

Travel

KANSAS



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A collection of favorite Kansas destinations compiled by KDA employees

REGIONS

NORTHWEST

The Northwest region includes the area from the Colorado border on the west near Weskan, north to the Nebraska border, east to Agra then south to Hays.

NORTH CENTRAL

The North Central region begins on the west edge just south of I-70 at Gorham. Travel north to Kensington then east to the Summerfield area and south past Maple Hill just a few miles.

NORTHEAST

Our Northeast region has Osage City in its southeast corner. From there take a trip north to St. Benedict, west to Wathena and south to Louisburg.

SOUTHWEST

Begin at Elkhart in the Southwest corner traveling north beyond Tribune, take a turn to the east all the way to Otis and then head south to the Coldwater area – now you are in the Southwest region.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Traveling in South Central Kansas could include starting at Kiowa, heading north to Hoisington then east to Strong City and Cottonwood Falls and south to Dexter, just above the Oklahoma border.

SOUTHEAST

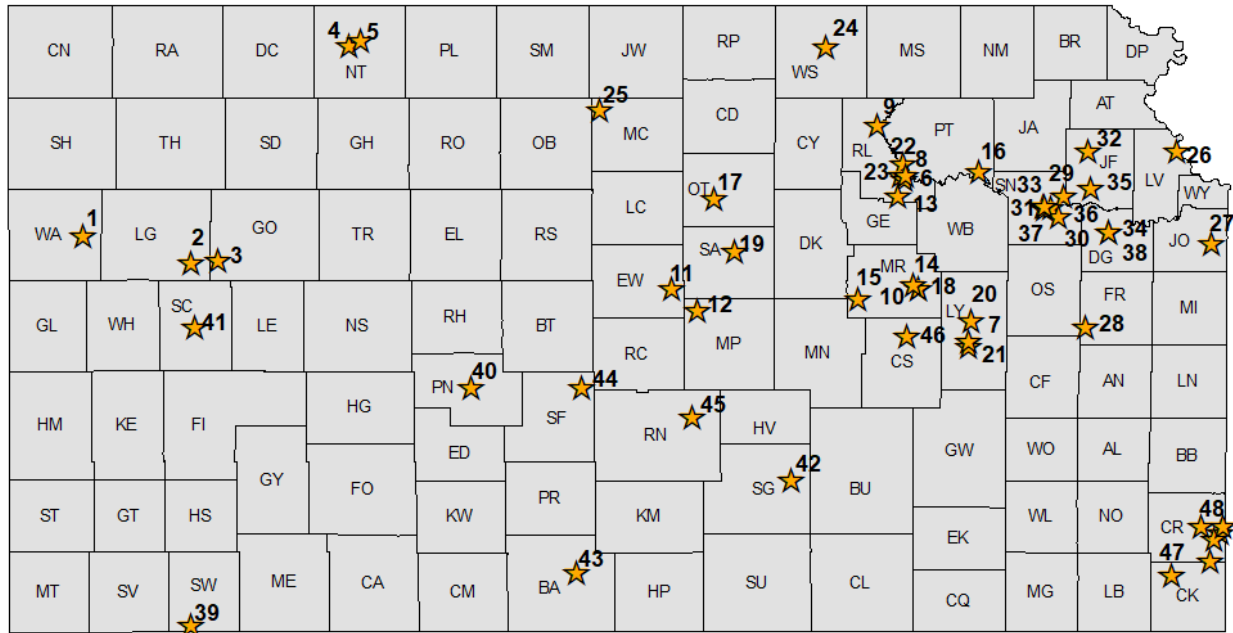
The last region is Southeast. Head north from Cedar Vale on the Oklahoma border to Highway 56, west to Linn Valley and finally all the way to our SE corner to Baxter Springs and Galena.

Source: Kansas Official Travel Guide, 2020

TRAVEL KANSAS

DESTINATIONS GUIDE MAP

★ Destinations



NORTHWEST

1. FORT WALLACE MUSEUM

2655 Highway 40, Wallace, Kansas

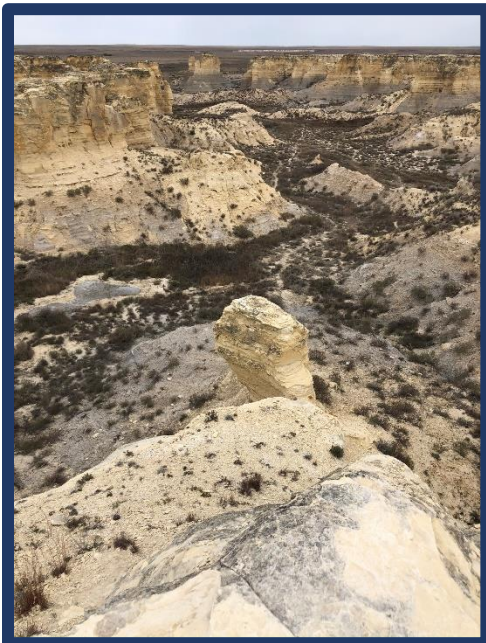
"It's a great collection of displays and artifacts from early Kansas history, and well-kept with excellent educational resources. The museum has five separate buildings, including an outbuilding with wagons, sleighs, buggies, farm implements and machinery. I visited with 3 generations of my family and they all enjoyed it, even the little kids. Highlights for us included the animals made of barbed wire, the stagecoach which you could climb into, and the huge room filled with an organ collection! (Musical instrument organs... not body parts.)"

Heather Lansdowne, Communications



2. LITTLE JERUSALEM BADLANDS STATE PARK

County Road 400 and Gold Road, Oakley, Kansas



"Beautiful 330-acre state park located about 25 miles south of Oakley. Would suggest visiting Lake Scott State Park about 20 minutes south and making a full day out of it. You can also camp at Lake Scott and enjoy the hiking trails around the lake."

