Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge Auto Tour Route

The auto tour route follows roads that may not be marked but may appear on navigational apps, such as Apple Maps and Google Maps, among others. Distances are approximate. Expect the route to take at least an hour without stops.

For the best views of Kirwin Reservoir:

Beginning at Refuge Headquarters, 702 E Xavier Rd, Kirwin, KS 67644,

- Turn east on to E Xavier Rd.
- Drive 1 mile and turn right at the first opportunity. South towards the reservoir.
- The road forks in two directions. Take the left fork, traveling southeast.
- Drive 1.8 miles. You will pass the North Shore Boat Ramp and Cottonwood Grove parking lots.
- You will arrive at the intersection of E Xavier Rd and E Warrior Ln (E 900 Rd).
- Continue east along N Refuge Rd for 2.3 miles. You will pass the Knob Hill and North Dam parking lots.
 - At 1 mile along N Refuge Rd you will arrive at an intersection, turn right and then turn left at the gate.
- Turn east on to E Warrior Ln near the access road to the Kirwin Cemetery.
- Drive 0.4 miles.
- Turn east on to W Main St. The Fish Cleaning Station should appear on your right.
- Drive 0.6 miles into the town of Kirwin.
- Turn south on to S 1st St. *The south side of the town square.*
- Drive 1.9 miles around the dam and to the south shore of Kirwin Reservoir.
- You will arrive at the South Dam kiosk for Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge.
- Turn southwest on to S Kirwin Lake Rd. At the sign for Doug G. Hansen Scout Reservation.
- Drive 6.8 miles. You will pass the South Shore Boat Ramp parking lot, Dane G. Hansen Scout Reservation, Crappie Point parking lot, The Kiln parking lot, and Silver Bridge parking lot.
- Turn north on to E 700 Rd.
- Drive 4.5 miles. You will pass the Willow Flats and Quillback Cove parking lots.
- E 700 Rd becomes E Yankee Rd at E 600 Rd.
- Continue on to E Yankee Rd.
- Drive 3 miles.
- Turn north on to E 300 Rd.
- Drive 2.1 miles.
- You will arrive at Kansas Highway 9.

Thank you for visiting Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge. We hoped you enjoyed the auto tour.

