



Wichita Mountains *Wildlife Refuge*

Welcome to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

This refuge is part of a vast National Wildlife Refuge System administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conserve and protect wildlife and habitat for the American public. It is one of the oldest and most prestigious national wildlife refuges in America. The refuge encompasses 59,020 acres (about 90 square miles) of native mixed grass prairie and the wildlife that call it home.

Over 40% of the refuge is open for recreation (Public Use Area) while the remainder is closed to protect the animals and their habitats from disturbance. We invite you to explore and enjoy the many wildlife-friendly recreation and education opportunities in the Public Use Area. Please protect your national public lands and the priceless ecological heritage.

Refuge Hours of Operation

Main highways through the refuge are open 24-hours. The Mt. Scott scenic drive, side-roads, pull-outs, picnic areas, and hiking trails close at sunset.

Facilities

Visitor Center—Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except closed on Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving

Headquarters Administrative Office—Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, closed federal holidays.

Picnic Areas—Boulder, Lost Lake, Sunset, Mt. Scott.—charcoal grill, fire pit, picnic table, pit toilet, no water. Boulder Cabin Group Picnic Shelter by reservation only. Open during daylight hours, year-round.

Camping—available year round. Doris Campground—RV and tent sites available on a first-come, first-served basis but group sites can be reserved. Fawn Creek Youth Campground and Wilderness Area backpacking permits by reservation only.

A Word of Caution

- Bison and longhorn are wild and may charge—don't get too close.
- Rattlesnakes and copperhead snakes make their homes here.
- Poison ivy grows in shady and damp areas.
- Ticks and chiggers are common residents.
- Dehydration and heat stroke can happen quickly.

Regulations

- Alcoholic beverages, drugs, and drug paraphernalia are prohibited.
- Fireworks are prohibited.

- Swimming, snorkeling, and wading are prohibited.
- Collection of plants, rocks, animals, minerals, bones, and antlers is prohibited.
- Pets must be under direct control on a leash less than 10 feet long at all times.
- Feeding or harassing wildlife is prohibited.
- The operation or use of audio devices including radios or other noise devices, so as to cause unreasonable disturbance to others in the vicinity is prohibited.
- Night time activities other than fishing are prohibited without a special use permit.
- Use of metal detectors or any activities that involve searching for, collecting or disturbing artifacts or treasures is prohibited.
- Special Use Permits are required for all special events and commercial activities. Examples include but are not limited to: guides, commercial filming and photography, scuba diving instruction, fishing tournaments and rock climbing classes.

Automobiles, Aircraft, ATVs, Bicycles, Drones, Skateboards, and Skates

- Observe posted speed limits.
- Motorized vehicles allowed only on paved roads and parking areas, and in hardened, dirt pullouts and parking lots.
- Parking on the grass is prohibited.
- Parking in roadway or obstructing traffic is prohibited.
- Driving on roads closed by sign or barrier is prohibited.
- ATVs and UTVs are prohibited.
- Vehicles found parked in closed areas, or in any area after the hours of authorized activity, will be impounded.
- Aircraft landings and take-offs are prohibited. This includes but is not limited to: sail planes, hang-gliders, hot air balloons, paragliders, and parasails.
- Kites, drones, remote controlled aircraft, and unmanned aerial vehicles are prohibited.
- Bicycles allowed only on paved roads, the Mt. Scott Service Road, the Mt. Scott Nature Trail, and the LETRA Trail.
- Use of skates, skateboards, longboards, lugeboards, and other similar devices is prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

- Fishing is permitted in accordance with state and federal regulations in all of the refuge lakes and streams in the public use area (see map).
- Fish may be taken only with poles and lines or rods and reels.
- Anglers may use tube-type floaters, life jackets, or buoyant vests.
- Wading is permitted when fishing.