Shirley Acedo, Division of Ag Marketing

"This is a neat state park. Our history class from Garden City Community College took a trip out to this park before it became a state park. Great walking trails. I look forward to visiting again now that it is a state park."

Michelle Florence, Division of Animal Health

“220 acres of chalk badlands complete with a quarter mile scenic overlook trail and a 1 1/2-mile self-guided trail. Two-hour naturalist guided hikes into the outcroppings are available – reservation required. Visitors will be required to purchase a daily vehicle permit for \$5.00 at the park or have an annual Kansas state parks vehicle pass.

Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, Division of Ag Marketing



3. MONUMENT ROCKS CHALK PYRAMIDS

Gove 16, Oakley, Kansas



“Monument Rocks are a series of large chalk formations in Gove County, Kansas, rich in fossils. The formations were the first landmark chosen by the US Department of the Interior as a National Natural Landmark. The chalk formations reach a height of up to 70 feet and include formations such as buttes and arches.”

Jen Racette, Office of the Secretary

4. PRAIRIE DOG STATE PARK – ADOBE HOUSE

13037 KS-261, Norton, Kansas

"The adobe house is the only one in Kansas on its original location and preserved as a museum. The house was probably constructed in 1892 by the John Spencer family. It was built with bricks formed from a mix of mud and straw, called adobe. A horse walking in a circular trench to which dirt, water, and straw were added, was



used to create the proper consistency for the adobe bricks. Once the adobe bricks were laid in place, they were covered with a smooth finish coat of adobe. The adobe is still visible on the interior walls. The house remains in its original location. As the state park was being built, a volunteer group worked to preserve the building. They fixed the roof, walls, and windows, cleaned the interior, and furnished it with donated antique furniture."

Kelsey Olson, Office of the Secretary

5. STATION 15

537 Wilmington Street, Norton, Kansas



"In 1859, the Kansas legislature named the territory, which now comprises Norton County, 'Oro'. Kansas became a state on January 29, 1861, and counties and cities were organized. On March 3, 1868, 'Oro' territory was divided into counties and 'Norton' evolved. This area was named in memory of Orloff Norton, captain of the Fifteenth Kansas Cavalry. Early comers to the county,

besides Indians, were buffalo hunters and trappers. However, there were others who were desirous of acquiring land and making homes. The Leavenworth and Pikes Peak Stagecoach Line ran through Norton where travelers stopped at Station 15."

Kelsey Olson, Office of the Secretary

NORTH CENTRAL

6. BILL SNYDER FAMILY STADIUM

2201 Kimball Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas



“No matter if you’re a K-State football fan or not, you should experience a game day at the Bill. Coach Snyder took one of the worst football teams in the country and turned it into a consistent Big XII Championship contender with two Big XII Championships. KU fans,

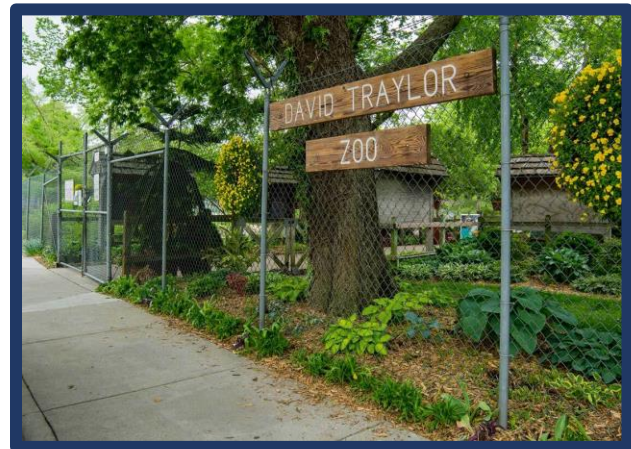
swing by for some BBQ turkey legs and a blowout loss. Current coach, Chris Klieman, previously coached at North Dakota State and won four FCS National Championships. He brings a winning culture to the locker room.”

Cordell Neely, Food Safety & Lodging Program

7. DAVID TRAYLOR ZOO

75 Soden Road, Emporia, Kansas

“The David Traylor Zoo is one of the smallest accredited zoos in the nation. The zoo contains nearly 400 specimens of birds, mammals and reptiles representing more than 80 species exhibited in natural habitats. Admission to the zoo is free and is a great size for children to walk through without getting too tired with great shady spots during the hotter months of the year. The zoo features both a walk-through area for an up-close view of smaller species and a drive through area to view the larger species.”



Brittney Grother, Office of the Secretary

8. DIRTY DAWG SALOON

531 N Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

“Head to Aggieville in Manhattan on a Friday or Saturday evening and go to Dirty Dawg Saloon. I spent many weekends there while going to K-State. Listen to some country music, have a few beers, and swing dance the night away.”

Cordell Neely, Food Safety & Lodging Program

9. FANCY CREEK STATE PARK

Fancy Creek E Road, Randolph, Kansas

“Trail is primarily used for hiking and mountain biking. Can also camp at the park and dogs are welcome on the trail. You will wind through dense cedar forest, open native grassland, rocky ridges with scenic overlooks along the way.”

Shirley Acedo, Division of Ag Marketing



10. HAYS HOUSE RESTAURANT

112 West Main Street, Council Grove, Kansas



“One of the eight wonders of Kansas cuisine, the historic restaurant and tavern is the oldest continuously operating restaurant west of the Mississippi River. The original structure of the Hays House was a gathering place for meals but additionally it was a district court, a mail distribution center,

a popular tavern, and on Sundays a sheet was used to cover the liquor bottles so that church services could be held here. Both Jesse James and General Custer are said

to have consumed drinks here and the original bar that they would have sat at is now located in the cellar. The building is currently a steakhouse and showcases several interesting, one-of-a-kind collections including arrowheads, historical pictures, amazing antique crystal, turn-of-the-century ladies accessories, a White Buffalo, and more. Pro tip: always order a slice of the fresh strawberry or peach pie before your meal so they don't run out!"

