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Welcome

Dear Friends:

Welcome to Nebraska!

On March 1, 1867, President Andrew Johnson signed the proclamation declaring Nebraska's statehood, and in 2017, 150 years later, a big celebration is taking place. In this travel guide you will find an insert dedicated to Nebraska's Sesquicentennial and all the ways to participate in the festivities throughout the year.

While traveling the state with my family, we've attended many community events, visited Nebraska's unique attractions and uncovered some of our state's hidden gems. We've found that not only is Nebraska the best place to work, to live and to raise a family, but it is also a fun and diverse destination for travelers to explore and enjoy.

In Nebraska, visitors receive unparalleled hospitality from bed-and-breakfast owners. Take a step back in time and drive the backroads, enjoy the busy metropolitan areas or experience the Sandhill crane migration.

Whether your interests are outdoor adventures or cultural experiences, Nebraska is the perfect place to experience new things and create memories that will last a lifetime. This is your official invitation to hike Toadstool Geologic Park, tube down the Niobrara River, take in Nebraska's Big Rodeo in Burwell, have a date night in Omaha's Old Market, experience the music scene in Lincoln, hit the beach at Lake McConaughy and watch the once-in-a-lifetime eclipse that will pass directly through Nebraska on August 21.

Pack up your car or book your flight for an unforgettable getaway. Whatever your interests, the *Nebraska Travel Guide* is your resource to make your vacation a memorable experience. Enjoy your visit.

Pete Ricketts

Governor of Nebraska

*The First Family, from left
to right: Eleanor, Margot,
Governor Ricketts,
First Lady Susanne Shore
and Roscoe.*



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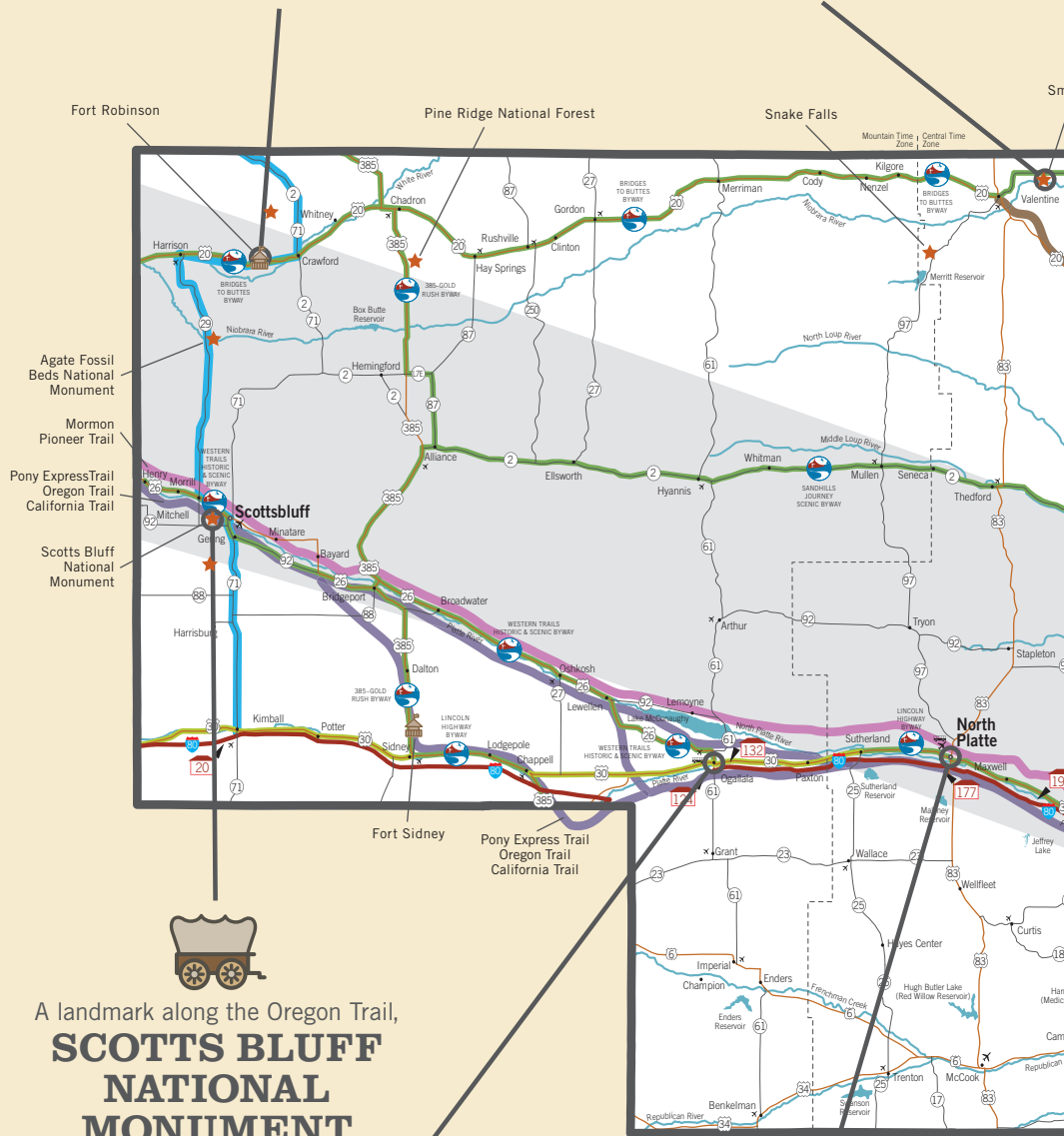
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MONUMENT**
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Located near Ogallala,
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MCCONAUGHY**
is Nebraska's largest lake, with
over 100 miles of shoreline.



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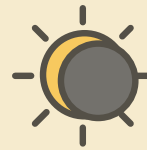


The vast **ROLLING SANDHILLS**

make up the largest wetland ecosystem in the United States.



Hundreds of skeletons dating back 10 million years were discovered beneath the **ASHFALL FOSSIL BEDS** in the rolling farmland of northeastern Nebraska.



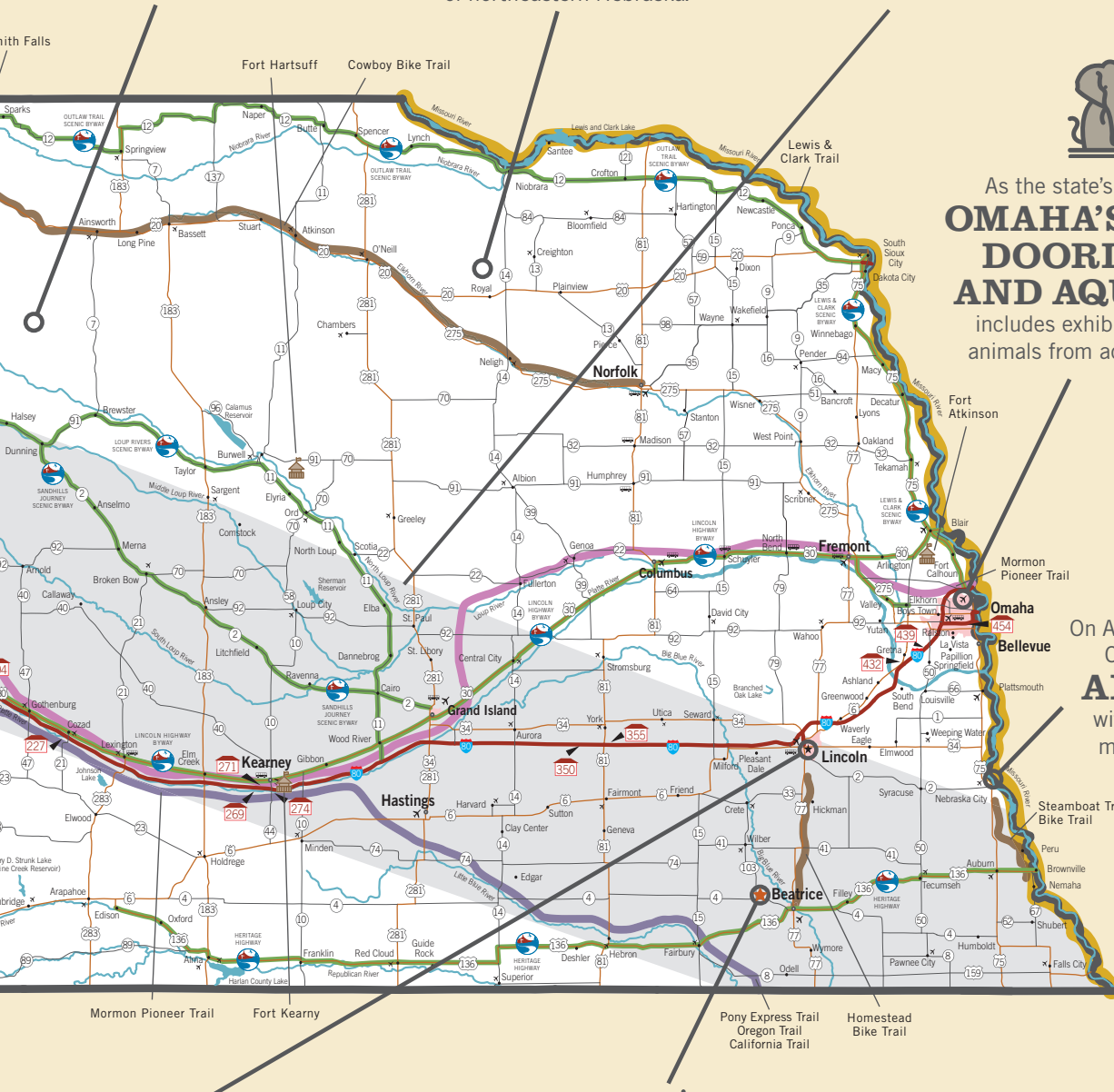
View the **SOLAR ECLIPSE** at one of the many towns in the gray path of totality. Out here, the wide, limitless skies make Nebraska the perfect location to view the eclipse.



As the state's #1 attraction, **OMAHA'S HENRY DOORLY ZOO AND AQUARIUM** includes exhibits highlighting animals from across the world.



On April 10, 1872 Nebraska City hosted the first **ARBOR DAY** with an estimated one million trees planted.



Built in 1932, **THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING** is an architectural must see as the state celebrates its 150th anniversary.



Located in Beatrice, the **HOMESTEAD NATIONAL MONUMENT** stands in one of the state's most prominent National Parks.

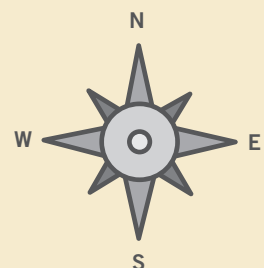


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WANT TO SEE A LION?



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TO A BUZZING GOING OFF SINCE 4:30.
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SHOWER AND A CLOUDED MIND. PACK YOUR
CLOTHES FRANTICALLY. SPEED
OFF IN YOUR CAR. MANAGE
TO HIT EVERY
SINGLE RED LIGHT
ON THE WAY.
ARRIVE AT AN INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT. PRINT YOUR TICKET. ENTER AN
EXTENSIVE SECURITY LINE. WONDER WITH
INCREASING ANXIETY, WHETHER **OR**
NOT YOU CAN STILL MAKE YOUR FLIGHT.
CARRY ALL YOUR LUGGAGE WITH ONE
ARM BECAUSE THE OTHER IS STILL
VERY SORE FROM THE SIX VACCINATION
YOU RECEIVED YESTERDAY. TAKE A
SHUTTLE TO YOUR GATE. MAKE IT **JUST**
IN TIME TO BOARD. FLY AN EXHAUSTING TEN HOURS
AND 8,000 MILES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.
REFRAIN FROM EATING LUNCH ON THE PLANE DUE TO
EXCESSIVE TURBULANCE, AND THE NAUSEATING REMINDER
ON THAT YOU'VE SPENT MORE THAN HALF YOUR LIFE SAVING
TERRAIN OF EXPEDITION. LAND IN THE MUGGY
DESIGNATED SOUTH AFRICA. SLEEP. WAKE UP. **GO** TO YOUR
STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF A SCORCHING SAVANNAH. SWEAT TOPLESS JEOP.
SAFARI GUIDE. RIDE THREE HOURS IN A JANKY
GAZE OUT INTO THE DISTANCE AND FINALLY RECOGNIZE THE ROUND
YELLOW SHAPE OF A LION. REALIZE, AFTER EVERYTHING,
THIS IS ALL YOUR TRIP HAS
AMOUNTED **TO...**



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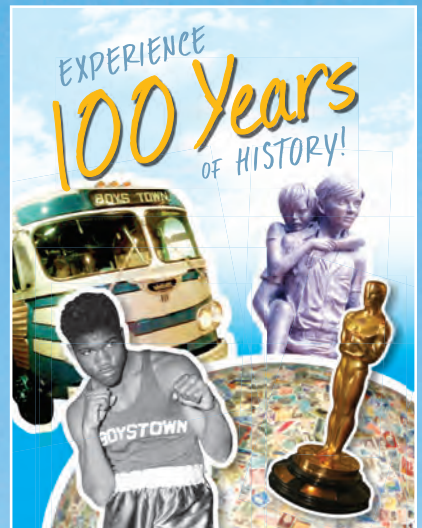
Welcome to the Weekend

Two days - and they're all yours.

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SUMMER BUCKET LIST

Truly Nebraska

Whether you're enjoying a natural wonder (such as the Sandhills' peaceful expanse) or a novel way to experience it (try floating through the Sandhills in a tank), Nebraska delivers plenty of experiences you won't find in many other places.

By Karyn Spencer

1) AUTO ART

On a patch of prairie near Alliance, a circle of gray cars rises from the ground, standing strangely vertical. Thirty years ago, an artist created Carhenge, a quirky roadside stop, by positioning vintage American cars to mimic England's prehistoric monument Stonehenge. In Lincoln, the Museum of American Speed's impressive collection of mint-condition hot rods and vintage cars is a work of art in its own right. Retro toy pedal cars, championship racers and much more fill three floors.

2) SPRING MIGRATION

Each spring, more than a half-million Sandhill cranes fill central Nebraska skies along the shallow Platte River as they stop to refuel during migration. At dawn and dusk, spectators tuck into chilly viewing blinds to watch massive flocks of the slender gray birds cloud the sky over the Rowe Sanctuary in Gibbon and the Crane Trust Nature and Visitor Center in Wood River. Eighty percent of the world's Sandhill cranes, as well as millions of migrating geese and ducks, drop by.



CRANE TIP

Reserve a spot before sunrise or sunset in Rowe Sanctuary's viewing blinds. You'll need to stay quiet, but the experience leads to great photos.

3) BOYS TOWN

A century ago, Father Edward Flanagan opened a home in Omaha to provide comfort and direction to struggling youngsters. The place eventually blossomed into Boys Town, one of the country's best-known charities in the mid-20th century. Today, visitors see students at play and at work, including tending a 22-bed rose garden. The Hall of History Museum captures everyday successes and landmark moments, including Spencer Tracy's Oscar for playing Flanagan in the 1938 movie *Boys Town*. The priest's house has become a repository, featuring 1920s decor and an elaborate wooden desk made by his students.



Boys Town | Omaha



Gondola ride | Omaha

4) STARRY NIGHT

With almost no light pollution from cities, stars shine brighter in the night sky at the Merritt Reservoir State Recreation Area, considered one of the Midwest's top stargazing destinations. Stunning astronomical details, typically hidden in more populated areas, shine over this Sandhills lake in the Snake River Valley, more than 20 miles from the closest town of Valentine. Veteran observers converge for the annual Nebraska Star Party, which welcomes newcomers with workshops for beginners.

5) ROMANTIC RIDES

A Venetian-style gondola cruises the serene lagoon at Heartland of America Park,

with striking views of a 320-foot fountain and downtown Omaha's skyline. Those who want to propel themselves can row stand-up paddleboards at Zorinsky Lake in west Omaha, thanks to Driftwood Paddle Adventures. For a view from above, private rides from Lincoln Hot Air Balloons gently float over the countryside at dawn or dusk.

6) MOVIE NIGHT

Carloads of moviegoers wait for dusk to fall and movie screens to light up at the state's handful of remaining drive-in theaters, a taste of nostalgia for some and a new concept for others. Cars fill with soundtracks and the scent of buttery popcorn at the TK-Starlite Drive-In in Neligh and the

Sandhills Drive-In in Alliance. At Sokol Park near the Omaha suburb of Bellevue, campers are also welcome to walk in with folding chairs or blankets to watch films projected on a screen above the grassy grounds.

7) 90-MILE VIEWS

Spectacular views of vast prairie and rocky outcroppings await in Gering on top of Scotts Bluff National Monument, accessible by foot, car or shuttle. Wagon paths cut by early settlers remain at the base of the 800-foot-tall bluffs. Above an old chalk mine near Scotia, a dirt trail leads up to Happy Jack Peak, where a 360-degree view overlooks dusky hills to the west and the North Loup River ambling by farm fields to the east.

STAR CLUB

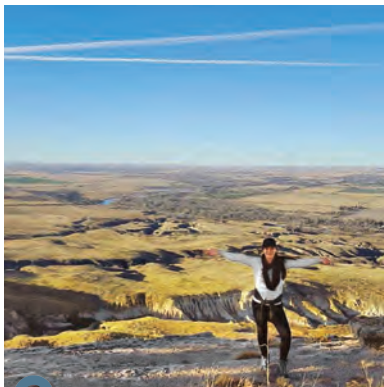
The Omaha Astronomical Society meets once a month (free and open to the public), and members share their love of astronomy.



Tanking on the Loup River

9) TUBING AND TANKING

The stat is surprising enough on its own: Nebraska has more river miles than any other state. Adding to the “Who knew?” factor, outfitters have capitalized on a novel way to see a few of those miles: tanking. Groups picnic and play cards while riding down the river in circular, 8-foot-wide metal livestock tanks, while individuals bob along in inner tubes. Tanks and tubes from Glidden Canoe Rental in Mullen and Calamus Outfitters in Burwell mosey past windswept prairie and dunes in the Sandhills. Chalky bluffs and leafy trees tower over Niobrara River floaters near Valentine.



MY TRIP

Feeling on top of the world, or at least on top of Nebraska!
#scottsbluff #roadsideamerica
#roadtrip #crosscountry #flatlands

@scubetty

8) HEY, KOOL-AID MAN

Nebraska inventor Edwin Perkins created the fruity powdered beverage in 1927, and it wasn't long until Kool-Aid Man, that cartoonish, smiling pitcher with legs, became a pop culture icon. Kool-Aid Man's footprints, cast in concrete at Hollywood's TCL Chinese Theatre, now sit outside the Adams County Convention and Visitors Bureau. At the Hastings Museum, colorful posters and ads show how the beverage evolved over the years, while retro package reproductions brighten the windows at the original factory downtown.

10) UNUSUAL STAYS

Stately brick buildings and low-slung cottage duplexes that once housed Army officers and soldiers now provide respite to family and friends gathering at Fort Robinson State Park in Crawford, once an Old West military outpost. Roomy porches provide breaks from exploring the park's 22,000 acres of buttes and pines. Along the Missouri River in Brownville, guests gather on sunny decks of the River Inn Resort, a floating hotel anchored to the Missouri River shore, and dine during cruises on *The Spirit of Brownville*.



James Arthur Vineyards | Raymond

Sips & Suds

Toast local. From hip tap rooms to countryside wineries, Nebraska brewers and vintners keep expanding their horizons, crafting new beverages to please every palate. Cheers to that!

By Karyn Spencer

SIPS

Summers mean Friday night music at many wineries dotting Nebraska, home to more than 30 wineries and more than 100 vineyards. They grow cold-hardy grapes, such as Edelweiss, Brianna and Frontenac, and supplement their local grape offerings with hard ciders and fruit wines, including the Pioneer Punch rhubarb wine from 17 Ranch Winery in Lewellen. Vintners at Palmyra's Glacial Till Vineyard intensify their wines with alcohol to create a fortified wine, like the sweet, robust Prairie Fire Port.

The brandy-enhanced wine makes a nice after-dinner drink.

Nebraska Wine Tours offers behind-the-scenes access to two or three neighboring wineries in an afternoon. The mother-daughter team owners offer a handful of weekend tours in the Lincoln/Omaha region, plus Grand Island and Norfolk.

The 11th-annual Nebraska Balloon and Wine Festival in Omaha invites

patrons to sample local and regional vintages while watching hot-air balloons at dusk (see below for more information).



TASTE AND FLOAT

The Nebraska Balloon and Wine Festival takes place in Omaha August 11–12 in 2017. Balloons launch at 7 p.m. with a nightly glow at 9 p.m.

WHISKEY RUN CREEK VINEYARD AND WINERY, BROWNVILLE

The rustic tasting room in a century-old barn spans a creek. Historic Brownville blush honors the town near the Missouri River.

MAC'S CREEK WINERY AND VINEYARDS, LEXINGTON

Fire pits flicker along the banks of Spring Creek, and Poncu dessert wine caps off a light bite from Prairie Bistro.

SCHILLINGBRIDGE WINERY AND MICROBREWERY, PAWNEE CITY

Guests watch vintners work in a production room at the nation's first farm winery and microbrewery.

JAMES ARTHUR VINEYARDS, RAYMOND

Hills and prairie surround a cozy country-style tasting room and deck at the state's largest winery.

MILETTA VISTA WINERY, ST. PAUL

Pair your wine with flatbread pizzas, fresh salads or prime rib at the on-site restaurant.

HISTORIC KIMMEL ORCHARD AND VINEYARD, NEBRASKA CITY

Walking paths wind past fruit trees and grapevines. Cherry and apple wines liven up tasting menus.



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| Brownville



Scratchtown Brewing Company | Ord

SUDS

From Sandhills cities to small towns to urban downtowns, local craft beer flows from Nebraska taps like never before. Seven years ago, the state was home to fewer than 10 breweries. This summer, guests can visit nearly 40. One downtown Omaha bar built its entire concept on this trend: Local Beer, Patio and Kitchen serves more than 100 Nebraska-made brews. For other chances to find out which local brew you like most, hit one of 50 beer-related festivals around the state, such as the Great Nebraska Beer Fest in Papillion.

To stay abreast of the craft beer craze, follow bloggers like Nebraska Beer (nebraskabeer.com), where you can find out about beer-centric

events, such as festivals and beer-pairing dinners. Or pick up the latest issue of Lincoln-based *Perfect Pour* magazine at an area brewery, bottle shop or coffee shop.

The local nature of some Nebraska beers goes further back than just the brewing. The Midwest Hop Producers in Plattsmouth is now working together with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln agronomy department's Hops Team. The team provides consumer information for those interested in growing hops themselves. The department also hosts farm tours, which are scheduled to take place in August. The annual Hop Cup at Nebraska Brewing Company in La Vista features brews made with only locally grown hops.



MY TRIP

Whoever said the Midwest doesn't have good beer never visited #NebraskaBrewingCompany. Every beer we tried was 100% on point.

@thesunnypalate



Loop Brewing Company | McCook



Empyrean Brewing Company | Lincoln



Bootleg Brewers | Taylor



Thunderhead Brewing Company | Kearney

KINKAIDER BREWING COMPANY, BROKEN BOW

A gussied-up steel building gets character from historic photos, beers named for locals and a deck along the edge of the Sandhills.

THUNDERHEAD BREWING COMPANY, KEARNEY

Fruity seasonal ales join classics, such as Cornstalker Dark Wheat, and wood-fired pub grub at one of Nebraska's earliest breweries.

SCRATCHTOWN BREWING COMPANY, ORD

Hints of coffee waft from a tulip glass of prize-winning Black Eye Imperial Porter at the salvaged barnwood bar.

LOOP BREWING COMPANY, MCCOOK

Try classic beer styles at an old railroad icehouse and trackside patio. Stupid Pizza of the Week brings unusual pairings, like watermelon pizza with arugula and balsamic vinegar.

EMPYREAN BREWING COMPANY, LINCOLN

Head brewer and Nebraska beer pioneer Rich Chapin leads monthly tours, followed by samples.

BOOTLEG BREWERS, TAYLOR

The smooth Sandhills Cream Ale pairs well with any of the locale's house-made meals. Spend the night in an on-site cabin.

WHAT'S MEAD?

Vikings toasted victories with mead—fermented honey water. Bellevue's Moonstruck Meadery celebrates the ancient drink with a classic Show Mead, Capsumel Pepper Mead and fruit-flavored versions.





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Great Golf

HOLES

Unforgettable holes fill many of Nebraska's 180-plus golf courses. But for the best scenic views and novel challenges, try these standouts.

By Karyn Spencer





The Pines Course at The Prairie Club | Valentine

HOLE #17, QUARRY OAKS, ASHLAND

Par 4 394 yards

Near the Platte River between Lincoln and Omaha, elevated tee boxes usher players into a limestone quarry some 60 feet below, where a generous landing awaits. Towering bluffs and rocky walls frame the narrow approach to the green surrounded by a pond.

HOLE #2, THE PINES COURSE AT THE PRAIRIE CLUB, VALENTINE

Par 5 548 yards

Ponderosa pine trees and a canyon wall buffer players from the always-present wind on this wide-open Sandhills course. But you'll need more than a windbreak to score well on this hole, which has a wide berth off the tee and roughly cut, indigenous landscape lying in wait for the reckless.



MY TRIP

One of my all-time-favorite courses: the Dunes Course at The Prairie Club in Valentine. #dunes

@wiscosportsaddict



Iron Horse | Ashland

HOLE #10, IRON HORSE GOLF, ASHLAND

Par 5 575 yards

An old rock quarry, lake views and difficult elevation changes greet players at this 18-hole course, a few miles from Eugene T. Mahoney State Park. Dubbed the toughest par 5 in the state, No. 10 can ruin a good game unless the ball lands perfectly on minimal green.

HOLE #14, HERITAGE HILLS GOLF COURSE, MCCOOK

Par 5 565 yards

Repeat players recommend renting a cart to tackle the hilly terrain of this par-72 course in the Sandhills. They're also the ones who nicknamed the 14th hole Culbertson, the next town west of McCook. Plan on at least three shots just to reach the green.

HIT THE LINKS

Start planning your Nebraska golf getaway at VisitNebraska.com. Here, you'll find a full list of courses with information on nearby dining and lodging options.



Monument Shadows | Gering

HOLE #16, MONUMENT SHADOWS GOLF, GERING

Par 5 560 yards

The rocky Scotts Bluff National Monument looms to the west of Monument Shadows, which offers challenging holes and more solitude than most courses provide. Dodging the water hazards lining the narrow fairway, plus the three sand traps surrounding the green, requires accuracy and patience.

HOLE #3, FOUR WINDS GOLF COURSE, KIMBALL

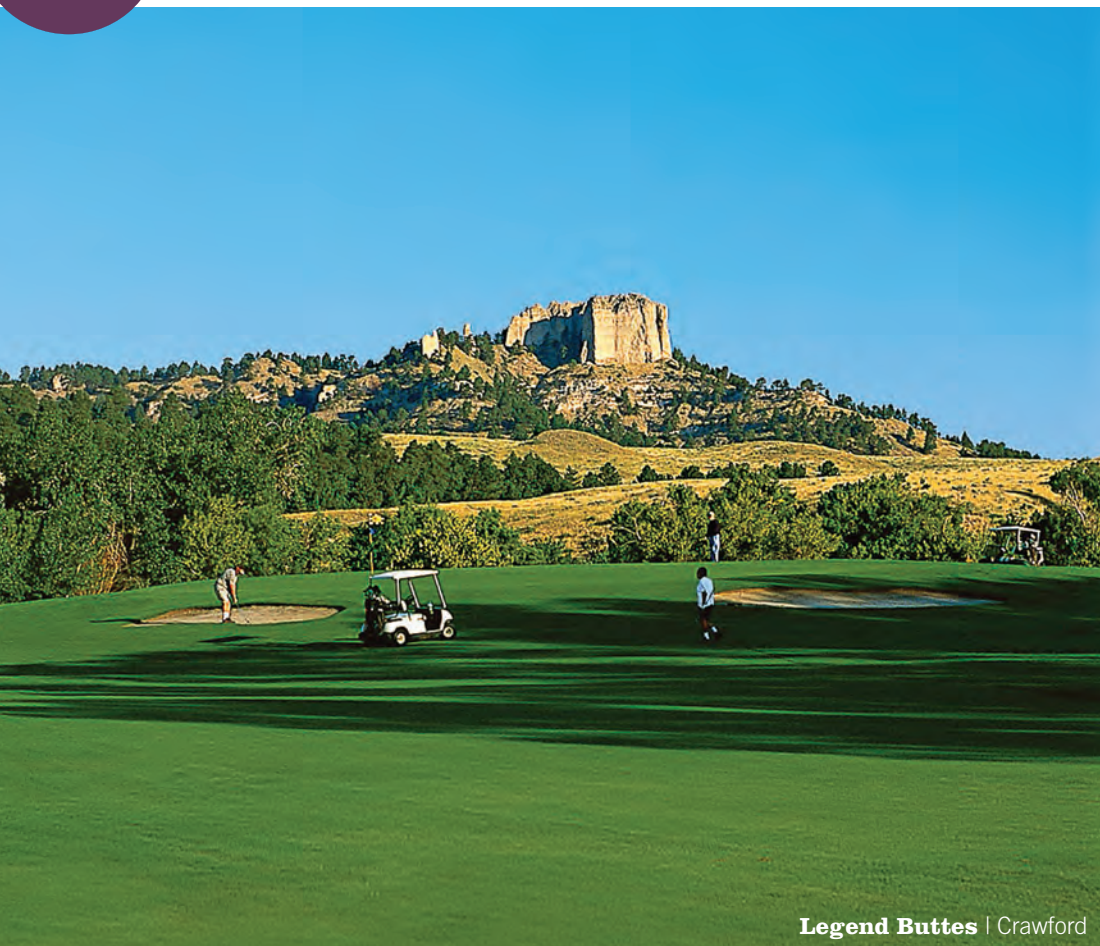
Par 3 165 yards

More than 5,000 pine and poplar trees line the fairways of this aptly named course. However, the frequent wind isn't the only challenge. Subtle slopes and slippery greens demand attentiveness. On the third, a three-tiered green coaxes balls toward the pond.

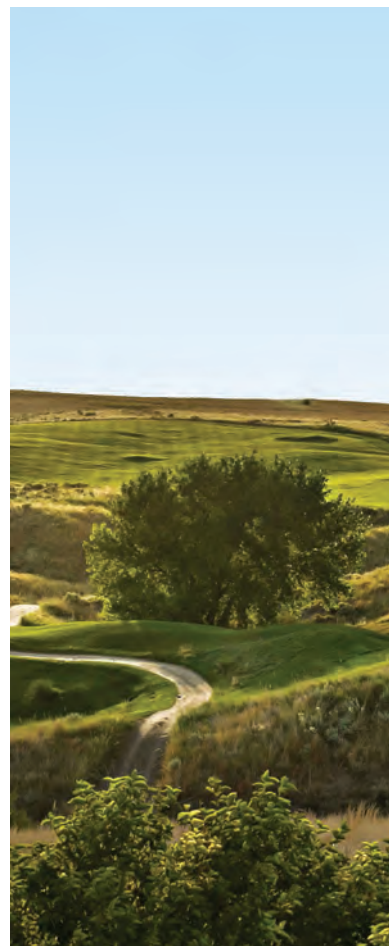
HOLE #14, TATANKA GOLF CLUB, NIOBRARA

Par 4 481 yards

Carts are standard at this 7,450-yard course owned by the Santee Sioux Nation. So are grazing buffalo, inspiring the course's name. The old country bridge is original, but before players can cross, the ball must fly 230 yards to carry the canyon.



Legend Buttes | Crawford



MY TRIP

I played Tatanka Golf Club twice over the weekend. Beautiful! #mustplay #noforgiveness

@mistertorrey

HOLE #5, LEGEND BUTTES GOLF COURSE, CRAWFORD

Par 5 472 yards

The nine-hole Legend lies at the base of the towering Red Cloud Buttes. Looking out from the tees, the fifth hole is a demanding beauty, with brush lining the left and the White River along the right. The fairway bottlenecks while approaching the gently sloping and well-protected green.

HOLE #13, BAYSIDE GOLF, LAKE MCCONAUGHY

Par 3 205 yards

The naturally rough prairie terrain surrounding Lake McConaughy (Nebraska's largest lake) comes into play here. To master the 13th, players must tee off toward the reservoir into prevailing winds and over swaths of native prairie grass to a diminutive, curvy and well-guarded green.

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Bayside | Lake McConaughy



Wild Horse | Gothenburg

HOLE #4, WILDERNESS RIDGE, LINCOLN

Par 3 198 yards

Wilderness Ridge challenges with designs, like this lengthy par 3 with a water hazard followed by a dangerous, multilevel green. Luckily, the architects of the 7,100-yard course believe in fairness, too, and provide generous bailout areas just off the green.

HOLE #12, JOHNNY GOODMAN CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE, OMAHA

Par 4 395 yards

The city course, named for the winner (playing as an amateur) of the 1933 U.S. Open, sits on the city's south side, where he grew up. This hole's severe dogleg requires blind faith and luck. Cutting the corner yields a 100-yard gain, but an old-growth tree line, a pair of bunkers and a severely sloped green cause pause.

HOLE #7, WILD HORSE GOLF CLUB, GOTHENBURG

Par 4 364 yards

Prairie surrounds No. 7, defined by well-placed bunkers that require two great shots to make par. From the tee, bunkers nudge players to a narrow portion of the vast fairway. A giant trap guards the left of the green with a couple of large mounds off to the right.

THE GREAT GOODMAN

Nebraska native Johnny Goodman was the last amateur golfer to win the U.S. Open, doing so in 1933; he also won the U.S. Amateur in 1937.



Chadron State Park | Chadron

NEBRASKA ON

Two Wheels

From relaxing cruises along farmland rail-trails to off-road adventures through pine forests, Nebraska offers a ride for every kind of cyclist.

By Maria Duryée

More than 130 miles of bike trails weave through the capital city, including the MoPac Trail, stretching 27 miles from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to the small town of Wabash east of the city. One day the MoPac, built on an abandoned Missouri Pacific Railroad corridor, will extend all the way to Omaha.

For now, the MoPac's 5 urban miles follow a greenbelt past backyards and city parks. Beyond the city's eastern edge, past 84th Street, the trail transitions to crushed limestone for the trip past restored prairie and cornfields.

TRAIL GUIDE

Before you grab your bike, visit OutdoorNebraska.gov for a list of some of the state's most popular trails, plus an interactive map of trails and recreation areas.





Chadron State Park | Chadron



MY TRIP

The best way to explore the country? On a bike with your dad. Whoever says Nebraska is a flyover state is dead wrong. #nebraskagirl

@kbnelson18

The MoPac offers riders diverse experiences ranging from access to Lincoln shops, restaurants and parks to group rides into the countryside for Tuesday-night nachos at Bailey's Local in Eagle.

"If you go 5 miles, it is the same as 100 miles: smooth, calm amaziness. It is therapeutic," University of Nebraska student Daniel Casburn says.

