Waconda Cultural Association Membership

Supporting Activities and the History of the Waconda Lake Area

Annual Dues are $25, with an annual meeting held each year before July 1st.
Tax deductible donations accepted.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Name: _____
(print)

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Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____
(if preferred)

Address: _____
(for mailings)

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Email: _____

(We do not share your information.)

Mailing address for dues:
Waconda Cultural Association
2131 180 Rd.
Glen Elder, Kansas 67446

Other Services in Glen Elder State Park

• Archery Range-Targets are located just east of the Park Office.

• Beside the replica mound area is the historical Hopewell Church, currently closed.

• To the north of the Hopewell Church and on the west entrance to Glen Elder State Park is the Park Office. A showcase room there displays geology, biology and examples of local wildlife.

• Just south of the Hopewell Church, within the Kanza RV park is a new playground with equipment, bathrooms, picnic tables and a basketball court.

• A 5 mile hiking path winds through the Park with views of the lake. The path is under construction. (see maps at the State Park Office or at waconda.com)

• The Visitor Education Center is about a mile east of the Replica & Kanza Camping area, within the Park and accessible by a connecting paved road. Open by appointment.

• Park pass is required for vehicles to enter the park ($5 day pass, or yearly pass)

For more information go to:
www.discovermitchellcounty.com
Explore "Waconda Lake" or www.waconda.com, has pictures and details; "Glen Elder State Park" has details, pictures, and a map of the Park that is downloadable.

The Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism site for Glen Elder is

Ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Glen-Elder

for more information.

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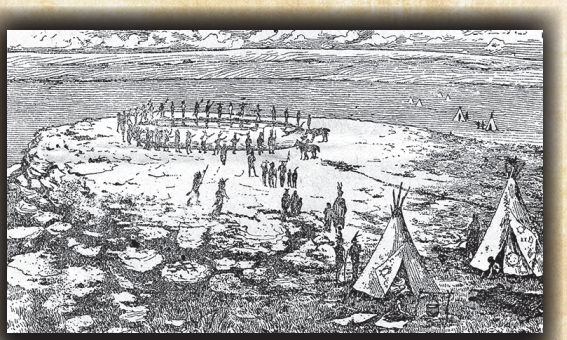

Waconda Springs Replica and Visitor Education Center

Remembering the history of the Waconda Mineral Springs & the Solomon River Valley

A joint project of the Waconda Cultural Association and Glen Elder State Park

Glen Elder State Park
Reservations & Public Hours
785-545-3345

Waconda Cultural Association
785-564-2118
Email: wacondaca@gmail.com

Mitchell County Convention & Tourism
785-534-7472

Waconda Springs Replica

- Located inside of Glen Elder State Park, south of St. Park Office
- Outdoor walking path museum open 24/7
- Half-sized replica of the Springs pool enclosed by original metal fencing
- Located on a mound with a 360 degree view of the Waconda Lake and State Park
- Multiple educational signs along the 600 ft. concrete sidewalk highlighting Native American tribes, early inhabitants of the region, Waconda Springs Sanitarium and Construction of the Glen Elder Dam.
- Viewfinder to locate additional historic sites.

The Replica was renovated and rededicated in 2020 with funds from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and Solomon Valley Community Foundation.

Visitor Education Center

In the Waconda Visitor Education Center, Native American and Waconda Springs artifacts can be viewed in multiple cases.

Open by appointment, stop or call Park Office at 785-545-3345.

Examples include:

- Red velvet plaque with arrowheads & scraper
- Peace pipe
- Travel bag
- Sheet music for Waconda Waltz
- A full sized Native American dressed in authentic costume.
- An 11 ft. x 4 ft. sized mural depicting one of the Waconda Springs legends.
- The Center has a display space of about 20 x 27 ft. It is not a large space but some displays will be changed yearly.
- Large indoor bathroom is available for men and women, as well as a set of bathrooms outside the visitor building. There are no water fountains.
- A large patio with firepit surrounds the building. Bathroom and patio are handicap accessible.

Educational Themes of Waconda Springs History

It features four themes:

1. Preserve and educate about the history of a natural geological site
2. Educate about the Native American culture centered around this spiritual site.
3. Educate about settlement of the Solomon River Valley in the area surrounding the Waconda Springs, the hotel, and sanitarium health center.
4. Educate about flood control in U.S. history that led to the Glen Elder Dam.

WACONDA ARROW HUNT
FIND THE ARROWS

One 35 ft. arrow is located at the Waconda Visitor Center.

Six 10-foot arrows are located throughout Glen Elder State Park.

Each shorter arrow is a different color based on the historical meaning of that color in Native American tribes. The meaning and use of the Medicine Wheel colors, plant and geological materials as the source of colors, and tribal information that relates to the campground names is included at each location. A map of the tribal locations of "native" tribes, as well as "emigrant" tribes in the 1830's is also shared.

See Rack Card for More Details

The Waconda Visitor Education Center was opened in 2018 with funds from the Solomon Valley Community Foundation and Glen Elder State Park.