

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism Overview

MISSION

◆ The mission of the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is to conserve and enhance Kansas' natural heritage, its wildlife, and its habitats, while striving to make Kansas a preeminent tourist destination.

◆ The Agency's underlying philosophy is to manage natural systems properly by striking a balance between natural resource integrity and human benefits, such as sport hunting and fishing, camping, land use, and development. In addition, the Department promotes recreational, historic, cultural and natural advantages of the state and its facilities.

Statutory Authority

32-801. Organization of the Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

32-802. Assistant Secretaries

32-805. Wildlife and Parks Commission

ERO 22. Established KDWP

ERO 36. Moved Tourism Division over from Department of Commerce

Total Employees : 464

108 Classified FTE

356 Unclassified FTE

Budget

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21	FY22
Administration	9,509,147	11,261,906	11,472,718
Tourism	3,566,340	4,734,239	0
Law Enforcement	8,603,668	8,727,595	8,749,015
Parks	14,935,931	14,603,115	14,723,392
Fish	8,062,719	9,066,693	9,208,761
Wildlife	9,369,708	9,862,331	14,722,995
Public Lands	12,620,014	11,036,265	13,366,602
Education	2,040,486	2,332,803	2,365,122
Ecological Services	3,003,678	2,667,409	3,622,861
Grants	1,192,148	1,240,000	1,240,000
Debt Service	179,555	244,591	99,000
Capital Improvements	13,445,321	15,751,871	10,564,500
Total	86,528,715	91,860,613	90,134,966

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Funding Sources

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
SGF	1,048,629	951,371		0
EDIF	5,128,675	5,177,302		3,575,726
LWCF	1,451,336	990,000		850,000
AG Funds	4,370,033	1,648,567		2,682,500
PFF	12,133,431	11,931,325		12,007,461
Road Funds	2,596,214	3,402,543		3,402,547
BFF	854,039	1,348,726		1,296,474
WFF	31,516,407	36,906,170		37,429,641
Publication and Other Sales	2,048,471	3,035,078		0
Cabin	1,242,344	530,690		550,000
Federal Sportfish Restoration	7,047,514	7,112,560		6,468,434
Wildlife Restoration	20,662,657	12,896,589		15,042,099
Other	6,196,256	5,929,692		6,830,084
Total	96,296,176	91,860,613		90,134,966

Administration

The Administration Services Program is composed of various duties providing oversight and assistance to the entire KDWPT.

- The program includes the Office of the Secretary, Planning Section, Legal Section, Budget Section, and Engineering Section, which are located in Topeka.
- The Office of Assistant Secretary for Wildlife, Fisheries, and Boating which is located in Pratt.
- Information Services division and Public relations which are located in Pratt
- The Human Resources Section is included and has a presence in both Topeka and Pratt.
- Budget support for 5 regional offices (Hays, Dodge City, Wichita, Chanute and Topeka) and one district office (Kansas City).
- The budget for the Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Commission, and it includes the budget that covers Law Enforcement radio service agreements and hardware; radio service coverage is provided to law enforcement personnel located in the Parks, Law Enforcement, and Fish and Wildlife divisions.
- Services for engineering, planning and budgeting, legal counsel, and human resources are covered.
- Sections of business management and fiscal, revenue, purchasing and buildings and grounds maintenance and license and permit sales.
- All vehicles purchases for the agency are made through this program.

Administration Budget

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
Salary	5,048,022	5,399,740		5,485,081
Contractual services	2,709,737	4,108,312		4,150,224
Commodities	178,449	317,841		310,032
Capital Outlay	1,399,816	1,535,806		1,527,381
	156,319			
Total	9,509,147	11,261,906		11,472,718

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Funding Sources

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
SGF	0	0		0
EDIF	1,824,092	1,828,421		1,928,824
Trails	0			
AG Funds	0			
PFF	352,995	169,417		174,417
Road Funds	0			
BFF	162,426	378,012		386,000
WFF	5,781,256	7,803,281		7,859,728
Publication and Other Sales	0			
Cabin	0			
Sportfish Restoration	182,462	183,036		193,289
Wildlife Restoration	186,315	168,747		199,000
Other	1,019,601	730,992		731,460
Total	9,509,147	11,261,906		11,472,718

Total Employees : 70

5 Classified FTE

65 Unclassified FTE

The Divisions mission is to inspire travel To and Throughout Kansas by promoting recreational, historic, cultural and natural advantages of the state and its facilities. It supports development and sustainability of attractions and support services for travelers and promotes the understanding of tourism as a viable economic development strategy.