Around the state, other routes offer a big range of additional outings. The state's distance champ is the Cowboy Recreation and Nature Trail, which covers 195 miles of crushed limestone across the northern part of the state between Norfolk in the east and Valentine in the center of the state. Eventually, it will reach Chadron and its full length of 321 miles. Along the way, find pockets of prairie harbor pheasants, quail and songbirds. Bald eagles swoop over the Elkhorn River, and riders find a signature photo op as they pedal across an old trestle bridge over the Niobrara River.

On the state's eastern side, several popular trails deliver tastes of urban settings and historical pathways. Omaha contains a total of about 120 miles of paved multiuse recreational trails, with 20 miles of the Omaha Riverfront Trail following the Missouri River along former levee roads. In the southeast corner, Beatrice's Chief Standing Bear Trail runs 19-plus miles to the Kansas border and will eventually connect to the Homestead Trail, which leads 40 miles from Beatrice to Lincoln. Between Brownville and Nebraska City, the Steamboat Trace's 22 miles of crushed limestone include 6 miles of Lewis and Clark's route near the historic river port of Brownville.

Mountain bikers can easily make a weekend out of a visit to the state's northwest corner. In and around Chadron State Park, 33 miles of trails weave through pine forests and reveal views of the Pine Ridge region. Next door, the adjoining Nebraska National Forest adds another 80 miles of trails within its 146,000-plus acres.

Pioneer landmarks highlight the Monument Valley Pathway, a 6.3-mile trail connecting Scottsbluff, Gering and Terrytown. Chalk hills rise above grasslands along the North Platte River, and Scotts Bluff National Monument, a key marker for wagon trains, looms 800 feet above the river near the trail. Soon to come: 5 more miles for the pathway in Scottsbluff.



Statewide Bike Events

BICYCLE RIDE ACROSS NEBRASKA

June 4–10, bran-inc.org

This annual rural-urban mixer takes 600 riders over 470 miles on its way between small-town stops. The route varies each year for this Rotary-organized event that benefits Nebraska students.

TOUR DE NEBRASKA

June 21–25, tourdenebraska.com

Organizers promise to plan a 30th-anniversary route that catches as many tailwinds as possible, making the miles go more quickly on this 250- to 350-mile, four-night adventure.

7 CITIES CENTURY BIKE RIDE

August 5–6, 7citiescentury.com

Put in back-to-back 50-some-mile days with breaks every 10 to 15 miles. Starting and ending at the

Ta-Ha-Zouka Park clubhouse in Norfolk, riders stop in seven towns, including camping overnight in Petersburg.

GRAVEL WORLDS

August 19, gravel-worlds.com

Hills. Many, many hills. In fact, riders in this trek across country roads climb a total of 8,000 to 11,000 feet during the 150-mile loop around Lincoln.

HEATSTROKE 100

August 27, greatplainsbikeclub.org

Riders who join the Great Plains Cycling Club for this century ride aren't afraid to crank out the miles in the midst of summer. But you can choose from loops of 24, 35, 43 or 102 miles starting and ending at the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum in Ashland.



BIKE GURUS

Catch the buzz at Omaha Bicycle Company. The local shop sells caffeine drinks, bicycles and gear.



Pinnacle Bank Arena | Lincoln

Rock On!

Whether you're looking for an intimate club or a world-class arena to get some melodic satisfaction, Nebraska's wide array of music venues keeps things rocking.

By Karyn Spencer

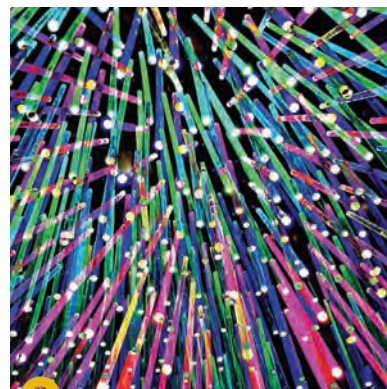
You'd expect the state's largest city to have a strong music scene, and Omaha delivers with concert venues that pack all kinds of artists and audiences under their roofs. Partially owned by the famed Saddle Creek Records, intimate Slowdown in North Downtown Omaha offers balcony seating and a sunken floor. Hip bands and local barflies mix at O'Leaver's, owned by members of rock band Cursive. Architectural details enhance shows at the 1920s Orpheum Theater, while acoustics shine at the modern Holland Performing Arts Center. Rock and country fans head to the CenturyLink Center for upcoming summer shows, such as Coldplay and Shawn Mendes.

Omaha leads the state in recording studios for up-and-comers and the already famous in the music biz. Saddle Creek Records (with an adjacent shop selling musical merch) hosts native

Nebraskan Conor Oberst and his Bright Eyes group. Ware House Productions attracted Lady Gaga, and *American Idol* winner Jordin Sparks laid down vocals at Rainbow Recording Studios.

Head west to Lincoln's Haymarket district to find shows at Pinnacle Bank Arena, where more than 15,000 fans fill the seats. Artists of all genres play the Bourbon Theatre, a renovated 1920s movie theater, while Broadway musicals and more take the center stage at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

In Norfolk (northwest of Omaha), Divots Concert Series attracts fans from all over. And in the southwest corner of the state, musicians, usually with folk roots, play shows among exposed brick walls at Sehnert's Bakery and Bieroc Cafe in McCook. Five Rocks Amphitheater in Gering offers a backdrop of Scotts Bluff National Monument.



MY TRIP

New light fixtures at the Holland Performing Arts Center. #afterlight

@amyehaney

Listen to your favorite music style at events throughout the state. Evergreens surround the stage at the Pinewood Bowl Theater in Lincoln's Pioneer Park. The sounds of banjos and mandolins fill the air at the North Platte Country Bluegrass Festival at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. The Nebraska Folk and Roots Festival brings a peaceful, summer jam to the hills of Branched Oak Farm near Raymond. Join jazz-lovers for free shows in July and August at Omaha's Jazz on the Green.

OMAHA ROSE

Founded in 1948, Omaha's Rose Theater continues to produce high-class family shows. Productions in 2017 include *Huck Finn* and *Peter Pan*.



Five Rocks Amphitheater | Gering

Hot Tickets

ITZHAK PERLMAN

April 22

Lied Center, Lincoln

One of classical music's superstars, this 16-time Grammy Award-winning violinist wows audiences with his incredible technique and personal charm.

TIM MCGRAW AND FAITH HILL

May 12

Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln

September 22

CenturyLink Center, Omaha

The country megastar couple combines their solo hits and duets in a reprise of their record-breaking Soul2Soul tour. This is Hill's first tour in a decade.

THE GOOD LIVING TOUR

June–August

Various cities

Nebraska's top original bands and DJs perform free, all-ages concerts in outdoor spaces across Greater Nebraska, thanks to Hear Nebraska, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing cultural events to local communities.

SHAWN MENDES

August 5

CenturyLink Center, Omaha

This Toronto teen guitarist rose to fame via social media and his catchy tune "Stitches." Now the clean-cut pop star headlines his first world tour, Illuminate.

MAHA MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 20

Aksarben Village, Omaha

Groove to big national and hot local alternative bands and DJs at this daylong, outdoor festival at urban Stinson Park.



Orpheum Theater | Omaha



Maha Music Festival | Omaha



Birdwood Lake State Wildlife Management Area | North Platte

Fantastic Fishing

If you're looking for a list of dream fishing destinations, search no further: Adventures await in Nebraska's lakes, ponds, rivers and streams.

By Daryl Bauer

From an angler's perspective, Nebraska truly is a place where north meets south and east meets west. The state's varied geography and climate result in a diversity of habitats and fish, such as brook trout, flathead catfish, panfish species and some of North America's largest fresh-water predator fish, including pike and muskies. Thanks to a fishing season that never closes, anglers can target peak times for a variety of species every month of the year.

Spring and early summer bring prime-time fishing for many species. You'll find excellent opportunities for bluegills, largemouth bass and crappies in pits, ponds and small reservoirs throughout the state. At the same time of year, large reservoirs around the state deliver great fishing for walleye, hybrid striped bass and white bass. Catfish aficionados find ample opportunities for channel cats on all of those waters, plus some behemoth flathead and blue

catfish in several reservoirs and in the Platte, Missouri and other state rivers.

The cooler waters in northern and western Nebraska offer anglers even more options. The ever-popular and tasty yellow perch and walleye live in many waters in those parts of the state, along with northern pike and even muskellunge in a few of them. A number of spring-fed streams support year-round populations of brown, rainbow and the occasional brook trout. Stocking has provided even more trout, with cutthroat and tiger trout lurking in a few waters. One of the state's most glamorous trophies awaits below the 55 square miles of water that make up Nebraska's largest reservoir, Lake McConaughy, near Ogallala. The cold water released from the lake's Kingsley Dam creates prime conditions for trophy-size rainbow trout.



MY TRIP

Happy Father's Day to me. Just caught the biggest walleye of my life. Right at about 27 inches. I know my Pappy was looking over my shoulder for that one!

@jkluver



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Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area | Crofton

Five Things You Didn't Know About Nebraska Fishing

- 1) Most of the state's lakes are man-made impoundments, but the Sandhills lakes are natural and uniquely Nebraskan. Nestled in valleys between grass-covered dunes, many of the lakes are incredibly productive fisheries.
- 2) Upstream of Ponca in northeast Nebraska, most of the Missouri River is a relatively "wild" river without channels. In many ways, the river is much like what Lewis and Clark saw. Anglers here find smallmouth bass, sauger and a variety of other species.
- 3) Triple-digit fish in Nebraska? Absolutely. Both blue catfish and paddlefish in the Missouri River can tip the scales at more than 100 pounds. Next in size are flathead catfish, followed by muskellunge. Yes, Nebraska has muskies—big ones.
- 4) Anglers love debating whether trout are native to the state's waters. No one really knows, but if there's any native trout, it's probably the cutthroat.
- 5) Nebraska waters hold about 100 species of fish. Many are minnows, but some 40 types of fish are prime targets for hook and line, and many anglers see how many different ones they can catch.

FREE FISHING EVERY SPRING!

Try Nebraska fishing at no cost on the annual Free Fishing and Park Entry Day, held the Saturday before every Memorial Day weekend. The state waives the requirement for a fishing license and park entry permits, giving everyone a chance to sample outdoor activities. For complete fishing information in the state, including regulations and guides about each area of the state, visit OutdoorNebraska.gov. Be sure to check the site's annual Fishing Forecast for updates on fisheries.



Calendar

By Karyn Spencer and Angela Ufheil

FEBRUARY

OMAHA FASHION WEEK

Omaha, February 21–26

Fashionistas snag front-row seats to see 55 collections on the runway. The next morning, designers sell their clothes while chatting with patrons over mimosas and doughnuts (402-937-1061).

MARCH

HARLAN WHITE PELICAN WATCH

Harlan County, March 1–April 15

Migrating pelicans fly single file to the Harlan County Reservoir, where bird nerds wait patiently in boats to snap a photo of the animals' 9-foot wingspans (800-762-5498).

ANNUAL SANDHILL CRANE MIGRATION

Central Nebraska's Platte River Valley, March–mid-April

About 500,000 Sandhill cranes pause their migration to refuel in the wetlands. Bird-watchers gather each morning and evening to see them take flight and return to their roosts (877-855-2951).

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

O'Neill, March 15–18

Residents paint a white horse with green food coloring, guide it in a parade with Irish dancers and escort it from bar to bar, where locals sip green beer (402-336-2355).

PRAIRIE CHICKEN DANCE TOURS

McCook, weekends, March 24–mid-April

Tours take visitors to viewing trailers to watch as the usually secretive prairie chickens emerge, marching rapidly in place to attract mates and fight off other golden-necked competitors (308-345-1200).

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BEST PLACE TO WATCH

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Various locations, August 21

When the eclipse darkens a swath of Nebraska, towns in the path will host viewing sites, as well as rodeos, prairie tours and other events. Visit neclipse17.com for details.



FEI WORLD CUP

Omaha, March 29–April 2

Powerful horses soar over towering jumps and prance through dressage routines in the annual competition that brings together the world's best riders and breeds (402-930-3079).

APRIL

JUNKSTOCK

Waterloo, April 7–9 and June 9–11

The countryside of an old farm transforms into a charming outdoor boutique selling upcycled goods and vintage treasures. Enjoy food trucks and live music, too (402-764-8651).

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL SPRING GAME

Lincoln, April 15

Husker fans fill Memorial Stadium for the annual scrimmage that's more game than practice, thanks to the spirit squad and mascot Herbie Husker (402-472-4224).

SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Ponca, April 15

Easter Bunny? Try Easter Iguana. After finding all the candy-filled eggs scattered around the Ponca State Park nature center, kids pet egg-laying animals, such as snakes and lizards, with ranger supervision (402-755-2284).

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Nebraska City, April 28–30

Nature-lovers flock to J. Sterling Morton's hometown. Guests tour the Arbor Day founder's mansion and visit the nearby garden show. On the final day, they can try samples at the Nebraska Bloody Mary State Championship (402-873-6654).

NEBRASKA RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Omaha, April 29–30

Performers breathe fire, knights fight in jousting tournaments and customers haggle with merchants over replica swords and handmade jewelry at Riverwest Park (641-357-5177).

MAY

TOAST NEBRASKA

Ashland, May 5–6

One ticket buys unlimited tastes of wine from more than 20 area vendors. Trolleys take sightseers on tours through Mahoney State Park (402-882-2448).

CINCO DE MAYO

Omaha, May 5–7

Women in ruffled dresses twirl to mariachi music while onlookers munch on traditional Mexican food, play carnival games and hear live music (402-734-3240).



LINCOLN MARATHON

Lincoln, May 7

Marathoners pursue a Boston-qualifying time or simply enjoy the cityscape during a long run through Lincoln that ends on the 50-yard line of the Huskers' Memorial Stadium.

NEBRASKA WINE AND JAZZ FESTIVAL

Kearney, May 12–13

A dozen vineyards present samples of their best wines to guests, who settle in for an evening of jazz by local performers (308-237-3114).

VICTORIAN FESTIVAL

Superior, May 26–28

Antique cars and regal horses parade through downtown, where storefronts boast Victorian architecture. Later, pony rides, face painting and port burger refreshments are less fancy—but just as fun (402-879-3419).

JUNE

KLOWN KARNIVAL

Plainview, June 2–4

The home of the KlowN Doll Museum takes clowning around to a new level with events, such as mutton busting (think kids riding sheep) and laser tag (402-582-4861).

SUGAR VALLEY RALLY

Scottsbluff, June 2–4

The 400-mile precision tour gives drivers a glimpse of stunning Nebraska bluffs and sprawling, lush green fields. The catch? Only cars older than 50 years may compete (308-632-3381).

TASTE OF OMAHA

Omaha, June 2–4

The recipe for a great festival? More than 40 of Omaha's best restaurants selling hamburgers, curry and more in a riverfront park with nine music stages (402-346-8003).

GRUNDLOVSFEST

Dannebrog, June 3–4

Danish cloggers perform, kids compete in a pedal tractor pull and adults lounge in the beer garden during this festival in the "Danish Capital of Nebraska." (308-226-2422).

ROCK CREEK TRAIL DAYS

Fairbury, June 3–4

Visitors ride in a covered wagon, sample freshly churned butter on flaky biscuits and witness a reenactment of the Pony Express during this celebration of pioneer hardiness (402-729-5777).

BUFFALO COMMONS STORYTELLING AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

McCook, June 9–10

A cabaret dinner on Friday kicks off a weekend of storytellers regaling visitors with tales about community and culture (308-345-6163).

NEBRASKAland DAYS | North Platte



FORT ROBINSON INTERTRIBAL GATHERING

Harrison, June 9–11

A community dinner of buffalo stew and fry bread fuels competitors in traditional dancing contests and performers in storytelling sessions and drum ceremonies (308-207-0510).

GREAT AMERICAN COMEDY FESTIVAL

Norfolk, June 14–17

Knock, knock. Who's there? Johnny Carson's hometown and its annual comedy show paying tribute to the late-night funnyman. Comedians from around the country perform (402-750-3516).

NEBRASKALAND DAYS

North Platte, June 14–24

After days of bull riding, barrel racing and carnival rides, history buffs tour the ranch next to the event grounds that belonged to Buffalo Bill, founder of the 136-year-old rodeo (308-532-7939).

NEBRASKA CHAUTAUQUA

Seward, June 15–18 and

Nebraska City, June 21–24

Scholars tell the story of WWI while in character as President Woodrow Wilson, W.E.B. Du Bois and other famed individuals from the early 1900s, then answer audience questions (402-474-2131).

SWEDISH FESTIVAL

Stromsburg, June 16–18

Skaldborg Vikings reenact battles in Town Square while horseshoe and basketball players compete in tournaments. Guests snack on traditional dumplings, barbecue and brats (402-764-5265).

NCAA MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Omaha, June 17–28

The top eight collegiate baseball teams compete for the title, and fans enjoy a kick-off concert performed from home plate (402-554-4422).

TOUR DE NEBRASKA

Springview, June 21–25

Sag wagons carting fruit, water and gear follow cyclists on a nearly 300-mile ride through the countryside. Bikers camp or stay in bed-and-breakfasts between legs of the tour (402-440-3227).

HOMESTEAD DAYS

Beatrice, June 22–25

Participants compete in geocaching and a 5K run, but everybody wins Saturday evening with a movie in Charles Park that includes free popcorn and snacks (402-223-2338).

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

Kearney, June 22–July 3

Flounder the fish and other underwater friends join Ariel in a Crane River Theater outdoor family production at Yanney Heritage Park; free admission (308-627-5796).

SHAKESPEARE ON THE GREEN

Omaha, June 22–25, 29–30,

July 1–2, 5–6, 7–9

Theater-lovers bring their own picnics (or buy treats there) to a tree-lined lawn at Shakespeare Park for free outdoor performances of *King Lear* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (402-990-6066).

FLATWATER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Hastings, June 23–24

Fans settle on lawn chairs for all things Americana at the family-friendly festival that includes live music, songwriting workshops and a beer garden (402-463-0565).

JULY

COUNTRY MARKET DAYS

Pilger (at Pilger Park and just outside of town), first Saturdays of July–October

Find vintage hats, antique books and other gems in more than 100 tents overlooking Elkhorn Valley. Take home produce or a handmade pie, along with memorabilia (402-841-2372).

SEWARD FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Seward, July 4

In a day packed with events—a car show, a pie-eating contest—the national anthem steals the show when a skydiver's American flag parachute unfurls over the singing crowd (402-643-4189).

FUR TRADE DAYS

Chadron, July 6–9

Traders negotiate prices on handmade soap, paintings and jam, while attendees enjoy watching a buffalo-chip throw, rodeo, regatta and car show. The Native American Film Festival held at the public library celebrates Lakota heritage (308-432-4401).

THE WAYNE CHICKEN SHOW

Wayne, July 7–9

Don't chicken out on this festival: A hot wings-eating contest and the world's largest chicken dance guarantee fun for the whole family (402-375-2240).

GERMANFEST

Syracuse, July 8–9

Dachshunds abound at the Viener Dog Races and Viener Vogue Style Show. Dancers, a 2-block beer garden and traditional eats provide a taste of the Old World (402-269-7489).

MADISON COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

Madison, July 11–16

Local cowboys and cowgirls show off during barrel racing, bronc and bull riding, and livestock shows. Guests enjoy carnival rides and treats (402-454-2144).

CRUISE NITE

Kearney, July 12–16

The good ol' days make a comeback when Corvettes and other classics roll into Kearney. Drag races and a burnout competition entertain car fans (308-440-2941).

OREGON TRAIL DAYS

Gering, July 13–16

A barbecue and a street dance kick off the festival's 96th year, which makes it the state's longest-running celebration. Peruse quilts, crafts and cars, plus enjoy a carnival and plenty of food, fun and free music (308-436-4457).

JOHN C. FREMONT DAYS

Fremont, July 14–16

A living-history encampment at Clemmons Park explores life from the Renaissance to World War II. A nearby park has painting and life-size board games (402-727-9428).

RAILROAD DAYS

Omaha, July 15–16

A trolley carries families between five train-theme destinations, including retired steam engines and a model railroad garden with handmade replicas of Omaha landmarks, such as Union Station (402-346-4002).

COWBOY NIGHT

Grand Island, July 21

Roping games, wood branding and campfire s'mores bring Old West ways to the rural farmstead at Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer (308-385-5316).

COMSTOCK ROCK

Comstock, July 21–23

Classic rock bands jam during three nights of outdoor shows in a rural canyon. Campers are welcome, too (308-628-4107).

NEBRASKA STAR PARTY

Valentine, July 23–28

Merritt Reservoir's campsites are far from sources of light pollution, so experts have a chance to spot galaxy clusters and beginners get an opportunity to learn star-spotting basics (402-333-5460).

NEBRASKA'S BIG RODEO

Burwell, July 26–29

There's never a dull moment at this rodeo: A track around the arena hosts wild horse and colt races

so that cowboys can rest between events (308-214-0468).

HAIRSPRAY

Kearney, July 27–29 and August 1–6

The winner of eight Tony Awards, *Hairspray's* lively singing and dancing brings audiences to their feet. Crane River Theater's production plays at the Merryman Performing Arts Center (308-627-5796).

WINNEBAGO POW WOW

Winnebago, July 27–30

Members of the Winnebago tribe gather for dance, drumming and singing competitions. Softball and horseshoe tournaments throw sports into the mix (612-910-8299).

KITES AND CASTLES

Ogallala, July 29

Solo creators and teams build creative sand sculptures at Lake McConaughy. Watch—or join in—the sand volleyball tournament and evening boat parade (308-284-4066).

AUGUST

CZECH DAYS

Wilber, August 4–6

"Czech" out Wilber's yearly heritage celebration: Polka bands and dancers perform, volunteers teach button accordion playing and attendees scarf down kolaches to win silver dollars (402-821-2732).

NEBRASKA'S "WORLD'S" FAIR

Taylor, August 10–12

Youth show off 4-H projects, livestock and rodeo stunts at the Loup County Fair. Saturday night events include a parade and street dance (308-346-4391).

NEBRASKA BALLOON AND WINE FESTIVAL

Omaha, August 11–12

A dozen hot-air balloons float above tents showcasing Nebraska wines. Come evening, guests sip samples and view tethered glowing balloons (402-346-8003).

KOOL-AID DAYS

Hastings, August 11–13

Festivalgoers try all 16 flavors at the world's largest Kool-Aid stand, play in the "frolf" tournament (Frisbee golf) and stop by Lake Hastings to watch teams race in homemade cardboard boats (402-461-8405).

CHASE COUNTY FAIR AND EXPO

Imperial, August 13–20

Ranchers and cowboys ride in rodeos and compete in tractor pulls. Carnival rides and concerts round out the fair, a local tradition for more 130 years (308-882-5696).

CAPITAL CITY RIBFEST

Lincoln, August 17–19

Award-winning pit masters serve barbecue with flavors from Memphis to Australia as they vie to win the People's Choice prize. Local radio stations sponsor live country and rock music (402-904-4444).

COLUMBUS DAYS

Columbus, August 17–20

Crowds cheer at the turtle and dachshund races and kids bust a move during sudsy foam dance parties at this family-friendly festival downtown (402-564-2769).

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

Grand Island,

August 25–September 4

Nebraska mixes classic livestock judging and watermelon weighing with shows, such as a BMX freestyle stunt team and a demolition derby, to satisfy adrenaline junkies (308-382-1620).

COBBLESTONE FESTIVAL

Falls City, late August

Check out competitions, such as frog jumping and car crashing, at the demolition derby. Entertainment includes bands, a parade and an outdoor movie (402-245-4228).

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HELLO, TRAVELERS,

I've always loved planning birthday parties, but to be able to throw one for Nebraska's 150th anniversary of statehood is not just a pleasure but also a privilege. And as we honor our great state, we also celebrate its wonderful people and its history. Where else can you stand where Chief Standing Bear successfully argued for the rights of Native Americans under American law? Or see the ruts created by thousands of wagons crossing the Oregon and California trails? Or witness the beauty and serenity of the land described by Willa Cather?

Nebraskans are known for being friendly, caring and engaged. This celebration offers us an opportunity to welcome visitors into our communities and share in our hospitality, culture and events. We hope you enjoy all that our state has to offer—its beauty, attractions and its compelling history.

We live in a great place with great people. We appreciate the opportunity to showcase our state as one of the best to visit and enjoy.

Susanne Shore

Susanne Shore
First Lady of Nebraska



WHERE TO EXPERIENCE HISTORY

*If history just feels like
dates and lists to you,
it's time to meet a few people.
Experiencing the past through
the eyes of Nebraskans
who lived it—and defined it—
connects us to legacies still
shaping how we live today.*



Ponca State Park

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PEOPLE

Take a road trip. Step into the past. Share a few moments with Nebraskans who captured the nation's imagination.



TOM OSBORNE

Hastings and Lincoln

Hastings' most famous native not only coached the beloved University of Nebraska Cornhuskers to three national football titles in the 1990s, but also served as athletic director and modeled the kind of quiet drive Nebraskans treasure in themselves. Take a photo with the coach (bronze-statue edition) outside Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.



WILLA CATHER

Red Cloud

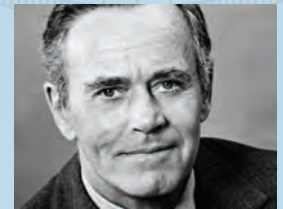
The prairie inspired the author throughout her life, leading her to pen classics such as *O Pioneers!* and *One of Ours*, which earned her the 1923 Pulitzer Prize. Visitors to Red Cloud in south-central Nebraska can tour her family home and see buildings mentioned in her work, including the home of Annie Pavelka, the model for the title character in *My Ántonia*.



JOHNNY CARSON

Norfolk

No modern media star can match the cultural role Carson played during his 30 years of hosting *The Tonight Show*. His likable Midwest voice was the last one that millions of viewers heard each night. Carson donated key mementoes from his career, including Emmy Awards and curtains from the show's set, to Norfolk's Elkhorn Valley Museum.



HENRY FONDA

Grand Island and Omaha

Best known for films like *The Grapes of Wrath* and *On Golden Pond*, Fonda began acting in 1925 on stage at the Omaha Community Playhouse. Today, the venue annually puts on almost a dozen productions. Born in Grand Island, Fonda and his family moved to Omaha in 1906. The Grand Island home still stands in Railroad Town, part of the Stuhr Museum.



HERITAGE

Nebraska's story,
painted county by county, by
artist Todd Williams.



Reaping the Harvest (Keith County)

*“I really feel
that I was born to do
this exhibition.”*

- TODD WILLIAMS



*Williams painting
at Chimney Rock*

As Todd Williams sat at an outdoor easel in Prague and Italy, painting the great cities and buildings of Europe, a thought came: “I really want to do a collection of paintings from Nebraska.”

Several years and thousands of miles later, he's painted a few scenes. One hundred and twenty-two to be precise, at least one from each of the 93 counties in his home state. Some depict historical moments from the Pony Express or the Oregon Trail. Others capture the modern beauty of landmark buildings or the faces of residents, past and present.

As soon as he returned from Europe with the idea, Williams took the concept for the project, called *Painting the Legacy of Nebraska*, to the Nebraska State Historical Society. The challenge, Williams warned, was that it would take about five years to finish, meaning the collection wouldn't be ready until 2017. As he saw the historians' eyes sparkle, Williams realized they'd quickly done the math: A five-year project meant the paintings could debut during the state's sesquicentennial celebration.

Williams began the work in his hometown of Central City (in Merrick

PHOTOGRAPHS: TODD WILLIAMS, (TIME LINE) NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1859



FIRST TERRITORIAL FAIR

Hosted in Nebraska City, the first territorial fair showcases farm stock, farm implements, crops, crafts and more. It was Nebraska's only territorial fair. In 1868, the state of Nebraska held its first state fair.

1862



HOMESTEAD ACT

President Abraham Lincoln signs the Homestead Act, granting 160 acres of land to anyone agreeing to live on the land for at least five years. The act prompts thousands of settlers to migrate west to the Nebraska Territory.



County) and its surrounding counties. For several years, he met with county historical societies to unearth the best stories and talked to potential project sponsors. During one meeting, he learned that the owner of Omaha's First National Bank is an art-lover, and soon he had a sponsor for another 15 counties.

When it was time to paint, Williams took his easel and camera on location. He could create the smaller paintings in about three hours, capturing the rapidly shifting sunlight. Sometimes, he returned to his Central City studio and created a larger painting, working from photos.

A few of the scenes surprised even Williams. "I was in Sioux County, in the farthest northwest part of Nebraska," he says. "The sun was setting. We had some Irish music playing. I thought I was in Ireland." In other words, he understands why people often react to the paintings with, "Oh my gosh, that's Nebraska?"

It may take seeing all 93 paintings to understand the full scope of the state's varied settings. "If people could really see this beauty," Williams says, "they'd be amazed at the diversity of the land."



TODD WILLIAMS ON A FEW OF HIS NEBRASKA PAINTINGS

1. *Mitchell Pass-Oregon Trail* (Scotts Bluff County) "This is a favorite because it goes behind the scenes with the babies who were born along the trail."
2. *Pony Express Rider 1863* (Cheyenne County) "James Moore rode 280 miles without a break in 15 hours, starting in Nebraska."
3. *Trinity Cathedral and First National Tower* (Douglas County) "This shows how the architecture of Omaha evolved through the years."



1863



UNION PACIFIC COMPLETES RAILROAD CROSSING NEBRASKA
Union Pacific lays track across the state, linking with Central Pacific track in Utah in 1869 to complete a contiguous coast-to-coast rail line.

1867



NEBRASKA JOINS THE UNION

Nebraska becomes the 37th state in the Union. Statehood comes with controversy: President Andrew Johnson vetoes Nebraska's admission because of a provision allowing voting rights to nonwhites; both houses of Congress overrule the veto.

CELEBRATE

**JANUARY 2017-
JANUARY 2018**

**Bridges: Sharing Our Past
to Enrich Our Future,
Statewide**

A traveling exhibit showcases the winning photos from each of the state's 93 counties from a photo contest sponsored by the Nebraska Tourism Commission, the Hildegard Center for the Arts and the Nebraska State Historical Society.



MARCH 15-18
**St. Patrick's Day
Celebration, O'Neill**

Proclaimed the Irish Capital of Nebraska by Gov. Norbert Tiemann in 1969, the city turns St. Patty's Day into a celebration that includes a shamrock duck hunt, fun run, parade with green horses, and Irish dancers performing jigs on the world's largest painted shamrock.

APRIL-OCTOBER
**Mobile Children's Museum,
Statewide**

In partnership with the Omaha Children's Museum, this traveling museum takes Nebraska stories on the road in a high-tech tractor-trailor,



stopping in 40 communities. With hands-on exhibits and interactive activities, kids learn about the state's agriculture, innovation, diversity and heritage. The museum celebrates Nebraska's 150-year history and provides an inspiration for youth to help shape its bright future.

MAY 5-8
Cinco de Mayo, Omaha

This four-day fiesta celebrates South Omaha's Latino history. Join first- and second-generation Mexican-American families for traditional tamales and other foods, music on three stages, and a Sunday mariachi Mass.

MARCH 1

**Statehood Day Celebration,
Lincoln/Statewide**

Lincoln kicks off the anniversary with a reading of the original statehood proclamation. Reenactments at the capitol bring legendary Nebraskans, such as Willa Cather, Chief Standing Bear and William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, to life. The celebration continues throughout the year with events across the state.

1874



YEAR OF THE LOCUST

Crops and livelihoods are decimated when flying grasshoppers arrive in swarms so vast, they blacken the sky and devour entire farm fields in a matter of hours.

1879



**CHIEF STANDING
BEAR WINS LANDMARK CASE**

Chief Standing Bear stands trial in a United States District Court in Omaha. The Ponca tribal leader wins the case, establishing that "an Indian is a person," entitled to rights and protection under United States law.



JUNE 14-24

***NEBRASKAland DAYS,
North Platte***

On grounds once owned by Col. William Cody, the Wild West Arena presents the PRCA Buffalo Bill Rodeo. The festival hosts the Official Grand Parade of the Nebraska Sesquicentennial, and includes concerts by superstars Alan Jackson and Dwight Yoakam.

JULY 4

***4th of July Celebration,
Seward***

Nebraska's official Fourth of July City (by state proclamation of the Nebraska state legislature), lights up the sky with a dazzling fireworks show. A family bicycle event, basketball tournament and other events lead up to the nighttime display.

JULY 21-23

***Convergence on Sacred
Ground at Ash Hollow,
Lewellen***

Native Americans, traders, ranchers, militia and emigrants traveled and lived in Ash Hollow throughout the 18th and 19th centuries. Learn about this convergence of cultures through Native American stories, tales of the

fur trade, readings of pioneer diaries and demonstrations of life on the prairie. Historians and heritage families will lead workshops and children's programs.

AUGUST 4-6

Whistle Stop Tour, Statewide

Union Pacific Railroad sponsors an old-fashioned, three-day train tour of Nebraska, with stops and events across the state.

AUGUST 4-6

Czech Days, Wilber

Declared the Czech Capital of the U.S.A. by President Ronald Reagan in 1987, Wilber celebrates all things Czech. Highlights include a children's parade, the *Tales of the Czechs* outdoor historical pageant and plenty of music to test skills in the art of the polka dance.



**ART OF THE
STATE CAPITOL**

Lincoln holds some of Nebraska's most notable art in the grand "Tower on the Plains." Architect Bertram Goodhue designed the capitol to showcase art. Visitors are welcome to explore the many public spaces or join daily guided tours.

The capitol honors Nebraska's culture, history and natural resources. *The Sower*, a bronze statue, tops the gold-tile dome. In the vestibule, mosaic images of agriculture, plants and animals represent the "Gifts of Nature to Man on the Plains." Legislative chambers honor both Plains Indians and Euro-American expansion. Twenty-one murals adorn the walls, and intricate mosaics decorate the floors. This wealth of public art speaks for and to the people of Nebraska.

1922



**A LINCOLN COUNTY RANCHER
UNEARTHS ARCHIE**

The 20,000-year-old bones of the Columbian mammoth are now on display at the University of Nebraska State Museum. *Archie* is the world's largest mounted mammoth—and one of millions of Nebraska fossil finds.

