

On The Range

Prairie Dog State Park held the ribbon cutting ceremony for the two new modern cabins on October 15. Approximately seventy people attended the ceremony and over one hundred viewed the new cabins. The public seemed to be impressed with the new cabins and reservations have been going fast. The fastest way to reserve a cabin is to do it online at <https://reserve.ksoutdoors.com/> or you can call the park office at 877-2953.

Prairie Dog State Park is providing rental cabins as an alternative camping opportunity. For your convenience, we offer two primitive and two modern cabins. Cedar Crest and Cottonwood cabins are primitive cabins located adjacent to Prairie Dog campground. Prairie Dog and Eagle View are modern cabins with a

fantastic view of the lake and located in close proximity to the public fishing dock. All cabins are available for year-round rental.

The two primitive cabins include heating, air-conditioning, refrigerator/freezer, and a microwave. Each primitive cabin sleeps at least eight. Mattresses are provided, but you will need to bring your own bedding. During the peak season of mid April through mid October, shower and restroom facilities are close by, and a water hydrant is available at each cabin. During the off season, a vault toilet facility is within walking distance, but no water is available. No pets are allowed in the cabins and smoking is prohibited.

You can also experience the beauty of the lake from the comfort of one

of two modern cabins with most of the comforts of home. The cabins are one bedroom with a full-size bed and a futon. A couch and a Murphy bed are provided in the living area. The modern cabins sleep five to six people. Kitchens have a small stove with oven, refrigerator/freezer, microwave, coffee maker, pots & pans, dishes and silverware. Kitchen table and four chairs and picnic table and grill are also provided. Cabins have modern bathrooms with showers as well as air conditioning and heating. You will need to bring your own bedding, towels, & toiletry items. No pets are allowed in the cabins and smoking is prohibited. No camping units (tents or campers) are allowed.

Rental Conditions

All fees are paid in advance; \$70/

night fee year-round (modern) or \$45/night fee year-round (primitive) plus the \$12.00 Non-refundable reservation fee and service charge.

Cancellations up to 30 days prior to the reservation date are eligible for refund of rental fees, but NOT the \$12.00 reservation fee. Cancellations 29 days or less up to 5 days prior to arrival date are eligible for a refund of all but one night's rental and reservation fees. Cancellations less than 4 days in advance or after arrival date are not eligible for refund of any fees paid.

Renter is responsible for cleanliness, condition or damages to the cabin upon check-out. Damages or failure to clean the cabin upon check-out will be charged to the credit card or PayPal account used to pay for the rental.

Cabin will be reserved when renter submits all night's fees and the \$12.00 non-refundable reservation fee. Online Reservations are by credit card or PayPal only, and may be made up to 364 days in advance.

Must be 18 years of age to rent any cabin.

On a side note, all of the park's facilities have been winterized which means there is no water available in the park. We hope that you enjoyed the 2010 camping season and we look forward to seeing you next year. However, the winter is a great time to see the abundant wildlife present in the park. As always, thanks for keeping your park clean. See you next year.

Prairie Dog State Park News

Toby Kuhn, manager



Welcome to..... Prairie Dog State Park

A prime place to experience the shortgrass prairies of western Kansas, Prairie Dog State Park occupies 1,150 acres on the shores of Keith Sebelius Reservoir in Norton County. The park is home to a thriving prairie dog colony and is the site of the last remaining adobe house in Kansas. The renovated adobe house was built on the site in the early 1890's. A 1.4-mile nature trail complete with interpretive signage is a great way to explore the park and observe wildlife. Historical interpretation is a hallmark of this park. Two vintage 19th century buildings are preserved here, including a one room school and renovated adobe house. Sebelius Reservoir is well known for its excellent fishing opportunities. In recent years, anglers have found productive fishing for black bass, walleye, wiper, crappie, catfish and saugeye.

The area also offers good prospects for pheasant, waterfowl and rabbits. Both whitetailed and mule deer can be found here, as well as a variety of furbearers.

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