The Division's efforts include:

- Promotion and marketing to outdoor enthusiasts, leisure and group travelers, travel media and travel trade.
- In partnership with communities, tourism related organizations, and other state agencies, the Division promotes investment in tourism product development. Specific programs include the Attraction Development Grant Program, Marketing Grant Program, research projects and educational assistance.
- The KANSAS! magazine, Kansas byways program, Kansas agritourism program, Goodland and Belle Plaine TIC's are all managed by Kansas Tourism division.

Key 2019 Tourism economic impact data includes:

- 36.5 million visitors with visitor spending of \$7.3 billion
- Travel and Tourism is the 9th largest industry in KS (based upon jobs);
- Visitor spending supported 66,007 jobs in Kansas, which represents 3.4% of all jobs in Kansas
- Visitors generated \$671 million in state and local taxes, equivalent to 4600 in tax savings to every Kansas household
- Tourism generated \$5.4 billion in local GDP, or 2.9% of the Kansas economy

Tourism Budget

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
Salary	758,133	861,879		0
Contractual services	2,777,441	3,666,837		0
Commodities	13,239	38,897		0
Capital Outlay	5,861	5,626		0
Grants	11,666	161,000		0
Total	3,566,340	4,734,239		0

Funding Sources

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
SGF	0	0		0
EDIF	1,508,427	1,699,161		0
Trails	0			
AG Funds	0			
PFF	0	0		0
Scenic Byways	6,240			
BFF	0	0		0
WFF	0	0		0
Publication and Other Sales	2,051,673	3,035,078		0
Cabin	0			
Federal	0	0		0
Other	0			
Total	3,566,340	4,621,856		0

Total Employees : 12

1 Classified FTE

11 Unclassified FTE

- The Law Enforcement Division is responsible for the statewide enforcement of state and federal fish and wildlife laws, boating laws, and public lands regulations. These enforcement activities occur on private and publicly owned lands within the state.
- In addition to these primary law enforcement duties, these officers also assist federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in a support role when requested.
- Their assistance is provided for warrant service and arrest of wanted fugitives, enforcement of controlled substance laws, and response to emergency management.
- The Division also plays an active role in providing information and educational programs concerning hunter education, boating safety, and other natural resources related programs.
- All Natural Resource Officers are required to attend 14 weeks of basic law enforcement training at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. Newly hired officers are also provided extensive training relating directly to wildlife and boating law enforcement and department and divisional procedures.
- Division enforcement operations are continually changing to meet the demands required by the public. The use of selective enforcement efforts, focused to address specific problems, are utilized in a variety of ways. Roadside check stations, watercraft safety inspection lanes, and boating-under-the-influence enforcement are a few of these operations.
- The Operation Game Thief program provides a toll free telephone system for the public to report wildlife violations.
- The division has implemented a K-9 program, utilized for detecting illegally taken wildlife, locating evidence, and tracking. This program is not only used for law enforcement activities, but also provides a valuable resource in search and rescue operations.
- The division oversees the issuance of several permits, including three types of physical disability permits, controlled shooting areas and game breeders.
- Inspections are conducted on commercial wildlife facilities, bait shops, and controlled shooting areas.
- K.S.A. 74-3301 et. seq., as amended, established the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission as the state agency charged with authority, control and jurisdiction over the conservation of the natural resources of the state, dealing with wildlife and its habitats.
- K.S.A. 82a-804 through 819 directed the Commission to assume responsibility for recreational boating safety and law enforcement on public waters in Kansas.
- K.S.A. 32-501 through 510 directed the Commission to conduct investigations and establish programs for the conservation of nongame, threatened, and endangered species.