- Taking bait, frogs, or turtles from the refuge is prohibited.
- Fishing tournaments allowed by permit only, and only on Lake Elmer Thomas.
- Fishing piers are available near the Environmental Education Center and Lake Elmer Thomas.
- Hand powered boats or boats less than 14' with electric trolling motors are permitted on Jed Johnson, Rush, Quanah Parker, and French Lakes.
- Any size boat or motor and sailboats are permitted on Lake Elmer Thomas, but there is a no-wake rule across the entire surface of the lake.
- Operators of motorized boats must use designated boat ramps.

Hiking, Camping, Picnicking

- Hiking limited to daylight hours.
- Group size limited to 15 people or less in Charon's Garden Wilderness Area to protect wilderness character.
- Group size limited to 30 people or less in the Dog Run Hollow/Lost Lake/Boulder area bounded by the Indianoma Road and SH 115 to reduce wildlife disturbance.
- Groups over 30 people in size are allowed east of SH 115 in the Holy City/Jed Johnson/ Lake Elmer Thomas/Mt. Scott area.
- Camping requires a permit and is allowed only in designated areas.
- Fires allowed only in the fire rings and grills of designated picnic and camping areas.
- Dead, downed wood may be gathered (no saws).
- Fires must be attended at all times and completely extinguished before leaving.

Hunting and Firearms

- Hunting is prohibited on the refuge except for annual controlled hunts for white-tailed deer and elk. The application process and random drawings are administered through the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).
- Individuals that participate in hunting and fishing activities or who have a special use permit for collection on the refuge are subject to inspection of all harvested resources, licenses, permits, vehicles, containers, packs, bags etc., that are used in support of these permitted activities.

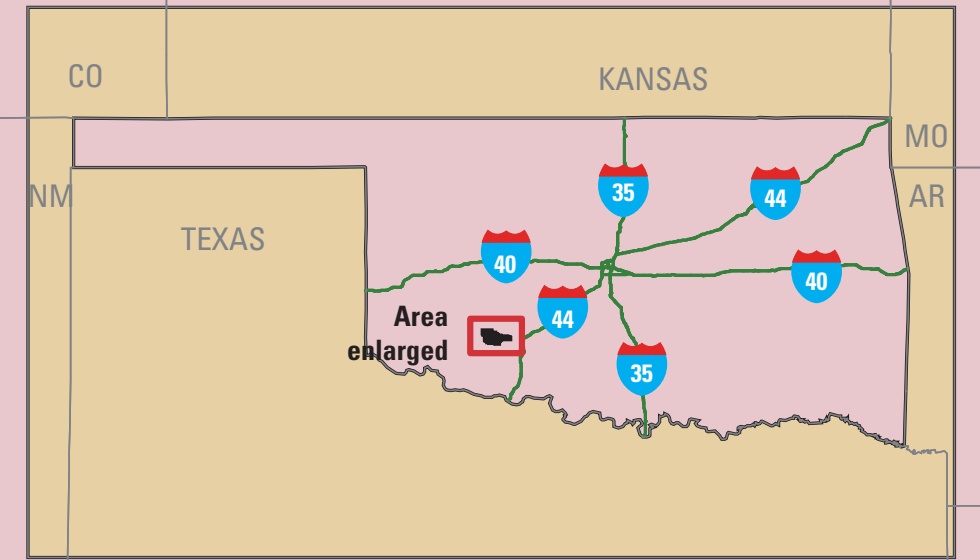
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Fishing on Quanah Parker Lake.. © Elise
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American Bison.
Mount Scott. © Elise Smith/USFWS
Kid's hike day.
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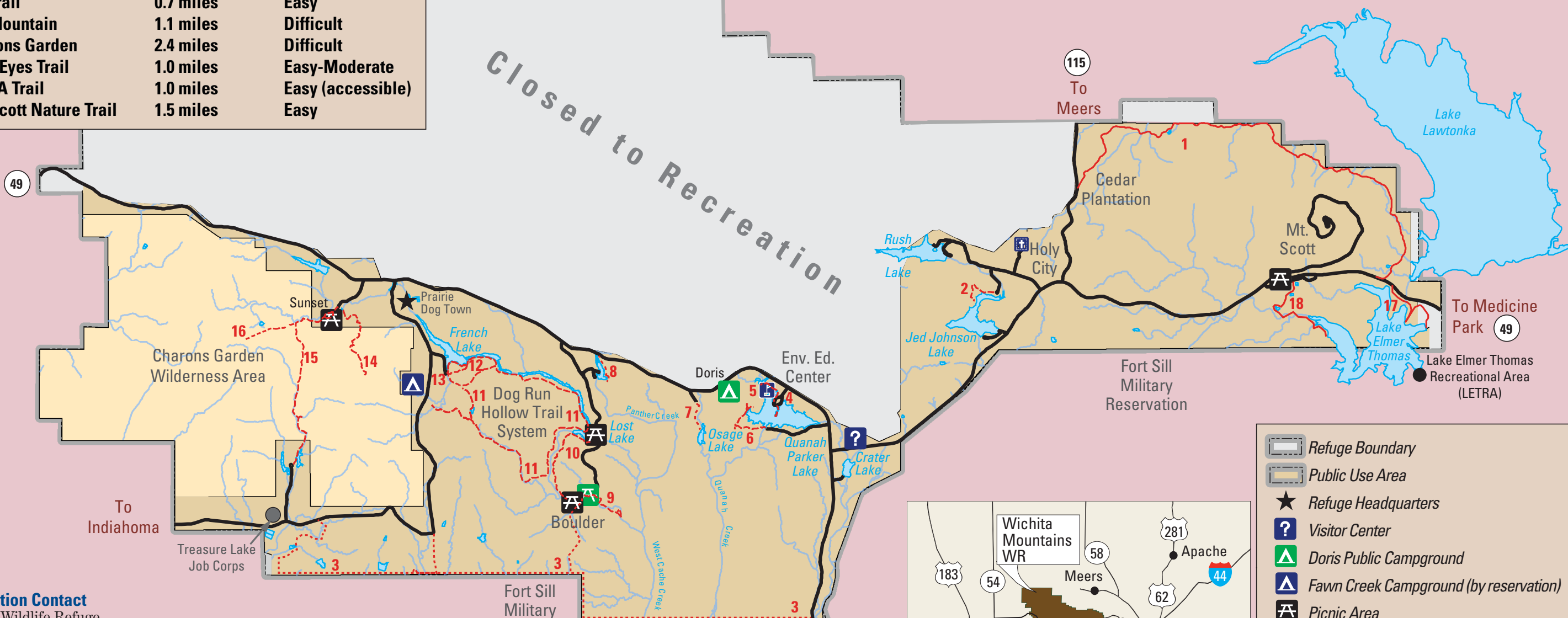
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Trail Information Distance Difficulty