Brittney Grother, Office of the Secretary

11. KANOPOLIS STATE PARK

200 Horsethief Road, Marquette, Kansas



"Horsethief Canyon and Smoky Hill River is a 9.1-mile loop trail located in Kanopolis Lake State Park near Marquette. Makes for a beautiful day trip if you enjoy hiking! Be prepared to get wet crossing the river several times, the trail can get sandy and a little overgrown. Great horse trail also."

Shirley Acedo, Division of Ag Marketing

"The first state park in Kansas, Kanopolis State Park is situated in the rolling hills, bluffs and woods of the scenic Smoky Hills region of the state. From the towering Dakota sandstone bluffs to the caves and crevices of Horsethief Canyon, the park and surrounding area offer rugged beauty and stunning vistas. The park is split into two areas north and south of the dam and there are two federal parks, as well. Kanopolis offers more than 30 miles of trails open to hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders, 15 of which are on the Smoky Hill Wildlife Area. The 3,500-acre lake and 12,500-acre wildlife area provide anglers and hunters abundant fish and game. Nestled near the Smoky Hill River toward the northwest portion of the wildlife area is Faris Caves, which were carved by early pioneers and served as milk house, schoolhouse, and living quarters. Wildlife viewing and photography opportunities are

plentiful. In the winter, bald eagles and ospreys fish the river. Songbirds and wildflowers brighten the landscape throughout the area. Kanopolis State Park also manages nearby Mushroom Rock State Park, a picnic area with unusual geologic formations that amaze first-time and return visitors alike."

Judy Glass, Pesticide & Fertilizer Program

12. KANSAS MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

120 N Washington Street, Marquette, Kansas



"The Kansas Motorcycle Museum has three galleries with over 100 vintage and rare motorcycles of various makes and models. The museum also exhibits motorcycle racing memorabilia, photos, clothing, trophies, and posters. The museum is worth a visit by even a non-motorcycle enthusiast and may entertain others for an hour or more. The Kansas

Motorcycle Museum opened in 2003 as a tribute to Marquette's motorcycle racer, Stan Engdahl. 'Stan the Man' was a five-time National Motorcycle Racing Champion and over 6,000 of his trophies are on display. Stan Engdahl passed away in 2007."

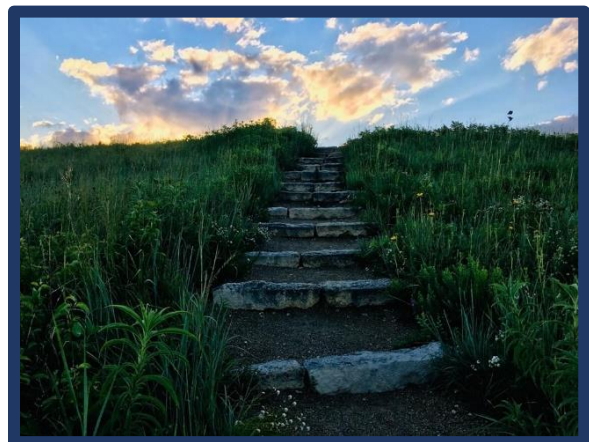
Laurinda Ramonda, Plant Protection & Weed Control Program

13. KONZA PRAIRIE

100 Konza Prairie Lane, Manhattan, Kansas

"Just a 10-minute drive outside Manhattan, Kansas is the beautiful Konza Prairie where you have the option of hiking the Nature Trail Loop (2.7 miles), Kings Creek Loop Trail (4.6 miles), or the Godwin Hill Loop Trail (6.1 miles)."

Shirley Acedo, Division of Ag Marketing





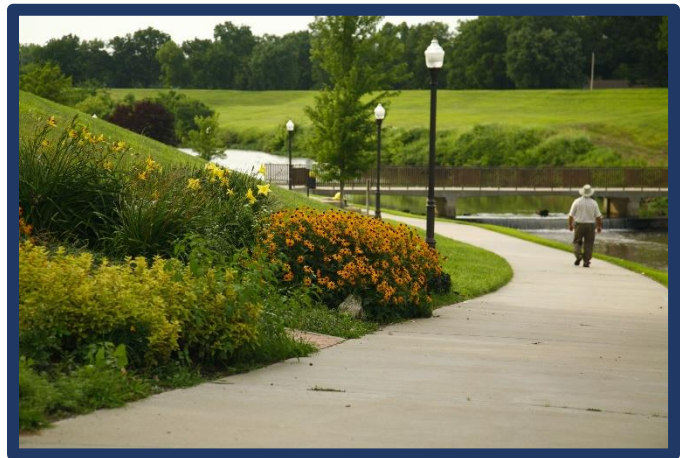
"Bison on the Konza Prairie."