1923



MEMORIAL STADIUM OPENS

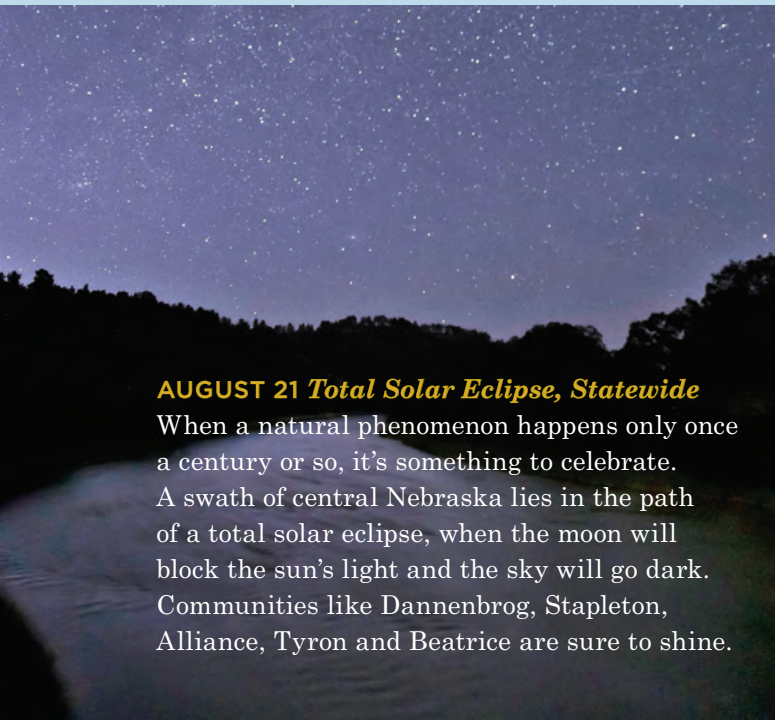
Home to University of Nebraska Cornhuskers football, Memorial Stadium in Lincoln holds an NCAA record: Thanks to a loyal "sea of red" Huskers fans, the stadium has sold out every game since 1962.



◀ **AUGUST 18-21**

***Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
Hedewaci, Macy***

The Umonhon People of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska host a traditional *hedewaci*, a harvest celebration practiced for hundreds of years. Visitors learn about the culture and heritage of Nebraska's original inhabitants as Umonhon reunite from around the world for dance contests and performances. The event includes Native American food, jewelry, and arts and crafts.



AUGUST 21 Total Solar Eclipse, Statewide

When a natural phenomenon happens only once a century or so, it's something to celebrate. A swath of central Nebraska lies in the path of a total solar eclipse, when the moon will block the sun's light and the sky will go dark. Communities like Dannenbrog, Stapleton, Alliance, Tyron and Beatrice are sure to shine.



▲ **AUGUST 25-SEPTEMBER 4**
***Nebraska State Fair,
Grand Island***

Everyone's favorite end-of-summer tradition promises to be extra-special for the state's sesquicentennial. After all, Nebraska's been putting on a grand champion fair since it was a territory! Check out livestock shows, antique ag equipment displays, big-name entertainment, motorsports and midway rides.

SEPTEMBER 2-4
***Old West Balloon Fest,
Mitchell***

More than two dozen hot-air balloons take to the sky to create a rainbow of colors above Mitchell on Labor Day weekend. Highlights include a sunrise launch, a "night glow" evening launch, food booths, vendors and big-name musical acts.

PHOTOGRAPHS: (EVENTS) NEBRASKA TOURISM, (SIDE BAR) JAY WILDE, (TIMELINE) NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1932



NEW STATE CAPITOL

Nebraska's third (and current) statehouse opens in Lincoln. The 400-foot-high Art Deco "Tower on the Plains" is visible for miles.

1937



**UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE
BECOMES LAW**

Nebraska is the only U.S. state with a nonpartisan legislative system that has one House (rather than a House and Senate), for simpler, more efficient lawmaking.

SEPTEMBER 15-17

Applejack Festival, Nebraska City

Nebraska City celebrates all things apple as harvest gets underway. Visitors explore an orchard, sip fresh-pressed cider, and dig into caramel apples, pie, doughnuts and other treats. Find craft and vendor fairs throughout the city. Named one of the nation's best fall festivals by *USA Today*, the event is family fun by the bushel.

SEPTEMBER 22-23

Salute to the Good Life, Lincoln

The capital's newly renovated Centennial Mall sets the stage for a Salute to the Good Life, a large-scale tribute to Nebraska's history and culture. Friday's activities feature musical performances, art exhibits, a spectacular light show and fireworks over the capitol. Witness a "sea of red" on Saturday at a Husker tailgate party prior to Nebraska's homecoming game against Rutgers. Don't miss former Husker players and Nebraska notables who will be on hand for the activities.

SEPTEMBER 28-30

Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival, Seward

Interact with renowned illustrators and authors at this Concordia University event.



OCTOBER 13

Steamboat Trace Festival and Grand Fondo, Nebraska City to Brownville

Bring a bicycle for this rolling festival, a 43-mile, round-trip ride along the Steamboat Trace rail-trail. Come to race or simply enjoy a relaxing group ride with views along the Missouri River. Cycle as little or as much as you like; Nebraska City, Peru, Auburn and Brownsville host festivities along the route.



ARBOR DAY

Like many settlers on the plains, J. Sterling Morton and his wife, Caroline, began longing for trees when they arrived in Nebraska City in 1854.

As editor of the local newspaper, Morton became an ardent proponent of tree planting. He continued to laud the benefits of trees as his prominence increased. In 1872, as secretary of the Nebraska Territory, he proposed a statewide tree-planting event where Nebraskans planted 1 million trees across the state.

Morton's legacy continues at Arbor Lodge State Historical Park and Arboretum on the 72-acre family estate. It includes the Morton mansion and Tree Adventure attractions for families. National Arbor Day is celebrated annually on the last Friday in April.

1940



POWER GOES PUBLIC

With the creation of the Nebraska Public Power System, Nebraska remains the only state where consumer-owned systems provide electricity to every citizen. The state reinvests revenues into the power grid.

1941



COMPLETION OF THE KINGSLEY DAM

The dam creates Lake McConaughy. Built to store water for farm irrigation, the 22-mile-long lake also proves valuable for recreation. The sand-rimmed gem is beloved for boating, fishing and camping.

FUTURE

From yesteryear's homesteaders to today's innovators and educators, Nebraska has always held the promise of new beginnings.

DOWNTOWN OMAHA

The city's vibrant live-work-play Capitol District brings new residents, restaurants and retailers to the heart of the city. Rehabbed brick buildings mingle with new spaces. At 10th and Capitol, the new Omaha Marriott Downtown anchors the budding area, with apartments, restaurants and retail planned around a plaza.



1948



U.S. STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

Offutt Air Force Base near Bellevue is named SAC's new headquarters. The base has played a key role in the nation's military strength and security for more than a century.

1974



INTERSTATE 80 COMPLETED

Nebraska becomes the first state to finish building its mainline interstate system. "Golden link" brass plates embedded near mile-marker 164 commemorate the last segment laid of the 455-mile, east-west route.



PLAY BALL!

Order up some peanuts and Cracker Jack—the College World Series is here to stay through 2035, hosted at the TD Ameritrade Park Omaha near the historic Old Market entertainment and shopping district. Each June, the nation’s best college baseball teams face off in front of more than 24,000 fans.

BIG (ELEPHANT BIG) UPGRADES

Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium continues to delight visitors with expansions like the 28-acre African Grasslands that opened in 2016. The Grasslands are home to South African elephants, impala, klipspringer and more. Up next, Coastal Shores adds cool pools for its sea lions and polar bears. The pools will surround the Alaskan Adventure splash park.

YEAR-ROUND ATTRACTION

The intimate Lincoln Children’s Zoo plans to add 5 acres for new animal exhibits, a zoo school and the Ager Play Center. The \$16 million expansion will allow the zoo to be open year-round, and is scheduled for completion in spring 2019.



PEDAL AND PADDLE

The Crane Trust Nature and Visitor Center in Wood River (14 miles southwest of Grand Island) offers new eco-excursions to experience tallgrass prairie life in the Platte River Valley. Guests kayak through braided rivers, hike among wildflowers, bike deep into the untilled prairie and join guides on safaris to see Sandhill cranes.



WESTERN TRAILS

Cruising Nebraska’s roadways today, it’s hard to imagine the harrowing journey that yesterday’s settlers endured. Major pioneer routes traversed the state, including the Oregon, California and Mormon trails, and the famed Pony Express. Near where the routes converged, the Archway Monument—a museum chronicling the region’s role in America’s westward expansion—spans Interstate-80 near Kearney.

The merged trails formed what essentially became America’s first highway, the Great Platte River Road. It led to a frontier world of promise that spoke to pioneers and notables, like Willa Cather and Buffalo Bill Cody. Today, the Western Trails Scenic and Historic Byway covers the same sweeping landscape—but with far more comforts than in a covered wagon.

1997



FOOTBALL FEVER

The University of Nebraska football team wins its fifth National Championship. More winning years: 1970, 1971, 1994 and 1995.

2011



MISS AMERICA

Miss Nebraska Teresa Scanlan becomes Miss America at the age of 17. The Gering native is the youngest winner of the title since Bette Cooper in 1937.

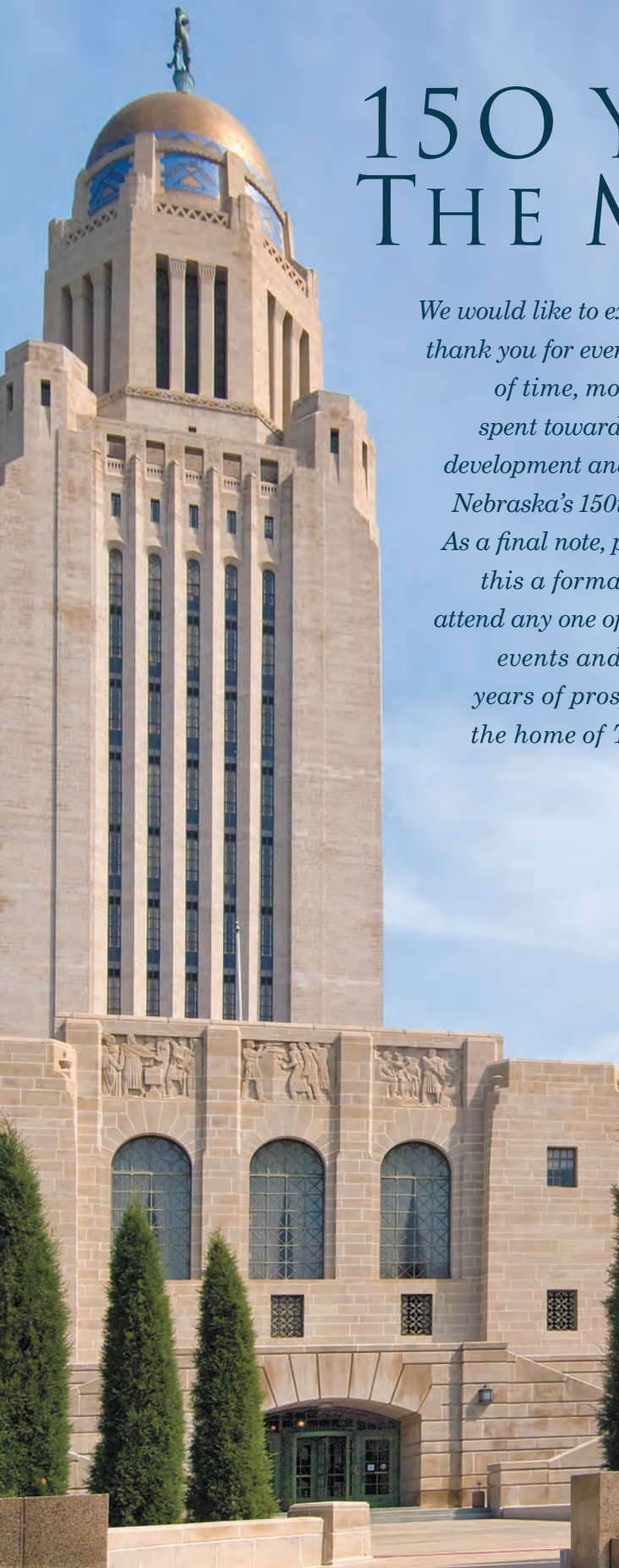
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**Fort Niobrara National
Wildlife Refuge**
Valentine



Capitol Building
Lincoln



Ponca State Park
Ponca

By Greg Philby

Nebraska Regions

Explore each scenic pocket of the state with weekend itineraries and state park getaways. The only step left: packing your bags and hitting the road.

Fort Robinson State Park | Crawford

Omaha



Joslyn Art Museum



Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium



Durham Museum

Rails, river and an explorer's mentality once defined Nebraska's largest city, a portal to the West. That spirit of discovery thrives today. Creative shops and galleries pack the historic Old Market district.

A unique pedestrian bridge across the Missouri River opens new viewpoints. And an engaging zoo with a domed desert, rainforest and valley of gorillas brings the "wild" back to exploration.

WEEKEND ITINERARY

Day One: Every morning, Lauritzen

Gardens opens in scented splendor: a sensory 100-acre botanical oasis of themed gardens, courtyards and a bird sanctuary. The adjacent—and free—Kenefick Park blends landscapes, and two full-size train locomotives take an intriguing loop through the park and Union Pacific Railroad history.

The pace picks up just across Interstate-80 at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. Cross a swaying rope bridge over North America's largest indoor rainforest, trek through Gorilla Valley or brave a glass tunnel through a shark-laden aquarium. Downtown, the cobblestone streets of the 1880s Old Market district welcome a wind-down with dining, shops and a microbrewery.

Day Two: Make it a museum trifecta with three different experiences: Vibrant local history at the Durham Museum; sculptures and fine art at the Joslyn Art Museum; and colorful hands-on learning centers

at the Omaha Children's Museum.

A quick trip down a wavy slide at Gene Leahy Pedestrian Mall creates Facebook fodder. Slow down while crossing the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge to reflect on the weekend, watching the full, rosy sun quietly retreat behind the city skyline.

A WALK IN THE PARK

Platte River State Park

Tepee lodgings with rattling canvas walls (but wooden floors) create a lost-in-the-woods vibe at this outdoorsy escape between Lincoln and Omaha. The park's highlights include a hidden waterfall along a trail and an observation tower with a spectacular bluff-top vista of the Platte River basin.

Fontenelle Forest

Inspiring 300-year-old bur oaks lift brawny arms over paths in the Missouri River bluffs near the suburb of Bellevue. Nineteen miles of trails carve through this quiet 1,400-acre nature preserve with three environments to explore—wetlands, prairie and forest.

CATCH A SHOW

Modern design and solid acoustics draw patrons to Holland Performing Arts Center for the Omaha Symphony and touring Broadway productions.



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JEWELRY

Old Market



Haymarket

Lincoln

The capital city rustles with energy, feeding off the collegiate atmosphere of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a unique Art Deco state capitol and two dynamic districts that blend cultural roots with buzzworthy entertainment venues. Even the more tranquil sites, such as museums and gardens, inspire a desire for more.

WEEKEND ITINERARY

Day One: Brick warehouses from the 1800s anchor the scene, but today's historic Haymarket district brims with freshness: coffeehouses, bookstores and novel boutiques. Guides at the state capitol reveal the stories behind the unusual Art Deco architecture, including the 15-story domed tower, marble mosaics and a 19-foot bronze statue called *The Sower*. Near Haymarket, The Railyard amplifies downtown with clubs, concerts and THE CUBE: a massive wraparound video art screen.

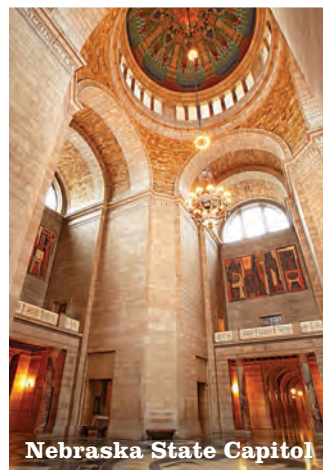
Day Two: Family attractions abound around town. The Lincoln Children's Zoo specializes in up-close connections for kids—even a peek at a dwarf croc. The 1930s Sunken Gardens enchants with winding flowerbeds, lily ponds

and reflecting pavilions. Science and crafts turn learning into a fun adventure at the Lincoln Children's Museum, with displays including a 3-story cuckoo clock that implodes (don't worry, it's foam). Finish at the University of Nebraska State Museum for paleontology and weaponry exhibits, and a "nightcap" of a star-studded display at Mueller Planetarium.

A WALK IN THE PARK

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park Water gushes and sprays at the water park amid shouts of delight. Trails disappear into the trees. Balls rattle into mini-golf cups. Fishing reels buzz as kids fight fish. It's the best of both worlds: an action-packed family park near Ashland (24 miles northeast of Lincoln) with the Platte River bluffs as the stage.

Sunken Gardens



East

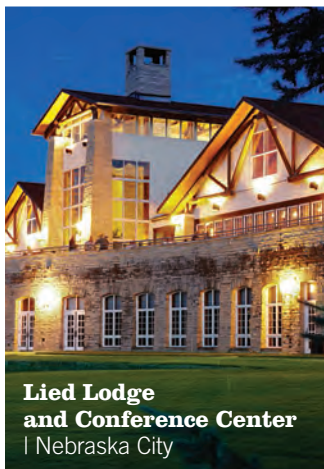
The storied Missouri River, a legendary force in exploratory history, remains a scenic force in Nebraska's eastern region. Its spirit emerges as visitors paddle quiet waters and spy wildlife clustered in backwaters. And a sense of discovery swells in spectacular state parks, overlooks, small towns and cities along the riverbanks, including the wooded destination of Nebraska City.



Ponca State Park | Ponca



Arbor Day Farm |
Nebraska City



Lied Lodge
and Conference Center
| Nebraska City

OVERNIGHT ITINERARY

A tree house, lifted 50 feet among gently swaying limbs, brings fresh perspective to the heritage of Nebraska City. But the story is in the roots, especially in Arbor Lodge State Historical Park, home of Arbor Day founder J. Sterling Morton.

Morton's 52-room mansion sits on 72 acres of hilly, woody grounds. When Morton arrived in 1872, he planted apple orchards, peach trees, evergreens and cottonwoods. His love of trees brought about the national observance, and his impact remains on display. The interpretive Tree House Trail points out some of 260 species of trees and shrubs. At Tree Adventure, a wagon rattles riders into backwoods. The tree house beckons for a canopy-high climb, and the historic Morton barns on the Arbor Day Farm share ground-level history.

But Nebraska City contains more than trees. ArborLinks offers nearby golf, and the bluff-top Lewis and Clark Missouri River Basin Visitors Center echoes the view the explorers once had. The site also celebrates scientific discoveries that

they jotted into their journals: 178 new plants and 122 new animals, including the bobcat and beaver.

Spend the night at the Lied Lodge and Conference Center with its soaring fireplace and Timber Dining Room serving steaks and seafood.

A WALK IN THE PARK Indian Cave State Park

The namesake draw: preserved prehistoric petroglyphs inside the sandstone cave. But this wooded park near Shubert also features ample aboveground attractions—including biking and a partially restored historic town.

Niobrara State Park

Popular with wildlife photographers, this park nestles in the northeast hills. Cabins overlook the Missouri and Niobrara river confluence. An interpretive center shares history, and cowboy storytellers spice up summer buffalo cookouts.

Ponca State Park

Forested hills, 22 miles of trails for hikers, horses and mountain bikes, and Missouri River access make this Ponca destination popular. So do the park's educational programs on topics like birding and archery.

HOT FIND

An oft-overlooked spot in Nebraska City: the Museum of Firefighting and Education Center, where kids play dress-up on a 1966 American LaFrance engine.





Sandhill cranes, Rowe Sanctuary | Gibbon

Central

Scattered wisps of clouds struggle to cover the immensity of open sky in this region of the state. Mixed-grass prairies and dunes roll ceaselessly to the horizon. A breeze ripples past, lost in the vastness. Welcome to Nebraska's north-central Sandhills: simple beauty on a big scale that invites frequent stops to capture and absorb surroundings abundant with wildlife and majesty.

WEEKEND ITINERARY

Day One: Grand Island

Rise early and wander deep into the awakening prairie and marshes of the Platte River valley, one of the nation's best birding sites and migratory home of the flamboyant Sandhill crane. As a spring day begins, hundreds of species of waterfowl and birds come to honking, trilling life. Another treat: the architecturally geometric Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, with its 200 surrounding acres of living history. Downtown Grand Island blends modern art galleries and boutiques with a cornerstone 1930s Art Deco Grand Theatre.

Day Two: Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands

Broaden the landscape experience in this region featuring three national grasslands and two national forests. Near Halsey, hiking trails thread deep into the Bessey Recreation Complex, and the signature Scott Lookout Tower

offers panoramic views. Subtler attractions await, too, such as the shallow, slow-wandering Middle Loup River.

A WALK IN THE PARK Smith Falls State Park

Streams of silver cascade 70 feet down a stony cliff. Spray mists the air above a viewing deck. Smith Falls, Nebraska's highest waterfall, highlights this park 14 miles east of Valentine, but visitors also come for kayaking, tubing and exploring the Niobrara, a national scenic river.

Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge

Prairie chickens, once nearly extinct, open orange throats and produce a distinct *ooh-loo-loo* sound during spring mating season. Shaggy bison turn and stare. This 19,000-acre north-central tract, a former frontier military fort, became a preserve in 1912 when Teddy Roosevelt set it aside to protect Great Plains plants and animals.



Nebraska National Forest | Halsey



Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge | Valentine



Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge | Valentine

GRAND DINING

In Grand Island, savor Italian creations at Napoli's Italian Restaurant and Wine Bar. For a cultural switch, try creative sushi rolls at Wasabi Bistro.



**Hudson-Meng
Education
and Research
Center** | Crawford



**High Plains
Homestead** | Crawford



**Museum of the
Fur Trade** | Chadron

West

The land here comes with beautiful, authentic grit. Dust kicks up and swirls across a rugged landscape of badland buttes and valleys, wiry pines and tumbleweeds. Cowboy culture makes this a place ripe for exploration, with its horses, living heritage and at night, a stirring display of stars exploding in a sky black as gunpowder.

WEEKEND ITINERARY

Day One: The archeologically packed Fossil Freeway leads to new appreciation of ancient times. Along the route: the Agate Fossil Beds National Monument (and its bizarre fossilized bearded dog) and the Hudson-Meng Education and Research Center, where prehistoric people captured and killed countless bison near Crawford. The Toadstool Geologic Park in Harrison displays otherworldly formations carved by badland erosion. Cowboy cooking rules at Crawford's High Plains Homestead and the Drifter Cookshack.

Day Two: Beads, knives, kettles—even playing cards—illustrate the world of early trade at Museum of the Fur Trade, built at the site of an 1837 trading post in Chadron. The world of exploration awaits as well, with hiking at the western portion of the Nebraska National Forest near Chadron and the boundless Oglala National Grassland north

of Crawford. Pronghorn deer and prairie dogs make occasional appearances along the way.

A WALK IN THE PARK

Chadron State Park

Rugged buttes, stone cliffs and dead-end canyons beckon horseback riders, hikers and mountain bikers to follow winding trails through Nebraska's oldest state park (established in 1921). Back at camp, cabins and swimming pools repay a day's journey.

Fort Robinson State Park

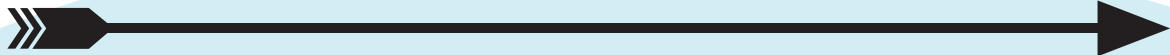
Why imagine the Old West when you can live it instead? Buildings from as far back as 1874 (when the original fort existed) remain in use, many for lodging. Stagecoaches tour the impressive buttes. Bison and bighorn sheep graze the 22,000 acres. And the mountainous Pine Ridge scenery creates a timeless backdrop for paddling, golfing or gazing into the past.

RANCH LIFE

With cabins near Crawford, Ponderosa Ranch caters to visitors who hunt wild turkeys and deer. Also, get great photos of trains rumbling across bluffs.



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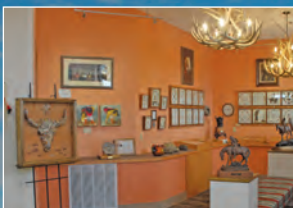


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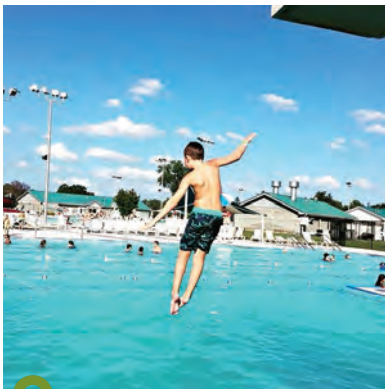
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MY TRIP

Jonathan had a blast on his first day jumping off a high dive. He probably climbed 50 flights of stairs for this activity alone! #pawneeplunge

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Pawnee Plunge | Columbus

Splish Splash

Cool off with buckets of summer fun at the state's water parks and swimming pools.

Surfing in Nebraska? It's possible at Pawnee Plunge water park in Columbus (84 miles northwest of Omaha). The state's only FlowRider surfing simulator lets surfers try to balance on big waves. For a milder experience, tube down the Lazy River or watch little ones scramble over the Explorer Ship, with its water cannon and toddler-friendly slides.

Thrill-seekers scream into a watery entry after plummeting down one of the six-story-tall, high-speed water slides at Island Oasis Water Park in Grand Island. If tame is your game, a 350,000-gallon wave pool with a zero-depth access is an easier way to get in the swim.

Find thrills for the entire family at Hastings Aquacourt Water Park. Toddlers tag along on a family water slide, while older kids cannonball down the zippy tube slide. This park also contains a big wave pool and a river float, plus, it's less crowded than most water parks.

Hang onto your inner tube and float in the wave pool at the Eugene T. Mahoney State Park's Family Aquatic Center in Ashland. This

700-acre state park along the bluffs of the Platte River also features hiking, camping, an arboretum, a miniature golf course, and an arts and crafts center.

Kids can channel their inner boppers on the boogie-woogie keyboard at Norfolk's AquaVenture Water Park in the northeast part of the state. The 8-foot-wide, foot-activated keyboard sprays as it plays. And a 310-foot-long slide courses through a dark tube with spiraling stripes of light for a thrilling experience.

The Big Blue Water Park in Beatrice (44 miles south of Lincoln) is so big there's rarely a crowd in the 9,000-square-foot pool. Little ones splash in the kiddie pool with its bubbling fountain; the bigger kids head for the water slides and diving boards.



Eugene T. Mahoney State Park | Ashland

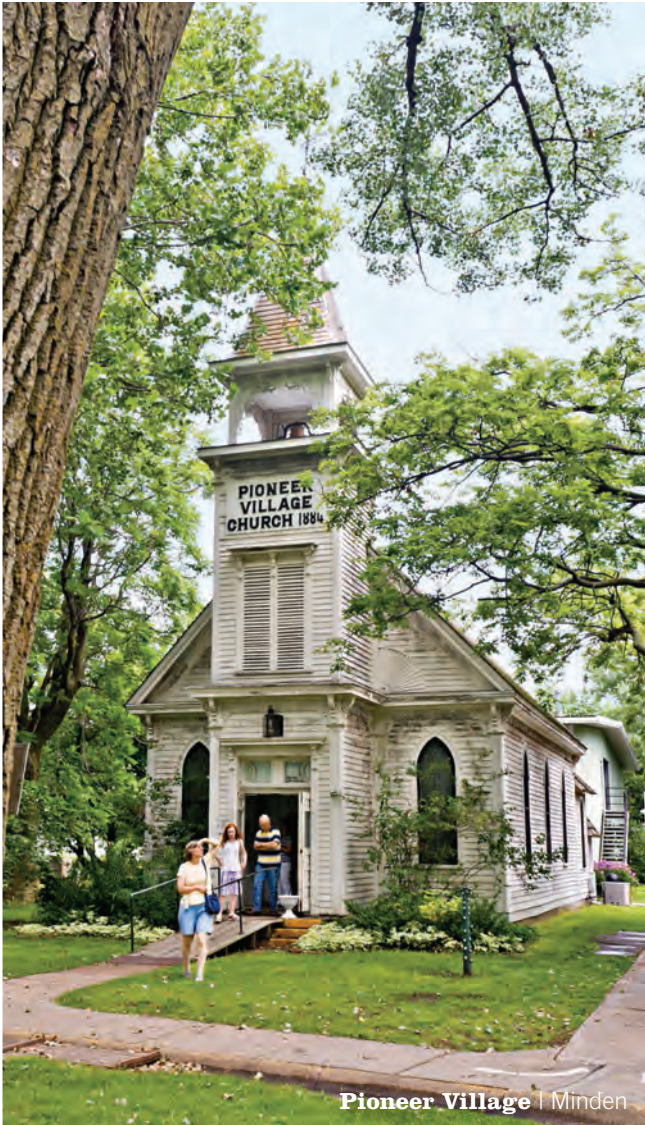
LOOK OUT BELOW!

Water towers at Mahoney State Park and at Splash Station in Fremont dump thundering cascades of water into the pool every few minutes. Also at Splash Station, a colorful train engine beckons younger kids with easy stairs and water slides.



Kids experience
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discovery centers.

Omaha Children's Museum | Omaha



Pioneer Village | Minden



Edgerton Explorit Center | Aurora



Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park | Royal



MY TRIP

There's no place we'd rather be on a hot summer day than the Omaha Children's Museum. @OmahaCM

@jenlivlaughlove

Delightful Discoveries

Bubbles big enough to encapsulate a child, and light and sound waves made of flame are some of the ways entertaining educators demonstrate how science works at the Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora (22 miles east of Grand Island). The popular Explorit Zone includes more than 30 hands-on exhibits. Kids beware: There's a good chance you'll need to drag your parents away from the full-motion flight simulator.

The Archway monument and museum spans Interstate-80 near Kearney. It's worth a stop at the 310-foot-long Archway to see how pioneers persevered along the Oregon Trail, when bison stampedes

were still a threat. Outside the museum, kids follow a 4,800-square-foot labyrinth in the TrailBlaze Maze; parents watch from the Maze Overlook.

See an actual Pony Express Station at Minden's Pioneer Village southeast of Kearney, where more than 50,000 pieces of Americana fill 28 buildings. Car buffs appreciate the 350-piece automobile collection, which shows the evolution of transportation.

Some 12 million years ago, northeast Nebraska was home to giant tortoises, saber-toothed deer, raccoon dogs and the barrel-bodied rhino. At Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park in Royal, watch paleontologists as they work to uncover Nebraska's prehistoric past from this rare fossil bed.

More than 200 amazing skeletons are preserved for viewing, and interpretive guides field questions from visitors.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS

Age-appropriate educational toys, interactive displays and engaging lectures make these specialty museums ideal for eager minds.

- At the Omaha Children's Museum, the *Fantastic Future Me* exhibit lets kids digitally enhance their image with mix-and-match career-type outfits, such as a doctor's coat and stethoscope, football helmet and chef's hat.
- Burrow out of sight in the kid-size *Prairie Dog Tunnels* exhibit at the Lincoln Children's Museum.
- At the North Platte Area Children's Museum, youngsters role-play as actors and doctors.
- Experiment with microscopes and a Braille writing machine at the York Area Children's Museum.

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SAC MUSEUM

At the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum in Ashland, visitors see an awe-inspiring collection of some of the mightiest airplanes and rockets ever built. Walk right up next to many of the carefully restored aircraft, including World War II bombers, Cold War fighters and an Atlantis shuttle trainer of the type used by Nebraska astronaut Clayton Anderson. Kids gravitate to the state-of-the-art flight simulators, where they can strap in for anything from a scenic cruise to a combat mission.



Riverside Discovery Center | Scottsbluff

Wild Things

Visitors to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium see snakes up close in the Desert Dome's *Rattlesnake Canyon*, the largest indoor rattlesnake exhibit in the world. Kids climb through a tunnel and pop up in observation bubbles inside *Gorilla Valley*, where they're face-to-face with massive primates. At the aquarium, tanks of slowly undulating jellyfish in fantastic shapes and colors mesmerize your troupe. With 1,200 species on 140 acres, this zoo—rated by TripAdvisor as one of the top 10 in the world—requires at least a full day to navigate.

The original miniature *Iron Horse* train (now 50 years old)

takes visitors on a one-mile loop to get a look at some of the Lincoln Children's Zoo's more than 350 animals. At the primate exhibit, visitors try to spot the pygmy marmosets—the smallest monkeys in the world. And kids with energy to burn dive into the giant sandbox and scramble up a rope wall.

Intriguing creatures lurk beneath the surface of Nebraska's lakes and rivers, and you can see many of them at the AkSarBen Aquarium in Gretna (15 miles southwest of Omaha) on the banks of the Platte River. You'll do a double take when you see the prehistoric paddlefish, with their long, shovel-like snouts. Guests walk past 12 exhibits of freshwater fish and amphibians at this aquarium.



When an elk bugles, the eerie call will likely grab your attention. That's one of the wild encounters you might experience at the Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari in Ashland. A 4-mile driving trail brings you up close to the free-roaming bison, deer and elk on the park's 440 acres of natural wetlands and prairies. Scramble up the Viewing Tower to get a birds-eye look at the herons, Sandhill cranes and trumpeter swans living on 10-acre Crane Meadows. Wolf Canyon overlook provides access to hiking trails and to views of black bears and gray wolves.

Did you know the Colombian black-headed spider monkey has a fingerprint—on the tip of its tail? That's just one of the fun facts you'll uncover at Scottsbluff's Riverside Discovery Center, a 25-acre zoo and education facility in western Nebraska. The center houses about 175 animals and specializes in protecting and breeding threatened and endangered species from around the world. Kids get down and dirty in the Dino Dig, where they experience the hands-on thrill of uncovering Tyrannosaurus bones. Young paleontologists cool off at the Splash Pad, a watery playground with fountains and jets.



MY TRIP

Everything at #HenryDoorlyZoo is immense. Hard to describe the sheer sizes of things. The dome is so impressive. And they're building more.

@maxser17

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By Robert Fraass

A weekend at one of Nebraska's largest lakes provides plenty of chances to get your fix of beaches and boating.

Go Jump in a Lake







Lake McConaughy | Ogallala

The unchallenged star among Nebraska’s watery playgrounds is the vast Lake McConaughy near Ogallala. The 22-mile-long reservoir known as Big Mac lays among the rolling Sandhills of the Great Plains in western Nebraska just off Interstate-80. The lake’s coves and 35,700 surface acres of water welcome tens of thousands of visitors each year. Vast sandy beaches are open to camping and bonfires, providing an unexpected venue for evening beach parties. Along with the usual boating activities, McConaughy’s visitors enjoy piloting sailboats and parasailing ...or just watching the action.

In July, colorful kites soar and sand architects display serious creativity during Kites and Castles, Big Mac’s premier summer annual event.

Trips to Big Mac always include at least a few hours in nearby Ogallala, one of the greatest cow towns of the cattle drive era in the

1870s. Today, the town continues to celebrate its cowboy heritage. Front Street, a replica of a line of Old West storefronts, gives travelers a taste of trail life at the free Cowboy Museum. Visitors eat and drink their fill at the Crystal Palace Saloon, where actors entertain with

a dance-hall revue at Nebraska’s longest-running summer stock theater production.

If you wind up with a rainy day at the lake or just want a little time out of the sun, make a quick trip 20 miles east on US-30 to Paxton for a truly unique dining experience. Local resident Rosser “Ole” Herstedt swung open his tavern doors on the heels of Prohibition’s end in Nebraska and set about decorating his establishment with trophies from 35 years of hunting safaris. Today, Ole’s Big Game Steakhouse and Lounge provides a museum of mounted exotic animals packed into an otherwise typical small-town steakhouse. You’ll find species, such as a polar bear and giraffe, along with some seriously quirky displays, such as a baboon wearing a ball cap atop the jukebox.

