

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

LAKE McCONAUGHY STATE RECREATION AREA

Creating a better, safer, family-friendly destination!



The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission approved a 20-year management plan for Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala in coordination with state and local stakeholders, including the Lake McConaughy Advisory Group and the general public. The Lake McConaughy/Lake Ogallala Master Plan – 2016 can be found at OutdoorNebraska.org. The Commission will continue to invest in the areas to improve the quality of park experience for all.



Thank you for your support of Nebraska's state parks

The possession and consumption of alcohol is prohibited at Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala State Recreation Areas.

Nebraska state park entry permits are required for all vehicles. Buy permits online in advance at OutdoorNebraska.org.

Law enforcement presence has been increased at the recreation areas.

All pets must be on a 6-foot leash at all times.

Fireworks are prohibited at the recreation areas.

ATVs and UTVs are prohibited at the recreation areas.

Specific walk-in, day-use areas at Martin Bay, Arthur Bay, Sandy Beach, Cedar View, and all designated campgrounds are available for those looking for a day of play on the beach or in the water.

Camping is available in seven designated campgrounds and 23 designated camping areas across the parks.

- Lake Ogallala East, Little Thunder, Lone Eagle and Cedar View campgrounds have approximately half of the sites available by advanced reservation at OutdoorNebraska.org; the rest are first-come, first-served.
- Newly created campgrounds at Lake Ogallala West, Martin Bay and Sandy Beach feature designated sites and are available entirely by first-come, first-served.
- Designated campgrounds are available all around Lake McConaughy, including many beach areas. All feature non-designated sites and are available entirely by first-come, first-served.
- Campsites are limited to one camping unit and one tent OR two tents and one vehicle. Each campsite can have up to eight people.
- Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days in any 30 day period, after which time campers must move to a different designated campground or camping area.

Visitors are reminded to contact Nebraska State Patrol Dispatch at 308-535-8047 for non-emergency law enforcement issues and to monitor weatherband radios or apps for changing weather conditions.