No.	Name	One-way	Rating
1.	Mt. Scott Service Road	5.8 miles	Easy
2.	Jed Johnson Tower	0.5 miles	Easy
3.	Burma Road	8.0 miles	Easy
4.	EE Center	0.1 miles	Easy (accessible)
5.	Quanah Parker Lake	0.4 miles	Easy
6.	Little Baldy Trail	0.8 mile	Moderate
7.	Osage Lake	0.6 miles	Easy
8.	Burford Lake	0.5 miles	Easy
9.	The Narrows	0.8 miles	Moderate
10.	Kite Trail	1.1 miles	Easy
11.	Bison Trail	6.0 miles	Easy
12.	Longhorn Trail	1.5 mile	Easy
13.	Elk Trail	0.7 miles	Easy
14.	Elk Mountain	1.1 miles	Difficult
15.	Charons Garden	2.4 miles	Difficult
16.	Crab Eyes Trail	1.0 miles	Easy-Moderate
17.	LETRA Trail	1.0 miles	Easy (accessible)
18.	Mt. Scott Nature Trail	1.5 miles	Easy



Closed to Recreation



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To Meers

To Medicine Park 49

To Cache
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- Refuge Boundary
- Public Use Area
- Refuge Headquarters
- Visitor Center
- Doris Public Campground
- Fawn Creek Campground (by reservation)
- Picnic Area
- Boulder Cabin (by reservation)
- Environmental Education Center
- Trails (Numbers correspond to chart)