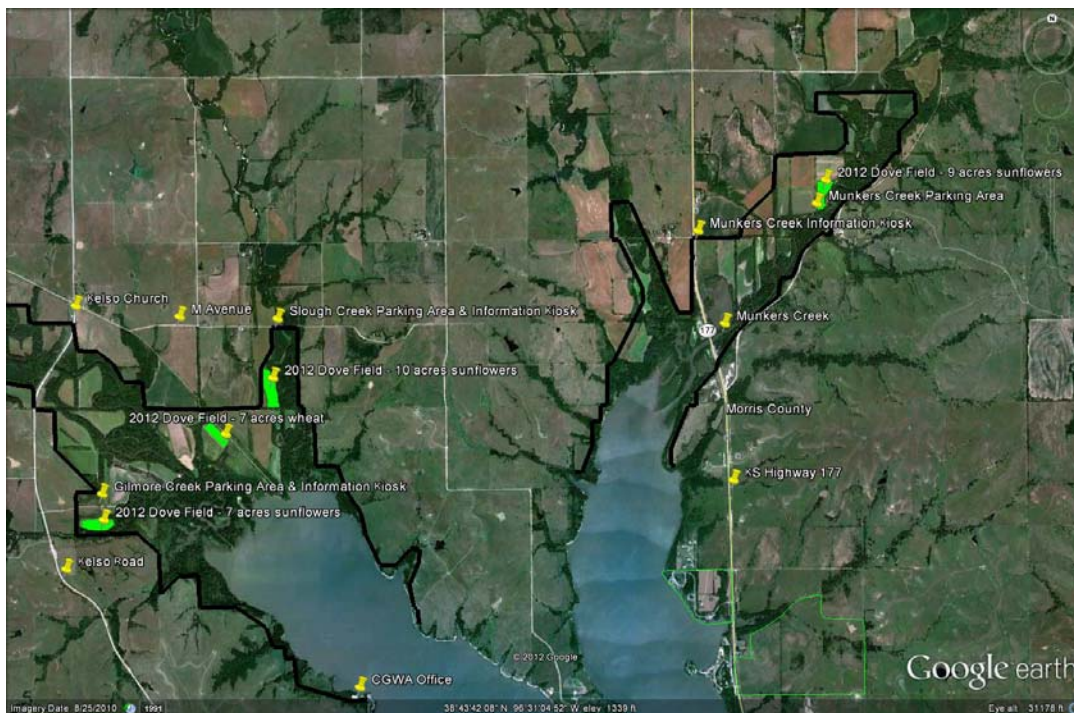


Council Grove Wildlife Area News

Area News – Summer 2012

2012 Dove Hunting Outlook:

Three sunflower tracts (9, 10, 7 acres) and one wheat tract (7 acres) should provide fair to good dove hunting opportunities at Council Grove Wildlife Area. Portions of each of the sunflower fields have been mowed to enhance dove use and hunter access. The 7 acre wheat field is comprised of approximately 5 acres of wheat stubble and 2 acres of standing wheat that have been mowed. It can be found just south of the parking area at the west end of M Avenue. The parking area can be reached by traveling about 0.35 miles east of the Kelso church on M Avenue and taking the south fork in the road and continuing east about 0.7 miles. The 9 acre sunflower tract can be found just east of the eastern most parking area along the north side of Munkers Creek. The 10 acre sunflower field is located about 0.25 miles south of the parking area and information kiosk west of Slough Creek on M Avenue. The 7 acre sunflower field is located south of the parking area and information kiosk near Gilmore Creek. Dove hunters may be asked to obtain a permit prior to hunting and to report harvest at the conclusion of their hunt. Please assist area staff with evaluating these opportunities by following instructions located at permit stations posted at each field. Hunters are also reminded to please be courteous and aware of other hunting parties while using these fields! For a brochure and map of the entire wildlife area please visit the Council Grove Wildlife Area web page (ksoutdoors.com) and click on the brochure tab at the top of the page. For more information please call #620/767-5900.



Council Grove Wildlife Area – 2012 Managed Dove Hunting Locations

9th Annual Fall Outdoor Youth Event Planned:

Area youth are invited to attend a FREE shotgun, pellet rifle, and archery shooting and safety clinic on Saturday, September 22 at Council Grove Lake. Sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism (KDWP), The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the Flint Hills Chapter of Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation (QUWF), and Morris County Hunter Education instructors, this special event will provide participants with an opportunity to enhance firearm and archery shooting and safety skills. Controlled live fire instruction will teach safe, responsible, and fun shooting techniques.



Archery station at annual outdoor youth event. Shotgun station at annual outdoor youth event.

Participants will be provided safety and shooting instruction by certified firearm and archery skills instructors. All gear and supplies, including shotguns, pellet rifles, shells, bows, arrows, targets, and eye and ear protection will be provided by KDWP's "Pass It On" and Hunter Education Programs. Participants need only a desire to learn some valuable techniques and have fun! Teaching methods almost guarantee that students will be breaking shotgun targets by the end of the session.

Anyone, age 11 through 16 may participate. Participants are required to pre-register for the event. Students are not required to have completed a hunter education course, but prior completion is preferred. The event will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the COE managed area between Marina Cove and Neosho Park, approximately 0.25 miles west of the COE office at the west end of the dam. Check-in and a free lunch provided by QUWF, will be between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. Instruction will then begin at 12:30 p.m. and will end at approximately 4:00 p.m.



Air rifle station at annual outdoor youth event.

The event is part of KDWP's "Pass It On" Program. This program is designed to increase the percentage of Kansas who hunt. Those interested are reminded to pre-register before September 14. Persons interested in registering or learning more about this special event can contact: Brent Konen, Council Grove Wildlife Area Manager, #620/767-5900.

New Public Lands Regulations Enacted:

In June of this year the Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission approved new regulations relating to hunting on public lands. Designed to provide hunters with equal opportunities on limited public lands, the following regulations have been enacted:

- Baiting is illegal on public lands. Bait is considered any grain, fruit, vegetable, nut, hay, salt, sorghum, feed, or other food or mineral capable of attracting wildlife. Liquid scents and sprays are not considered bait.
- Only two portable blinds or tree stands are allowed per hunter on public lands.
- Portable blinds and tree stands must be marked with the owner's name and address or KDWPT number. Portable blinds may not be left unattended overnight on public lands.
- Decoys may not be left unattended overnight on public lands.
- Commercial guides must have a permit to guide on public lands. The permit is free and must be specific to the land where guiding takes place.

Would you like more information about the Council Grove Wildlife Area?

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