Law Enforcement Budget

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
Salary	6,207,846	6,645,070		6,725,987
Contractual services	531,539	654,361		654,361
Commodities	647,619	893,664		877,664
Capital Outlay	1,150,888	534,500		491,003
Other	65,776			
Total	8,603,668	8,727,595		8,749,015

Funding Sources

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
SGF	0	0		0
EDIF	0	0		0
Trails	0			
AG Funds	0			
PFF	0	0		0
Road Funds	0			
BFF	532,501	639,336		601,675
WFF	7,498,860	7,370,193		7,494,460
Publication and Other Sales	0			
Wildlife Restoration	49,290	71,790		72,625
Federal Boating	493,286	620,967		554,646
Other	29,731	25,309		25,609
Total	8,603,668	8,727,595		8,749,015

Total Employees : 90

65 Classified FTE

25 Unclassified FTE

The Parks Division will effectively balance recreation with preservation, wildlife and environmental concerns while leading in environmental awareness through conservation, education and resource protection through involvement of the public in support of our Department's mission.

The Parks Division is responsible for the management and operations for 25 designated state parks and the Prairie Spirit Trail. These areas include 8,000 acres of maintained lawn grass, 32,200 acres of park-land resources, 510 miles of trails, over 280 miles of roads, more than 10,000 campsites, 35,000 acres of recreational surface water, over 1,000 structures; complete sewer systems including 80 lagoons, 160 lift stations with 2 pumps each and treatment plants; 24 potable water systems, and more than 3,000 miles of utility lines. The Division expects over 7.5 million visitors this year. On average, each employee is responsible for 74,000 visitors annually. A major effort is placed on public safety, law enforcement and providing a family atmosphere where children and adults can have an enjoyable, safe experience. Over 220 special events are provided annually that enhance quality-of-life experiences for our visitors and generate significant economic impact for surrounding communities and the state.

In FY 2013, HB 2729 created the State Park Pass as a discounted vehicle permit sold at county treasurer's offices at the time of vehicle tag renewals. An individual may purchase a vehicle Park Pass at time of tag renewal for a discounted fee of \$15.50. State Parks receive \$15 and the county selling the permit receives a \$.50 service fee. Currently, 2.6 million vehicles are registered in Kansas.

PARKS DIVISION GOALS:

- To effectively manage, protect, and administer the state's parks, its visitors, and associated wildlife efficiently, while providing a diversity of quality outdoor recreation experiences with special regards toward natural resource protection.
- To promote Kansas' quality outdoor recreation activities and quality of life experiences.
- To enhance the public's knowledge of the importance of outdoor recreation to the Kansas economy.
- To further implement a division-wide communications and technology plan.
- To concentrate on state law and regulation enforcement actions that protect and conserve the state's wildlife resources, and enhance the safety of state park users and other Kansas outdoor recreationists.

Parks Budget

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
Salary	8,156,410	8,800,211		8,920,488
Contractual services	3,766,825	3,573,896		3,573,896
Commodities	1,590,212	1,689,008		1,689,008
Capital Outlay	782,352	540,000		540,000
CI/Grants/claims/interest	640,132			
Total	14,935,931	14,603,115		14,723,392

Funding Sources

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
SGF	0	0		0
EDIF	1,579,221	1,598,719		1,611,299
Trails	343,583	66,629		80,400
AG Funds	163,902	0		0
PFF	9,573,959	10,482,214		10,574,034
Road Funds	1,699,888	1,702,543		1,702,547
BFF	75,094	152,659		153,918
WFF	47,263	50,000		50,000
Americorp	322,745	473,155		473,155
Cabin	984,696	0		0
Federal Boating	54,540	77,196		78,039
Other	91,040	0		0
Total	14,935,931	14,603,115		14,723,392

Total Employees : 115

29 Classified FTE

86 Unclassified FTE

Fisheries Division

The Department's Fisheries, is primarily funded from the Wildlife Fee Fund, and the Federal Sportfish Restoration funds

Fisheries:

The Fisheries Section exists to support the Agency's mission to:

- Conserve and enhance Kansas natural heritage, its wildlife and its habitats--to assure future generations the benefits of the state's diverse, living resources
- Provide the public with opportunities for the use and appreciation of the natural resources of Kansas, consistent with the conservation of those resources;
- Inform the public of the status of the natural resources of Kansas to promote understanding and gain assistance in achieving this mission.

