



# 2024 Guide to Garnett Outdoor Recreation

## Watersports

As a participant in the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Communities Fisheries Assistance Program, the City of Garnett does not require city boating and fishing permits. However, state boater's registration and state fishing licenses are required. All existing ordinances regulating city parks are in effect. Copies of city park regulations are available at Garnett City Hall, 131 West 5th Avenue or online at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).

## Boating

Valid Kansas boater's registration is required to boat on Garnett city lakes.

**Lake Garnett** (a/k/a North Lake Park), 700 N. Lake Road.  
Speed boating and water-skiing is permitted on Lake Garnett May 1 to November 15, on the following specified days: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, the first and third Saturdays of each month, Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day, from 8:30 a.m. to sunset.

**Crystal Lake** (a/k/a South Lake), Veterans Memorial Park, 424 W. Veteran's Circle Drive (on US 59).  
Canoes and fishing boats with electric powered motors are allowed on Crystal Lake. However, gas powered motors are prohibited.

**Cedar Valley Reservoir**, 20499 NW 1500 Road (located approximately 7 miles west of Garnett at Kentucky and 1500 Road).  
Boating can be enjoyed year round on Cedar Valley Reservoir, weather permitting. This lake has 3 boat ramps and 3 floating docks.

## Fishing

Game fish stocked in Garnett's fishing areas include Walleye, Wiper, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Bluegill, Bullhead, White Bass, Green Sunfish, White Crappie, Black Crappie, Black Buffalo, Red-ear Sunfish, Large Mouth Bass and Rainbow Trout. Kansas fishing permits required.

### Lake Garnett and Crystal Lake Length Limits

Catfish, except Bullhead, must be	15 inches
Walleye or Wiper must be	18 inches
Crappie must be	10 inches
Black Bass must be less than	13 inches
or more than	18 inches

### Lake Garnett and Crystal Lake Creel Limits

Bluegill (Crystal Lake only)	10
Black Bass	5
Catfish, except Bullhead	2
Crappie	10
Walleye	2
Wiper	2

### Cedar Valley Reservoir Length Limits

Black Bass, Walleye or Wiper	18 inches
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### Cedar Valley Reservoir Creel Limits

Black Bass	5
Walleye	2
Wiper	2
Crappie	50
Catfish, except Bullhead	5



However, there is a daily creel limit of two (2) trout unless they purchase a trout permit which allows a full daily trout creel limit. The daily creel limit is 5 trout.

## Camping

Camping facilities are available in designated areas at all three city owned lakes. Camping permits are required.

### Lake Garnett

Fourteen camping spots are located at the Clubhouse Bend Campground on the east side of Lake Garnett (adjacent golf course) with electric and water hookups. Twelve camping spots with electric only hookups are located at the Red Jacket Campground on the north side of the lake (near dam). A designated wilderness campsite (tent camping or no hookup) is also located within the Red Jacket Campground area.

### Crystal Lake

Five camping spots with electric and water can be found on the south side of Crystal Lake. Wilderness camping is permitted in a designated area near Prairie Spirit Trail.

### Cedar Valley Reservoir

Wilderness camping is very popular at this scenic lake. There are 12 camping spots close to the park entrance providing electrical hookups for camping. Nearby restroom facilities are also available from April 3 to October 1.

### Reservations and Fees:

Campsites located all three lakes may be reserved online or by contacting Garnett Recreation Center. **You must have a RecDesk account to reserve campsites.** Please visit [garnettrecreation.recdesk.com](http://garnettrecreation.recdesk.com). Large camping groups are encouraged to make advanced reservations with Garnett Rec Center, 785.448.3023, or by email: [reccenter@garnettks.net](mailto:reccenter@garnettks.net). During community events camping availability may be limited.

Check-out time is 1:00 p.m. on the day of departure.

### Camping Permits:

Wilderness overnight camping per unit, per night:	
Garnett resident	\$7
Anderson County resident	\$9
All others	\$11

### Electric hookup, overnight camping per unit, per night:

Garnett resident	\$12
Anderson County resident	\$14
All others	\$16

### Electric and water hookup, overnight camping per unit, per night:

Garnett resident	\$14
Anderson County resident	\$16
All others	\$18



## ATV Regulations

City permits are required for anyone operating a motorized, non-highway vehicle at Cedar Valley Reservoir. Anyone possessing an age restricted permit (under 16 years of age) can operate an ATV only when accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) who possesses a valid city ATV permit and who is riding in the general proximity of the age restricted permittee. ATV permits can be purchased at Garnett City Hall , 131 W. 5th Avenue. Call 785-448-5496 for further information.

**Quiet Time:** Please note that "quiet time" is to be observed within any city park, from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. (CST).

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