BIG MAC

Lake McConaughy, the state’s largest lake, has 100 miles of shoreline, great fishing and steady prairie winds that sailors love. Learn more about the state’s lakes at VisitNebraska.com.

Harlan County Reservoir, Republican City

Harlan County Reservoir draws sportsmen to the Nebraska-Kansas border southwest of Kearney.

Anglers reel in walleye, pike and other trophies on the 7-mile-long lake, which has 75 miles of shoreline. Hunting seasons bring outdoorsmen pursuing pheasant, waterfowl and turkeys, along with both white-tailed and mule deer.

Miles of trails offer chances for bird watching and spotting prairie dogs scampering across the prairie.



MY TRIP

We inadvertently took a trail that went much higher than we expected. We loved it and wanted visual proof! #ChadronStatePark

@felicity_white

Swanson Reservoir, Trenton

In Nebraska's southwest corner, this area attracts boaters, hunters and hikers to its nearly 5,000-acre lake and nearly 4,000 acres of surrounding public land.

Branched Oak State Recreation Area, Raymond

A marina at this fishing and camping hot spot northwest of Lincoln has all you need for a day on the lake, and an equestrian campground for riders exploring lakefront trails.



Branched Oak Lake | Raymond



Harlan County Reservoir
Republican City



Swanson Reservoir | Trenton



Swanson Reservoir | Trenton

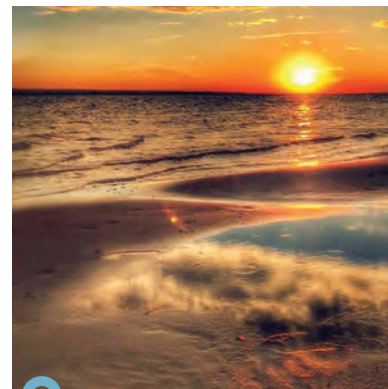
Scenic Camping

A wide array of campgrounds across the state let you mix up the geography and overnight accommodations during your stays.

Chadron State Park, Nebraska's first state park, draws visitors to northwest Nebraska with its rugged beauty and historic sites. Campers set up amid pine forests and bluffs and explore trails. The nearby Museum of the Fur Trade stands on the site of an 1837 trading post and tells the story of the rugged trappers, traders and Native Americans who once worked the wilderness of the West. Nearby in Crawford is Fort Robinson State Park, one of the jewels of western

Nebraska. The sprawling property still includes buildings of the 19th-century cavalry fort that played a huge role in Western history (famed Lakota leader Crazy Horse died here) and World War II, when cavalry horses were trained here. Guests camp on the grounds or stay in motel-style rooms in the former Army buildings.

For another unusual stay, try sleeping in one of 10 restored Union Pacific cabooses at Two Rivers State Recreation Area west of Omaha. Along with a brag-worthy weekend experience, it's a fitting way to commemorate the state's proud railroad heritage. For another



MY TRIP

Sunset on the lake.
#lakemcconaughy #sunset #sky
#colorful #nebraska

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unique overnight, campers at Platte River State Park between Lincoln and Omaha can spread their sleeping bags in Native American tepees with wood floors or choose modern camping cabins.

Other notable parks with camping cabins include Ponca State Park and Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area in the northeast part of the state, and Medicine Creek Reservoir in south-central Nebraska. The state's most luxurious camping options wait at Eugene T. Mahoney State Park near I-80 between Lincoln and Omaha. Along with plenty of tent and RV sites, the park includes a lodge, numerous cabins, a water park and a theater.

GLAMPING ESCAPE



Sip wine and dine on flatbread pizzas during a stay at Slattery Vintage Estates in Nehawka, 35 miles south of Omaha. Guests sleep in room-size tents with cozy beds (similar to one shown) and enjoy add-ons like s'mores and a hot breakfast.



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By Greg Philby

LINCOLN HIGHWAY
WELCOME

Today's travelers heading west along the old routes of the Oregon and Mormon trails may have it easier than the pioneers, but the sense of discovery hasn't faded.

Highways into History

The Archway | Kearney

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The Archway | Kearney

Falling into a landscape painting may feel like this: a canvas of golden prairie and pale-blue sky without borders. An immense beauty that swallows you up, luring you toward the horizon. In the mid-1800s, much of America's enduring legacy was formed on the flat trails that traced the Platte River across the Great Plains, branching in turn for Oregon, California and Utah, where Mormons sought sanctuary. The railroad eventually took its place in the river valley, and then Interstate-80, which wasn't completed here until 1974.

Today's drivers head off into a land just as big, with discoveries waiting along the interstate itself and the slower highways heading into the surrounding prairie.

South of Lincoln, the Homestead National Monument of America in Beatrice makes a great starting point for any pioneer-themed tour. The visitors center tells the story of the Homestead Act of 1862, which made Western land available to average citizens and helped spur much of the migration along the nation's famous trails.

In central Nebraska, discoveries begin just north of I-80

at Aurora's Plainsman Museum, where the collection highlights military heritage and early farm culture. In the same town, The Edgerton Explorit Center grabs kids' attention with hands-on science exhibits. The center is named for Dr. Harold "Doc" Edgerton, an MIT professor and inventor whom you'd know best as the guy who did those slo-mo photos of bullets piercing apples and playing cards.

A little west on I-80, blacksmiths pound orange-hot steel into sparks and ironworks at the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, a late 19th-century village brought to life in Grand Island. The large



MY TRIP

@StuhrMuseum I am always amazed at how well the Native Americans used everything. I think it would have been hard!

@lamiller06

campus includes a complete 1896 village dubbed Railroad Town and staffed in summer with historians who educate visitors.

Straight south of Grand Island near Red Cloud, 612 acres of native Willa Cather Memorial Prairie lush with wildflowers, grasses and wildlife carry the same sweeping experience the famed novelist remembered from her childhood here. Visitors can see what she described: "The red of the grass made all the great prairie the colour of wine-stains . . . And there was so much motion in it; the whole country seemed, somehow, to be running." The author's trim childhood home, part of the Willa Cather State Historic Site,

RAIL TALE

Omaha was the eastern terminus of the first transcontinental railroad, completed in 1869.





Edgerton Explorit Center | Aurora



**Willa Cather
Childhood Home**
Red Cloud



Buffalo Bill Ranch
North Platte

anchors a neighborhood stroll past other important sites in her life and writings, including the 1885 Red Cloud Opera House. The refurbished 1886 Kaley House on what she called Quality Street serves a memorable bed-and-breakfast today.

As travelers resume the journey west on I-80, they reach Kearney and one of the most memorable landmarks on the road's 2,900-mile length. The Archway spans the highway. Inside, the museum's high-tech exhibits highlight 170 years of travel along the river, and windows offer a rare view of passing cars from above the middle of the interstate.

Southeast of Kearney, one of the state's longest-running attractions waits in Minden. Harold Warp Pioneer Village opened in 1953 and remains a 20-acre timepiece with 50,000 items and 26 buildings, such as a frontier fort and a Pony Express relay station.

The prairie lends itself to large-scale wonders, such as Golden Spike Tower in North Platte, which gives visitors a panoramic view of the web of iron tracks and streams of locomotives in the massive rail yard. On the edge of North Platte, the larger-than-life mystique of famed showman William F. Cody is on display in his mansion and barns at the Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park.

As drivers head for Nebraska's western border, they come to the grand natural attractions that most pioneers noted as landmarks in their journals. Wagon ruts and granite markers dot the bluffs and valleys of Ash Hollow State Historical Park near Lewellen. Formations lift like stone sculptures from the plains at Courthouse Rock, Jail Rock and Chimney Rock. Gering's Legacy of the Plains Museum celebrates the Oregon Trail and Nebraska history against a magnificent backdrop at the Scotts Bluff National Monument.

Nearly half a million pioneers on the Oregon Trail looked for this 325-foot-tall landmark.

CHIMNEY ROCK



Fort Atkinson State Historical Park | Fort Calhoun

3 Must-See Sites

These engaging sites along your drive
bring the past to vivid life.

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A signature red post-and-beam barn, farmhouse, granary, poultry house and gold-plated Dempster windmill mark 145 acres of farm heritage. The site, one mile south of I-80 at exit 353 near York, shares agricultural history from the 1920s through today.

FORT HARTSUFF STATE HISTORICAL PARK

Blue-coated period soldiers relate life during the Plains Indian Wars (1870s and 1880s), with details about their rifles and how settlers took refuge in the original fort's limestone and concrete buildings, nine of which still remain. The site is near Burwell, north of I-80.



MY TRIP

A trip to Nebraska would not be complete without a visit to our most famous landmark: Chimney Rock.
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TRIP GUIDE



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SKY VIEW GOLF COURSE 2613 Cty Rd 57 – An 18-hole championship course located in the beautiful rolling Sandhills east of Alliance. The course measures 6845 yards from the championship tees and 5500 yards from the forward tees. The gently rolling fairways are perfect for those golfers who choose to walk rather than ride. Affordable green fees and tee times are seldom necessary. East on Highway 2 to County Road 57, then south. 308-762-1446, cityofalliance.net 🏠

SUNSET MOTEL & RV PARK 1210 E. 3rd St. – 20 rooms, Indoor pool, in-room coffee, wireless internet, continental breakfast, Laundry. RV: 14 sites, full hookup, 6 Elec/ water only, 30 amp service, Wi-Fi, indoor pool 308-762-8660 or 800-767-8600, clicksunset.com 🏠

THE SANDHILLS DRIVE-IN 2 mi. E. on Airport Rd. – One of Nebraska's 2 remaining drive-in theaters. Single feature shown June-Aug, Sat-Sun evenings. 308-762-4100, gejutheatres.com 🏠

ALMA ALMA FARMERS' MARKET Main St. The Alma Farmers' Market located on Main Street in downtown Alma attracts a plethora of vendors from the surrounding area. The Market provides a wide variety of fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, candies, and hand-made items. The Farmers' Market is a seasonal destination beginning Memorial Day weekend and concluding Labor Day weekend. 🏠

JOE CAMERA - COFFEE HOUSE AND PRINTING 717 Main St. – A locally owned and operated family business, Joe Camera rivals any big city coffee house with quality and consistency of their espresso, coffees, and teas. They also provide a wide variety of digital and film printing services; as well as the occasional bicycle repair. It's definitely the place to be when visiting the Harlan County Reservoir and surrounding communities. 308.928.9060, joecamera.biz 🍷

ANSELMO VICTORIA SPRINGS STATE RECREATION AREA 7 mi. E. of NE Hwy 2 & S-21A – This picturesque area recalls the days when spas and mineral springs were in vogue. Visitors will find a soothing atmosphere amid a peaceful setting. Rustic cabins, fishing, paddleboats, camping and hiking. Open mid-Apr thru mid-Nov. Park permit required. Cabins open Memorial Day thru mid-Nov. Camping year-round. Showerhouse open in May, closes end of Sep or early Oct. Reservations accepted for camping and cabins. 308-749-2235, outdoornebraska.gov/victoriasprings/ 🏠

ARNOLD ARNOLD GOLF COURSE 1 mi. S. of Arnold on US Hwy 40, ¼ mi. E. – This scenic 9-hole run crosses a small creek four times, contains many trees, and spans approximately 75 acres. No need to call ahead for a tee time at this family-friendly course. Enjoy quiet beauty, beautifully manicured greens, and friendly locals. Plan a round during your next trip out west. Public Course 308-529-2665 or 308-848-2266, arnoldgolfcourse.weebly.com/ 🏠

ARNOLD MOTEL & CAMP SITE 307 Hillcrest – Individual rooms, as well as camper hook-ups, showers for truckers, restaurants nearby. 308-848-2223 🏠

ARNOLD RECREATION AREA 1 mi. S. of Jct of NE Hwy 40 & 92 – This park is the ideal getaway spot for people wanting to enjoy the natural beauty of Nebraska. The park is located immediately south of Arnold. Arnold Recreation Area encompasses 10 acres of land and featuring a 22-acre lake. The area offers fishing, hiking, picnicking, electrical and water hook ups, primitive camping, and features newly constructed shower house and large covered pavilion. The lake is stocked periodically with fresh fish providing ample opportunities to leave with tall tales about the “one that got away.” 308-848-2228, arnoldne.org 📍

ARNOLD'S WINSOME INN & SUITES 302 W. Arnold Ave. – Free hi-speed internet access. 11-room motel. 308-848-2462 or 605-350-0064, arnoldne.org

HIDDEN VALLEY OUTFITTERS AND HIDDEN VALLEY CAMPGROUND 79975 Lower Powell Canyon Rd. – Hunting: High-quality guided hunts on 55,000 acres of prime habitat. Hunting lodge available. Come experience what hunting in rural Nebraska is all about plentiful wildlife, beautiful and diverse terrain, wholesome values, delicious home-cooked meals, fun, and lasting friendships. Call for hunting season requests. Cory Peterson, Owner, Operator, Cell: 308-529-2038 or Ranch: 308-848-3302. Dan Blowers, Owner, Operator Cell: 308-520-3435 or Farm: 308-848-2470, 308-848-3302, hiddenvalleayoutfitter.com 📍🏠

JIM'S BAR 208 W Arnold Ave. – Nothing beats the smell of a burger being grilled on open flames! Jim's is a small town friendly bar, with a warm and welcoming atmosphere, serving classics like hamburgers, steaks, south of the border, and other favorites. We also have daily specials, and a wide variety of beer and spirits for your taste buds to enjoy. Jim's bar features a separate dining area to host your get together, special event, or meeting, as well as an outdoor seating area. Come enjoy small town hospitality with big flavor and great taste! 308-848-2917 🍷🍷

KEANE'S SUZYS PIZZA PUB & GRILL 209 West Arnold Ave. – 308-848-3223, arnoldne.org 🍷🍷

NEBRASKA FARMHOUSE ANTIQUES AND COFFEE HOUSE 106 South Walnut St. – Antiques, home decor, jewelry, specialty coffees and baked goods are just some of the things you will find, and experience in this unique shop. Take a step back in history when you walk into this charming, historic Arnold mercantile building, with its original tin ceilings. Smell the aroma of coffee, and enjoy the friendly atmosphere, as you sip on a perfectly prepared beverage delight while you shop. It's not just a place to shop but a destination! 308-848-2600 or 308-848-2414 📍

SANDHILLS OPEN ROAD CHALLENGE Main St. – Aug 9–12, 2017, The Sandhills Open Road Challenge is an “Annual” 55-mile

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ARTHUR NEBRASKA OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE 1305 Sillassen Rd. – We are very excited to be offering some of the best guided hunting opportunities in the Midwest! We hunt the Famed Rainwater Basins area, the Platte River Valleys and the Majestic Sandhills of Nebraska. At Nebraska Outdoor Experience we offer guided hunts for Whitetail & Mule Deer, Eastern, Rio & Merriam Turkeys, Pheasants, Canadas, Greenheads and Snow Geese. For more information call owner and professional guide, Jason Christensen. 308-764-7090, nebraskaoutdoorexperience.com/index.html 📍

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GLACIAL TILL TASTING ROOM 1419 Silver St. – Visit the tasting room and retail store in a historic downtown building. Call for hours. 402-944-2546, glacialtillvineyard.com 📍

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ATKINSON ATKINSON MILL RACE PARK 47450 877th Rd. – Atkinson Mill Race Park is a 50 acre park on the Elkhorn River and is located one mile west of downtown Atkinson, where not only groceries and gas are available, but also many other shopping opportunities. It has 16 electrical hook-ups for RVs, along with

drinking water, playground and picnic areas. Tent sites are also available. Fishing, hiking and bird watching are popular activities. The park is located on the south side of the Atkinson-Stuart Country Club which offers a 9-hole golf course and is just a short walk from the campsites. 402-925-5313, atkinsonsonne.com 🏡

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HICKORY ROAD BBQ 914 Central Ave. 402-274-9988, hickoryroadbbq.com/ 🍷

NEMAHA VALLEY MUSEUM 1423 19th St. – The museum consists of three buildings which house the history of the Nemaha Valley in Nemaha County. Permanent and rotating displays include the history of area businesses and farms, quilts and artwork. Room displays feature a bank, one-room school, lawyer's office, church, kitchen, barber shop and parlor. The Nemaha Valley Genealogical Society's research room is home to microfilmed newspapers, family histories, school records and more. Open Apr-Dec, Tue-Sun, 1-4:30pm; or by appt. (call). Free, donations accepted. 402-274-2605 or 402-274-3735, nemahavalleymuseum.org 🏡

AURORA
12TH ST CINEMA 1121 M St. Doors open for seating: Friday at 6 pm; Saturday at 6 pm; Sunday at 3 pm matinee; 6 pm. Tickets may be purchased, at the door ONLY, before each showing. Tickets may be purchased before show-time for that day's showing or for any showings with availability that weekend. Theater doors will be locked and closed for ticket sales during

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BUDGET HOST - KEN'S MOTEL 1515 11th St. – Refrigerators & hair dryers; Direct dial telephone 402-694-3141 🏡

EDGERTON EXPLORIT CENTER 208 16th St. – The Edgerton Explorit Center is located on Highway 14 in Aurora. Harold "Doc" Edgerton, grew up in Aurora and became a pioneer in the fields of science, engineering and photography. He would later be named one of the fifteenth most influential inventors of the 21st century for his groundbreaking applications of technology in fields ranging from stop-motion photography to military intelligence to oceanography. The center features four exploration areas: The Explorit Zone, The Theatre, Strobe Alley and our Edgerton On The Move Program. 402-694-4032, edgerton.org 🏡

ESPRESSIONS 1117 M St. – 402-694-3214, espressionscoffee.com/ 🍷

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PLAINSMAN MUSEUM 210 16th St., 3 mi. N. of I-80 – The Plainsman Museum houses donations of area and regional history. Begin your journey in the rotunda by viewing acclaimed murals and mosaics along with exhibits dedicated to the history of Hamilton County settlements displayed side-by-side with Native American artifacts. Continue your journey as you pass through a replica of a covered wagon followed by an original log cabin and an authentic sod house. View the museum's vast collection including the Wesley Huenefeld Agricultural Museum, District 66 schoolhouse, Grieser Blacksmith shop and much more. 402-694-6531, plainsmanmuseum.org 🏠

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THE OLD AVOCA SCHOOLHOUSE 504 Garfield St. – The historic Old Avoca Schoolhouse was built in 1925, and has been the home of the Schoolhouse Performance Series since 1990. Music lessons, workshops, fiddle camps, and field trips are offered by Schoolhouse residents, Greenblatt & Seay, and are available by appointment. 402-275-3221, greenblattandseay.com 🏠

AIR CRYSTAL LAKE RECREATION AREA 4480 W. Pony Express Rd., 1 mi. N., ¼ mi. W. Fishing access to Little Blue River and 5-acre lake, playground and gathering pavilions. Electric motor or nonpowered boating. Camping fee. 402-463-8880, littlebluenrd.org/Recreation/crystal_lake.html 🏠

BANCROFT JOHN G. NEIHARDT STATE HISTORIC SITE 306 W. Elm St. – The John G. Neihardt State Historic Site, a branch museum of the Nebraska State Historical Society, is dedicated to preserving and promoting the life and work of John G. Neihardt, Poet Laureate of Nebraska and author of "Black Elk Speaks." The Site features the Sacred Hoop Prayer Garden, historic study, educational center, museum, research library and special exhibits and events. 402-648-3388, neihardtcenter.org/ 🏠

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COMMUNITY PLAYERS 412 Ella St. Community Players is an award winning theater located in downtown Beatrice. We produce a variety of entertainment and educational programs featuring the talents of performers from throughout Southeast Nebraska. Regular season features 6 mainstage productions. Stage Door family season includes 3 family/youth shows. Additional show and live performances are also produced or hosted at the venue throughout the year. 402-228-1801, beatricecommunityplayers.com 📍

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FLOWING STONE ART GALLERY 819 N 6th. St. – Local art gallery featuring handcrafted creations from local artists as well as unique antique and vintage items and home decor. Regular business hours Friday's & Saturday's from 12am to 5pm. Please see "Flowing Stone Art Gallery" Facebook page for additional information as well as photos. 402-806-7115 📍

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GAGE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM 101 N. 2nd St. – Located in the 1906 Burlington Passenger Train Station, the museum offers an insight into the people, railroads, industries, medical and agricultural history of Gage County. Learn about the home of Dempster windmills and Beatrice Foods, and actors Robert Taylor and Harold Lloyd. The Elijah Filley Stone Barn is located 2 miles south of Filley at 13282 East Scott Rd. This is Nebraska's largest limestone barn, built in 1874. Museum open year-round, Tue-Fri, 9am-noon & 1-5pm; Sun, 1:30-5pm. Also open Sat, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Closed holidays. Donation. 402-228-1679, gagecountymuseum.info 📍

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HOMESTEAD NATIONAL MONUMENT OF AMERICA 8523 W. NE Hwy 4, 4 mi. W. of Beatrice – “Free land!” was the cry. The Homestead Act had an immediate and enduring effect on America that is still felt today. Under this law, more than 270 million acres were turned over to individuals. Homestead National Monument of America commemorates the lives and accomplishments of all pioneers and the changes brought on by this act. The park includes the Daniel Freeman site, museum exhibits and videos, historic structures, hiking trails and more. Open year-round, Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm; Sat-Sun, 9am-5pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Free. 402-223-3514, nps.gov/home 

OAK AVEN ACRES RV PARK 23600 SW 75th Rd. – Enjoy the beauty, peace, and quiet that the rural countryside has to offer, surrounded by 80 acres of native timber and the sounds of Cub Creek. Oak Aven Acres RV park is located within minutes of Homestead National Monument of America, ten minutes of downtown Beatrice, and 45 minutes of Lincoln—home of the Nebraska Cornhuskers. We offer 14 drive through site pads with—water, sewer, and 30-50 amp hook-ups in a peaceful rural setting. There is also a tent, picnic, and small playground area. 402-239-9087, visitbeatrice.com/oak-aven-acres-rv-park 

ROCKFORD LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA 7 mi. E. on NE Hwy 4, 2 mi. S. Rockford State Recreation Area consists of approximately 300 land acres around a 150-acre lake. The area offers boating, fishing, picnicking, swimming and camping. 402-729-5777, outdoornebraska.gov/rockford/ 

THE BLACK CROW 405 Court St. Critically acclaimed SE Nebraska restaurant. Established in 1993 in a restored 1890's building in historic downtown Beatrice, we are just five miles from the Homestead National Monument. With gold leaf adorned tin ceilings, exposed brick, and a 30 foot antique oak back bar, we provide an atmosphere that is elegant but not stuffy. Our menu is diverse, featuring hand cut Nebraska steaks and prime rib, fresh fish, seafood, oysters and mussels, roast duckling, gourmet pastas and pizzas, entree salads, fabulous in house dessert creations by our pastry chef and much more! 402-228-7200, blackcrowrestaurant.com/ 

THE CARNEGIE BUILDING- GAGE COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU

218 N 5th St. – Gage County is where America's homestead story begins. In the 19th Century, America was on the move and over 300,000 persons traveled the Oregon Trail. The Homestead Act of 1862 led the way for FREE land. One of the first homestead claims is preserved at Homestead National Monument of America just 4 miles west of Beatrice. Beatrice is located just 40 minutes south of Lincoln. Gage County offers regionally and nationally recognized attractions, several lodging options, fine dining, antique shops, and unique retail shops. 402-223-2338, visitbeatrice.com/ 

THE COTTAGE AT OAK AVEN ACRES 23490 SW 75th Rd. – “The Cottage” Bed and Breakfast at Oak Aven Acres is located within minutes of Homestead National Monument of America, ten minutes of downtown Beatrice and 45 minutes of Lincoln. Enjoy the beauty, peace, and quiet of rural living in this PRIVATE two bedroom Cape Cod style cottage, surrounded by 80 acres of native timber. The Cottage offers you the privacy of your own home with your hosts living on the grounds. A medley of period furniture and colors from nature create a charming, relaxing atmosphere to make you comfortable and give an “at home” feeling. 402-239-9087, visitbeatrice.com/oak-aven-acres-rv-park 

THE DOG SLED - JULIES HOTDOGS 5th and Ct. – Julies Hotdogs, voted “Best Hotdogs” is a hotdog push cart like you would see downtown in the big cities. Our cart features a tasty, all beef, ¼ pound hotdog dressed to perfection with your choice of toppings. Our Daily menu offers A Build Your Own Dog. We offer specialty dogs including the traditional Chicago Dog along with one of our own creations The Skoob Dog, it is a ¼ pound all beef hotdog on a warm pretzel bun with cheese, jalapeno, onion, and bacon. 

TRAUBEL'S POPCORN 101 North 5th St. Replica of a historic popcorn stand that was open from 1937-1987. Many residents and people who grew up in Beatrice have fond memories of buying the town's best popcorn at Traubel's from “The Popcorn Lady” (Ruth Gustafson). The original stand was donated to the Gage County Historical Society and is housed in their west building near the museum. The non-profit group, Community Possibilities, reopened the replica May of 2014. The new Traubel's Popcorn offers buttery popcorn and caramel corn. 402-770-7483, communitypossibilitiesinc.com 

TRAVELERS LODGE 3500 N. 6th St. Guest laundry, satellite TV, free coffee in lobby for guests, dry cleaning picked up 402-223-4074 

VICTORIAN INN 1903 N. 6th St. – Guest laundry, free airport shuttle. 402-228-5955, victorianinnhotels.com 

YESTERDAY'S LADY - STEP BACK IN TIME 113 N. 5th St. – Step back in time and tour the historic 1887 Schmuck building. Vintage clothing and fashion artifacts from 1840 to 1960 are on display. The largest collection of men's, women's and children's vintage clothing in the area. Gift shop and party room available. Open Tue & Thu, 12:30-5pm; or by appt. Tours available. 402-223-5121, yesterdaylady.com 

BEAVER CITY FIVE ARROWS BOUTIQUE 921 O St. Come on down to Beaver City and shop at our new clothing boutique. You can find something for everyone from clothing, footwear, to accessories and gifts. 308-655-0632 

BEAVER CROSSING COUNTRY CABIN 4427 A St Rd. – This 3-bedroom cabin is a relaxing getaway with all the amenities. Sleeps 10 comfortably. 402-532-7500, beavercrossingcountrycabin.com 

BELLEVUE CANDLEWOOD SUITES BELLEVUE 10902 S. 15th St. – The Candlewood Suites Bellevue is a pet friendly hotel in greater Omaha. This hotel boasts amenities designed to make your stay comfortable and convenient. The hotel's location in Bellevue is minutes from corporations, including Union Pacific and TD Ameritrade, and only a minutes from the Century Link Omaha, the venue for Berkshire Hathaway's Annual Shareholder Meeting. Guests in town on military business are just two miles from Offutt Air Force Base. With free high-speed, wired and Wi-Fi access and a 24-hour Business Center, guests can work comfortably. 402-932-8144, ihg.com 

COMFORT INN & SUITES 2105 Pratt Ave. comfortinn.com 

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT 3730 Raynor Parkway – The new state-of-the-art lobby at Courtyard by Marriott Omaha South Bellevue at Event Center provides greater flexibility and choices for guests. At the center of it all is The Bistro, your destination for a great breakfast, or drinks and dinner during the evening. You'll also enjoy inviting, flex spaces where you can work or relax, and free Wi-Fi. Plus, our well-equipped fitness center, indoor pool and whirlpool will help you stay refreshed. The event center is more than 18,000 square feet of flexible event space with a 9,400 sq ft ballroom to host up to 740 guests. 402-287-7300, marriott.com/omasb 

FONTENELLE FOREST 1111 Bellevue Blvd N. – As one of Nebraska's five National Natural Landmarks, Fontenelle Forest Nature Center features 1,400 acres of lush forest and 19 miles of trails, including two wheelchair accessible boardwalks. Within this oasis, you will find premier birding sites, rare wildflowers and unlimited outdoor adventure. The area also holds remnants

of ancient Native American tribes, portions of the Mormon Trail and details of Lewis and Clark's journey Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Admission: \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children (ages 2-17), free for members. 402-731-3140, fontenelleforest.org 📍

GIFFORD FARM EDUCATION CENTER

700 Camp Gifford Rd. – The Gifford Farm is a local treasure located on Camp Gifford Road in Bellevue. Gifford Farm has been serving students in the Omaha area for over 40 years with outdoor education about farming, nature, science, history, teamwork, and more. To access the farm, students take a ride through the hills of Fontenelle Forest to a wonderful country setting just a mile from Bellevue. In addition to our educational programs, Gifford Farm has a series of public events from April- October each year. The farm is also available for birthday parties, weddings, and other special events. 402-597-4920, esu3.org 📍

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES

10804 S. 15th St. Located right off Hwy 75 and Cornhusker Rd. Wireless hi-speed internet and guest laundry. Manager's reception Mon-Thu, 5-7pm which features complimentary Beer/ Wine and snacks. Complimentary breakfast every morning from 6-9:30. Indoor pool and hot tub, fitness and business center. 402-502-4500, ihg.com 📍

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COLUMBAN 1902 Calhoun St. – Visit the campus and enjoy a stroll through the grounds, experience nature and wildlife, or visit the grotto and chapel. On-campus retreat center with lodging can accommodate up to 48 guests for directed retreats, family reunions or business meetings. All denominations are welcome. Headquarters open year-round, Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm. 402-291-1920, columban.org 📍

MOONSTRUCK MEADERY 2221 Madison St. – Nebraska's first meadery produces the fermented beverage made from honey, water and yeast in a variety of still and carbonated flavors such as cherry, blueberry, peach and pepper. Tasting room open Tue-Fri; Sat & Sun. Fee for tastings. Featuring Honey Crust Pizza & Appetizers, Open for Lunch on Saturday! 402-934-7544, moonstruckmead.com 📍

OLDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2002 Franklin St. – Come visit the Historic Presbyterian Church in Bellevue that was built in 1858, and is believed to be the oldest surviving building in Nebraska that was built to hold religious services. It is also believed to be one of few surviving buildings in Nebraska that show original Greek Revival architectural influence. The congregation of the church was founded in 1859, and, in 1970, was believed to be the oldest church congregation in the state. The church was added to the National Register in 1970. 402-293-3142, bellevue.net 📍

SARPY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

2402 Clay St. – Explore the history of Sarpy County from the original American Indians to the present. Exhibits include the history of the fur traders and missionaries, period rooms, early agricultural pursuits and a scale model of Fort Crook (now Offutt Air Force Base). The Bellevue Depot and the Sarpy Caboose offer a unique opportunity to discover the history of railroads in Sarpy County. Open Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day & Easter. Free admission, donations appreciated. 402-292-1880, sarpymuseum.org 📍

SINFUL BURGER SPORTS GRILL

4005 Twin Creek Dr. – Our bar will stay open late during NFL and Husker night games. We are a Green Bay Packers, Nebraska Huskers and Chicago Cubs friendly bar. Our Facebook and Twitter friends get dine in discounts simply by following us Sun-Wed. We post a keyword or phrase, you say it to your server and you get the discount. 402-933-8727, sinfulburger.com/ 📍

TREGARON 13909 Glengarry Cir. – Golfers can find the best of playability and challenge at Tregaron, which, although open, should not be played recklessly. Plenty of bunkers, uneven lies, water, and wind gusts keep even the best golfers honest. 402-292-9300 📍

BENNINGTON

OFT'S B&B 11523 N. 156th St. – Enjoy a stay in this historic B&B just a few miles northwest of Omaha. 402-614-7509, oftsbb.com 📍

BERTRAND

COUNTRYSIDE MARKET BERTRAND 522 Minor Ave. – Countryside Market in Bertrand is your destination for homemade potato bologna, groceries, daily noon deli specials, party trays, a gift shop, candy bouquets, and balloons. Countryside Market is also the birthplace of Crafting Gone Wild! Follow their Facebook page for details on upcoming chances to participate 308-472-3311, countrysidemarketbertrand.com/ 📍

BIG SPRINGS

GRANDMA MAX'S RESTAURANT I 80 Exit 107 – 308-889-3239, bosselman.com 📍

MOTEL 6 111 Circle Rd. – Free wireless internet access. 308-889-3671, motel6.com 📍

BLAIR

ACME FABRIC & QUILT CO 1716 Washington St. – Here at Acme Fabric & Quilt, we carry a vibrant selection of fabrics to meet a variety of creative sewing needs. You'll find a large assortment of patterns, kits, and books, featuring fun projects such as quilts, garments and bags. Located in Blair, our store atmosphere is friendly and inviting, with a staff that eagerly greets customers with warm smiles, personalized service, and a contagious enthusiasm for



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BLAIR AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1646 Washington St. – Welcome to the Blair area! A great place to live. Our communities of Washington County offer excellent schools, quality housing, and great health care. A great place to WORK. Blair is home to one of the largest bio refinery campuses in the world. It is also home to numerous businesses that provide jobs in Telecommunications, Technology, Agriculture, Service and Retail. A great place to PLAY. Golfing, swimming, biking or walking on trail systems, fishing, boating, numerous parks and playgrounds are all part of the quality of life in Washington County. 402-533-4455, blairchamber.org 

CHILI DAWGS FOODS OF FIRE 1940 Ridgeview Rd. – Chili Dawgs Food of Fire offers its own Pepper Spreads, Seasonings and one “Fiery” Beef Jerky all completely natural and gluten-free. We also have brands of sauces, salsas, hot ketchup and mustards, and everything customers need for a Bloody Mary mix. We have grills and smokers, available for purchase with pellets, lump charcoal, and an assortment of grilling supplies. 402-426-4090, chilidawgs.com 

MAIN STREET BBQ AND GRILL 1616 Washington St. – We are a local restaurant specializing in Barbecued meats, Broasted chicken, Phillies, Mexican/American etc. We have a huge menu with daily/nightly specials and are one of the best known caterers in the area—we specialize in groups of 10 - 2,000. 402-426-9935 

PRAIRIE STAR BOTANICALS 321 N. 16th St. – Prairie Star Botanicals is a manufacturer of herbal extracts that are sourced primarily from locally grown prairie medicinal plants. 402-533-4433, prairiestarherbs.com 

RIVER WILDS GOLF CLUB 14002 N. US Hwy 75 – This course features an 18-hole championship layout and a relaxing golf experience at an affordable price. Although the run seems wide open, there are plenty of bunkers, water hazards and out-of-bounds. Full practice facility with driving range, putting

green and chipping green. Call for a Tee Time Today! 402-426-2941, riverwilds.com/ 

SAM & LOUIE'S PIZZERIA 1995 Ridgeview Rd. – Family dining, Pizza, Pasta and sandwiches. 402-426-9590, samandlouiespizza.com 

BLUE HILL
BLUE HILL LEADER 565 W. Gage St. Stop in the Blue Hill Leader newspaper office to check out current events in the area! Or look up an article in our archives. 402-756-2077, mainstreetmedia.us 

