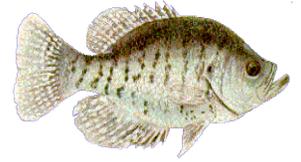




Fishing at the Outlet Park River Pond



Looking for an outstanding spot to go fishing? If so, then you may be interested in learning more about the 90 acre River Pond located in the Outlet Park at Melvern Lake.

In the fall of 1989, the River Pond underwent an intensive fisheries rejuvenation effort. The Corps of Engineers and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism partnered to create an above average fishing opportunity for visitors to the Outlet Park. Rough fish populations were removed and were replaced with more desirable game species. This process was repeated in 2001. A feeding program using commercial fish food is utilized to increase the growth rate of the channel catfish. Annual evaluations of the feeding program during each recreation season have revealed outstanding results. Strict creel limits, along with length limits, have been set to maintain this highly productive fishery well into the future. Signs are located in the park to inform visitors of current regulations. The restrictions are designed to provide park users with a quality fishing experience.

If you wish to fish the River Pond, but do not intend to remain overnight, please do not occupy a campsite with your vehicle and equipment. You may park at the nature trail parking area or the boat ramp parking area. Also, remember gas-powered motors are prohibited on the River Pond. Thank you for your cooperation in making this program a success.

Important: In 2012, The River Pond was designated an Aquatic Nuisance Species water containing zebra mussels. Anglers can help reduce the spread of zebra mussels by following these easy steps: monitor boats, trailers, anchors, oars, etc for signs of plant or animal ANS species; drain the livewell before leaving the pond; empty bait buckets on land-not into the water; wash boating equipment with hot (at least 140 degree) water and dry for at least 5 days before transporting to another body of water. **Remember - CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY.**

Special Regulations Applying to River Pond

Channel Catfish

Minimum 15-inch length limit
2 Fish daily creel limit

Largemouth Bass

13-18 inch slot length limit
2 Fish daily creel limit

Walleye

Minimum 18-inch length limit
2 Fish daily creel limit

Flathead Catfish

5 Fish daily creel limit
No length limit

Wipers

Minimum 18-inch length limit
2 Fish daily creel limit

Crappie

Minimum 10-inch length limit
10 Fish daily creel limit

- **Set Lines Prohibited.**
- **Gas powered motors prohibited.**
- **All other state guidelines, rules, regulations and laws remain in effect.**

ANS Alert: Zebra Mussels

Live fish may not be transported from the River Pond