Terry Medley, Water Structures Program

14. NEOSHO RIVERWALK

14 W Main Street, Council Grove, Kansas

"The Neosho Riverwalk is a paved, scenic walking and bicycle trail along both sides of the river surrounding the most documented river crossing on the Santa Fe Trail. The well-lighted walkways can be accessed at any time of the day or night. The actual Neosho River crossing by early wagon trains is identified on the east bank along the walkway. The natural



rock bed of the Neosho River at this location was ideal for crossing by Santa Fe freighters and travelers. My recommendation is to schedule a visit during Washunga Days, an annual weekend festival which celebrates the history and culture of Council Grove and Morris County, scheduled for June 19-20, 2021. There has been a lot of development in this area to enhance the historic landscape. "

Brittney Grother, Office of the Secretary

15. SIX MILE CREEK STAGE STATION HISTORIC DISTRICT

S 2800 Road, Burdick, Kansas

(600 feet east of FAS HWY 468, 4 miles south of junction with US-56)



"After the stagecoach station at Diamond Spring, Kansas, was destroyed by Missouri Bushwhackers in 1863, another station was needed along the Santa Fe Trail. The site was called Six Mile Crossing because it was six miles from Diamond Spring. When a post office was established here on February 9, 1863, Samuel Shaft, the proprietor of the station, was appointed the postmaster. In the fall of 1865, the

station was sold for \$2,000 to Frank and William Hartwell who had come west from New Hampshire. At this time, the station consisted of a low stone building with three rooms, a log building used as a store, a stone corral, and a stable.

Six Mile Creek was just over one day's journey from Council Grove. Here was the first creek crossing after leaving Diamond Spring in route to Lost Spring and on the second day after departing Council Grove. However, Six Mile Creek posed few obstacles to wagon movement.

After the Union Pacific Railroad pushed west to Junction City, a new eastern terminus for the Santa Fe Trail was established and the stage line stopped coming to Six Mile Creek on July 1, 1866. The post office was discontinued on October 3, 1866, but the store and other facilities continued to remain open.

In June 1868 the Cheyenne Outbreak of Morris County occurred when the Cheyenne were moving eastward to make war on the Kanza Indians. Along the way, they burned Six Mile Creek Station and later stormed Council Grove."

Kelsey Olson, Office of the Secretary

16. OREGON TRAIL PARK

25615 Oregon Trail Road, St. Marys, Kansas

"As you pull into the parking lot, observe the hand painted silo, which portrays many of the aspects of the old Oregon Trail. Then, preferably in the winter, climb the trail

to the top of the hill that overlooks Jeffrey Energy's cooling lake. The trail is steep, but there is a rope handrail, if you are not in great shape. The view from on top of this hill is tremendous. If it is wintertime there will be hundreds to thousands of aquatic fowl (ducks and geese) on the lake because of the warm water discharged into the lake. The steep climb to the top of the hill was well-worth the effort!"

Duane Simon, Pesticide & Fertilizer Program

17. ROCK CITY

1051 Ivy Road, Minneapolis, Kansas

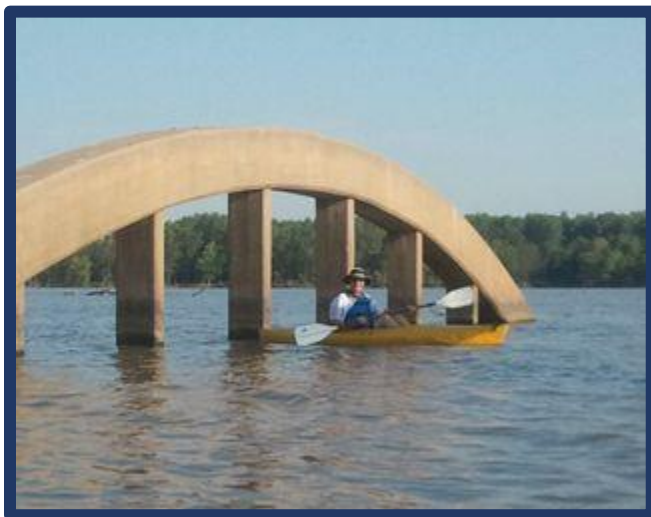
"This hidden gem is located just south of Minneapolis and is a short drive north of Salina. Kids really enjoy climbing the rock formations and the size and shape of the rocks are impressive. The park asks for a donation of \$3.00 per adult and \$0.50 per child. Inexpensive entertainment!"

Loren Minnich, Weights & Measures Program



18. COUNCIL GROVE LAKE

1026 Lake Road, Council Grove, Kansas



"Kayaking to the old bridge now in the middle of Council Grove Lake."

Linda Sibert, Information Technology

19. STIEFEL THEATRE

151 S Santa Fe, Salina, Kansas

“The historic Stiefel Theatre is a beautifully restored theater that serves as a major concert and event venue in Kansas. We've seen a variety of great performers there, from Brian Regan to The Avett Brothers to the Indigo Girls. The theater itself is gorgeous, with a nice art gallery in the lobby. And don't forget to plan a meal at Martinelli's Little Italy across the street before your show! Our favorite restaurant.”

Heather Lansdowne, Communications



“The Stiefel Theatre, now a nonprofit concert venue, first opened in 1931 during the time of vaudeville. It was a movie theatre for several years for Fox Theatres and was closed in the 1980s. It has an Art Deco Style and was restored and reopened in 2003. It has featured many acts such as ZZTop, Blake Shelton, Aaron Neville, John Legend, Loretta Lynn, Cheap Trick, Peter Frampton, Weird Al, Rodney Carrington, and many more.”

Kala Wood, Food Safety & Lodging Program

20. THE ORCHARD

1128 N Highway 99, Emporia, Kansas

“The Orchard is a fruit farm located just six miles north of Emporia on Highway 99. The Orchard is a fun stop for families – you can feed fish, play mini golf, pick apples, try a cider slush, or just enjoy being outside. The Orchard features more than 30 varieties of apples (800 trees), 8 varieties of peaches (100 trees), as well as several types of Japanese plums and pie cherries. There’s always something



ready to pick from late May through October. The Orchard also features a mini golf course made out of native limestone and hosts a regional cross country tournament each year. If you stop by in a warmer month, the apple cider slush is a must!”