To meet the agency mission we strive to:

- Conserve Kansas sport, non-sport, and threatened and endangered fishes, the water they rely on, and their habitats
- Increase fishing opportunity
- Increase fishing success
- Market our fisheries programs Fully

Fisheries Budget

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
Salary	3,909,806	3,865,993		3,915,579
Contractual services	1,905,814	2,438,083		2,400,403
Commodities	1,629,242	2,072,801		2,195,301
Capital Outlay	281,563	464,816		472,478
Grants/claims/interest/CI coded*	336,294	225,000		225,000
Total	8,062,719	9,066,693		9,208,761

Funding Sources

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
SGF	0	0		0
EDIF	13	0		0
non fed grants fund	90,136	56,019		56,315
AG Funds	0	0		0
PFF	0	0		0
Road Funds	0	0		0
BFF	365	0		0
WFF	3,670,840	4,585,685		4,693,410
Wildlife Restoration Funds	28,113	51,358		51,959
Sportfish Restoration Funds	4,196,597	4,373,631		4,407,077
Cabin	0	0		0
Other	76,668	0		0
Total	8,062,719	9,066,693		9,208,761

Total Employees : 51

2 Classified FTE

49 Unclassified FTE

Wildlife Division

The Department's Wildlife Division is primarily funded from the Wildlife Fee Fund, and Federal Wildlife Restoration funds.

Wildlife:

The Wildlife Program includes research, surveys, and management. Major activities covered under this program include:

- research targeting wildlife management issues
- surveys to measure changing trends in wildlife populations and distribution, and to monitor harvest of game species and characteristics of various resource user groups
- management programs that improve wildlife habitat on private lands and provide hunter access to private lands through the walk-in-hunting-area program
- efforts to increase upland game populations through improvement of upland game habitat and to manage deer populations at levels compatible with their habitat and acceptance to the public.

Wildlife Division Budget

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
Salary	3,284,939	3,325,418		3,382,221
Contractual services	3,706,404	6,033,496		10,704,910
Commodities	304,816	391,917		524,364
Capital Outlay	125,342	111,500		111,500
Grants/claims/interest/CI coded*	1,948,207			
Total	9,369,708	9,862,331		14,722,995

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
SGF	0	0		0
EDIF	0	0		0
non fed grants fund	0	0		0
AG Funds	0	0		0
PFF	0	0		0
Road Funds	0	0		0
BFF	2,702			
WFF	3,311,726	5,553,834		5,651,015
Wildlife Restoration Funds	5,853,958	4,189,629		8,231,877
Sportfish Restoration Funds	35,780	29,464		29,772
USDA Voluntary Habitat access	0	0		720,000
Other	165,542			90,331
Total	11,147,979	9,862,311		14,722,995

Total Employees : 46

4 Classified FTE

42 Unclassified FTE

Public Lands

The Department's Public Lands Division is primarily funded from the Wildlife Fee Fund, and Federal Wildlife Restoration and Sportfish Restoration funds.

Public Lands:

The Public Land section is responsible for the habitat management of 380,000 acres of land and water; this represents approximately one percent of the land base of Kansas. The primary responsibility is to provide a multitude of diverse habitats for wildlife species of Kansas. The public lands program is funded solely by the Wildlife Fee Fund and revenue generated from management activities that benefit wildlife.

PROGRAM GOAL: To enhance wildlife and aquatic habitats to insure healthy populations of native wildlife and fish species on Department administered areas. Provide hunters and anglers the opportunity to pursue species of their choice without deterrents to populations on each area and provide safe and sanitary facilities for use by hunters and anglers.

Public Lands Budget

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
Salary	4,733,556	4,646,521		4,772,064
Contractual services	2,861,655	2,092,394		4,045,094
Commodities	2,449,725	3,863,850		3,985,450
Capital Outlay	2,834,475	433,500		563,994
Grants/claims/interest/CI coded*				
Total	12,620,014	11,036,265		13,366,602

Funding Sources

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
SGF	0	0		0
State Ag Funds	0	447,567		650,000
non fed grants fund	251,042	67,024		97,024
Federal Ag Funds	2,427,065	1,138,500		1,970,000
PFF	0	0		0
Federal Boating	284,152	197,484		197,484
BFF	618			
WFF	4,705,988	4,785,510		5,364,465
Wildlife Restoration Funds	4,303,819	3,588,870		4,250,192
Sportfish Restoration Funds	906727	580,620		587,437
Cabin	0	230,690		250,000
Other	0	0		0
Total	12,620,014	11,036,265		13,366,602

Total Employees : 54

1 Classified FTE

53 Unclassified FTE

Ecological Services

Ecological Services:

The Ecological Services Section is responsible for the protection, research, management and recovery of all nongame species in the state, representing approximately 98 percent of the total aquatic and terrestrial fauna in Kansas. In Kansas, the administration, operations, management and implementation of resources include:

- Statutory and regulatory authority for reviewing and permitting impacts to Kansas' nongame species and associated habitats;
- Research, development and implementation of nongame species management, mitigation and recovery plans;
- Renewable energy, oil and gas landscape development avoidance, minimization, regulation and compliance;
- Review, interpretation, issuance and compliance of nongame species collection permits;
- Identification and prioritization of nongame species data needs and associated research, consultation and partnerships;
- Consultant to private and publicly funded habitat projects;

Ecological Services Budget

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
Salary	950,490	1,029,769		1,056,762
Contractual services	1,820,661	1,572,769		2,481,169
Commodities	46,373	51,563		71,230
Capital Outlay	123,445	13,700		13,700
Grants/claims/interest	62,709			0
Total	3,003,678	2,667,409		3,622,861

Funding Sources

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
SGF	0	0		0
EDIF	0	0		0
non fed grants fund	78,727	230,000		249,000
Non Game Fund	55,290	51,000		202,500
COOP Endangered Species	102,609	9,320		109,000
Road Funds	0	0		0
SWG	877,133	551,640		991,068
WFF	1,012,574	1,225,449		1,571,293
Wildlife Restoration Funds	875,415	600,000		500,000
Sportfish Restoration Funds	1,880	0		0
Cabin	0	0		0
Other	50			
Total	3,003,678	2,667,409		3,622,861

Total Employees : 12

12 Unclassified FTE

Education:

The Education Section is divided into three components; Wildlife Education, Hunter Education and Boating Education.

- The Wildlife Education Services portion includes staffing and operations of the state-owned nature center properties: the Milford Nature Center near Junction City and the Pratt Education Center and Museum. Management and operations of the Southeast Kansas Nature Center at Galena, and provides a staff education representative at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center, located at Cheyenne Bottoms near Great Bend, and also has a staff person responsible for education in the Kansas City area and management of the Prairie Center on the west side of Olathe.
- Kansas Hunter Education portion administers the Hunter Education, Bowhunter Education, and Furharvester Education programs. Kansas Hunter Education utilizes 3 full time employees and approximately 1300 volunteer instructors and department personnel to conduct over 300 hunter education classes each year. These instructors receive training to meet the national standard which allows for certification reciprocity with all other US states, 11 Canadian provinces as well as numerous foreign countries.
- Boating safety courses are offered in a classroom setting, through a home study internet assisted course, or by online provider. The Boating Education Coordinator is responsible for certification of all students who pass the classroom or home study course. KDWPT employees and volunteer instructors are trained to meet the national standard for teaching boating education to allow for certification reciprocity with other states. The Boating Education Section is also present at multiple events such as safety fairs, school programs, sport shows, and other outdoor related activities promoting safety and education. Informational brochures, banners, signage, magazine articles, and website information is handled by the Boating Education Section. A new hands-on paddling clinic program will begin during the spring of 2015 as an effort to reach more people and expose them to aquatic recreational activities in a safe and educational environment.
- In addition, the education section coordinates the Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) program designed to increase participation in shooting, hunting angling and other outdoor pursuits. The section is responsible for the shooting range development grant program, management of the Boat Access Grant program, and coordination of the Becoming an Outdoor-Woman program.

Education Budget

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
Salary	1,138,8899	1,055,026		1,087,335
Contractual services	593,333	691,809		691,809
Commodities	280,867	410,834		410,834
Capital Outlay	22,942	155,744		155,744
Grants/claims/interest	4,445	19,400		19,400
Total	2,040,486	2,332,813		2,365,122

Funding Sources

	FY 20 Actuals	FY21		FY22
SGF	0	0		0
EDIF	17,294	0		0
non fed grants fund	0	1,100		1,100
AG Funds				
PFF	0	0		0
Road Funds	0	0		0
BFF	63,912	72,370		74,601
WFF	1,572,911	1,834,671		1,854,413
Wildlife Restoration Funds	340,846	386,195		396,446
Sportfish Restoration Funds	404	0		0
Cabin				
Federal Boating	44,874	38,477		38,562
Other	245			
Total	2,040,489	2,332,813		2,365,122

Total Employees : 14

1 Classified FTE

13 Unclassified FTE