THE CORNER NOOK 560 W. Gage St. The Corner Nook is a coffee and gift shop that has a huge variety of handmade and boutique style gifts. We offer hot drinks to include regular coffee, mochas, lattes, steamers and cold drinks to include smoothies and a variety of frozen and iced drinks for both the coffee and non-coffee lover. While you enjoy your drink, shop around and check out the hundreds of unique handmade items for sale made by local artisans or simply sit and enjoy the atmosphere. 402-224-0437 

BLUE SPRINGS
BERLIN GUY CHAMBERLIN MONUMENT 312 W 2nd St. – Berlin Guy Chamberlin Monument Born January 16, 1894 Blue Springs, Nebraska Blue Springs High School (1911) and nicknamed GUY “THE CHAMP.” Chamberlin was famous for many things but among them for being a legendary Cornhusker, a veteran of World War I and a beloved player / coach. Monument Dedicated 2014. 402-476-0075, bluespringsne.com/chamberlin.html 

BLUE SPRINGS CEMETERY North A St. Founded in 1860 as a Methodist Cemetery, the Blue Springs Cemetery has long been regarded as the “Oldest Recorded Cemetery” in Nebraska. This peaceful cemetery attracts visitors from faraway places to walk among the state's oldest pioneers, to see hundreds of fragrant peonies among the colorful sprays of memorial flowers and to attend Memorial Day services for veterans surrounded by a host of flags. 402-476-0075, bluespringsne.com/cemetery.html 

JOHNSON CABIN MUSEUM 100 N “A” St. –National Register of Historical Places, 2015—To be listed under Criteria A: Education as an example of mid-century interpretations of history via local history museums and relocated buildings. (The Cabin represents one approach communities implemented across Nebraska to recognize and promote local history) 402-476-0075, bluespringsne.com/cabin/ 

BOYS TOWN
BOYS TOWN 13628 Flanagan Blvd. Boys Town is a national organization saving children and healing families. The village was made famous by the 1938 movie “Boys Town,” starring Spencer Tracy. The Hall of History features Tracy's Academy Award and

presents an exciting review of Boys Town's founding and impact on the lives of children. The Father Flanagan House Museum is the renovated home of Boys Town's founder. Also see Father Flanagan's Tomb, Dowd Memorial Chapel, Chambers Chapel, Garden of the Bible, the “Two Brothers” statue and the “World's Largest Ball of Postage Stamps.” 402-498-1141, boystown.org/about/visit-the-village 

BRAINARD
OAK CREEK TRAIL Valparaiso – The Oak Creek Trail spans 12 miles through majestic oak woodlands and beautiful highland vistas between Valparaiso and Brainard. The crushed limestone trail is paralleled by a natural-surfaced equestrian trail with plenty of trailer parking in Valparaiso. The town of Loma marks the trail's approximate half-way point. Loma is home to St. Luke's Czech Catholic Shrine and is also where the full-length motion picture, “To Wong Fu, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar” was filmed in 1995. From the Valparaiso end, the trail begins with a trip over scenic North Oak Bridge. 402-476-2729, lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 

BREWSTER
SANDHILLS GUEST RANCH B&B 42852 W North Loup Rd. – Lodging with home-cooked meals and hospitality. Wide-open prairie, hunting for upland game and all wild birds. Bird & wild life watching from 10 foot blind over wet land & North Loup River. Sandhills tour last about an hour. Darkest sky, beautiful sunrise and sunsets. 308-547-2460 

BRIDGEPORT
BRIDGEPORT STATE RECREATION AREA W of Bridgeport off NE Hwys 26 and 92 Sandpit lakes provide recreation within a few minutes of Chimney, Courthouse and Jail Rocks. Open year-round. Trailer dump station open April 30-Oct 1. Park permit required. Fee for primitive camping: \$6 per night. 308-436-3777, outdoornebraska.gov/bridgeport/ 

BROKEN BOW
ARROW HOTEL SUITES 509 S. 9th St. We have 25 suites in our hotel. They have been recently remodeled and 22 of the rooms include full size kitchens. We have several different room types to suit all your needs! We have a restaurant and a pub in our lobby. 308-872-6662, arrowhotel.com 

BOSSELMAN'S PUMP & PANTRY MOTEL 1037 E. South E St. – Free wireless internet access 308-872-6842, bosselman.com 

BROKEN BOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 444 South 8th Ave. Welcome to Broken Bow! This wonderful community is located in the “center of it all” on scenic Highway 2, along the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway. 308-872-5691, brokenbow-ne.com 

COBBLESTONE HOTEL & SUITES 2570 S. 27th Ave. – staycobblestone.com 📍

CUSTER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM 445 S. 9th Ave. – Artifacts depicting pioneer life from the 1880s to present. This includes the collection of the Wescott, Gibbons and Bragg, general store, that has the history preserved to show the future generations. The Solomon D Butcher Gallery featuring his works that include a large collection of Custer County families. Historical Research Center, archive of area newspapers and books, and gift shop. Summer hours: Mon-Sat, 10-5; (Memorial - Labor Day). Rest of the year, Mon-Fri, 1-5. Closed major holidays. Research appointments available. Free admission, donations welcome. 308-872-2203, rootsweb.com/~necuster 📍

KINKAIDER BREWING CO. 43860 Paulsen Rd. Kinkaid Brewing Co. is a farm brewery located in Broken Bow the gateway to the beautiful sandhills. Kinkaid was founded by four Nebraska boys, born & raised right here in the heartland. Our fathers, grandfathers & great grandfathers helped settle this land. Kinkaid Brewing Co. emulates the pioneer spirit that first settled this wild stretch of land over 100 years ago. To Kinkaid Brewing Co. "The Good Life" means brewing fantastic, small-batch, hand crafted beer from our refreshing sandhills water and using ingredients right off our farm. 308-872-8348, kinkaidbrewing.com 📍

ORTELO DALE 421 S 9th Ave. – Ortello Dale is your home away from home store. We are a home decor and gift store specializing in unique, one of a kind items surrounded in an atmosphere of heritage and family. The store is named after the two neighboring valleys my parents came from in the area. Several of our fun, eclectic items in our store are displayed on antique pieces from these valleys. 308-872-2727, Ortello-Dale. shoptiques.com 📍

BROWNVILLE

1854 DIDIER LOG CABIN 213 Main St. Located in Boettner Park, this original historic cabin served as the residence of John B. Didier II from France that arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 20 in 1827. He arrived in Brownville by steamboat and built the cabin in which he resided more than 63 years. He married Mary Peneaux Beauvais Red Nose Didier Desersa in 1855. Mary was enrolled in the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, and was part of the Sioux Nation forced to walk to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears. The tiny house, was built with logs 8" to 15" in diameter. The main room is 15x15 and the sleeping loft is 7x15. 402-825-6001, Brownville-NE.com 📍

BROWN-CARSON HOUSE 300 Main St. The Brown-Carson House, 1860 is an original one story brick dwelling owned by Richard Brown, founder of Brownville. Brown added a two story frame wing in 1861 and sold the home to John L Carson, who in turn made an addition in about 1880. This

Italianate dwelling, including it furnishings and basement kitchen, has remained virtually unaltered since then. Just south of the house is the handsome Carson Carriage house built before 1880. The Carson Family gave both structures to the Brownville Historical Society, which conducts tours on weekends. Brownville-NE.com 📍

BROWNVILLE CONCERT SERIES & HALL 126 Atlantic St. – Live music in an intimate setting. Nationally acclaimed talent from New York Cabaret, Broadway, jazz, classical, bluegrass and rock. Season runs Mar-Dec with performances Fri-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm on select weekends. Tickets range from \$19-\$25. Experience the musical magic of Brownville! 402-825-3331, brownvilleconcertseries.com 📍

BROWNVILLE MARKET 308 Main St. At the market you will find your quick needs. Coffee, candy, cigars, tobacco and craft beers. Plenty of outdoor seating to relax in between visiting all of the local historic sites. 402-825-1240, brownville-ne.com 📍

BROWNVILLE METHODIST CHURCH 423 Water St. – Built of brick with a frame cupola for the Congregationalists led by Rev. Thomas W Tipton, a Brownville resident and U.S. Senator, 1867-1875, this is one of Nebraska's oldest churches and of the state's few remaining examples of Greek Revival ecclesiastical architecture. Service is held on Sunday's at 10:00am, where you will enjoy one of the region's finest pianist play—all are welcome. Built in 1859. Brownville-NE.com 📍

BROWNVILLE RIVERSIDE PARK AND LANDING US Hwy 136 – Primitive camping, picnicking and fishing access to the Missouri River. 402-825-3982, brownville-ne.com 📍

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CAPTAIN BAILEY HOUSE 412 Main St. Captain Bailey house built in 1877. A Gothic Revival brick dwelling erected for Benson M. Bailey in 1877, purportedly built nearer the Missouri River, dissembled and rebuilt on the current site. It is now a Brownville Historical Society museum and open for tours on the weekends or by appointment. Brownville-NE.com 📍

DAN'S CLASSIC CARS 127 Main St. Custom automotive art. Find that unique piece for your man cave. Industrial art for your urban loft or just have plain fun talking muscle cars and automotive history. One of a kind shed art all hand made, you will find something that one special item in Brownville

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DR. SPURGIN'S DENTAL OFFICE 222 Main St. — This charming landmark features antique dental tools and oddities from the time period in an old-time dentist office. Seasonal hours open April-October, 9:00am-5:00pm, self guided tours. 402-825-6001, Brownville-NE.com 

EMILY BELLE'S CRAFT CLASSES
117 Main St. — Take some time while in Brownville to learn a new craft. These make and take projects will bring out the artist in you and the bonding and memories are no extra charge. Reserve space for a group, kids parties, girls night out, holiday gathering. Think and color outside the box at this fun stop. Special parties and group hours available upon request. Brownville-NE.com 

FLATWATER FOLK MUSEUM 609 Main St. — Located in a beautifully renovated 1884 Methodist Episcopal church, this American Folk art museum is a must see in Brownville. There are a number of Folk Art museums around the country, including colonial Williamsburg in Virginia. The focus at Flatwater is different, its focus is on American Folk Art, 18th-19th-century silhouettes, samplers, carved objects. You can enjoy naive, primitive, self-taught vernacular, but as the Europeans call it, in all different categories at the Flatwater. Open Thursday - Sunday and or by appointment. 402-825-4371 

GOVERNOR FURNAS HOUSE MUSEUM
230 S. 6th St. — Open to the public Thursday - Sunday 1:00-4:00 pm May to October and for special and holiday displays, this 1868 Italianate and Gothic Revival home reflects the typical expressions of the era in addition to serving as an illustrative documentation of historical activities and events related to Historic Brownville. The Gov. Furnas Home is located at 230 S. 6th Street. Gov. Furnas and his family lived in this home after he left the governorship until his death in 1905 when he was buried in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. His grave site is marked by a most unusual monument. 402-825-4992, brownville-ne.com/brownville-fine-arts-association.html 

MARY'S EMPORIUM 313 Main St.
Handmade Estate and new jewelry are the hidden gems of Mary's Emporium. Located

on Main street in a historic home, treasures abound. 402-825-1240, brownville-ne.com/boutiques---shops.html 

MERIWETHER LEWIS DREDGE AND MISSOURI RIVER HISTORY MUSEUM
Recreation area just S. of Brownville Bridge—A restored sidewheeler dredge used on the Missouri River. Open mid-May to mid-Oct, Sat-Sun, 1-4pm; or by appt. Admission: \$3 adults, \$1 ages 6-12. Handicapped accessible lower deck. 402-825-3341, lewisdredge.org 

NEW EARTH CLAY POTTERY 402 Main St. — Hand thrown pottery both wood and gas fired. Beautiful work designed to both artistic and functional. Open Mid-May thru November. 402-587-1480 or 402-560-7669, Brownville-NE.com 

QUILTING BROWNVILLE 1030 Main St.
The Brownville Quilt project proudly displays 19 artistic quilt patterns located throughout the town. The starting point for the Walking Trail of Quilt Blocks is located at Outfitters Row, and follows the trail west. 

SAGE MEMORIAL MUSEUM 213 Main St. — The exhibit includes: 59 Rinehart photos taken at the 1898 Trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha and the Indian Congress, Half Breed Tract Reservation original survey maps and land contracts, the original restored cabin of John B. Didier and Mary Pineau (Lakota Tribe), additional displays, books and artifacts highlighting Native American activity in Southeast Nebraska. 

SCENT N MORE 119 Main St. — Specializing in candles and wax melts that are made in Nebraska. Find your latest addition for that rustic decor or a treasured antique. 712-438-0931, Brownville-NE.com 

SCHOOL HOUSE GALLERY & NATURE CENTER 427 Main St. — The Brownville Fine Arts Association offers events and tours in both the arboretum, and affiliate site of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and the gallery. Classes are provided, art and sculpture are on exhibit. Gather here, additional visitor information for other sites, concert series and fine art related activities. Located next to the Governor Furnas Arboretum, enjoy a stroll along the walking/bike trail. Brownville-NE.com 

SCHOOLHOUSE ART GALLERY 427 Main St. — Variety of items on display and for sale at the gallery including quilts, pottery, paintings, books and more. Open Apr-Oct, Sat-Sun, 1-5pm. Free. 402-274-4146, brownville-ne.com 

SPIRIT OF BROWNVILLE RIVERBOAT AND RIVER INN RESORT 72898 A Ave.
Enjoy the “Mighty Missouri” on a real riverboat and see the river as Lewis and Clark viewed it. The Spirit's decks have refreshment bars, restrooms and facilities for dining and dancing. Dinner cruises Memorial

Day weekend-Labor Day, Fri-Sun, 5:30-7pm. Sightseeing tours Tue-Thu, 3pm. Group charters available Apr-Oct. 402-825-6441, spiritofbrownville.com 

STEAMBOAT TRACE TRAIL Brownville Trailhead - River View Marina – 22 miles of rail banked railroad corridor paralleling the scenic Missouri River. The surface is crushed limestone, but because of the trail's unique geography don't be surprised to find some areas more challenging than others. Intricate, original carvings adorn the face of the limestone bluffs south of Peru as you head to Brownville. Various spots along the trail provide scenic overlooks of the Missouri River and great photo opportunities. Rules of the Trail—hours of operation are daylight hours year round. Trail is closed during firearm deer season. 402-335-3325, nemahanrd.org 

THE BLUEBIRD 121 Main St.
The Bluebird serves only the best hand crafted Nebraska made ice-cream. Most products used are Nebraska produced, including seasonal garden fresh items. In addition to serving the most talked about ice cream in the region, representing the history of Brownville, guest can enjoy Charcutiere, Elk Brats, soup and Nebraska made meat and cheese. With art work, music, antiques and housewares for sale as well, the Bluebird is a town favorite. Recently certified as Two Wheel Spoken Here, the Bluebird is cyclist friendly and promotes the use of the Steamboat Trace Trail. 402-326-2449, Brownville-NE.com 

THE GOVERNOR FURNAS ARBORETUM
5th & Main Sts. — In the heart of Brownville, a community noted for its fine and performing arts, is an artistic endeavor of a botanical kind. More than 200 trees, shrubs and flowers extend from 7th Street to the Missouri River along the Governor Furnas Connector Trail. This trail links with the Steamboat Trace Trail. Also featured is a life-size sculpture of Governor Furnas. 402-825-6637, brownville-ne.com 

THE NEXT CHAPTER 123 Main St.
The Next Chapter is a place where you can come in and, read, write, journal, sketch, relax and enjoy some alone time or each other. Available for purchase are books, Alexa Pulitzer stationary, cards, writing tools, sketch pads and supplies. In a world filled with technology, go back to the art of sending a letter and begin writing again. In the lower level is a limited seating theater showing Nebraska films, docs, and the occasional children's classic. 402-326-2449, Brownville-NE.com 

WHISKEY RUN CREEK VINEYARD & WINERY 702 Main St. — Wine tasting and bottles for purchase in a 110-year-old barn positioned over a creek. Caves constructed in 1866, a production building and a vineyard all on a beautiful and historical 4-acre setting. Open Wed-Sat, 10am-

5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Free. 402-825-4601, whiskeyruncreek.com 📍

BRULE

BAYSIDE GOLF CLUB 865 Lakeview W. Rd. – This course is tough, although five tee boxes allow all skill levels to enjoy the course with breathtaking views of Big Mac. The facility also houses an 18-hole putt-putt course for frustrated golfers and patient family members. 308-287-4653, baysidegolf.com 📍

LAKE MCCONAUGHY GUIDE SERVICES

Lake McConaughy – For a great personal fishing experience on Lake McConaughy, Ogallala. Families welcome. We furnish the boat, tackle, bait & fish cleaning. Give us a call for rates and dates. Your Guide: Jerry Steinke or Kevin Jenny. 308-289-1904 or 402-690-3893 📍

BURCHARD

BIG BLUE RANCH & LODGE LLC 3 mi. W. on 712 Rd, 3 mi. S. on 609 Ave. – Enjoy this beautiful log lodge with a well stocked private fishing lake, horseback riding, hunting deer or wild turkey, and bird-watching on our working cattle ranch southeast of Lincoln. Ride horses on a real cattle drive. Watch a fantastic sunset from large covered porches. Stay in a suite looking out picture windows to see the rolling hills, tall grass prairie and woodlands. Each suite has a queen bedroom for 2 and a bunk bedroom to sleep 4 adults. Both suites can be joined by opening large French doors for reunions, weddings, or group retreats. Open year round! 402-865-4335, bigblueranch.com 📍

BURCHARD LAKE 8 miles west of Pawnee City on 713 Rd. – This 150-acre lake offers fishing, camping, hiking, birdwatching, and picnicking. Use the blinds to watch the prairie chickens when they're booming from February through April. Located 8 miles

west and 4 miles north of Pawnee City. pawneecountynebraska.com 📍

HAROLD LLOYD HOME 405 2nd St. Home of 1920's silent film star Harold Lloyd. The actor's films featured hair-raising stunts, and you may view one of them during your visit. Visits by appointment. 402-865-4665 or 402-865-4725, pawneecountynebraska.com 📍

BURWELL

ALLISON SPRINGS CABIN

46899 O'Conner Rd., PO Box 124 – Enjoy a stay in a cabin along the Loup River. Plenty of stargazing and a great view. 308-750-0874 📍

BOSSELMAN'S PUMP & PANTRY MOTEL

517 S. 1st St. – Complimentary coffee, wireless internet access. 308-346-4607 📍

CALAMUS RESERVOIR STATE RECREATION AREA

6 mi. NW of Burwell More than 5,000 acres for fishing, boating and swimming. Sand beaches, 2 modern campgrounds, 2 primitive campgrounds, fish hatchery and visitor center. The office, shower building and dump station are open beginning the last Fri in Apr-Sep 15. Office open daily, 8am-5pm. The park is open year-round. Use of the shower house is restricted to registered campers at Homestead Knolls campground. Two fish cleaning stations with water and disposals, 5 boat ramps and docks from spring to fall. Park permit required. Camping fees charged. 308-346-5666, outdoornebraska.gov/calamus/ 📍

CALAMUS STATE FISH HATCHERY

42254 Hatchery Rd., 6 mi. N.W. on NE Hwy 96 – Below the Virginia Smith Dam (Calamus Reservoir)—Open weekdays, 10am - 4pm. Closed holidays & weekends. Group tours (minimum of 10 people) by appointment only; during open hours. Free. No pets.

308-346-4226, outdoornebraska.gov/hatcheries/ 📍

CASSIDY'S BACKROAD BBQ/GRILL & CATERING

82007 Fort Ave. – We are a family owned business where great food and close family are our key ingredients. We specialize in award winning Brisket, Pulled Pork, Ribs, Smoked Prime Rib and Steaks, but we offer MUCH more than BBQ. We offer home cooked meals, family friendly atmosphere with unbeatable prices, excellent staff and CATERING AT ITS BEST. We believe in serving high quality meals that will keep families coming back and you never go away hungry. Dine in, Carry out or let us cater your holiday parties or your special event! 308-346-5049 📍

COUNTRY CABINN 853 D St. – Quiet Setting; Minutes from the lake; 2 separate Units with full kitchen and baths; Room to park boats. 308-214-0920 📍

D & C'S CALAMUS WEST

2 Miles East of Hwy. 183 on Hwy. 96 Beautiful Nebraska Sandhills 308-214-0013 or 308-346-4235 📍

FORT HARTSUFF STATE HISTORICAL PARK

82034 Fort Ave, 10 mi. SE on NE Hwy 11 to Elyria, 3 mi. N. on Fort Ave—Restored 1870s Plains infantry fort. Grounds open May-Sep, daily, 8am-sunset. Gift shop open late May-Labor Day, weekends, 10am-5pm; or by appt. Park permit required. Admission: \$2/ages 13 and up, \$1 ages 3-12, free admission for children under age 3. 308-346-4715, outdoornebraska.gov/forthartsuff/ 📍

ROWSE'S 1+1 RANCH

46849 833rd Rd. If you're looking for a true ranch experience then Rowse's 1+1 Ranch is for you. Set on the eastern edge of the Nebraska Sandhills just outside of Burwell, the 1+1 Ranch is a

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SANDSTONE GRILL 416 Grand Ave.
308-346-4582, sandstonegrill.com/ 

THE HUB 180 Grand Ave. – Hours: Mon - Tue: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Thu: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Fri - Sat: 7:00 am - 9:00 pm
308-346-4674 

BUSHNELL

THE SISTERS GRIMM 1598 Rd 34 N.
A renovated barn is home to this photography and art gallery. Antiques, local craft items, gently used books and coffee shop. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day and by appointment. 308-360-1263, sistersgrimm.biz 

CAIRO

CAIRO ROOTS MUSEUM 303 Said St.
Come to see the new landscaping, new displays and just visit for a while. Need family information? Impress the folks with some information about Uncle Joe or Aunt Penny at the next family reunion. We might be able to help. We are open Saturdays 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. 308-379-9119 

HORIZONS WITHOUT BOUNDS 8066 N. 130th Rd. – Horizons Without Bounds is an Agri Adventures and Explorations business providing guided trips to ranches and farms in Nebraska. We have direct face-to-face visits with ranchers and farmers for those people that would like to experience production agriculture up close. We stop at geographical/historical sites in Nebraska such as Chimney Rock and Museum of the Fur Trade, and we'll do events such as tanking/canoeing rivers. Lodging will be B&B/lodges/hotels. We eat in small-town ranch cafes and unique eateries as well as normal venues. Custom trips available. 308-379-3261, horizonswb.com 

CALLAWAY

SEVEN VALLEYS MUSEUM 102 N. Grand Ave. – Seven Valleys Historical Society maintains 4 unique buildings, two are located on Grand Ave. The first Courthouse of Custer County, a log cabin structure is located in Morgan Park and the historic Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is located on south Needham Street. Antiques are housed in the buildings on Grand Avenue. The Museum is always open during Village Events and can be open daily with a quick phone call, if no one is available at the main building. Phone numbers are posted at the building. Call for a tour or for more information. 308-870-2107 

CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE BED & BREAKFAST 606 Parker St. – Experience one of Heritage Nebraska's Hidden Treasures with a stay in this architecturally magnificent mansion equipped with modern amenities. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places for neoclassic architecture and original interior features including Austrian leaded and beveled glass, lighting fixtures, woodwork, and hand-painted decorative art. The home was built as a tribute to the community by it's first mayor, Wm. H. Faling and his wife Anna. They hired courthouse architect W. Gernandt to create a mansion of nearly 10,000 sq. ft. 308-697-3220, cambridge-bb.com 

EARTHBLOOMS ECORETREAT 71637 Road 407 – Enjoy the serenity of the Great Plains on 1,000 acres of native mixed-grass prairie. Explore your creativity, be inspired, relax and enjoy conversations in the large loft-style gathering space. Enjoy star gazing via our 12-inch Meade telescope. Perfect for landscape painters, photography, and birding. Open by appt. only 308-697-3220, earthblooms-ecoretreat.com 

FALING LIVING HISTORY TOUR HOME

606 Parker St. – Along US Hwys 6 & 34, 606 Parker St—Home is a designated Heritage Nebraska Hidden Treasure and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its superior neoclassic architecture and original details. This century-old home showcases the sophistication, ingenuity and cultural heritage of an early pioneer family. Also serves as a B&B, artist's retreat and gallery. Tours by appt. \$5 Admission. Special rates for educational tours. 308-697-3220 or 308-697-4587, cambridge-bb.com 

MEDICINE CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA 40611 Rd 728 – A reservoir with more than 1,700 acres of water and nearly 7,000 land acres provides fun for water enthusiasts and campers. Open year-round. Shower buildings open according to weather, usually Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day weekend. Park permit required. Camping fees: \$18 electric, \$12 without electric, \$7 primitive. 308-697-4667, outdoornebraska.gov/medicinecreek/ 

CENTRAL CITY

PRAIRIE CREEK VINEYARDS 2254 13th Rd. – 2254 13th Rd—Family-owned and operated winery located in central Nebraska. Tasting room open year-round, 308-940-1370, prairiecreekwine.com 

CHADRON

BEAN BROKER 2ND STREET COFFEE HOUSE & PUB 202 West 2nd St.
308-432-4500 

BUNK HOUSE MOTEL 901 E. 3rd St. – WI-FI, picnic area, parking at the door, connecting rooms. 308-432-5591, chadronbunkhouse.com 

CHADRON STATE PARK 15951 US Hwy 385 – Nebraska's first state park nestled in

the picturesque Pine Ridge with a modern campground, swimming pool, trail rides and more. Park open year-round. Cabins available mid-Apr thru mid-Nov and for big game firearm and wild turkey seasons. Day use and camping available year-round. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-432-6167, outdoornebraska.gov/chadron/ 

ELEANOR BARBOUR COOK MUSEUM OF GEOLOGY

1000 Main St. – Rocks, minerals and fossils from Nebraska and around the world. Exhibits include the Ohme collection of agates, jade and petrified wood. Exhibits focus on items found in the region, including the Black Hills. Daily, 7:30am-4:30pm, when CSC classes are in session; by appointment at other times. Closed major holidays & spring break. Located in the Math-Science building at 12th & Chapin on the campus of Chadron State College. Best parking is in the softball field lot one block east. Parking in the Math-Science lot may also be available. 308-432-6377, csc.edu/sci/ebcmuseum/ 

HIGH PLAINS HERBARIUM

1000 Main St. – Chadron State College—Nebraska's largest ethnobotanical, medicinal plant and historic pharmaceutical collections. Special collections devoted to Claude Barr's native plants, regional ethnobotany and George Morgan. Open daily, 8am-5pm. Tours by appt. 308-432-6385 

MARI SANDOZ HIGH PLAINS HERITAGE CENTER

1000 Main Street, Chadron State College – The Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center is located on the campus of Chadron State College. The Center interprets the life and literature of author Mari Sandoz, as well as the history and culture of the High Plains. Sandoz wrote 22 books during her lifetime, most notably "Old Jules" and "Crazy Horse." The Center also preserves and interprets the history of the cattle ranching industry. The Center is free and open year round. The Center is closed Sundays and College Holidays. Archives are open by appointment. For more information, please call. 308-432-6401 or 308-432-6401, csc.edu/sandoz 

MUSEUM OF THE FUR TRADE

6321 US Hwy 20 – Museum dedicated to preservation of North American fur trade, the first business in the New World. The Bordeaux Trading Post, built in 1837, stands on museum grounds. A scholarly journal, the "Museum of the Fur Trade Quarterly," is published through the museum. Open May 1 - October 31, or by appt. Admission: \$5 adults, \$1 children ages 10-18, children under 16 yrs free. \$15 membership includes admission, 10% discount and 4 issues of the "Quarterly" journal. Fur Trade Days held 2nd weekend in July. Feast of the Hunter's Moon in Oct. 308-432-3843, furtrade.org 

NEBRASKA NATIONAL FOREST (PINE RIDGE RANGER DISTRICT)

125 N. Main St. – Deer and turkey hunting on public lands. Hiking, biking and horseback trails. Open year-round. Primary attractions include

Toadstool Park, Soldier Creek Wilderness and Pine Ridge National Recreation Area and Hudson-Meng Education and Research Center. Entrance fees for Hudson-Meng: \$5 adults, \$4.50 seniors, \$3 children ages 5-12. Camping fees: \$5 per night at Toadstool, Red Cloud and Roberts Trailhead. \$8 per night at Soldier Creek. Campgrounds open year-round, camping fees charged May-Nov at Roberts Campground and trailhead. 308-432-0300, fs.usda.gov/nebraska 📍

PINE RIDGE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA 8 mi. S of Chadron US Hwy 385 Enjoy 6,600 acres for semiprimitive recreation. No motorized vehicles. Mountain bikes permitted. Open year-round. \$5/vehicle for camping mid-May thru mid-Nov. Trail access. Campground open year-round. 308-432-0300, fs.usda.gov 📍

RED CLOUD CAMPGROUND 125 N Main St. – Located in the beautiful Pine Ridge area next to Chadron State Park, right off of Hwy. 385. Fee is \$5 per night. Fees are charged mid-May to mid-November; campground is open year round. Thirteen camp sites. Amenities include picnic tables, vault toilet and fire rings. 308-432-0300 📍

RIDGEVIEW COUNTRY CLUB 16611 US Hwy 385 – A must-play for anyone traveling through northwestern Nebraska, this course rests at the foot of picturesque Pine Ridge, south of Chadron. The open layout-except for out-of-bounds along a couple of fairways-delivers few penalties. 308-432-4468 📍

VICTORIAN INN B&B 307 Shelton St. Enjoy a stay in this uniquely decorated historical house built in 1910. High-speed Internet, grand piano, an open front porch and plenty of parking. 308-432-5696, chadronvictorianinn.com 📍

WALGREN LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA 15951 Hwy 385 – Legend has it that a Loch Ness-style creature inhabits this unusually tranquil Sandhills lake, with its tempting camping, fishing, hiking and picnic facilities. Park permit required. Walgren Lake State Recreation Area is an 80-acre area with a 50-acre lake that offers visitors primitive camping, boating, fishing, and picnicking in a tranquil prairie setting. Its campground is a gem in Nebraska, rewarding visitors with views of gorgeous sunsets over the lake. Mature, shady cottonwood trees are scattered throughout Walgren Lake State Recreation Area's 40 campsites. 308-432-6167, outdoornebraska.gov/walgrenlake/ 📍

CHAPMAN

BADER MEMORIAL PARK 898 Bader Park Rd. – 270 acre public park owned by Merrick County. Bader Park property, includes 7 fishing ponds, a large swimming pond with great sand beach, miles of trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use, tall grass prairie, cottonwood forest, Platte River access, RV and tent camping with electricity at RV sites. RV dump site available. WIFI available. 308-986-2522, baderpark.com 📍

CHAPPELL

CHAPPELL GOLF COURSE

1262 Road 167 – Situated next to Chappell Lake and parallel to I-80 on the north side, this well-conditioned course features built-up greens and a number of bunkers. 308-874-2729 📍

COLUMBUS

ANDREW JACKSON HIGGINS NATIONAL MEMORIAL

2001 AJ Higgins Rd (Pawnee Park) – Featuring a full-size steel waterline replica of a LCV, the “Higgins Boat” serves as the centerpiece for the monument. This memorial is dedicated to native son, Andrew Jackson Higgins, designer and builder of the boats and all members of the armed forces. Three bronze statues, representing soldiers of WWII, Korea and Vietnam are seen emerging from the boat that carried American soldiers ashore during these conflicts. The Memorial Walk contains brass stars holding sand samples from D-Day beaches where these boats landed. Free attraction 402-564-2769, higginsmemorial.com 📍

APPLE BARREL RESTAURANT - SAPP BROS.