Brittney Grother, Office of the Secretary

21. THE SWEET GRANADA

803 Commercial Street, Emporia, Kansas



“The Sweet Granada is a specialty sweets shop featuring handmade chocolates, as well as other confections and gifts. Next to the historic Granada Theatre in Emporia, this shop uses premium ingredients to make gourmet candies and desserts daily. Personal favorites of mine are Pop-Choc, buttered popcorn drizzles in milk chocolate and white chocolate, and Granada

Goo, a gooey, peanut butter rice crispy treat coated in a milk chocolate/peanut butter mixture. If you need a coffee fix, stop by the Granada Coffee Company next door, voted best coffee in the Flint Hills since 2004.”

Brittney Grother, Office of the Secretary

22. TUTTLE CREEK STATE PARK – RIVER POND

River Pond Road, Manhattan, Kansas

(Exact Coordinates: N39 15.445' W96 34.776')

"Want the full outdoors experience without all the hassle and headache of a true wilderness adventure? This is a fantastic choice. Welcome to a well-maintained KDWPT state park experience that gives you many options for kids and adults alike. Fishing, paddling, hiking, camping, disc golf, dog park, swimming, playgrounds, restrooms, and pull-in cookout shelters typically on-demand. This state park is a treat for a week, a weekend, or just a couple hours. What it lacks in all the polished modern conveniences, it makes up for with options and simplicity. This is a no-fuss outdoors destination that is as versatile as the family's agenda. GO!"

BJ Edmonston, Water Structures Program

23. VISTA DRIVE-IN

1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan, Kansas

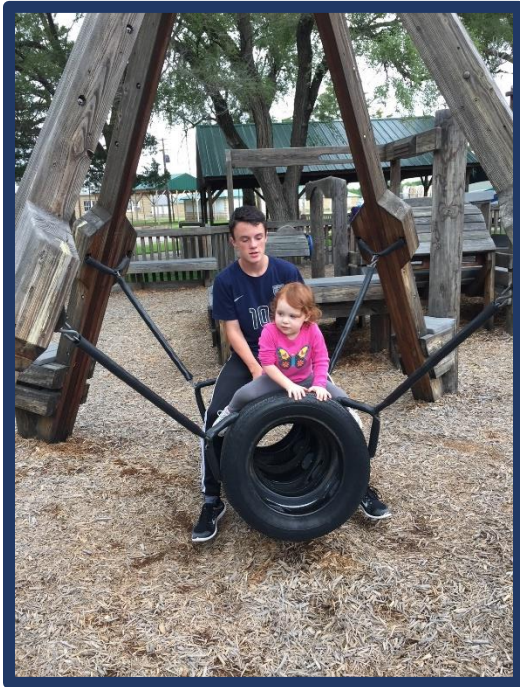


"Growing up in the Manhattan, the best hangout was Vista Drive-In. Built in 1964, it is now run by the third generation and is just the best hamburgers and hot fudge brownie ala mode you will ever eat. My favorite way to eat a Vista Burger is: only bacon, lettuce, onion, and cheese. Yum. Hot Fudge Brownie Ala Mode is the best decadent comfort food when you just want to treat yourself. I try to always share it with a loved one."

Pat Parker, Food Safety & Lodging Program

24. WASHINGTON, KANSAS, CITY PARK

South D Street, Washington, Kansas



“Yeah, OK, every city in Kansas has a city park. But the playground at the City Park in Washington is just outstanding for a small town of this size. They call it "Munchkinland Playground" and it's got a fantastic play area for kids of all sizes. The nearby campground area has nature walks and a fitness trail and there's also a city pool. A great stop when you're driving down Highway 36 and need to get out of the car, or a picnic destination for a fun day trip.”

Heather Lansdowne, Communications

25. WORLD'S LARGEST BALL OF TWINE

719 Wisconsin Street, Cawker City, Kansas

“A true American masterpiece, this 17,866 lb. ball of twine brought, and still brings, a small rural Kansas community together. Each year, there is a twine-a-thon where locals and tourists alike are given the opportunity to add more strings of twine to the ball and are given the chance to become part of something bigger.”

Abigael Robinson, Dairy & Feed Safety Program



NORTH EAST

26. C.W. PARKER CAROUSEL MUSEUM

320 S Esplanade, Leavenworth, Kansas

"A fun attraction to learn about the history of an amusement ride that had its start in Kansas... even can take a ride on a historic carousel if you choose."

Janelle Dobbins, Division of Ag Marketing

27. DEANNA ROSE FARMSTEAD

13800 Switzer Road, Overland Park, Kansas



"Deanna Rose was the name of a local police officer killed in the line of duty, and it is also the name given to this historic replica of a 19th century farmstead located in nearby Overland Park. On the farm, children can go on pony rides, feed baby goats, fish in the pond and even learn how to milk a cow. However, the objective of this farm is to promote interactivity with not just farm animals, but also birds

of prey and reptiles, as well as learn about horticulture. There are also several gardens, a playground, crafts, a nature trail, and horse-drawn carriage rides. Admission is free Monday through Thursday, however there is a nominal \$2.00 charge on the weekends."

Tiffany Butler, Food Safety & Lodging Program

28. GUY & MAE'S TAVERN

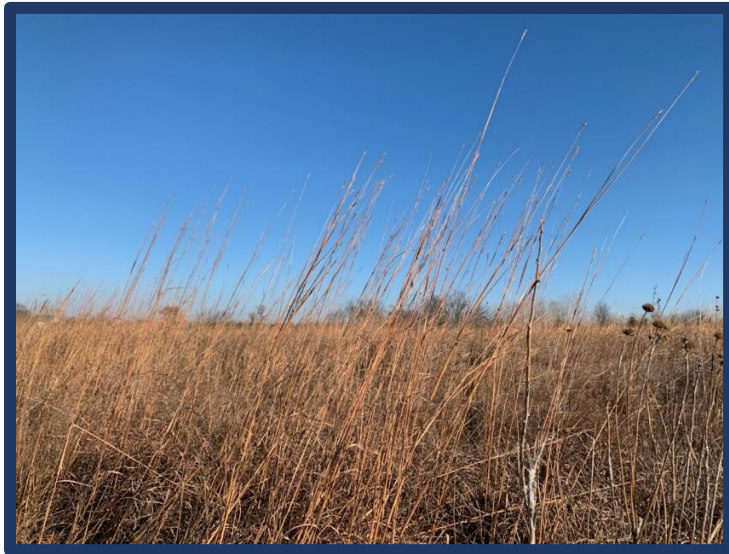
119 W William Street, Williamsburg, Kansas

"Guy & Mae's is known for its BBQ pork ribs, but its sandwiches are good too, and the sauce is delicious. They keep the menu simple and the service isn't fancy, but the atmosphere and experience make a visit worth it."

