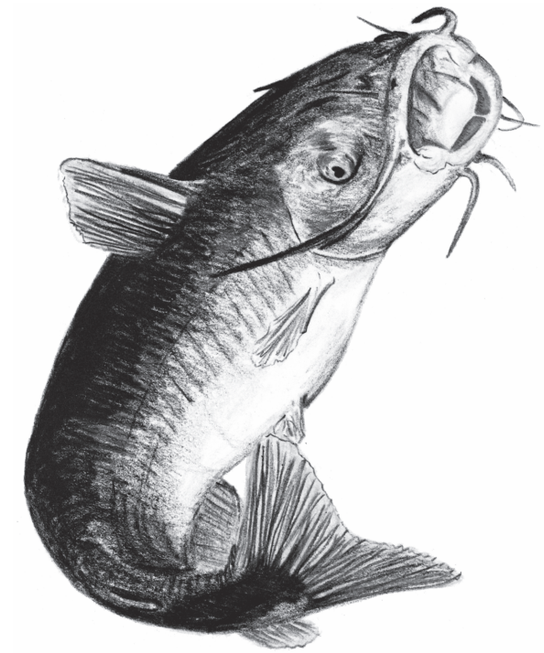

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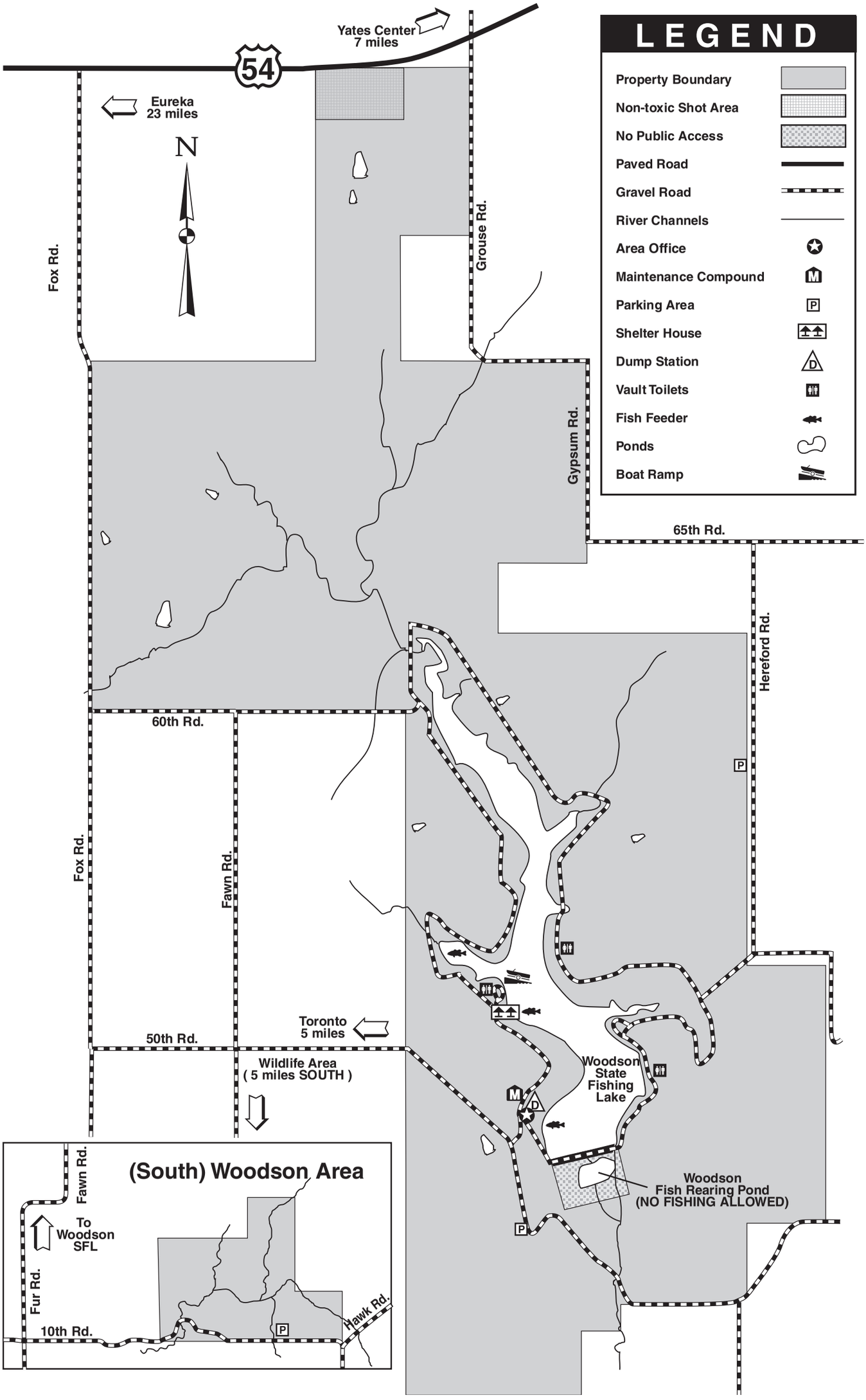
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