517 E 23rd St. – Apple Barrel is a family-friendly, full service cafe offered in 6 select Sapp Bros. travel centers. We provide quality menu choices at an affordable price. Please stop in and dine with us soon! Open Every Day from at least 6 am - 11 pm 402-564-8268, applebarrelrestaurant.com/ 📍

BISTRO ON THE LOUP

265 33rd Ave. Bistro on the Loup is a “polished casual” venue designed to make all of our guests feel welcome. From a 24 oz Rib Eye, to house smoked bacon, to pies made from scratch, we have interesting and delicious options for all kinds of palates! We are located inside of Ramada Columbus. 402-564-1492 📍

COLUMBUS ART GALLERY

2504 14th Street, lower level of Columbus Public Library – The Columbus Art Gallery promotes the visual arts, presenting new exhibits and receptions monthly. Exhibits run from four to six weeks and are on display year-round. The artwork in these exhibits is for sale. These exhibits feature the works of regional artists, formal traveling exhibits from museums and universities, the annual exhibits of the Columbus Area Artists and Youth Art Month. In addition, the Gallery hosts the annual Calico Quilt Show and the Festival of Trees. We also offer 2 gift shops featuring handmade items, for sale, from artists around the region. 402-563-1016, discoverthearts.org/ 📍

COLUMBUS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

753 - 33rd Ave. – Stop in and say “Hi” as you explore Columbus. Get visitor information about Columbus and across the state. Our goal is help you enjoy your stay! 402-564-2769, visitcolumbusne.com 📍

COLUMBUS POWERHOUSE PARK

4757 3rd Ave. – With an impressive view of the Columbus Powerhouse and the Loup Canal,

the 4.5 acres of the Powerhouse Park offers relaxed family fun with playground equipment. Powerhouse Park offers picnicking, grilling, and fishing. A limited number of primitive camping sites are available during the summer. Graveled paths offer an opportunity for short walks around the park. 402-564-3171, loup.com 📍

COLUMBUS RACETRACK

822 15th St. Live racing August 7th-September 7th, 2015. \$1 Admission over 18. Post time Fri-Sat, 6:30pm; Sun & Labor Day, 2 pm. Year-round simulcast racing Thu-Sun. Free. 402-562-8009, columbushorseracing.org 📍

DAYS INN & SUITES

1716 E. 23rd St. – We offer great value and our goal is to make you feel right at home. Start your day with a complimentary continental breakfast, served daily and plan your day, check emails, the weather or just surf the internet via our free wireless internet access, available in all guestrooms and public areas. Our well-appointed rooms have a kitchen, free premium cable TV with HBO, free wireless and/or wired high speed internet access, free local calls and we also offer an onsite guest laundry, and a fitness room, accessible 24 hrs with your guestroom key. 402-564-1266, daysinn.com 📍

“DISCOVERING THE COLORFUL HISTORY OF COLUMBUS” MURAL

2524 13th St. – This mural was completed to commemorate Columbus’ Sesquicentennial celebration in 2006 and the city’s history. The mural reveals important moments in the city’s development by peeling through 8 layers of time from 2006 to its founding on May 28, 1856. 402-564-2769, visitcolumbusne.com 📍

DISCOVERY ISLAND WATER PLAYLAND

265 33rd Ave, Jct of US Hwys 30 & 81 inside Ramada Columbus—A 7,500-sq-ft indoor water recreation facility. This is the only indoor water playland within a 150-mile radius. Kids will hit the deck on a pirate ship while running through sprays of water in the Pirate’s Lagoon and sliding down 2 slides. The triple Mermaid Slide guarantees plunging fun. Beware mateys, no weary traveler will want to miss Discovery Island! Open year-round, daily, 9am-11pm. Free to hotel guests. Admission for group events. 402-564-1492, reversedgecolumbus.com 📍

DUSTERS 2804 13th St. – Built in 1920 by Max Gottberg as a Ford assembly plant, the Gottberg building features a mural depicting 200 years of the area’s history, a striking exterior design with terra-cotta molds of automobiles, tractor seat bar stools and a grain bin ceiling. Six different lagers and ales are on tap, as well as handcrafted root beer and cream soda. Open Mon-Sat, 11am-10pm; Sun, 10:30am-2pm. Brewery tours by appt. 402-564-8338, dustersrestaurant.com 📍

FAIR PARK GRILLE 822 15th St. – This is not just any old burger joint. It's actually a nice quiet atmosphere yes there's betting going along and people talking eating but you don't have to yell to talk to your companions. They have many different burgers to choose from whether it's the Champion (8 ounce burger with a couple onion rings, coleslaw, and tangy BBQ sauce) 402-564-0133 🍔

GLUR'S TAVERN 2301 11th St. Established circa 1876 as the Bucher Saloon, Glur's Tavern is the oldest continuously operated tavern west of the Missouri River. Known to have been frequented by William "Buffalo Bill" Cody in the 1880's and the early 1900's. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Known for its famous burgers! Also features a beer garden with a basketball hoop and sand volleyball court. 402-564-8615 🍔

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES 524 E. 23rd St. – Free breakfast and wi-fi. Managers reception Monday - Thursday evening. All rooms have HDTV's with free DVD library in the lobby. Meeting rooms for up to 130 persons. ihg.com 🏨

HUSKER STEAK HOUSE 1754 33rd Ave. – Whether you are on the run or throwing a party, you can enjoy a delicious, affordable steak with takeout and catering services from Husker Steak House. Lounge is open 3 PM-12 AM daily. 402-564-4121, huskersteakhouse.com/ 🍔

LAKE BABCOCK AND LAKE NORTH 3 miles N of Columbus on 48th Ave. – The 600-acre lake offers fishing, swimming, camping and boating. Grills, play equipment, picnic shelters, hiking/biking trails and volleyball courts are also available. Free. 402-564-3171, loup.com 🏞️

LAKE NORTH 4 mi. N. of US Hwy 30 & 18th Ave. – 402-564-3171, loup.com 🏞️

LOUP PARK 4 mi. N. of US Hwy 30 & 18th Ave, 1 ½ mi. W. – 402-564-3171, loup.com 🏞️

PAWNEE PLUNGE WATER PARK 560 33rd Ave. – Featuring a zero-depth entry, splash play area, curve slide, speed slide, tube slide and splash bowl slide. Lazy river, food court and party pavilion also on-site. Open mid-May thru mid-Aug, daily, noon-8pm. Day passes: \$6, free admission age 4 and under with paying adult. 402-562-4269, columbusne.us/aquatics 🏊

PLATTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM 2916 16th St. – Features the complete 1857 log cabin of Frederick Gottschalk, one of Columbus' founders, turn-of-the-century barbershop, country schoolroom and 1912 Challenger windmill. Open mid-May thru Labor Day, Fri-Sun, 1-4pm; or by appt. Admission: \$3 adults, ages 14 & under free, museum members free. 402-564-1856, megavision.net/museum 🏛️

QUINCENTENARY BELLTOWER US Hwy 81 & 33rd Ave. – A lasting monument to the community's celebration of the Quincentenary. This unique monument to Columbus' first voyage to the New World is made from 10 large bells that peal every 15 minutes and are historically significant to the area. Located in Pawnee Park. 402-564-2769, visitcolumbusne.com 🏰

RAMADA COLUMBUS AND RIVER'S EDGE CONVENTION CENTER 265 33rd Ave. – Located conveniently on Highway 81 and 30 South next to the Loup River, our full service hotel is in the center of Pawnee Park close to numerous businesses and attractions. Enjoy free hot breakfast before heading out or catch up on email using our free Wi-Fi. Our non-smoking hotel also includes an on-site fitness center as well as an indoor swimming pool and playland. All of our guest rooms feature a microwave and refrigerator for your convenience. If you are in the area for business, our conference facilities provide all the tools you need for a productive meeting. 402-564-1492, ramada.com 🏨

SIP ESPRESSO BAR 1354 27th Avenue, Lower Level – Sip Espresso Bar is a unique coffee shop located in a historic building in downtown Columbus. We offer a delicious selection of pastries along with frappes, fruit smoothies, teas and espresso drinks. Our beans are locally sourced by a small artisan roaster. You can host a meeting in our free meeting room, curl up with a book in front of the fireplace or bring your office or school work as we have free Wi-Fi! Join us once a month on a Sunday evening for Gathering Grounds; a different kind of worship service. Keep an eye on our Facebook for dates. Sip is a family-owned business! 402-910-4655 🍵

SLEEP INN & SUITES HOTEL 303 23rd St. – Sleep Inn & Suites of Columbus is the hotel you will want for your overnight or extended stay, whether you are traveling for business or pleasure. Sleep Inn & Suites is located on Highway 30 East near Columbus' Industrial Tract, fine restaurants, the Village Centre Mall, Platte County Agriculture Park, Columbus Airport and championship 18-hole golf course. All of our guest rooms feature a microwave and refrigerator for your convenience. You will enjoy a good night's sleep on "top-of-the-line" Simmons mattresses, and wake up to a wonderful hot breakfast bar. 402-562-5200, sleepinncolumbus.com 🏨

TAILRACE PARK 2 ½ mi. E. on 8th St, 1 ½ mi. S. – 402-564-3171, loup.com 🏞️

TRADITIONS INN, RESTAURANT & PUB 2905 14th St. – 402-563-3333, traditionsinn.com/default.aspx 🍷

CORTLAND SPILKER ALES 300 W 4th St. – Spilker Ales is the brewer of Hopluia and Sonar. We use a one-of-a-kind brewing system that

specializes in highly aromatic hoppy beers. Hours of taproom operation will be subject to changes, and will only be available on our website on the taproom link. Always check the website first before coming out. spilkerales.com 🍺

COZAD 100TH MERIDIAN MUSEUM 206 E. 8th St. – Memorabilia from local businesses and individuals, a unique Yellowstone Touring Coach (used by William Howard Taft to tour Yellowstone Park), many period photos and displays telling the stories of early settlers are changed periodically. Memorial Day-Labor Day, Tue-Sat, 10am-4:30pm; or by appt. Closed holidays. Donation. 308-784-3930, cozadchamber.com 🏠

BELLA ITALIA RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA 114 W 7th St. – Authentic Italian food. All homemade, nothing processed. Eat like you in Italy 308-784-3100 🍝

COZAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 135 West 8th St. – Cozad is a heart-warming community filled with history, innovative industries and art. Our dining experiences include authentic Italian and Mexican cuisine, as well as, good old homestyle cooking. Visit our two museums to learn about our history and beautiful art by the world renown impressionist artist, Robert Henri. Stay for awhile and shop at our one of a kind shops and rest in our award winning hotel. In the summer, stop at our pool and enjoy the two waterslides. 308-784-3930, cozadchamber.com/ 🏠

GALLAGHER CANYON STATE RECREATION AREA 1 East Park Dr 25a – Gallagher Canyon is a 400-acre irrigation impoundment with 24 acres of recreation land adjacent in a secluded and beautiful setting. Although a challenge to get to, Gallagher Canyon offers outstanding scenery and some of the state's best fishing for crappies and line-busting flathead and channel catfish. 308-785-2685, outdoornebraska.gov/gallaghercanyon/ 🏞️

GREEN APPLE CAFE 128 E 8th St. – We offer Breakfast & Lunch daily specials along with freshly baked pies, and Sunday Buffet! Open Mon.-Fri. from 6am-2pm Sat. - Sun. from 6am-1:30pm 308-784-2080 🍏

ROBERT HENRI MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL WALKWAY 218 E. 8th St. – Art enthusiasts around the nation have visited the largest depository of sketches by world renown artist, Robert Henri, at his childhood home in Cozad. Come and contemplate the brilliance Robert Henri in the new Art Gallery. Imagine the sense of unreality of just walking up and down the stairs in this former home, strolling through the bedroom where he and his brother slept, to know the family ate in the dining room as it still is now. Experience a sense of awe as you view the drawings and paintings of Robert Henri and listen to the story of vision, gambling and tragedy. 308-784-4154, roberthenrimuseum.org 🏛️

CRAWFORD

CRAWFORD CITY PARK 1-3 Main St.
Open camping as space allows. 308-665-1462, crawfordnebraska.net 

“DOWN HOME” RANCH GUEST HOUSE 12733 NE Hwy 2/71 – Lodging first of March through Middle of December. Down Home is a beautiful 100+ year old home. Remodeled and very cozy with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully equipped kitchen, dining room, front room, laundry room and a traditional pillar porch—great place to enjoy your coffee, watch the birds, and listen to the breeze. Enjoy the big yard with lots of sitting areas, BBQ patio, chimenea patio for an evening fire, and a rose garden patio in the front of the house with a gas grill. A great place for a wedding or family reunion. We also offer semi-guided hunting trips. 602-620-5755, downhomeranchhouse.com 

FORT ROBINSON MUSEUM 3200 W. US Hwy 20 – From Crazy Horse to the cavalry to the K-9 Corps, Fort Robinson played host to them all. Experience the long and varied history of this outpost on the Plains. The museum at Fort Robinson is located in the 1905 post headquarters building. Museum exhibits trace the history from the post's role guarding the Red Cloud Agency through the housing of World War II German POW's. Fort Robinson is open to visitors seasonally; please visit our website for detailed hours. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for children. Please call ahead to make museum tour reservations. 308-665-2919, nebraskahistory.org/sites/fortrob/index.htm 

FORT ROBINSON STATE PARK 3200 US Hwy 20, 3 mi. W. on US Hwy 20 – Activities include trail rides, historic tours, cookouts, swimming, fishing, crafts, hiking, jeep and stagecoach rides, viewing bison, purebred Texas longhorn herds and more. Park grounds open year-round for day use, hiking and camping, mountain biking, cross-country skiing and hunting in season. Cabins and lodge with modern facilities. Cabins open Apr-Nov. Park office open 8am-5pm weekdays except during peak season, then open 24 hrs/day Memorial Day-Labor Day. Park permit required. Camping fee charged. 308-665-2900, outdoornebraska.gov/fortrobinson/ 

HIGH PLAINS HOMESTEAD, HOME OF THE DRIFTER COOKSHACK & BUNKHOUSE 263 Sandcreek Rd. – Old West cow town museum with food, lodging, horse corrals, hunting and fossil collecting. Open mid-Apr thru mid-Nov. 308-665-2592, highplainshomestead.com 

HUDSON-MENG RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER 1811 Meng Dr. Sheltered archaeological site where 600 bison perished 10,000 years ago. Enjoy guided interpretive tours and hands-on educational activities for the family. Observe active archaeological excavations during the month of June. Open Memorial Day

through Labor Day, daily, 9am-5pm. Driving directions: 4 miles north on NE Hwy 2, west on Toadstool Rd, follow signs. Admission: \$5 adults, \$4.50 seniors, \$3 ages 5-12, ages 4 and under are free. Group rates available. 308-432-0300, <http://www.fs.usda.gov> 

LEGEND BUTTES GOLF COURSE 3440 US Hwy 20 – One of Nebraska's most scenic courses, nestled below Saddle Rock and Lover's Leap buttes. Clubhouse offers refreshments and a friendly atmosphere. 308-665-2431 

PONDEROSA RANCH 10 miles Southeast A 3,600-acre private ranch in beautiful Pine Ridge offering True Merriam's turkey, Mule Deer & White Tail hunting, Railfan (railroad photography), hiking, bird watching, star gazing or just being lazy. Cozy Rustic Cabin nestled in the middle of our ranch with full kitchen, gas bbq and full bath. By Reservations Only. 308-629-7733, ponderosaranch.net 

TOADSTOOL GEOLOGIC PARK AND CAMPGROUND The “moonscape” of the Badlands is an unusual setting for a picnic. Use self-guided trail brochure to explore the area's fascinating geology. 4 mi. N. on NE Hwy 2, W. on Toadstool Road, follow signs. Open year-round, 24 hrs/day. Admission mid-May thru mid-Nov: \$5 camping fee, \$3 per car for day use. Handicapped accessible camping facilities. 308-432-0300, fs.usda.gov  

TRAILSIDE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY 3200 W. US Hwy 20, 3 mi. W. on US Hwy 20 in Fort Robinson State Park The “Clash of the Mammoths” exhibit features the fossils of two mammoths whose tusks locked together during an Ice Age battle for dominance. They fell to the earth while still locked together, were unable to separate and died where they fell—a fossil find unlike any other in the world. Also find other fascinating western Nebraska fossil and geology displays. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 9am-6pm; Apr-May & Sep-Oct, Thu-Sun, 10am-5pm. Admission: \$3 adults, \$1 children, ages 4 and under are free. Family admission is \$6. 308-665-2929, trailside.unl.edu 

CRETE BOSWELL OBSERVATORY E 10th St. Boswell Observatory is the oldest extant building on Doane's campus. Built in 1883, the observatory is still functional, and sky-viewing is held regularly through the original, 8-inch equatorial telescope. Housed in the building are several pieces of science equipment relating to astronomy, weather recording, time-keeping, and surveying. Doane's original inland time ball, once mounted on Merrill Hall and operated by a clock in the observatory, is also on display. 402-826-8234 or 402-826-8244, doane.edu/boswell-observatory 

CRETE HERITAGE SOCIETY 800 W. 13th St. – This 21-acre tract located along the Big Blue River, was once part of Crete founder Jesse C. Bickle's 80-acre homestead. The Bickle farmstead includes an 1870s frame Carpenter Gothic house, that conceals his 1864 log cabin, an early 20th century barn, and outbuildings. Saline County District 1 Star School is also on the site. The 5,000-sq-ft Benne Memorial Museum is also located here and includes an exhibit gallery and library. The Society hosts heritage education activities throughout the year. Open during special exhibits and by appt. 402-826-9461 or 402-826-5270, creteheritage.org 

HISTORIC ISIS THEATRE 139 W 13th St. – Opening night was Feb 25, 1926. First building in the region (not just the state) to have Air Conditioning. Built for sound two years before sound movies were being produced and 4 years before sound movies made it to Nebraska. An Art Deco building named after the Egyptian Goddess Isis. The auditorium ceiling is a curved barrel vault with lighting coves along each side, featuring Art Deco columns and cornice. 402-826-2422, isis theatre.com/ 

CROFTON CORPS OF DISCOVERY WELCOME CENTER 89705 US Hwy 81, 8 mi. N. of Jct US Hwy 81 & NE Hwy 12 – Scenic overlook of Missouri River Valley, historical marker, hiking trail, bird-watching area, gift shop featuring regionally made items and tourist information. Cultural programs and events throughout the year. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 9am-6pm. Rest of the year, daily, 10am-4pm. 402-667-6557, corps of discovery welcome center.net 

LEWIS AND CLARK LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA 54731 897 Rd. This Missouri River reservoir offers 6 recreation areas on the Nebraska side, and the Weigand Burbach area with asphalt camping pads, electrical services, cabins, a convenience store and marina with available boat docks. Equestrian, mountain biking, hiking, cross country skiing, snowmobile trails and horse camping available at South Shore area. Park open year-round. Shower facilities May 1-Sep 30. Marina open May 15-Sep 15, daily, 8am-8pm. Office open year-round, Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm. Cabins available year-round. Park permit required. Camping fees on website. 402-388-4169, outdoornebraska.gov/lewisandclark/ 

LEWIS AND CLARK VISITOR CENTER 55245 NE Hwy 121 – The Visitor Center provides a spectacular view of Lewis and Clark Lake, Gavins Point Dam and Missouri River. The center provides information about the development of the Missouri River Basin with interactive exhibits featuring displays on the geology, Corps of Engineers history, exploration, early navigation, settlement and natural history of the river area. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily. Gift shop and theater programs. Free. 402-667-2546, nw. usace.army.mil 

MISSOURI NATIONAL RECREATIONAL RIVER

55245 Nebraska Highway 121
These sections of the Missouri River are a part of the nation's Wild and Scenic River system. It includes a 59-mile stretch between Gavin's Point Dam and Ponca State Park and a 39-mile stretch between Ft. Randall Dam and Running Water S.D.. Diverse recreational pursuits include boating, fishing, hunting, canoeing, bird watching, camping and more. 605-665-0209 or 402-667-2546, nps.gov/mnrr 

CULBERTSON

HILLSIDE PERK 37416 US Hwy 34
Hillside Perk pairs the modern sophistication of grilled panini sandwiches & espresso drinks with the traditional home cooked noon specials and homemade pies. We pride ourselves in our clean, friendly environment and feature multiple vintage photos of Culbertson history. 308-278-3100 

DANNEBROG

PAWNEE ARTS CENTER 106 S. Mill St.
106 S. Mill St.—Experience a glimpse of the Pawnee Indian culture. Native American artists and Native themed art for all budgets. Open Thursdays (weather permitting) and by appt. Also open for speaker series and special events. Free, donations appreciated. 308-226-8286, thepawneeartscenter.org 

DAVID CITY

BONE CREEK MUSEUM OF AGRARIAN ART 575 E St. — Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art is the nation's only exclusively agrarian art museum presenting agrarian art exhibitions and related educational events; artist talks and panel discussions; art workshops; and humanities presentation. Agrarian art celebrates scenes of farmland, natural landscapes, wildlife, farm animals and rural life. The museum was founded in 2007. The collection includes works by agrarian artists including Dale Nichols, Robert Bateman, John Steuart Curry, Robert Gwathmey, and Beth Van Hoesen. To become a member, visit our website. 402-367-4488, bonecreek.org 

DAYKIN

NEBRASKA PRAIRIE ROSE B&B

Hwy 4 — Enjoy a stay in a historically restored farmhouse furnished with antiques and surrounded by rose gardens. 402-446-7471 or 316-295-9681, nebraskaprairierosebb.com 

DENTON

CONESTOGA STATE RECREATION

AREA 3800 N.W. 105th St., 2 mi. N., ½ mi. W. — Conestoga is a 230-acre reservoir surrounded by 486 acres of land. The area offers power boating, picnicking, hiking and biking trails, camping and fishing. Located just two miles north of Denton in rural Lancaster County, Conestoga is a popular getaway for visitors from Lincoln and the surrounding area. 402-796-2362, outdoornebraska.gov/conestoga/ 

SPRING CREEK PRAIRIE AUDUBON CENTER

11700 SW 100th St.
Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center is an 850 acre nature center preserving tallgrass prairie for grassland birds, wildlife, and people. With over 3 miles of walking trails, the center is a great stop for bird watchers, nature lovers, and outside explorers of all kinds and ages. 402-797-2301, springcreekprairie.audubon.org/ 

DESHLER

SPRING CREEK MODEL TRAINS

304 E Bryson Ave. — We are the largest model train store between Denver and Chicago. Stop in and say “WOW” An HO and N scale modelers paradise. We are located in Deshler. 402-365-7628, springcreekmodeltrains.com 

DILLER

C & C PROCESSING, INC 409 Commercial St. — Located in the heart of the Blue Valley in southeast Nebraska, C & C Processing is a family owned and operated business. We produce beef and pork specialty items such as Summer Sausage, Polish, Bacon, Hams, Snack Sticks, Jerky and much more. We also have fresh Steaks, Roast, Chops, Deli Meats and Cheeses. We also have a retail facility in Beatrice, located at 2312 N 6 St. 402-793-5820, bluevalleybrand.com 

DODGE

EAT RESTAURANT IN DODGE 327 2nd St. — Eat Restaurant is a country inspired & city influenced restaurant, dedicated to from scratch cooking & baking with a focus on seasonal product. The menu will offer guests a delightful dining & ever changing experience. The cozy, clean, welcoming atmosphere is highlighted with vintage memorabilia, antique mirrors, 19th century Dodge news articles & repurposed hardwood desk school chairs. Side notes: eat closes @ 2 pm Fri-Sun & reopens for dinner 5-8 pm. Reservations always recommended. 402-693-2292 

DONIPHAN

MORMON ISLAND STATE RECREATIONAL AREA

7425 S US Hwy 281 — Just off Interstate 80 by Grand Island, Mormon Island State Recreation Area is a convenient place for outdoor fun. Mormon Island has handicap-accessible fishing piers, modern camping, great fishing, great swim beaches and abundant picnicking opportunities. Mormon Island West has 42 surface acres of water, and the middle island has 19 surface acres of water. 308-385-6211, outdoornebraska.gov/mormonisland/ 

DORCHESTER

BLUE RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

5 miles N. of Dorchester on NE-76B/ Washington Ave. — Day-use areas and fishing. Walk-in activities only mid-Sep thru May 1, sunrise to sunset. No camping. Park permit required. 402-796-2362, outdoornebraska.gov/blueriver/ 

DUBOIS

DUBOIS BAR & GRILL

211 Miner
Good food. Good times. Homemade pizza. 402-859-4445 

IRON HORSE LAKE 1 mile north & 2 miles west of DuBois on 705 Rd. — Iron Horse Lake is located one mile north and two miles west of DuBois. It offers facilities for camping, boating, swimming, and hiking. 

EAGLE

EAGLE RACEWAY - AMERICA'S HOME

TRACK 617 S. 238th St. — 2 mi. E. of Eagle on US Hwy 34 or 11 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 420—Weekend races run on America's fastest 1/3-mile dirt track. Weekly shows Apr-Sep. Sat night programs feature 360 sprints, IMCA modifieds, sport modifieds, hobby stocks and sport compacts. Admission prices vary with events. 402-238-2595, eagleraceway.com 

ELKHORN

RESIDENCE INN OMAHA WEST

18202 Cumming St. — marriott.com 

ELM CREEK

SANDY CHANNEL STATE RECREATION

AREA I-80 Exit 257, 1 ½ mi. S. — This recreation area provides great opportunities for fishing, boating, kayaking, and primitive camping. Sandy Channel is a popular fishery for largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish and yellow perch. This area, located 3 miles south of Elm Creek, encompasses approximately 180 acres, including 52 acres of water in six lakes. Clear water provides a scenic atmosphere for scuba divers. Recent improvements at Sandy Channel include: fishing access, boat ramps, picnic tables, grills, hiking trails, kiosk and handicap accessible latrines. 308-865-5305, outdoornebraska.gov/sandychannel/ 

ELMWOOD

BESS STREETER ALDRICH HOUSE AND MUSEUM

204 E. F St. — Take a guided tour through the 1922 home of nationally known author Bess Streeter Aldrich. Original Aldrich furnishings and antiques, flower garden, lily pond and video history of Bess Streeter Aldrich. Novels by Aldrich are available for sale at the house. May-Oct, Wed-Thu & Sat-Sun, 2-5pm; Nov-Apr, Sat-Sun, 2-5pm; or by appt. Group tours by appt. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 ages 6-12, ages 5 and under free. 402-994-3855, bessstreeteraldrich.org 

ELMWOOD G.A.R. HALL VETERANS

MUSEUM 124 E. D St. — This renovated facility is now used to honor local veterans past and present. Items displayed range from Civil War era to current military personnel memorabilia. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sun, 2-5pm; or by appt. 402-994-5315, visitcasscounty.com 

ENDERS

ENDERS RESERVOIR STATE

RECREATION AREA

73122 338th Ave.
Enders Reservoir State Recreation Area is a combination of recreational and wildlife lands

with the additional dedication of a portion of the area as a wildlife refuge in the fall and winter. Including the lake, the entire area encompasses 5,700 acres. Of the 4,000 acres of land, the Enders Wildlife Refuge covers 2,146 acres on the western reaches of the lake. Enders is a good escape for the outdoor enthusiast who wants to enjoy the bounties of nature in a peaceful, uncrowded setting. Park permits are available at the park office. 308-737-6577, outdoornebraska.gov/endersreservoir/ 📍

ERICSON

GET TANKED 82379 Ericson-Scotia Ave. Nebraska's first and still the best tanking operation. Located on the upper Cedar River which is spring fed. We supply a custom made picnic table with each tank. 308-750-5974, get-tanked.com 📍

LAKE ERICSON 49147 Pothast Rd. – The serenity of nature at Lake Ericson offers lazy afternoon strolls, exciting fishing expeditions, some of the best waterfowl hunting as well as spectacular monitoring of Bald Eagles, Blue Herons, Whooping Cranes, and River Otter. An old carousel was converted to a picnic shelter and marks the entry to the lake. The lake offers a boat ramp which allows all types of boats and pontoons. Lake Ericson is a NO-WAKE lake. The lake has an excellent beach and swimming area. Additionally, the lake hosts a handicapped fishing access dock and several new picnic and camping areas. 308-728-3132, lakeericson.com 📍

EWING

SUMMERLAND GOLF CLUB 51020 857th Rd. – There exists a golf oasis amid the farmland between Ewing and Orchard. The gently rolling tract features modern architecture with wide, undulating greens, grassy mounds and contoured fairways. 402-626-7555, golfsummerland.com 📍

EXETER

AQUATIC CENTER 1103 Maplewood St. The Aquatic Center was built 2009. A zero-entry pool has a large slide, a toddler slide and wheelchair area. The hours are S-F from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm and 6:30 to 8:30 pm Saturday's hours are 1:30-5:30 pm. Available for private parties-Contact Casey Pohl, to make reservations. \$50.00 an hour. 402-266-3001, ci.exeter.ne.us 📍

JOHN E'S CAFE & BAR 116 South Exeter Ave. – Enjoy Great Food, Great Friends and Great Fun at John E's Cafe & Bar. Play KENO and enjoy the music of local bands on special weekends. 402-266-5251, visitfillmorecounty.org 🍷

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 130 E Seneca – The first church, a wood frame, was built in 1874. The present Romanesque church building dates from 1902 and has undergone many renovations and restorations, the first occurring 1918 when a storm damaged the steeple which was not replaced. A complete interior redecoration was done in 1978. Another renovation was

completed in 2003, restoring the painting of the altar ceiling. Original to the interior are the altars and the stained glass windows; also original and still in use are "Thomas" and "Paul", the bells in the church tower. 402-759-4910, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

SWEETWATER 170 S Exeter Ave. – Cafe and bar in downtown Exeter, you'll find good home-cooked food and cold drinks at Sweetwater. Opens mornings for breakfast till 1 pm, for lunch. On Mondays, Wednesday and Saturdays, opens back up at 4 till closed for your convenience. 402-266-3001, visitfillmorecounty.org 🍷

FAIRBURY

FAIRBURY EXECUTIVE SUITES 506 E St. Fairbury Executive Suites was designed to fulfill a need for a higher standard of lodging in Fairbury. Housed in an historic building downtown on Fairbury's historic square, each suite is professionally decorated and fully-furnished with amenities not found in a standard hotel room. We offer fully-furnished, one and two bedroom apartments for nightly, weekly and extended-stay guests. Each unit has separate living and sleeping areas, fully furnished kitchens, cable TV and high-speed wireless internet. 402-613-2063, FairburyExecutiveSuites.com 🏠

ROCK CREEK STATION STATE HISTORICAL PARK AND STATE RECREATION AREA

57426 710th Rd. Road ranch served pioneers and freighters on the Oregon Trail, and the Overland Stage and Pony Express Routes. Oregon Trail ruins are visible. Wild Bill Hickok began his infamous gunfighting career here. Grounds open summer, 8am-8pm; rest of the year, 8am to sunset. Visitor Center and interpretive facilities open May-Sep, daily, 10am-5pm. Off-season and after hours tours by appt. Modern campground at State Recreation Area. Park permit required. Camping fee. 402-729-5777, outdoornebraska.gov/rockcreekstation/ 📍

STAGECOACH MALL ANTIQUES & TASTING ROOM

508 E St. The award-winning Stagecoach Mall is a multi-dealer mall, coffee house, restaurant, event venue, and tasting room all in one. It is housed in the original Hested's Dime Store, ½ block off of Fairbury's historic downtown square. Stagecoach Mall is a favorite among locals, tour operators, and visitors, offering antiques, collectibles, gift items, and Nebraska-made products. Guests can also enjoy the culinary creations of Main Street Coffee House, plus wine tastings, live music, and art exhibits in The Tasting Room the First Friday of each month 402-587-2521, stagecoachmall.com 🍷

FAIRFIELD

THE FAIRFIELD OPERA HOUSE

BREWERY & GRILL 415 N D St. – The Fairfield Opera House Bar & Grill is housed in the town's old opera house building. It has been refurbished to restore much of its old character and emphasizes a warm, casual

eating and drinking environment. It's a great place to enjoy an evening with friends for drinks and great food. Where possible we emphasize food made from scratch. The menu features Midwest foods (Hamburgers, pizzas, chicken, pork chops, steaks, etc.) with new twists on old favorites and occasional trips into unfamiliar cuisines 402-726-2447, fairfield-opera-house.com/ 🍷

FAIRMONT

FILLMORE COUNTY MUSEUM 600 6th Ave. – Two historic buildings house more than 15,000 artifacts from schools, businesses, farms, WWII airbase, optical office equipment, Civil War exhibit, Spanish-American War material, early 1900 furniture, various machines for printed communications and artwork by local artists. The Union Soldier Monument is located just south of the museum. Open June-Sep, Wed, 2-4pm; or by appt. Donation. 402-268-6081, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

FALLS CITY

JOHN PHILIP FALTER MUSEUM

1622 Stone St. – The museum opened in downtown Falls City in May 2015, in the lobby of the former Richardson County Bank Building at 1622 Stone St. After graduating from Falls City High School in 1928, Illustrator, John Philip Falter went on to become a world-renowned illustrator. The museum features: his Philadelphia studio (on loan from the Nebraska State Historical Society Museum), his 129 Saturday Evening Post covers, original Jazz works and prints, as well as other works on loan from local collectors. Museum is available outside of normal business hours upon special request. 402-450-3724, johnphilipfaltermuseum.com 📍

FARNAM

FAST HORSES LLC - STABLES & CAMPGROUND 40436 Hwy 23 – Overnight camping and horse boarding. We have available open stalls with run pens or larger turn out pens. Enjoy traveling the scenic route from Gothenburg to Farnam and easy access with all paved highway to the entrance of our driveway. If you are traveling on a weekend there are several cowboy church services available in the area, if you choose to visit. 308-350-0432, fast-horses.com 🐎

THREE BROTHERS VINEYARD AND WINERY

812 Lincoln St. – Tour the vineyard or relax on the patio with a glass of wine. Special events throughout the year. Open Thu-Sat, 1-8pm; Sun, 1-5pm; or by appt. Closed Thu during winter months. Fee for tastings. Check website for upcoming events. 308-569-2501 or 308-320-0020, 3brothersvineyard.com 📍

FILLEY

ELIJAH FILLEY STONE BARN 13282 E Scott Rd. – On April 11, 1977 the Filley Stone Barn was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Gage County Historical Society is continuing the restoration, which

was begun in 1980, as funds become available. An additional 20 acres were added in 1986. The exterior restoration of the stone was completed in 1981. Visitors can see the Filley Stone Barn from the outside at any time. Harvest Festival held each October. Contact for date. 402-228-1679, gagcountymuseum.info 📍

FIRTH

PRAIRIELAND DAIRY 13000 Pella Rd Located just 15 miles south of Lincoln, Prairieland Dairy was created when the Eickhoff, Goossen, Obbink and Rice family farms joined together as one. Their mission was to create a new kind of dairy: one that was sustainable, open and transparent; one that served people, cows and the planet. Come see us at the farm where we're happy to show you exactly where your milk comes from, and why that makes a world of difference. Tours are hosted on Tuesdays, Thursdays AND Fridays at 9 am and 11 am. Admission is \$3 per person with a \$30 minimum. Cash or check only. 402-791-2228, prairielanddairy.com 📍

FORT CALHOUN

FORT ATKINSON STATE HISTORICAL PARK 201 S. 7th St. – First U.S. fort W. of the Missouri River played a major role in the western expansion and fur trade. This was the site of the council between the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Otoe-Missouri tribe. Visitor center and interpretive facilities open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 11am-5pm. Call for off-season hours. Living history events portraying life in an 1820s military fort throughout summer. Pre-arranged tours from mid-April thru mid-Nov. Park permit required. Admission to visitor center. Facilities are marginally designed to serve the handicapped at this time. 402-468-5611, outdoornebraska.gov/fortatkinson/ 📍

TOO FAR NORTH 111 N. 14th St (US HWY 75) – Enjoy Nebraska Wines & Craft Beer in this 1904 brick building that was once a saloon for the Metz Bros. Brewing Company! Wine & Beer Tasting... by the glass... by the bottle. Cool antiques & great story-telling. Unique gifts & custom-made labels for any occasion. Information about area attractions, local vineyards & hop farms. Free. OPEN: Wed-Thurs, 2-7pm; Fri-Sat, 2-7:30pm; Sun, 2-6pm. Closed Mon-Tue. Available by appointment. Private parties. Tasting fees. 402-468-9463, toofarnorthwine.com 📍

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM & FRAHM HOUSE

102 N. 14th St. – Artifacts from prehistoric times to recent past relating to state and county history. Genealogical histories, 2,000-volume library, vital statistics, censuses and Lewis and Clark display. Open Tue-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat:8-noon. \$3 per adult, \$1 children. Frahm House located at 220 S. 15th St is open first Sat of the month 8-noon. or by appt. 402-468-5740, wchamuseum.com 📍

FREMONT

BYRON'S AIRBOAT TOURS 839 Cty Rd 19 – S. on Cty Rd 19 from US Hwy 30 - Enjoy unique airboat tours on the Platte River with opportunities for wildlife photography, great scenery or relaxation. Private and group tours available. Open mid-Apr thru Oct, tours daily. See website for pricing details. 402-968-8534, nebraskaairboatstours.com 📍

CALVIN CREST CAMP, CONFERENCE & RETREATS 2870 Cty Rd 13 – Group conference and retreat facilities in a scenic setting near the Platte River. 402-628-6455, calvincrest.org 📍

FREMONT & DODGE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

338 North Main St. – This year is the year we hope you will think outside! The outdoors is a place where you can find yourself, connect with others, explore your past, and create new lasting memories. Fremont & Dodge County offer fun and healthy outdoor experiences. From hiking, biking, hunting, and fishing; to exploring history at one of our many festivals, we pass on family traditions, help you create new ones and hope that you will think outside. No box required. 402-753-6414, visitfremontne.org 📍

FREMONT LAKES STATE RECREATION AREA

4349 W State Lakes Rd. – Twenty sandpit lakes offer a variety of outdoor activities from fishing, swimming, boating, camping and picnicking. Open year-round. Memorial Day-Labor Day all services available. Handicapped fishing pier and picnic area, modern shower building, 175 new asphalt pads for camping and 200 total electrical sites. Park permit required. Camping fees: \$17 electrical site, \$12 non electrical site, pay showers. 402-727-3290, outdoornebraska.gov/fremontlakes/ 📍