Joanna Rohlf, Water Structures Program

29. ILIFF COMMONS

NE 31st Street, Topeka, Kansas



“Prairie at Iliff Commons”

Terry Medley, Water Structures Program

30. JOSEY BAKING COMPANY

3119 SW Huntoon Street, Topeka, Kansas

“Josey Baking Company is a locally owned, small batch bakery offering sweet and savory items made from scratch. They specialize in kolaches, breakfast pastries such as cinnamon rolls, cookies, and more. They also offer hot cups of coffee and tea and have become my favorite stop for breakfast on a Saturday morning. They will sell out of items, so best to get there early!”



Tara Lanzrath, Water Structures Program

31. KAY MCFARLAND JAPANESE GARDEN AT TOPEKA ZOO

635 SW Gage Boulevard, Topeka, Kansas



“Zoo entrance fee, but garden is very nice and has a large building for private venue. Completed in 2020 a new addition to the zoo. This separate garden has several oriental bridges and water features. A good place to catch your breath or calm your mind.”

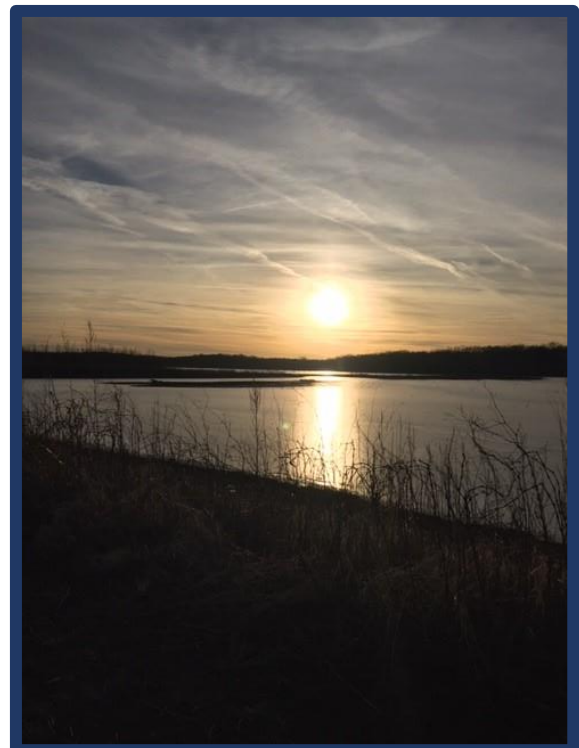
Leslie Ireland, Water Appropriation Program

32. KYLE MARSH AND WEST RIVER MARSH

East of Valley Falls, Kansas

“A beautiful marsh complex adjacent to the river managed to bird watch for waterfowl in the fall recreation season and walk. It is also a hunting area. Managed by KDWP&T. Some of the prettiest sunsets around and quiet.”

Katie Tietsort, Water Appropriation Program



33. KANSAS STATE CAPITOL MURALS

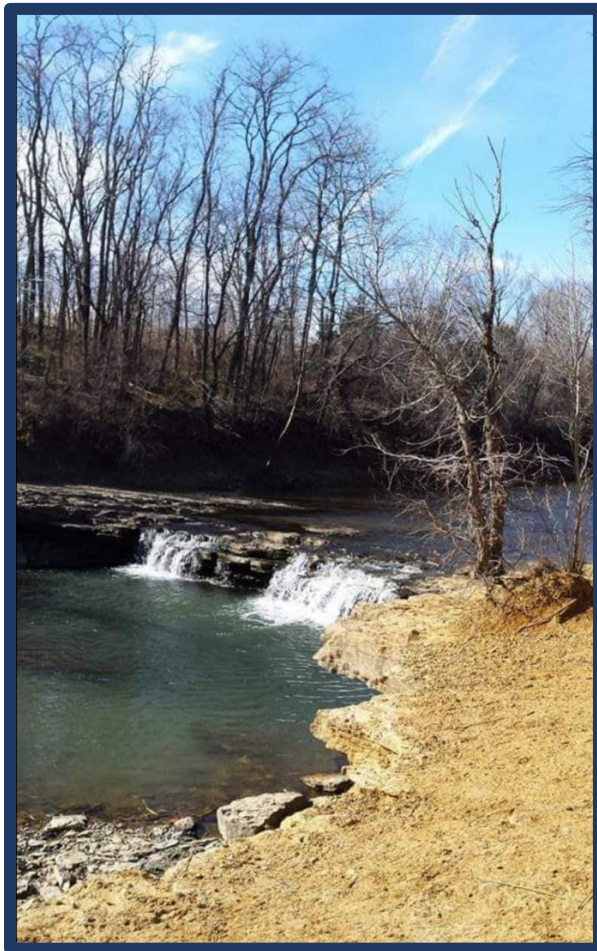
SW 8th & SW Van Buren, Topeka, Kansas

“On multiple floors of the Capitol, there are amazing painted murals that show the history of Kansas. Take some time to stand back 6 to 10 feet and just study them – you will notice new details every time you missed before.”

