

the 7 Wonders of Osage County Federal Lakes



Continued from Page 9

The campground includes a showerhouse, dump station, playground and two picnic shelters available for reservation. This park also offers winter camping from Nov. 1 to March 31, with electric hook-ups available.

Pomona State Park is located on the south shore of Pomona Reservoir. It offers 142 utility sites and 200 primitive camping sites. South Wind Shelter House is a group facility, which can be reserved for picnics and other events. A swim beach and bathhouse are located in one of several picnic areas. Horseshoe pits, volleyball and basketball courts, playgrounds, trails and a nine-hole disc golf course are other recreational opportunities the park offers. Lighthouse Marina, a full service marina, is another of the park's amenities.

Melvorn Lake

Like his counterpart at Pomona Lake, Melvorn Lake's operations manager, Jim Franz, said "it's a neat honor" to have been listed as one of the Seven Wonders of Osage County.

"Anytime you're named a wonder, it's something to be proud of," he said.

Franz thinks the students voted the lakes as wonders because "they realize the value of the lakes and the recreational opportunities they provide."

Melvorn Lake, which covers 6,930 acres, combines with its six parks and one marina to offer 23,362 acres of recreational fun for outdoor lovers.

However, one of the most unique facets of the park, Franz notes, is the 5,000 acres of native grass in the park.

"It has a lot of the tall grass prairie of the Flint Hills," he said, which provides a very natural setting.

Franz is also proud of Outlet Park, which he calls a "premier park," noting the

large number of visitors it attracts each year.

The popular Outlet Park is situated below Melvorn Dam. It has 150 campsites, 89 full hook-up sites, 51 sites with 50 amps service, and 61 sites with water and electric hookups. The campsites surround a 90-acre fishing pond open annually from April 1 to Oct. 31. Another 27-acre pond is for swimming only. The park has a shelter available for reservation, playgrounds, softball field, sand volleyball courts, pay telephones and boat ramps.

Coeur d'Alene Park, located on the southeast corner of the lake, has a 60-unit campground, which includes 35 electric hook-ups. The park also includes the lake's overlook area, a swimming beach, playgrounds, two picnic shelters for reservation, nature trails, picnic area, pay telephone, boat ramp and Melvorn Lake Marina.

Arrow Rock Park is located about halfway up the south side of the lake, where there are 45 campsites, 19 with electric hookups and 14 with water hookups. A scenic picnic area on the central hilltop, complete with a shelter, provides nature enthusiasts with plenty to feel thankful for. Another small picnic area and a boat ramp are available as well.

Sun Dance Park is located at the southwest corner of the lake. The campground has 30 gravel camp pads. A boat ramp and picnic area with a shelter are available.

Turkey Point Park, located on the north side of the lake, has 50 camp pads, 36 with electric hookups. It also has a boat ramp, picnic area, waterfront day use area, and an isolated group camp area.

Eisenhower State Park lies on the northern edge of Melvorn Reservoir. It offers 187 campsites with electricity and water, and five shower houses. Primitive campsites are available, as are two new yurts, cabin-type structures that offer a unique camping experience.

The park has a swimming beach, horseshoe pits,

playground equipment, and a nature trail that allows visitors to take a half-mile self-guided walk. For those that prefer to ride instead of walk, Crooked Knee horseback trail spans 20 miles throughout the park. In the summer, a variety of entertainment and educational programs are scheduled.

Adjacent Melvorn Wildlife Area harbors a variety of wildlife. Hunting is allowed except on the 1,100-acre waterfowl refuge, which is open to wildlife viewing. (It is closed to all activity during the hunting season.)

Even if Osage County can't enjoy the "two federal reservoirs, one county" distinction by itself, it can feel good knowing that nearly 34,000 acres of water and parks make it a wondrous place to enjoy the outdoors.

Information for this article was obtained from www.kdwp.state.ks.us and <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/>

Breck's GREEN ACRES RESTAURANT

Specializing in broasted chicken & homemade pies

Breakfast served all day • Buffet every night
Buffet all day Saturday & Sunday
Reservations available for parties

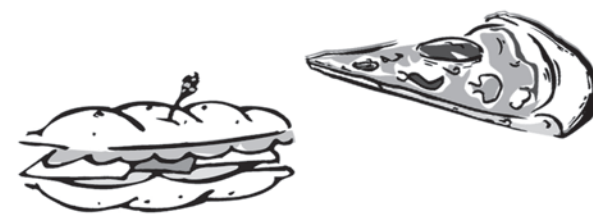


E HWY 268 • Pomona Dam Entrance
(785) 453-2166 • Open Daily 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

GAPS Green Acres Pizza & Subs

4951 E. Hwy 268
Vassar
(785) 453-2247

PIZZA-SUBS ICE CREAM



We are open 7 days a week
from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Scott & Donna Tucker
785-665-7372

- 7 Miles from Pomona Lake.
- Patron Cards for daily discounted rounds available.
- Full private driving range with practice putting green.
- We can accommodate small and large groups.

For more information call 785-665-7372

16653 S. Ratner Road, Overbrook, KS



We are pleased to be starting our second year of providing area fishermen with the highest quality bait and personal service available in our area. Located in Overbrook, we are surrounded by some of the best fishing lakes in Kansas.

Bait, Tackle, Rods, Reels, Camping Supplies, we've got it!
Proud Sponsors of The Catfish Nation Tournaments Kansas Chapter
www.thecatfishnation.com

NORTH SHORE MARINA

At the north end of the Dam, Pomona Lake
Under new management.
Stop by and check out all the new changes.

Only campground on Pomona Lake where you can keep your spot all season, campground with water and electric hook-ups. Covered and uncovered boat slips and outside storage. Daily, weekly, monthly, & seasonal rates available.

Qualified mechanic on duty for all your boating needs. Boat detailing will be available. Come enjoy a fun filled summer with fishing tournaments and other activities.

We have a newly remodeled marina with fuel, beer, ice, bait & tackle, groceries, snacks, and propane. For prices or questions, contact Steve Peterson at 785-230-4059 or 785-453-2240.

200 North Shore Marina Dr., Quenemo

LAMONT HILL

MOTEL, GOLF COURSE & RESTAURANT

Serving Our Customers Since 1973

Restaurant
Open 6am-9pm daily
785-828-3131

Breakfast Daily • Weekday Lunch Special
Homemade Sunday Buffet 11:30am - 2pm

We have banquet facilities available!
Business groups • Wedding Rehearsals
Family Reunions & Gatherings

Located at the entrance of Pomona Lake
22975 S HWY 368 • Vassar

Melvorn PRIDE

is committed to
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

The Melvorn PRIDE organization continues to provide activities for the citizens of Melvorn and strives for community improvement.

Through community dinners and special events, along with educational guest speakers and park maintenance and beautification, Melvorn PRIDE will continue to provide activities for all ages and promote physical improvements within the city of Melvorn.

Melvorn PRIDE strives to make Melvorn

a better place to live