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 2415 N. Lincoln Ave. – Free high-speed wireless internet. Indoor water center with slides, fountain and toys. Guest laundry. Free manager's reception Mon-Thu. Meeting and banquet space for groups up to 125 persons. 402-753-3850, ihg.com 📍

LA HACIENDA 3140 E Elk Ln The authentic Mexican food of Fremont Mon - Sun: 11:00 am - 10:30 pm 402-721-9909 📍

FULLERTON

NANCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 501 Broadway – It is home to the Fullerton Museum. Our building is a former Evangelical United Brethren Church that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We also have a one-room schoolhouse on our site. Please come and visit our museum where we are preserving Nance County's past for future generations. Our museum also hosts an old-fashioned Christmas celebration in December. The museum and schoolhouse are open by appointment. 308-536-2750 📍

NANCE COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL & MILITARY RESOURCE CENTER

825 North Third St. – The Nance County Veterans Memorial, located at the county seat of Fullerton, was dedicated in 2008 after two years of development. The Military Resource Center was dedicated in 2012 at the same site. Our mission is to collect, preserve, and display military memorabilia and provide the public with an educational resource. At this time, the Military Resource Center is open by appointment only. Please call to schedule. 308-482-0581 📍

PAWNEE HILLS GOLF COURSE 52198 N. 273rd Ave. – A beautiful 9-hole golf course 2 miles north of Fullerton on Highway 22. 308-536-2274, pawneehillsfullerton.com/ 📍

GENEVA

DAIRY DELIGHT 237 N 13th St. Sandwiches, soups, wraps and of course ice cream. 402-759-4233. visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

FAIRMONT STATE AIRFIELD 3 mi. S of Fairmont – Previous site of a U.S. bomber training facility during WWII, the airfield is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in the fall/winter of 1943, the airbase housed as many as 6,000 airmen. It also was the home of a 300-bed hospital, the largest in Nebraska in its day. The airbase was decommissioned in 1946 and given to the state that operates it today. Four of the 5 large hangers originally built to last from 5-7 years are still standing along with the original water tower. Two of the 4 runways are still operational. For history and tours please call. 402-759-0597, fairmont-nebraska.org/ 📍

GENEVA CITY PARK

City Park An American Legion Memorial Park Monument is located in the northwest corner of the park. The park was designed as a formal Memorial Park in 1941 and includes an army tank, sundial, flagpole and the largest natural boulder in Fillmore County with the inscription "For God and Country." A log cabin located in the park is available for gatherings. 402-759-3109, cityofgeneva.org 📍

GENEVA HOUSE BY GEORGE W. SMITH

324 N. 12th St. – A Queen Anne-style home built in 1890 by Geneva settler George Smith, whose land office was the predecessor of the First National Bank of Geneva. Smith promoted the sale of building lots in Geneva in the early 1880s through his banking business and land development company. From 1925-1942 the house served as a hospital. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Group tours of 15-25 may call for arrangements. Fee for tours. 402-759-4581, fillmorecounty.org 📍

GENEVA INN 328 S. 13th St. – Looking for a place to stay in Fillmore County? Try Geneva Inn, located next to Sister's Cafe, the park and swimming pool. 402-759-3176, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

HIDDEN HILLS 1115 Road L – Hidden Hills Country Club is a 9 hole golf course located on the northwest edge of Geneva. 402-759-3084, hiddenhillscountryclub.com 📍

HISTORIC GENEVA AUDITORIUM 162 N. 9th – Serving as the city hall and opera house was the Geneva Auditorium, built in 1915. The building is now used for live performances and weekend movie showings. In addition to local entertainment productions the Geneva Arts Council provides a yearly schedule of musical and theatrical performances. On weekends volunteers transform the stage into the Rialto II movie theater, formerly located on main street. The interior has a raked floor, balcony, stage, and orchestra pit. (National Register of Historic Places, 1988) 402-759-4910, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

HISTORIC J.M BURK HOUSE 331 N. 11th St. – The J.M Burk House was built in 1891 for J.M and Minnie Burk, who moved from Seward County to Geneva to open a hardware business. One of its many owners was a doctor who practiced in the home to its south. The sidewalk from the house's south door still leads to the back door of this neighboring home. Three fireplaces, three stained glass windows, and five sets of 6 by 8 feet pocket doors are it special features. (National Register of Historic Places, 2001). Visit by appointment only 402-759-4910, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

HOTEL GENEVA 736 G St. – Geneva's all-new, boutique, extended-stay hotel. One of the world's finest, smallest hotels. Looking for a room for a single night, or needing accommodations for weeks. Provides all the amenities found in those big-city hotels.... but found within the quiet comfort and convenience of the city-center. 402-759-2126, hotelgeneva.biz 📍

JILL'S SWEET SHOP 974 G St. – Come in an enjoy homemade cooking, homemade sweet rolls and cookies. 402-759-3815, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

LAKESHORE RV PARK 100 Walnut St. Peaceful camping for the whole family. Reservations available. Tourist attractions nearby. Will hold 10 trailers. From U.S. Hwy 81, west of R ST. to 1 ST., south to Walnut Court. 402-759-3883, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, FILLMORE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 900 G St. – Geneva was declared the county seat in 1871. The newly renovated Fillmore County Courthouse, a simplified version of the Richardsonian Romanesque style, was completed in 1894. A walk around the courthouse square opens the imagination to the activities occurring there over the past century. Portraits of former county officials, suspended below its tin ceilings, and the grandeur of its second floor courtroom provide a sense of the history

and permanence of the county's heritage, as does the tower's clock which still chimes. (National Register of Historic Places, 1977) 402-759-4910, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

OVERTIME GRILL & LOUNGE 842 G St. Enjoy the weekly specials at noon and your favorite burger & fries and baskets at night. 402-759-3434, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

SISTERS CAFE 310 S 13th St. – Enjoy Homemade Food 402-759-4144, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

THE SECRET GARDEN-GENEVA LIBRARY 1043 G St. – The Secret Garden, filled with amazing trees, flowers, and bushes, surrounds the Geneva Public Library located on Geneva's Main (G) Street. A patio on the south side of the library invites people to stop to read and enjoy the garden. Some of the species are: Boxwood Tree, Holly Scrub, Roses, Coneflower, Hibiscus Tree, Cornelian Cherry Dogwood Tree, Winterberry Scrub, Dwarf Lilac Scrub, Centurion Flowering Crab Tree, Walking Stick Scrub, Conforted Fibert Scrub, Service Berry Tree, and a Carolina Allspice Scrub. 402-759-3416, genevane.org 📍

VFW HALL 109 S 10th St. – Call ahead to use their conference room. Enjoy homemade meal, soups and burgers. 402-759-4399, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

WARNER'S FILLING STATION & RESIDENCE/EDDIE'S STATION Intersection of 8th & G St. The one story frame & stucco building was built by Charles J Warner, the county sheriff in 1922. The Warner Filling Station was built in a highly visible location opposite the Geneva's courthouse square. C.J. Warner built his new filling station in the manner of the residential bungalow with stucco siding, gable roof, bracheted overhanging eaves, and multi-paned windows. The filling station was renovated and now houses the Geneva Chamber of Commerce. 402-759-4910, visitfillmorecounty.org 📍

GENOA
FILL MY CUP 415 Willard Ave. – We serve specialty coffees (mochas and lattes), fruit smoothies, frappes, and Chai tea. We also serve homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads; and homemade baked goods such as cookies, bars, muffins, cakes, and cinnamon rolls. We take reservations, but walk-ins are welcome. The venue is good for groups and good for kids. We also do take-out, delivery, catering, and waiter service. 402-993-2872 📍

GENOA INDIAN SCHOOL INTERPRETIVE CENTER 209 E. Webster Ave. – Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the museum was the fourth US government boarding school for American Indian youth 1884-1934. Harness shop with original wall murals, Tribal flag display, extensive pictorial displays, campus model and other exhibits. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sat.-Sun,

1-5 pm; or by appt. Donation. 402-993-6036 or 402-993-6055, megavision.net/genoamuseum 📍

GOINES FOOD WAGON 403 ½ Willard Ave. Mexican Food, Smoked BBQ Ribs, Smoked Brisket 402-594-3419 or 402-750-0045 📍

HEADWORKS PARK 51137 N. Impala Ln. 402-564-3171, loup.com 📍

THE OL TAVERN 412 Willard Ave. The Ol Tavern offers tasty pizza and calzones along with a variety of nightly specials. You can play Keno and pickle cards while enjoying cold adult beverages in this quaint old tavern. 402-993-2829 📍

ZUBEE'S 319 S. Park – Old-fashioned ice cream parlor setting. Eat-in or drive-thru for the BEST soft-serve ice cream, shakes, and malts. Burgers, french fries, BEST wings, pies, and much more. 402-993-2249 📍

GERING
BUFFALO CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA 210615 Highway 71, 9 mi. S. on NE Hwy 71, 2 mi. E., ¾ mi. S. Located 9 miles southeast of Gering in Scotts Bluff and Banner Counties, this remote wildlife area is situated in the Wildcat Hills escarpment over-looking the North Platte river valley, offering a variety of prairie hills sloping up to a series of ponderosa-topped ridges and cliffs. A series of four-wheel drive and single-track trails fan out from the trailhead and climb into the hills. Activities include hiking and mountain biking; trailhead elevation is 4,125 feet. Only a ½-mile walk to fishing lake, picnic area and wildlife area; trail maps and info available at the Gering CVB. 308-436-6886, visitgering.com 📍

CAVALIER MOTEL 3655 N. 10th St. – Just south of the North Platte River on the main road between Gering and Scottsbluff, the motel is easily accessible to downtown Gering and area attractions. The property is a 9 minute drive from Scotts Bluff National Monument; and boasts customer comments of very clean, friendly owners, energy efficient and welcoming atmosphere. High speed internet access, refrigerator, coffee maker and iron in each room. 308-635-3176, motelcavalier.com 📍

CIRCLE S LODGE 400 M St. – 28 units available. Located close to the Scotts Bluff National Monument. 308-436-2157, circleslodge.com 📍

FIVE ROCKS AMPHITHEATER 200701 County Road P – Scenic 3,000-seat amphitheater featuring summer concert series of jazz, blues, country and rock performances. Thu nights in the summer present "Movies at the Rocks" showing full-length new release and classic favorite feature films. Admission. 308-436-5096, gering.org 📍

FORT MITCHELL PASS Hwy 92 – Located near Scottsbluff, Fort Mitchell served as an

Army fort from 1864-1867. Fort Mitchell was named in honor of General Robert B. Mitchell who established the post to protect traffic mainly between Scottsbluff and Julesburg, CO. In 1978, Fort Mitchell was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The old 20 acre fort is located just outside of Scottsbluff on Highway 92. Come relive the history of Fort Mitchell. 308-436-9700, nps.gov/scbl 

HI-WAY 92 RACEWAY PARK 260275 NE Hwy 92 – Racing enthusiasts can experience the roar of engines at this oval asphalt track located four miles east of Gering. The only asphalt race track in Nebraska features stock-cars, sprints, midgets and karts from six states. Competitions gear up at 7 p.m. every Friday night all summer long. Enjoy the great view from the stands or get a close-up view of the competitors in the pit area. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. 4 mi. E. on NE Hwy 92 /May-Sep, Fri, 7:30pm. Admission: \$10/adult, \$6/kids ages 6-12, kids under 6 yrs free. 308-632-7154, hiway92racewaypark.com/ 

LEGACY OF THE PLAINS MUSEUM 2930 Old Oregon Trail – Legacy of the Plains Museum's exhibits focus on the archeology of Native American and Westward Expansions, the lives of pioneering settlers, the establishment of irrigation, the development of rural communities, the diversity of culture on the High Plains, and the innovative technologies and cultural practices of raising animals and crops in the semi-arid environment. Located on the Oregon Trail, this museum features pioneer and early community history. Summer hours: Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Winter hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm; or by appt. Admission. 308-436-1989, legacyoftheplains.org 

MONUMENT INN AND SUITES 1130 M St. – We are close to great attractions such as Scotts Bluff National Monument, Chimney Rock, the Oregon Trail, Wild Cat Hills Preserve and the Legacy of the Plains Museum. See original wagon migration ruts etched into our historical surroundings and how the Oregon Trail came across America via our present location. Our close proximity to the Gering Convention Center, fine accommodations and services will make your stay enjoyable. Choose Monument Inn & Suites for convenient, quiet and comfortable accommodations with great service. 308-436-1950, monumentinnsuites.com 

ROBIDOUX PASS AND ROBIDOUX TRADING POST Jct NE Hwys 92 & 71, 1 mi. S. on NE Hwy 71, 8 mi. W – Western traffic flowed through this pass from 1843 to 1851. Left of the road is a monument for the blacksmith shop; to the right are pioneer graves. Reconstructed trading post in Carter Canyon, south of Gering; turn west at Cedar Canyon Road. Grounds open year-round. Groups by appt. Free. 308-436-6886, visitgering.com 

ROBIDOUX RV PARK 585 Five Rocks Rd. – The Robidoux RV Park in Gering is located on the historic Oregon Trail and Pony Express Trail. The campground is surrounded by the beautiful scenic views of Scotts Bluff National Monument, Five Rocks Amphitheater and the Wildcat Hills Recreation Area. Open year-round. Each campsite includes paved drives and patios with picnic tables. Campground features include: Restrooms/showers, sanitary dump station, basketball court, playground and multi-purpose room. Rates include tax, FREE Internet access. For reservations, call, email, or visit our website. 308-436-2046, gering.org 

SCOTTS BLUFF NATIONAL MONUMENT 190276 Old Oregon Trail, 2 mi. W. of M St on Old Oregon Trail – Scotts Bluff has served as a landmark for peoples from Native Americans to emigrants on the Oregon, California and Mormon Trails to modern travelers. Rich with geological and paleontological history as well as human history, there is much to discover while exploring the 3,000 acres of Scotts Bluff National Monument. Trails are open daily from sunrise to sunset. The Visitor Center and Summit Road are closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day. Passes: \$5 per vehicle, \$3 per motorcycle, \$3 per person (walking or bicycling). 308-436-9700, nps.gov/scbl 

THE DAILY GRIND COFFEEHOUSE 1520 10th St. – The Daily Grind Coffeehouse, located in downtown Gering, offers a full line of gourmet coffees and teas. Enjoy homemade pastries and daily lunch specials; the works of local-regional artists line the walls of this cozy-friendly gathering spot. 308-436-9191 

WILDCAT HILLS NATURE CENTER 21615 Nebraska 71 – The unique flora and fauna of the Wildcat Hills area are exhibited and displayed at this interactive nature center. The bright and airy lower level houses an area complete with stuffed animals and native fauna. 10 mi. south of Gering on NE Hwy 71. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 8am-4:30pm. Off-season, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm. Park permit required. 308-436-3777 or 308-436-3394, outdoornebraska.gov/wildcat_hills_nature_center/ 

WILDCAT HILLS STATE RECREATION AREA 21615 Highway 71 – 8 mi. S. on NE Hwy 71 - Beautiful and rugged. A treat for backpackers, hikers, campers and shutterbugs. Park permit required. Camping fee of \$6. 308-436-3777, outdoornebraska.gov/wildcat_hills/ 

GIBBON GEORGE SPENCER TASTING ROOM 7155 Pawnee Rd. – A true Nebraska tasting room, surrounded by a 10 acre vineyard, featuring wine and beer made only in Nebraska. Non alcoholic beverages available. No meals served, but we do carry light snacks from Nebraska: cheese, chocolate, sausage,

crackers. Located just 10 minutes from Rowe Sanctuary! Live outdoor music on Saturdays during the summer 6-9 pm, starting in June Tasting room seats smaller groups of 15-20. The tasting room deck seats 25-30. The Bar seats approximately 100. 308-455-0717, georgespencerwine.com 

ICON POLY 45880 Hwy 30 – Icon Poly is a family owned company based in central Nebraska, which started as a hobby and launched into a business in 1999. After becoming a business, we started expanding our capabilities from sculpting, sculpture point-up and making fiberglass animals and sculptures by hand; to computerized sculpting, 3D foam milling, laser digital sculpture enlargement and a process that allows us to accurately duplicate likenesses of sports and corporate mascots, and make multiple 3D copies of a single design of paintable fiberglass sculptures for community art projects. 308-468-9411, iconpolystudio.com 

KNEEKNOCKER WOODS 46290 Hwy 30 Grandpa Grimm's KneeKnocker Woods was brought to life by the owners of Icon Poly, a custom 3D sculpture fabrication company. Located just west of Gibbon on U.S. Hwy 30, the outdoor animatronic Halloween experience is set along an old wooded river which snakes through corn planted agricultural land and features an unsettling stroll through the creepy woods to the place of an abandoned zombie community. This experience uses state of the art amusement park quality animatronics to entertain and amaze. Visit our website for dates that we are open. 308-390-2789, kneeknockerwoods.com/ 

ROWE SANCTUARY AND IAIN NICOLSON AUDUBON CENTER 44450 Elm Island Rd. This 2,400-acre wildlife sanctuary features more than half a million sandhill cranes that pass through the area on their northward migration. Crane-viewing blinds are available every March - early April. Overnight photography blinds are available. The Iain Nicolson Audubon Center offers stunning views of the Platte River, interpretive displays, gift shop and trails. Open year-round, M-F, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1-4pm. Open daily during crane season with extended hours, mid-Feb - mid-Apr. No admission fee, donations accepted. \$25 per person fee for trips to crane viewing blinds. 308-468-5282, rowe.audubon.org 

THE SUITE AT GEORGE SPENCER TASTING ROOM 7155 Pawnee Rd. – Only 10 minutes from Rowe Sanctuary, with cranes feeding on our property, perfect for crane watchers! King Bedroom Suite above George Spencer Tasting Room. Bathroom features a jetted claw foot tub along with a dual head walk-in shower. Queen sofa sleeper and full size futon for additional sleeping options. The Suite is considered a hostess bed and breakfast. The tasting room features only wine and beer made in Nebraska. Live outdoor music on

Saturdays during the summer at the tasting room deck or out at the barn. Surrounded by a 10 acre vineyard. 308-455-0717, georgespencerwine.com/suite/ 🍷

WHISKER CREEK RANCH AND LODGE
45630 Kilgore Rd. – 2 bedroom cabin with sunroom, galley kitchen with full range of appliances including a washer and dryer. Linens and towels provided. Living room with tv, vcr....¾ bath. 25 acres of land on north channel of Platte River and only a short drive to the Rowe Sanctuary and the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center. Not ADA accessible. 308-380-0452, whiskercreek.com 🏡

WINDMILL STATE RECREATION AREA
2625 Lowell Rd. – Windmill State Recreation area is one of the jewels of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in the state's unique chain of lakes along Interstate 80 (Exit 285). Situated at the Gibbon Interchange between Kearney and Grand Island, the area draws its name from the old-time windmills situated in the park. The oldest windmill is a 1880 Standard that was used to pump water for steam locomotives in Fleming, Colo. All have been restored to working order. 308-468-5700, outdoornebraska.gov/windmill/ 🏡

GOEHNER SEWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM 1 mi. N. of I-80 Exit 373 Exhibit building, rural schoolhouse, steam engine and 1906 farmhouse. Free train rides. Open May-Oct, Thu, 10am-4pm; Sun, 1:30-5pm; or by appt. Free. Partially handicapped accessible. 402-523-4055, sewardcountymuseum.org/home.html 🏡

GORDON, NEBRASKA Historic Route 20 – A wonderful little town with a lot to see- Award Winning Cowboy Museum, Scamahorn Museum, Shopping great places to eat, Clean comfortable Motels, Camping, hunting, fishing, gateway to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Badlands & Black Hills. Where the Sandhills meet farm ground on Historic Route 20 the longest Highway in the United States! 308-282-0730, gordonchamber.com 🏡

SCAMAHORN MUSEUM 208 West 5th St. The structure of the Scamahorn Museum is the oldest in Gordon. The original Methodist church was dedicated in 1884, less than a year after the Reverend John Scamahorn led a band of more than 100 settlers to Antelope Creek. View pictures of yester-year Gordon, admire hand-sewn quilts, dishes and a kitchen reminiscent of the one in which your great-grandmother may have cooked, hats and old hairdressing devices, clothing and shoes from the early 1900's and a wide range of native American art and artifacts. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day or by appointment. Free 308-360-0900, Sheridancountyhistoricalsociety.com 🏡

TRI STATE OLDTIME COWBOY'S MEMORIAL MUSEUM Winship Park – This

award winning Museum is a wonderful mix of pictures, models, and actual relics from the era of the Old-Time Cowboys. You can find all matter of interesting pieces ranging from stacks of used saddles to a wall of registered brands. There's even an old Dentist's chair complete with pulled out teeth! The museum is open every afternoon from June 1 through September 15, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and by request at any time. Located in Winship Park at 4th & oak Streets. Free Admission 308-282-1115, gordonchamber.com 🏡

GOTHENBURG BLUE HERON CAMPGROUND

1102 S. Lake Ave. – We are now a Good Sam Campground. We invite you to come and stay. Peaceful oasis just off I-80. Enjoy our British foods and souvenirs. 308-537-7387 🏡

GOTHENBURG HISTORICAL MUSEUM

1420 Ave F – Step back in time and experience Gothenburg's history from the early 1900s when the town was destined to be the "little Chicago" of Nebraska. Open May-Sep, Wed-Sat, 10am-4pm; or by appt. Free. 308-537-4212 or 800-482-5520, gothenburghistory.org 🏡

GOTHENBURG VISITORS CENTER & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1001 Lake Ave. Stop in to find out all the information you need while visiting Gothenburg! 308-537-3505, gothenburgdelivers.com/ 🏡

LA FAYETTE PARK 315 27th St. – N. of Lake Helen. Shaded, quiet, large spaces with access to walking trails. 308-537-2299, ci.gothenburg.ne.us 🏡

LAKE HELEN RECREATION AREA 22nd & Lake Ave. – Lake Helen Recreation Area and LaFayette Park feature a reservoir with exercise areas, playground, picnic areas and adjoining campground. A covered walking bridge connects the campground in the park to Lake Helen. 308-537-3505, gothenburgdelivers.com 🏡

PONY EXPRESS STATION 1500 Lake Ave. An original station of the "lightning mail." Post mail with a Pony Express seal. Exhibits and a guided tour. Open Apr-Oct, daily. Apr & Oct, 9am-3pm; May & Sep, 9am-6pm; June-Aug, 9am-7 pm. Free Admission! 308-537-3505, gothenburgdelivers.com 🏡

SWEDISH CROSSES CEMETERY 40900 Rd 769 – 2 mi. N. on NE Hwy 47, 2 mi. W. on Rd 769 - More than a century, these unique crosses have been a symbol of Swedish heritage in Gothenburg. Free. 308-537-3505, gothenburgdelivers.com 🏡

GRAFTON

GARY'S BRICK-HOUSE GRILLE 255 N Washington Ave. – Located in one of Grafton's historic downtown buildings, Gary's serves buffalo as well as the finest Nebraska steaks, chicken and pork. Outdoor seating available. Hours: 11:00 am to 1:30 pm-Tuesday -Friday 5:00 pm

to 9:00 pm Tuesday -Friday 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Saturdays Closed Sunday and Monday 402-282-7311. [facebook.com/garysbrickhousegrille/](https://www.facebook.com/garysbrickhousegrille/) 🍷

ST. HELENA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

170 N Jackson – The original St. Helena's Catholic Church was built in 1880. In 1922 the church was sold and moved to make way for its replacement. On September 10, 1923, the new St. Helena's was ready for worship. Stained-glass windows from Italy were added in 1927. The church was refurbished in 2000. 402-282-7302, visitfillmorecounty.org 🏡

GRAND ISLAND BEST WESTERN PLUS GRAND ISLAND INN & SUITES 2707 S. Locust St. bestwesternnebraska.com 🏡

BOSSELMAN 7483 Bosselman Ave. 308-382-2300 🍷

COMFORT INN 3535 W. State St. 100% non-smoking facility. Free high speed wireless internet access, refrigerator/ microwave rooms. 308-381-7788, choicehotels.com 🏡

DAYS INN GRAND ISLAND I-80 7800 S. US Hwy 281 – daysinn.com 🏡

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES 805 Allen Dr. Hotel wide high speed wireless internet, HDTVs with free DVD rentals. Manager's reception Mon-Thu evenings. Meetings for up to 60 persons. Connected to the Younes Conference Center. 308-236-4200, marriott.com 🏡

FINISH LINE RESTAURANT AND FONNER KENO 700 East Stolley Park Rd. Join us for a great lunch or dinner at the Finish Line Restaurant. While there, play "live draw keno" and watch and bet on either live or simulcast thoroughbred horse racing from Fonner Park or across the nation. Watch all types of sporting events on big screen TV's throughout. Great Food and Fun at Fonner Park! 308-382-4515, fonnerpark.com 🍷

FONNER VIEW GOLF COURSE

2224 S. Stuhr Rd. – This course is full of charm and challenge for golfers of all abilities. However, a few well-placed bunkers and fairway trees make big hitters think twice before swinging for the green on short par 4s. 308-382-0202 🏡

GRAND ISLAND LITTLE THEATRE

3180 W. US Hwy 34 – The Grand Island Little Theatre, also known as GILT, was started in 1960 by a group of Grand Island residents who had a passion for theatre. Until 2004, it had been a totally volunteer organization preparing and performing 4 to 6 productions each year. Over fifty years later, it is still a viable and vibrant part of the Grand Island community. GILT is still providing quality family entertainment to the community and surrounding areas at a affordable cost. Whether you're looking

for show times, show tickets or a unique volunteer opportunity, this is the place. 308-381-6535, githeater.org/ 🏠

GRAND ISLAND VISITOR CENTER

2424 S Locust St Ste C – 800-658-3178, VisitGrandIsland.com 🏠

GROW NEBRASKA BUY LOCAL STORE

Conestoga Mall #143, 3404 W 13th St. – Looking for the best of Nebraska's locally made products? GROW Nebraska is your one-stop shop for everything designed and made in Nebraska. There are year-round retail stores and training centers in the Hilltop Mall in Kearney, Conestoga Mall in Grand Island, and Omaha Eppley Airfield. There is an additional temporary location at the Nebraska State Fair. 308-382-1287, grownebraska.org 🏠

HALL COUNTY PARK 3138 W. Schimmer Dr. – 308-385-5087, hallcountyne.gov 🏠

HAMPTON INN 504 N. Diers Ave.

The Hampton Inn is your home away from home. Enjoy complimentary wi-fi and breakfast. Indoor pool and hot tub. HHonors points. Corporate and group rates available. 308-384-9777, hamptoninn.com 🏠

HEARTLAND EVENTS CENTER AND FONNER PARK

700 East Stolley Park Rd. – Concerts, entertainment, sports tournaments, athletic events, conventions, meetings and trade shows at Central Nebraska's premier facility, the Heartland Events Center at Fonner Park. The Bosselman Conference Center is integrated with the Heartland Events Center providing first-rate facilities for meetings of all types and sizes. Adjoining facilities include Fonner Park Race Track and the state-of-the-art livestock and exhibition building for the Nebraska State Fair. When you put it all together, you have an astounding array of facilities, amenities and extras. 308-382-4515, heartlandeventscenter.com 🏠

HEARTLAND PUBLIC SHOOTING PARK

6788 West Husker Hwy. – Regionally the most complete shooting experience, Heartland Public Shooting park regularly hosts regional and national competitions. Its 400 acres includes sporting clays, trap, five-stand and lighted skeet ranges. Rifle and pistol ranges stretch out to 600 yards. Eight RV pads, shooting fees. 308-385-5048, heartlandpublicshootingpark.com 🏠

ISLAND OASIS WATER PARK 321 E.

Fonner Park Rd., I-80 Exit 314, 5 ½ mi. N., 321 E. Fonner Park Rd – Features include 4 giant water slides, 2 thrilling speed slides, 350,000-gallon wave pool, 750-ft lazy river, sand volleyball, children's play area, full concessions and much, much more. Open daily Memorial Day-August. Admission: \$7 ages 5-15 and seniors, \$8 ages 16-54, free for children 4 & under w/ paying adult. 308-385-5381, grand-island.com/oasis 🏠

MAX'S THUNDER ROAD GRILL 3335

Wood River Rd. – 308-382-6986, bosselman.com 🍴

MOTEL 6 7301 Bosselman Ave. – Free

wireless internet access. motel6.com 🏠

PEPPERJAX GRILL 940 Allen Dr.

PepperJax Grill is home of America's Best Philly. Our menu items are fresh grilled just for you, right before your eyes! 308-382-0228, pepperjaxgrill.com 🍴

QUALITY INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

7838 S. US Hwy 281 Free hi-speed wired & wireless internet access. qualityinn.com 🏠

RAISING NEBRASKA 501 E Fonner Park

Road, Suite 100 – Explore and engage with Nebraska agriculture through interactive hands-on exhibits, touch screens and more. Raising Nebraska has a 25,000 sq feet of indoor exhibits and an outdoor space shaped in the state of Nebraska. 308-385-3967, raisingnebraska.net/ 🏠

RODEWAY INN 3205 S. Locust St.

308-384-1333, rodewayinn.com 🏠

SANDHILL CRANE SPRING MIGRATION

2424 S. Locust St, Ste C – Don't miss one of the wonders of the natural world. Nearly 500,000 sandhill cranes gather each year from late February thru early April along the Platte River Valley, the second largest migration in North America. Scientists have identified the largest crane roost in the world during the migration just southwest of Grand Island near the Crane Trust Nature and Visitor Center. Check with the Grand Island Visitors Bureau for suggested viewing locations. 308-382-4400 or 800-658-3178, nebraskaflyway.com 🏠

SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY

Nebraska Sandhills – There is a place in America virtually untouched by the hand of man. It is Nebraska's last unexplored frontier; a timeless, wind blown ocean of undulating dunes, native grass and vivid blue lakes. The Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway bisects this ancient ground, leading travelers to world class natural wonders undiscovered anywhere else. The Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway, or Nebraska Highway 2, runs 272 miles between Grand Island and Alliance and will take you through remarkable scenery, one of America's unique geographies, and past abundant wildlife. 308-546-0636, sandhillsjourney.com/ 🏠

STOLLEY PARK 2822 W Stolley Park Rd.

This 34-acre park features Kid's Kingdom, the William Stolley House, disc golf course, arboretum, wading pool, a replica of an early settler's cabin and the school building from Hall County's first school district. Stolley Park Railroad is open mid-May thru Memorial Day, weekends; rest of the summer, Tue-Sun. Park open year-round, daily, dawn-dusk. US Hwy 281 to Stolley Park Rd, 1 mi. E. 308-385-5444 🏠

STUDIO K ART GALLERY 112 W. 3rd St.

Gallery showcases a cooperative group of Midwest artists featuring original works of art in a wide variety of media. Traveling art shows, exhibits, classes and tours. Open Tue-Sat, 11 am - 6 pm. First Friday of every month openings from 6p m - 8:30 pm. Meet the artists and have light refreshments! 308-381-4001, StudioKArtGallery.com 🏠

STUHR MUSEUM OF THE PRAIRIE

PIONEER 3133 W. Hwy 34 – See ever-changing exhibits, events and collections that tell the story of pioneer life, the Old West and American Indians. From May 1-Labor Day, experience Stuhr's 1890s Railroad Town, a living history community featuring costumed historical interpreters. Stuhr Building and Gus Fonner Memorial Rotunda open year-round, Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm. Closed major holidays and Mondays Jan-Mar. Admission for May-Labor Day: \$8 adults, \$6 ages 6-12, \$7 seniors, 5 & under free. Admission for Labor Day-Apr: \$6 adults, \$4 ages 6-12, \$5 seniors, 5 & under free. 308-385-5316, stuhrmuseum.org 🏠

SUPER 8 MOTEL 2603 S. Locust

Close to area attractions. 308-384-4380, super8.com 🏠

THE ENCHANTED BAKERY 418 N Eddy

Like works of art, the cakes are beautiful and pleasing to the eye and even more pleasing to the taste buds. Cakes are sold by the slice or as a whole. Also sell melt-in-your mouth mini cookies and cream filled cupcakes. 308-383-2255 🍴

TOWNSLEY-MURDOCK IMMIGRANT

TRAIL SITE N. of I-80 Exit 305 – Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this 2 acre site is adjacent to the Wood River Crossing area where Mormon Trail travelers funneled onto a narrow ridge which separated the Wood River and the wetlands of the Platte River. This created the wide, shallow swale that is still visible today. 308-382-4400, visitgrandisland.com 🏠

U.S.A. INNS OF AMERICA 7501 S. US

Hwy 281 – Rooms available with private jacuzzi, laundry coin avail. Free hi-speed wireless internet. 308-381-0111 🏠

GRANT

MEADOWLARK GALLERY... PERKINS COUNTY AREA ARTS COUNCIL 246

Central Ave. – Perkins County Area Arts Council created Meadowlark Gallery, 501(c)3, in 2004 to provide the community with a home for artistic pursuits and appreciation. Also for the purpose of promoting, stimulating, encouraging and assisting artists in exhibiting their work. No fee Gallery! Meadowlark gallery is staffed by member artists and volunteers. Open every Friday and Saturday 6-8 March to November! 308-352-4574, meadowlarkgallerygrantnebraska.weebly.com/ 🏠

ROCKING HORSE INN 304 Lincoln St.