Janelle Dobbins, Division of Ag Marketing

34. MUTT RUN DOG PARK

1330 E 902nd Road, Lawrence, Kansas



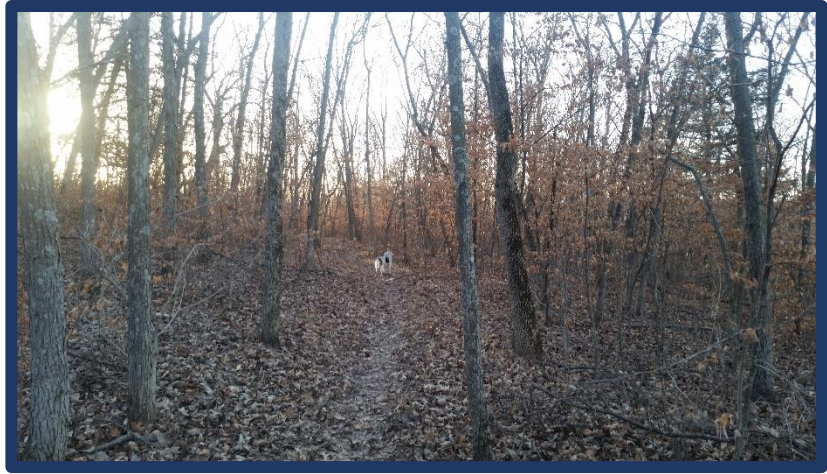
“Great place to let your dog off leash to roam on 30 acres. There is a fenced in area if you are concerned about your dog running off, but the majority of the area is open and consists of trails through the woods and one of which leads to Wilkey Waterfall pictured here. The park opened in 2001 and sits on property leases from the U.S. Corps of Engineers below the Clinton Lake Dam in west Lawrence.”

Tara Lanzrath, Water Structures Program

35. PERRY LAKE HIKING TRAIL

39.1377, -95.4346, Ozawkie, Kansas

“The Perry Lake Trail aka Old Military Trail is a 29-mile loop on the east side of Perry Lake. The trail features fantastic views of the lake and a wide variety of terrain. The hills and bluffs along the trail may surprise first-time visitors. Primitive camping sites are available for backpackers.



The GPS coordinates given are the main trailhead, but there are multiple access points from Ferguson Road, which runs north out of the town of Perry.”

Jennifer Smith, Plant Protection & Weed Control Program

36. TED ENSLEY GARDENS

3650 SE West Edge Road, Topeka, Kansas



“This garden area sits on the west side of Lake Shawnee. The meandering paths cover 37.5 acres and offer panoramic views of the lake. There are several gazebos, a garden house and pergola featured here that can be reserved. There are also water gardens as well paved walking trails that are surrounded with various well-maintained plantings. The Tulip Time Festival is held each April at the gardens with over 100,000 tulips with a vibrant color display.”

Tara Lanzrath, Water Structures Program

37. TOPEKA CIVIC THEATRE

3028 SW 8th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas

“The Topeka Civic Theatre is my favorite place in Topeka. They put on a variety of shows – comedy, drama, musicals – for all ages. They offer youth programs and it’s almost entirely run by volunteers. Going to a show is a fun, entertaining outing and I look forward to going again following the pandemic.”

Joanna Rohlf, Water Structures Program

38. WILKEY WATERFALL, CLINTON LAKE OUTLET PARK

E 902 Road, Lawrence, Kansas

(Exact Coordinates: 38.9290162, -95.3244542)

“Peaceful, relaxing, and beautiful.”

Hongsheng Coa, Water Management Program

SOUTHWEST

39. EL GALLO PINTO

225 West Pancake Boulevard, Liberal, Kansas

“When traveling for KDA business, I always ask the locals for suggestions on places to dine in. When in Liberal, my favorite place to eat is El Gallo Pinto. This restaurant features Nicaraguan cuisine and was recommended by local economic development professional Eli Svaty. “

Kerry Wefald, Division of Ag Marketing



40. FORT LARNED NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

1767 KS-156, Larned, Kansas



“As American society pushed west and disrupted the livelihoods of the American Indian nations on the Southern Plains, conflict was inevitable. Violence, however widespread, was typically small-scale in western Kansas prior to 1867. Much of the violence took the form of raiding along the Santa Fe Trail. In response, Fort Larned was established in 1859. Fort Larned, as part of a system of forts, allowed for a permanent

military presence on the frontier aimed at converting the land from tribal to U.S. control. With the cost of war increasing, the U.S. Government looked for alternatives. By the end of the summer, Hancock had been transferred to another command and was replaced by General Philip Sheridan. Fort Larned, where diplomacy had begun to unravel that spring, played a significant role in ending the season of warfare in October 1867 by supporting the negotiations for the Medicine Lodge Treaty.”

Jennifer Brunkow, Office of the Secretary

41. SCOTT COUNTY BEAVER

900 Myrtle Street, Scott City, Kansas



“The USD 466 Scott County mascot is the beaver. A giant welded beaver is on display at the O.L. Darner Field football stadium.”

Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, Division of Ag Marketing

SOUTH CENTRAL

42. GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER

6232 E 29th Street N, Unit 2200, Wichita, Kansas

"I love being out in nature and going on nature walks. The terrain is easy to navigate, and animals are everywhere. Try going during an autumn sunset and you just might catch some deer crossing the creek."

Cordell Neely, Food Safety & Lodging Program



43. PEACE TREATY PAGEANT

Medicine Lodge, Kansas



"The large-scale reenactment takes place in a natural amphitheater just east of Medicine Lodge in the beautiful Gyp Hills near the original site of the council where the Medicine River and Elm Creek flow together. It compresses 300 years of history into two hours of entertainment and education, celebrating the diverse cultures of the native peoples, discoverers, explorers, and settlers. In a natural amphitheater, near the actual site of the council where the Medicine River (named by the Kiowa for

its medicinal waters) and Elm Creek flow together, the reenactment takes place and peace will come with time to the prairie. The pageant is an invitation to watch history unfold. Witness the Spanish discovery with Coronado. Lewis and Clark and Zebulon Pike come alive on the prairie. The natives become unsure of their place in their homelands. Cowboys drive a herd of longhorn cattle. The settlers move west ahead of the impending railroads. Not all are peaceful journeys in the covered wagons, and the cavalry must rescue settlers from a warrior attack. The longhorn cattle drive is another colorful scene. The community of Medicine Lodge transforms into a frontier town, with parades and the Medicine Lodge historical night show, which re-enacts the bank robbery that took place in 1880s, and Carry Nation, who loved to smash saloons and any place that sold the 'Demon Rum!' The setting for the Pageant and the entire celebration is wrapped in the rust-colored glory of the Gypsum Hills on the horizon."

Jennifer Brunkow, Office of the Secretary

44. QUIVIRA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

South Central Kansas

"Inland salt marshes on an inland prairie is how the USF&W service describes the beautiful birding paradise of Quivira on the Central Flyway migration path. This is a wonderful place to go hiking and birdwatching or to picnic in the sun, but beware! You need long pants and sturdy shoes in the fall to avoid the various kinds of burrs and stick-ums along the paths!"



Katie Tietsort, Water Appropriation Program

45. STRATACA, KANSAS UNDERGROUND SALT MUSEUM

3650 E Avenue G Hutchinson, Kansas

“A neat attraction – who knew salt was being harvested 650 feet below ground in Reno County! Great to visit in the summer since it is always a static temperature in the mines. The tour and exhibits show a history that most Kansans don't know about.”

Janelle Dobbins, Division of Ag Marketing

“Travel 650 feet underground to tour the Hutchinson salt mine. See gorgeous tall salt ceilings complete with a walk-through exhibit, train ride, dark ride and free salt rock. For an additional fee, experience the safari salt tour that travels deep into the mine (it's worth every penny). They also have events such as a 5K and 10K mine run, Tour de Salt and Murder in the Mine.”

Sara Schlickau, Food Safety & Lodging Program

46. TALLGRASS PRAIRIE NATIONAL PRESERVE

2480B KS Hwy 177 Strong City, Kansas



“If you love hiking and seeing bison this is the place to be. Recommend the Prairie, Gas House and Davis Trail Loop – about 10 miles to hike, take a pack lunch and enjoy the flint hills area at its best. Only a one-hour drive south of Manhattan.”

Shirley Acedo, Division of Ag Marketing

“This preserve is part of the National Park system, and for good reason. It’s one of the last remnants of the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. It offers many miles of nature trails of varying lengths, a great visitor center, historic ranch buildings, and a one-room schoolhouse. I recommend eating at Ad Astra in Strong City, then swinging by Cottonwood Falls to tour that courthouse and see the falls themselves. It’s a great day trip.”

Heather Lansdowne, Communications



SOUTHEAST

47. BIG BRUTUS

6509 NW 60th Street, West Mineral, Kansas

"A damn big electric shovel."

Caleb Fabrycky, Water Appropriation Program



"The statistics give the hard, cold picture. Bucyrus Erie Model 1850-B, the largest electric shovel in the world, measures 16 stories tall at 160 feet, weighs 11 million pounds, has a boom 150 feet long, and dipper capacity of 90 cubic yards. Designed and built by Bucyrus-Erie for the Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company (P&M), the 1850-B is the only one of its kind ever built and is recognized as an

engineering accomplishment. Big Brutus, built near Hallowell in Cherokee County, cost \$6 million. It took 150 railroad cars to bring all the parts. A three-man crew ran Big Brutus with the support of electricians and roller operators. The coal shovel ran 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, from 1963 until 1974 at a speed of 0.22 mile per hour (less than a quarter of a mile per hour) and moved approximately one square mile per year. In April 1974, Big Brutus dug himself out of his last pit, approximately 65 feet deep and ceased operation. In 1984, P&M deeded Big Brutus to be used as a museum dedicated to the coal mining industry."

Sarah Logan, Meat & Poultry Program

48. FRIED CHICKEN OF CRAWFORD COUNTY

Crawford County, Kansas

"Crawford County was a large coal mining area starting in 1866. It's reported at one time as many as 12,000 miners and their families called Crawford County home, many of them immigrants from Europe. After a coal mining accident, Annie Pichler

was forced to provide for her family of five. She began selling ham and veal sandwiches to miners in 1934. To grow her business, she would wring the necks of free-range chickens in her front yard and began selling fried chicken dinners. In 1941, Mary Zerngast husband's career ended with black lung and she also was left to provide for her family and began frying and selling chicken dinners only a few doors down from Annie. As business grew their living rooms were turned into dining rooms and after dinner people often danced until the early morning. In the 1960s and 70s the original houses were torn down and restaurants with commercial kitchens were built. Today Crawford County is home to several different fried chicken restaurants spanning from the original Annie's and Mary's which are still in their original location. Fried onions are my all-time favorite!



Pichler's Chicken Annie's – 1271 S 220th Street, Pittsburg

Chicken Annie's Original – 143 E 600th Avenue, Pittsburg

Chicken Mary's – 1133 E 600th Avenue, Pittsburg

Barto's Idle Hour Steak House – 201 S Santa Fe Street, Frontenac

Chicken Annie's Girard – 498 E 47 Highway, Girard

Gebhardt's Chicken Dinners – 124 N 260th Street, Mulberry”

Sarah Logan, Meat & Poultry Program