1906 prairie style home featuring clean, well

decorated rooms, full-breakfast and turn of the century hospitality. Three rooms, all on the second floor, one with private bath and 2 with shared bath. You are only a stranger until you cross the threshold. 308-352-2450 🏠

SOULFUL SALVAGE 211 Central Ave. We are gatherers of the unique & quirky... along with the ordinary. We refurbish & combine, to create one-of-a-kind pieces. We take orders for custom work or can update a piece of your own. We can also put our "spin" on an entire room... Soulful SaLvAgE: dreamers, artists & creators... for days not usually open, please call. 308-352-6674 🏠

GREENWOOD

BAKER'S CANDIES 831 S Baker St, PO Box 88 – Bakers Candies' world renowned chocolate meltaways have been proudly produced in Nebraska for generations and are available at prices so low they're unprecedented in the gourmet chocolate industry. The word meltaway is a designation of honor given to only to the most superlative chocolate confections: a chocolate so decadent and smooth that it literally melts-a-way when applied to the tongue. Baker's meltaways are the best in the world, bar-none, and we couldn't be more proud than to be making them right here in Greenwood. 402-789-2700, bakerscandies.com/ 🏠

I-80 SPEEDWAY 13909 238th St. – I-80 Exit 420 - NASCAR-sanctioned semibanked oval dirt track featuring the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series May-Sep, Fri nights, plus special events. Full concessions, souvenirs and free onsite camping available. Check website for schedule. Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 ages 6-15, ages 5 & under free. 402-342-3453, i-80speedway.com 🏠

GRETNA

AKSARBEN AQUARIUM OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER 21502 W. Hwy 31, 6 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 432 – Aquarium with native Nebraska fish, a fish management museum and nearby geologic display. Picnic area and hiking trails. Open Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day, daily, 10am-4:30pm. Res of the year, closed Tue & holidays. Admission: \$1 adults, \$.50 ages 6-15, children age 5 and under free. 402-332-3901, outdoornebraska.gov/aksarben/ 🏠

NEBRASKA CROSSING OUTLETS 21209 Nebraska Crossing Dr. – The Midwest's premier outlet shopping destination. Nebraska Crossing Outlets is poised to be the nation's most innovative technology-based outlet shopping experience that focuses on creating loyal customers and predicting consumer trends. The 350,000 sq. ft. facility houses more than 70 exclusive brand retailers along with unique and local dining establishments and is easily accessed via I-80 at Exit 432, Gretna. 402-332-5650, nexoutlets.com 🏠

SCHRAMM PARK STATE RECREATION AREA 21502 W. NE Hwy 31, 7 mi. S. of I-80

Exit 432 – Unique geologic and botanical area was the site of the state's first fish hatchery, now a museum. Spectacular views of the Platte River Valley. A 3-mile nature trail winds through rugged woodlands. Home of Aksarben Aquarium. Park open for day use only, no camping. Museum open Memorial Day-Labor Day, weekdays, 10am-4:30pm; 10am-6pm weekends. Park permit required. Walk-in activities only mid-Sep thru May 1, sunrise to sunset. 402-234-6855, outdoornebraska.gov/schramm/ 🏠

VALA'S PUMPKIN PATCH 12102 S. 180th St., 1 mi. S. of NE Hwy 370 near Gretna on 180th St – Enjoy a 5 week fall festival including hayrack rides, haunted house, lost pumpkin mine, pig races, petting corral, pumpkin eating dragon, storybook barn, pick your own pumpkin or ride on the Pumpkin Creek Railroad. More than 44 attractions and 3 live shows daily. Open Sep 20-Oct 31, 9am-9pm daily. Admission: \$13.29 per person, children 2 & under free. 402-332-4200, valaspumpkinpatch.com 🏠

HALSEY

DOUBLE T BAR 103 Main St. 308-533-2208 🍷

NEBRASKA NATIONAL FOREST (BESSEY RANGER DISTRICT) Hwy 2 and spur 86-B – Covering more than 90,000 acres this is the largest hand-planted forest in the world and a favorite place for camping, hiking and picnicking. Open year-round for camping. Camping fees: \$8 per night, \$11 with electric, \$75-\$100 group site. 308-533-2257, fs.usda.gov 🏠

PINE STREET CABIN 804 Pine St. – This cabin located 1 mile from the Nebraska National Forest is a true sportsman's retreat! Fully-equipped kitchen. Sleeps 4. Camper hook-up available with 30/50 amp service. Off street parking. 308-533-2345 🏠

VILLAGE OF HALSEY Main St. – In 1885 surveyors designated a route through the Sand Hills for a Burlington Railroad branch line. The rails reached this point in 1887, and a town was laid out. It was named Halsey after Halsey E. Yates, the son of Burlington official Charles E. Yates. A depot was constructed, then a post office and school/church. The first general store was on the west side of Main Street, a block north of the depot. Other buildings included a blacksmith shop, saloon, and the Shady Nook hotel. In 1904 the depot burned. The town was resurveyed and rebuilt mostly in Thomas County. 308-533-2513 🏠

HAMPTON

COUNTRY LAVENDER FARM 1506 North W Rd. – Our Lavender adventure began in 2009. Corn prices were down and this "City Girl" convinced her farmer husband to try an alternative crop. Our lavender is grown in a pasture, among the native prairie grasses. We are excited to have you join us as we grow our farm, our lavender, and our products. Stop by to see our farm and learn

all about lavender farming. 402-694-0400, countrylavenderfarm.com 🏠

HARDY

THE PETAL PATCH 4410 Road G Greenhouses and Gardens 402-226-3721, petalpatchonline.com 🏠

HARRISBURG

LAZY W DIAMOND RANCH County Road 14 – Call to arrange a hands on experience. Make a natural product to take with you. Farm to Fork Meals are available with reservations. 308-241-0573 🏠

HARRISON

AGATE FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT 301 River Rd., 22 mi. S. of Harrison on NE Hwy 29 – Agate Fossil Beds is an internationally known fossil site. It has been home to people like James Cook and his wife, great leaders of great nations like Red Cloud and American Horse. The record preserved not only reflects the diverse history of evolution but also the struggles of existence in a region with many extremes. The visitor center features exhibits and a movie about the Miocene Fossils and American Indian artifacts given to James Cook by Oglala Lakota Red Cloud and others. Over 4 miles of walking trails go through mixed grass prairie to the historic excavation sites. 308-668-2211 or 308-436-9760, nps.gov/agfo 🏠

HARTINGTON

COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES 405 Arens Dr. – staycobblestone.com 🏠

HASTINGS

ADAMS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 947 S. Baltimore – The Adams County Fairgrounds has a camper / trailer parking facility for overnight guests or camping conventions. We have 450 hook ups in combination of water, water and electric, or full service parking which consists of water, electric and sewer. Our campgrounds are closed from Nov 1 - April 1 (depending on the weather). Our buildings are available to rent for all types of events, large or small. The options range from receptions, to conventions or exhibitor shows. Contact us today! 402-462-3247, adamscountyfairgrounds.com 🏠

BACK ALLEY BAKERY 609 West 2nd St. Welcome to the Back Alley Bakery. We are bread people, and you can tell by the hard work we have put into making each loaf perfect. From milling our grains to growing our sourdough starter, we strive to create fresh and wholesome bread. We also offer lunch Monday - Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm in a unique dining area. It is our goal to ensure our patrons experience the local flavors that Hastings has to offer. Be sure to stop in on Thursday from 5 pm to 7 pm to try one of our artisan pizzas from our wood fired oven. 402-460-5056, backalleybakery.com/ 🏠

BILL SMITH SOFTBALL COMPLEX 4103 Osborne Drive East – The Smith

Softball Complex is named in honor of State Commissioner O.W. "Bill" Smith. The complex was opened in 1995. The facility is one of the finest competition facilities in the Midwest. The facility includes six 300 foot lighted fields, and a playing surface made from the latest weather resistant materials. The complex includes a second floor restaurant and lounge with open air decks. The softball complex is used exclusively for Amateur Softball Association (ASA) events and accommodates state, regional and national softball championship tournaments. 402-462-7100, nebraskasoftball.org/ 

COMFORT INN 2903 Osborne Dr W. A 2015 Choice Hotel—Gold Award Comfort Inn of Hastings. The Comfort Inn is located on N. Highway 281 with easy access from either direction. We are 100% smoke free with frig/microwaves in every room, upgrade free wifi in 2015 and a great hot breakfast bar served daily. The Hastings Spirit Hike & Bike Trail is in front of the hotel connecting the guest to many restaurants and shopping in the area. We are a short distance to the Bill Smith Softball Complex, Mary Lanning Healthcare and the Cimmaron Plaza shopping center. 402-463-5252, comfortinn.com/hotel/ne004 

DUNCAN FIELD 601 East South St. – Built in 1940 as a public works project, Duncan Field is one of Nebraska's best-loved sports venues known for its deep outfield surrounded by a red brick wall. It was the site of the American Legion's "Little World Series" three times, and Hall of Famer Yogi Berra played baseball here in his youth. Today it is home to Hastings College Bronco Baseball, American Legion Youth Baseball and St. Cecilia Football. This landmark facility serves the community as a tourist site and hosts over 100 events each year. 402-461-2324, cityofhastings.org/parks 

HASTINGS AQUACOURT 2200 West 3rd St. – The Hastings Aquacourt features a variety of water attractions, including: Zero-Depth Entry Pool, Lazy River, Wave Pool, Children's Water Playground, Flute, Tube, Drop, Family Water Slides, Diving Boards, Climbing Wall, Lots of Deck Space, a Large Meeting Room, Lockers Available, and a Full Concession Stand 402-463-1016, cityofhastings.org/parks 

HASTINGS COLLEGE OBSERVATORY (SACHTLEBEN OBSERVATORY) 4725 S. Wabash Ave. – The observatory features a fine collection of astronomical telescopes through which to view the universe. Open to the public on Sat closest to the first and third quarter moons, when weather permits. Call the StarLine for current information. Free. 402-462-7378, hastings.edu 

HASTINGS MUSEUM 1330 N. Burlington Ave. – Experience three floors of natural and cultural history. Enjoy 3-D and 2-D films on the Lied Super Screen and full dome astronomy shows in the Planetarium.

Featured exhibits: Wildlife Diorama Hall, People of the Plains, Serial Collection of more than 200 birds, Lock-Stock-&-Barre, Coin Vault, Rocks-Minerals-&-Fossils, Traveling in Style-Antique Vehicles, Insects-Reptiles-Sea Life, Cretaceous Sea, and Where We Live. Get interactive with the Kool-Aid exhibit and learn about its roots in Hastings Closed on Mon, Sep-Apr. Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Day. 402-461-2399, hastingsmuseum.org 

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 3605 Cimarron Plaza – High speed wireless internet, guest laundry. 100% non smoking facility. All rooms have flat screen HDTVs with hi-def programming and free movie rentals. Manager's reception Mon-Thru evenings. 402-463-8858, ihg.com 

KITTY'S ROADHOUSE 1400 E South St. Need a friendly atmosphere to bring your family on a night out? Seeking animated conversation over draft beer? Want to watch the game and hang out with your friends? Kitty's Roadhouse caters to all your needs and more, all under one roof! Kitty's is decorated with the aesthetics of racecars and the all-American diner. Our back patio is tiki-themed, and is perfect for enjoying beautiful days outside. 402-463-9225, kittysroadhouse.com/ 

LOCHLAND COUNTRY CLUB 601 W. Lochland Rd. – Lochland Country Club is known for its beautiful golf course designed by noted Chicago golf architect, David Gill. The first nine holes were completed and opened for play in 1962. In 2015-2016 the course went through a big renovation project that will ensure a great quality of play along with an increased challenge for many years to come. 402-462-4151, lochlandcc.com 

MOTORSPORT PARK HASTINGS MPH 427 South Showboat Blvd. – MPH is all about Car and Bike Racing. All types of racing on our asphalt 2.15 mile long circuit. Named by Forbes.com as one of the 10 best places to speed legally in America! MPH Has stay garages available for our weekend guests. Diving and riding schools. Corporate events that can include up to 18 bedrooms while staying at the track. Our Guardrail Clubhouse is available for private events with full catering see our schedule online. Open weekdays by appointment. 402-461-8031, racemph.com 

PRAIRIE LOFT CENTER FOR OUTDOOR & AGRICULTURAL LEARNING 4705 DLD Rd. – The mission of Prairie Loft Center for Outdoor & Agricultural Learning is to teach agriculture appreciation, outdoor education, cultural traditions, and the wise use of natural resources. Prairie Loft began offering programs in 2007. Since then, more than 34,000 visitors have participated in place-based education programs and experiences through field trips, community events, private gatherings, and other activities. We offer lots of activities including school field trips,

Family Outdoor Club, community events and special events throughout the year. 402-463-0565, prairieloft.org 

QUALITY INN 203 W. 33rd St. Indoor swimming pool. 402-461-4076, choicehotels.com/hotel/ne136 

RODEWAY INN 2424 Osborne Dr E. In Room: coffee makers, hair dryers, free local calls, long distance phone cards. refrigerator & microwaves in some rooms. 402-463-1422, rodewayinn.com/hotel-hastings-nebraska-NE093 

HAYES CENTER
MIDWAY MOTEL 73706 NE Hwy 25 – Great rates, open year round. 308-286-3253 

HEMINGFORD
BOX BUTTE RESERVOIR STATE RECREATION AREA 9 ½ mi. N. on asphalt road – This 1,600-acre reservoir on the Niobrara River offers camping and water-related recreation just south of the majestic Pine Ridge. Open year-round. Reservations not required. Park permit required. 308-665-2903, outdoornebraska.gov/boxbutte/ 

HENDERSON
MENNONITE HERITAGE PARK 720 Rd B – 1 ½ mi. S. of I-80 Exit 342 - Living history farm traces the Mennonite heritage through the hardships and trials of the first 35 immigrant families that traveled to Henderson in 1874. Replica of the original immigrant house, church, 1911 barn, country schoolhouse, farm house, machine shed and visitor center with exhibits and gift shop. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Tue-Sat, 1-4pm; or by appt. Admission: \$5. Groups welcome. 402-723-4559 or 402-723-5793, hendersonheritage.org 

PRAIRIE OASIS CAMPGROUND & CABINS 913 Rd B (Exit 342 off I-80) Plenty of shade and minimal freeway noise. Big rig-friendly sites, all pull-throughs. Rated one of the top 5 Nebraska RV Parks to Visit: rvtravel.about.com, 402-723-5227, prairieoasiscampground.com 

HERSHEY
STONES & BONES GALLERY AND EMPORIUM 105 E. 2nd St. – A unique gallery of art and artifacts, featuring an assemblage of Western and wildlife art and a premier private collection of Stone Age artifacts from rural western Nebraska. Special group tours of 10 or less, with question and answer discussions covering subjects such as our collection, artifacts in general, flint knapping, tepee set-up and demos. Open daily, call for hours. Free. 308-368-7400, visitnorthplatte.com 

HICKMAN
STAGECOACH STATE RECREATION AREA 1 mi. S of Hickman – Stagecoach State Recreation Area is a 195-acre lake surrounded by 607 acres of land.

Stagecoach offers fishing, boating, picnicking and camping. One of 20 Salt Valley lakes located within 25-mile radius of Lincoln. Seven are highly developed state recreation areas and 5 are more primitive state wildlife areas. Park permit required. Camping fee. 402-796-2362, outdoornebraska.gov/stagecoach/ 📍

WAGON TRAIN STATE RECREATION

AREA 2 miles east of Hickman – One of 20 Salt Valley lakes located within 25-mile radius of Lincoln. Seven are highly developed state recreation areas and 5 are more primitive state wildlife areas. All offer a variety of recreational opportunities. 2 miles east of Hickman. Park permit required. Camping fee. 402-796-2362, outdoornebraska.gov/wagontrain/ 📍

HIGHLAND

WILD PLUM LAKE 1.5 miles north and 0.5 west of Kramer – Wild Plum is one of eight flood control lakes managed for public recreation by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. There are 35 total acres and 16 lake acres, with parking, a boat ramp (no wake boating) and tent camping. No entry fee or permit is required, but state game permits are required. Have fun at Wild Plum and be safe! 402-476-2729, lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 📍

HOLDREGE

4TH AVENUE COFFEE 612 E 4th Ave. Always serving great coffee, baked goods, wraps, croissant, salads and a comfortable environment to hang out. 308-995-2195

HOLDREGE COUNTRY CLUB

314 W. 18th Ave. – Encounter the best of the old and new: straight and contoured fairways, large bunkers, built-up greens, lots of foliage, a creek, and two of the largest fairway traps in the state. 308-995-5744, holdregecc.com 📍

NEBRASKA PRAIRIE MUSEUM

2701 Burlington – The WWII Interpretive Center displays a scale replica of the original WWII German POW Camp Atlanta which was located southwest of Holdrege. Also exhibited are items donated by former military personnel who worked there, POWs who were interned there, and local families and businesses who hired the POWs during the war. Extensive collections of prairie history are on display. Indoor town square and a new gift shop. Buildings include a Lutheran Church, one-room schoolhouse, early farm house, POW guard tower and windmill. 308-995-5015, nebraskaprairie.org 📍

THE TASSEL - PHELPS COUNTY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

1324 Tilden St. – Enjoy a variety of music, theater, dance, educational and outreach programs, new works, special projects and social activities. Box office open Tue, Thu-Fri, 2-6pm. Admission to events. 308-995-6956 or 308-995-2717, thetassel.org 📍

HOOPER

ELKHORN VALLEY GOLF CLUB 410 North Main St. – Elkhorn Valley Golf Course is the Dodge County location for golf the whole family can enjoy. Each year new golfers are tested by our challenging course. Leagues, tournaments, and golf outings at Elkhorn Valley are great ways to get together on the golf course. Look at what options are available to your group. There is always a reason to enjoy a day of golf and fun times with family and friends, reserve your next tee time by contacting the Pro Shop. 402-654-3512, elkhornvalleygolfclub.com 📍

HUBBARD

DANISH ALPS STATE RECREATION

AREA 1260 200th St. The Danish Alps State Recreation Area provides an outdoor environment perfect for fishing, horseback riding, and camping. The area possesses 67 electrical campsites, including equestrian sites. The 219-acre lake is fishing ready-stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, channel catfish, and walleye. The picturesque horse trails make this an excellent place for those with equestrian interests. Day use areas are available in the park; including a playground, picnic shelters, restrooms, picnic tables, and a hiking/biking trail. 402-632-4109, outdoornebraska.gov 📍

HUMBOLDT

GANDY HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST 715 5th St. – Enjoy a stay in a 2-story, Arts and Crafts-style home featuring antique lighting, dark woodwork and native rock. 402-862-3278, gandyhouse.com 📍

HUMBOLDT LAKE PARK Humboldt Lake Park – Basketball and tennis courts on-site. 402-862-2171, ci.humboldt.ne.us 📍

KIRKMAN'S COVE RECREATION AREA 2 ½ mi. W of Humboldt on US Hwys 105 and 4 – A 500-acre recreation area featuring a 9-hole public golf course, club house and 160-acre lake. The park includes fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, picnicking, playground, hiking trails and RV and tent camping. 402-335-3325, nemahanrd.org/lakes_kirkmanscove.php 📍

KIRKMAN'S LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE 71550 631 Ave. – 402-862-2828, klgcfgolf.com 📍

QUAD COUNTY HISTORICAL & RESEARCH SOCIETY (QUAD COUNTY MUSEUM) 398 E Square – Located on the east side of Humboldt City Square. Donated exhibits reflect the life of early years from the Humboldt community and area counties. Featured is a historical display of Humboldt Fire Department 1902 antique hose carts and soda-acid carts; O. A. Cooper Company artifacts; Humboldt High School annuals and artifacts, early Humboldt businesses artifacts and American Legion Post #269 artifacts. Open every 2nd Sunday of the month from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. 402-862-3278, ci.humboldt.ne.us 📍

HYANNIS

HYANNIS HOTEL 102 Main Ave. – The Original Hotel in Hyannis. Prime Rib is prepared on Saturday evenings and special occasions. Daily lunch specials served along with the traditional menu Monday-Friday. A favorite on Tuesday evenings is the Mexican menu. Extend your visit, rooms with private baths, are available on the second floor. 308-458-2344, hyannisshotelinc.com 📍

IMPERIAL

THE BALCONY HOUSE B&B

1006 Court St. – Luxury accommodations, 5 large rooms, all with private baths. Southwest Nebraska's premier B&B. 308-882-5597, balconyhouse.com 📍

JOHNSON LAKE

LAKESHORE MARINA 2 Lakeview Acres Dr. – LakeShore Marina Bar & Grille features a full lunch and dinner menu including steak and seafood dinners, pizza, your favorite spirits, and live entertainment (a monthly schedule will be put under events)—not to mention a wonderful view of the lake. Live entertainment on Thursday evenings and Karaoke/DJ on Saturdays. 308-785-2836, lakeshoremarinafun.com/ 📍

KEARNEY

ACADEMY OF CHILDREN'S THEATRE

AT KCT 83 Plaza Blvd. – The Academy of Children's Theatre at Kearney Theatre Community. Educating the youth of the area for over 16 years. Two productions a year for 3rd through 8th graders, plus a variety of summer classes for youth of all ages. Master classes for the older youth and adults 308-293-9585, kctonline3.homestead.com/Childrens.html 📍

AMERICINN LODGE & SUITES 215 W. Talmadge Rd. – We know there's no place like home, but with our newly updated furnishings, room decor, flat screens and cozy Sera Perfect Sleeper beds, the Americinn Kearney will feel like your home away from home. Our Kearney hotel offers a variety of room types including suites with whirlpools. Wake up each morning to free, hot, home-style Americinn Perk breakfast and stay connected with free, high-speed internet. Guests can also enjoy our inviting, indoor pool and hot tub. Free use of the nearby Anytime Fitness is also available. 308-234-7800, americinn.com 📍

BEST WESTERN PLUS MID NEBRASKA INN & SUITES 224 2nd Ave S. – Free Cribbs 308-234-2541, bestwestern.com 📍

BIG APPLE FUN CENTER 500 W. 4th St. Fun for all ages! Ballocity, bowling, arcade, mini-golf, sand volleyball, go-karts, laser tag, snack bar and more. Open year-round, daily, 10 am-1am. Activity fees vary. 308-234-4545, bigapplefuncenter.com 📍

CABELA'S 3600 U.S. Highway 30 – Right in the heart of Nebraska off of I-80 and U.S. Highway 30 is our Kearney Cabela's store, boasting 35,000 sq. ft. of quality outdoor

gear. Our experienced Outfitters are ready and waiting to help you get the most out of your next adventure. 308-234-3933, cabelas.com/kearney 📍

CANDLEWOOD SUITES 210 4th Ave. The Candlewood Suites is geared towards both the business and leisure extended stay traveler. Each smoke-free oversized suite is equipped with amenities such as standard 49" High Definition televisions, fully equipped kitchens, spacious living areas, a guest pantry and more. Conveniently located right off of I-80, next to Younes Conference Center and just minutes away from fine dining, shopping, University of Nebraska-Kearney, Museum of Nebraska Art, World Theatre, Archway Monument, Fort Kearny State Park, Cabela's, and area hospitals. 308-234-1100, younes.com 🏠

CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION 3600 E. US Hwy 30, Ste B – Adjacent to Cabela's. Featuring an incredible collection of fine automobiles, memorabilia, interactive multimedia and art from local, regional and national artists. Our mission is to present an entertaining and artful perspective of the automobile as an historical and educational tool, illustrating its influence on industry, culture, exploration, technology, design and innovation; and its relationship to us all. 308-234-1964, ccc Kearney.com 📍

COMFORT INN 118 3rd Ave. – Free high-speed wireless internet. In room coffee makers, hairdryers, iron, free HBO. Microwaves and refrigerators in all rooms. Guest laundry. HDTVs with free DVD rentals. Manager's reception Mon-Thu evenings. Connected to the Younes Conference Center. 308-236-3400, comfortinn.com/hotel-kearney-nebraska-NE139#listpos3 🏠

COTTONMILL LAKE Cottonmill Ave. 📍

COUNTRY INN & SUITES 105 Talmadge St. – Enjoy complimentary chocolate chip cookies, coffee and candy in the lobby at any hour. Our hotel offers a complimentary hot breakfast complete with waffles, eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruits, breads, and pastries. Take a break from working with the free high-speed Internet access to soak in the whirlpool tub or swim in the indoor pool. A fitness center is available so you can workout. After a long day of meetings or sightseeing, rest your head in a comfortable bed. All hotel rooms features plush bedding and home comforts, such as a microwave and refrigerator. 308-236-7500, countryinns.com/kearneyne 🏠

CRANE RIVER THEATER 2202 Central Avenue Suite 7 – Crane River Theater is established around the belief that lifting up the arts will only help in creating a richer and more vibrant community. Our mission is to serve the community of Kearney and surrounding areas as a professional theater production company providing a home for the presentation, education and promotion of the arts. Crane River Theater provides the

unique quality of using professionals from across the country and mixing them with local artists to create innovative productions for audiences of all ages. 308-627-5796, CraneRiverTheater.org 📍

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES 510 Talmadge St. – Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott in Kearney gives you confidence that your trip will be a success. Our knowledgeable and courteous staff is available to help 24 hours a day. Winner of Marriott's President Award 2015. Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet. Complimentary Evening Reception (Mon-Thurs) with Beer, Wine, and Snacks. Three meeting rooms with seating up to 75 people. Catering available for meetings, restaurants within walking distance. Free Wi-fi and much more! 308-381-8980, marriott.com 🏠

FORT KEARNY STATE HISTORICAL PARK 1020 V Rd. – 2 mi. S. on NE Hwy 44, 4 mi. E. on L50A - Important frontier outpost on the Oregon Trail features recreated stockade, blacksmith shop and other structures. Grounds open year-round, sunrise-sunset. Visitor center open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 9am-5pm and the first weekend in March thru mid-Apr for Sandhill Crane information. Featuring films, displays, maps and information on sandhill crane migration. Tours arranged year - round. Park permit required. Admission: \$2/adult, \$1/ages 3-12, free admission to children under age 3. 308-865-5305, outdoornebraska.gov/fortkearny/ 📍

FORT KEARNY STATE RECREATION AREA 1020 V Rd. – Exceptional camping with many shaded sites. 94 electric sites and 26 non-electric sites with modern restrooms, swimming beach, showers and a dump station. Reservations taken for 38 electric sites by phone or web. Enjoy a hike/bike trail (1.8 miles one way) with 2 railroad bridges along the Platte River. This is the site of the annual spring migration of the sandhill cranes, the world's largest gathering of the species. Open year-round. Park permit required. Camping fee. 308-865-5305 or 402-471-1414, outdoornebraska.gov/fortkearnysra/ 📍

G.W. FRANK MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE 2010 University Dr. – This grand mansion was built by the G.W. Frank family as a showcase to entice Eastern investors to Kearney. The home was wired for electricity during construction in 1889. The Colorado red sandstone house contains 14,000 sq. ft. of living space and supports a 3½-ton ceramic tile roof. The interior features 7 of 10 original fireplaces, golden English oak paneling, hand-carved woodwork and a magnificent staircase. Open Mon-Fri, 2-5pm; Sat, noon-5pm. Closed holidays & university breaks. Large groups by appt. Donation. 308-865-8284, frank.unk.edu 📍

GROW NEBRASKA BUY LOCAL STORE 4917 2nd Avenue, Suite 1 – Looking for the best of Nebraska's locally made products? GROW Nebraska is your one-stop shop for

everything designed and made in Nebraska. There are year-round retail stores and training centers in the Hilltop Mall in Kearney, Conestoga Mall in Grand Island, and Omaha Eppley Airfield. There is an additional temporary location at the Nebraska State Fair. 308-338-3520, growsebraska.org 📍

HAMPTON INN - KEARNEY, NEBRASKA 507 Talmadge St. – Kearney Hampton Inn is a modern and vibrant hotel just off I-80 at the Kearney exit and next to the Younes Conference Center. Winner of Hilton's Lighthouse Award 2015. The hotel features free, hot breakfast buffet as well as a complimentary evening reception on Mon - Thurs nights. All guest rooms include microwave, refrigerator, work desk and free Wi-Fi. The hotel offers an indoor pool, whirlpool, business center, guest laundry and fitness center. Meetings can be accommodated with four meeting rooms for groups of 10 - 90 persons with catering provided. 308-234-3400, hamptoninn3.hilton.com 🏠

HILLTOP MALL 5011 2nd Ave. Hilltop Mall is an enclosed, regional shopping center, conveniently located on North 2nd Avenue, the city's main north-south thoroughfare. The mall houses a wide range of big box and locally owned business. Visit us or check out our website for the full list of stores and latest promotions. 308-236-9798, shophilltopmall.com/ 📍

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 508 2nd Ave S. Free hot breakfast and high-speed wireless. In room microwaves, refrigerators, irons, hairdryers, coffee makers, keyless entry, HDTVs with free DVD rentals. Manager's reception Mon-Thu evenings. 308-234-8100, ihg.com 🏠

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER 110 2nd Ave. – Central Nebraska's only hotel with an indoor water center with waterslides, video game room, pool table and large whirlpool spa. Free high-speed wireless internet. There is a Boutique Gift Shop, restaurant and lounge, laundry facilities and large fitness center. Meeting, banquet and event space for groups from 7 - 700. In addition, the hotel's convention center is located just across the street from the Younes Conference Center. The perfect central location located just off I-80 for conventions, meetings, trade shows, sports teams, weddings or family reunions. 308-237-5971, ihg.com 🏠

KEARNEY AREA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM 5827 4th Ave. – A hands-on experience for children of all ages. Explore the world of science, music, art, agriculture and more. Open year-round. Hours of Operation: Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday-Saturday from 10am-5pm; Thursdays from 10am-8pm, and Sundays from 1pm-5pm. Admission: \$7 for children, \$6 for adults, \$5 seniors, children 12 months and younger are free. 308-698-2228, kearneychildrensmuseum.org 📍

KEARNEY COMMUNITY THEATRE

83 Plaza Blvd. – Live Theatre by the community, for the community. Five main stage productions a year and two children's productions. Facility rental available 308-234-1529, kctonline3.homestead.com/index.html 📍

KEARNEY CONCERT ASSOCIATION

225 W 22nd St. – The Kearney Concert Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Each year we present 5 or more concerts, offer multiple area reciprocity concerts to attend, and host an Education day for students. It is our mission "to provide and promote concerts of exceptional quality at affordable prices. See on our website for ticket information. 308-627-2717, kearneyconcerts.org 📍

KEARNEY VISITOR CENTER 1007 2nd Ave. – If you are planning to Stop, Play & Stay in Kearney, please stop by and visit with our friendly staff and we will help you plan your trip today, or check out our website. Our visitor center offers free brochures on Nebraska destinations and attractions. 800-652-9435, visitkearney.org 📍

LAQUINTA INN & SUITES - (FORMERLY WINGATE INN) 108 3rd Ave. – Free high-speed wireless internet. Microwave, refrigerator, ironing board, hairdryer, HDTVs, FREE breakfast. Manager's reception Mon-Thu evenings. Across the street from the Younes Conference Center and the Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center. 308-237-4400, younes.com 📍

MERRYMAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

225 W. 22nd St. – Built in 1926 and renovated in 2006, this 750-seat auditorium features nationally touring music and theatre performances. Show schedule available online or call. 308-698-8297, merrymancenter.org 📍

MICROTEL INN & SUITES 104 Talmadge The Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham in Kearney is a clean, modern and friendly hotel. All of our rooms feature top-of-the-line pillow-top queen mattresses with four pillows. Our 32 inch screens are HD and feature several movie and sports channels including HBO, ESPN and BTN. We offer a complimentary breakfast. Coffee and our wide assortment of teas are available 24/7. We offer a variety of room types to accommodate guest. We are pet friendly. For larger groups and families, we have several connecting rooms. We are 100% smoke free. 308-698-3003, microtelinn.com 📍

MORRIS PRESS COOKBOOKS - GIFT SHOP

3212 East Highway 30 – Morris Press Cookbooks has printed millions of cookbooks for churches, schools, organizations, businesses, and families across the USA. We are the nation's largest and most trusted publisher of community cookbooks. Stop in and see us for a FREE cookbook. Our factory outlet is brimming with bargains. You'll find thousands of specialty, regional,

and community cookbooks, including Cajun, Southwest, Italian, breads, casseroles, desserts, vegetarian, low-fat, and more! Most of our quality overrun cookbooks are priced at only \$4 to \$7 (reg. \$10 to \$25)! 800-445-6621, morriscookbooks.com/ 📍

MOTEL 6 101 W. Talmadge Rd. – AARP discount, children under 17 are free. Free wireless internet, HBO. motel6.com 📍

MUSEUM OF NEBRASKA ART

2401 Central Ave. – Discover the art of Nebraska. More than 6,000 works by artists of regional, national and international importance. MONA's constantly changing exhibitions honor the art of the past, focus on the present, and provide a glimpse of the future. Open year-round, Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Closed Mon & major holidays. FREE & open to the public 308-865-8559, mona.unk.edu/mona 📍

NEBRASKA FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

2434 E. 1st St. – Just off I-80 Kearney Exits, next to the Great Platte River Road Archway. The museum is dedicated to honoring the history and heritage of Nebraska's fire service and to educating kids regarding fire prevention and fire safety through images, artifacts and interactive exhibits. The Nebraska Firefighters and EMS Memorial was dedicated in 2010 and serves as a granite landmark to tangibly memorialize and permanently honor the firefighters and EMS personnel of the past, present and future. Open year-round. Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children, ages 5 & under free. 308-338-3473, neffm.org 📍

NEW VICTORIAN INN & SUITES

903 2nd Ave. – The New Victorian Inn & Suites would like to offer you midwestern hospitality! As a business owned and operated by Nebraskans, our staff reflects the values of our rural heritage. Our amenities include free breakfast from 5am to 11am, free wireless internet, business center, refrigerator, microwave and oversize 42" flatscreen tv in all rooms, and coffee and cookies available in the lobby 24 hours a day! We have rooms with one king bed or two queen beds and we are centrally located, minutes from the interstate, shopping, fine dining and entertainment. 308-237-5858, newvictorianinn.com 📍

RAMADA INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

301 2nd Ave. – New Bourbon Street Blues Bistro & Bar - Piano Bar, tropical fundome, free high speed internet access, free hot breakfast. Remodeled in 2008. 308-237-3141, ramada.com 📍

RODEWAY INN & SUITES 411 2nd Ave. 308-237-5991, rodewayinn.com 📍

SANDHILL CRANE SPRING MIGRATION

1007 2nd Ave. – Don't miss one of the wonders of the natural world as nearly 500,000 sandhill cranes gather each year

from late Feb through early Apr along the Platte River Valley. Check with the Kearney Visitors Bureau for suggested viewing hours. 800-652-9435, visitkearney.org 📍

SOZO AMERICAN CUISINE

110 2nd Ave. Sozo American Cuisine believes every detail of your meal should be excellent. Our local owners and staff bring a unique, modern environment to this American restaurant. We honor the traditional by bringing revered dishes to the forefront and capture new favorites with our own recipes. Each season, Sozo American Cuisine changes the menu. We pride ourselves on creating new, distinct dishes to expand your palate. We celebrate local by using beef and produce from area producers. Sozo American Cuisine is open daily 308-455-3444, sozokearney.com/ 📍

STAGECOACH 310 3rd Ave. – For over 40 years the Stagecoach has provided travelers with some of the finest gifts in the west. Stagecoach specializes in Native American jewelry and artifacts and represents some of the finest Native silversmiths. Stagecoach also has many other jewelry lines, such as Black Hills Gold and druzy. We even make our own jewelry with our in-house silversmith. You can find one of the largest selections of Nebraska souvenirs in the stat. Stagecoach is an authorized dealer of the always popular, Minnetonka Moccasins We are open 7 days a week with extended summer hours 308-234-3313, stagecoachgifts.biz 📍

SUPER 8 MOTEL 15 W. 8th St. 308-234-5513 📍

SUWANNEE THAI CUISINE

1420 W 24th St Suite C, Ste C – 308-234-2289, suwanneekearney.com 📍

THE ARCHWAY 3060 E. 1st St. Experience history as never before in this award-winning attraction. Stunning audiovisual effects enhance a dynamic exhibit that comes alive for young and old. Hear stories of the Oregon, Mormon and California Trails as you stroll along the trail. Ride with the Pony Express, hear the rumble of the Iron Horse and watch a drive-in movie as you trace the history of transportation and communication right up to the fiber optic age. Admission. I-80 Exit 275. Call for hours. 1-877-511-ARCH 308-237-1000, archway.org 📍

THE SOLID ROCK 2010 Central Ave. 308-234-9813, shopsolidrock.com/ 📍

THUNDERHEAD BREWING

18 E 21st St. Enjoy award-winning beer and fabulous pizza baked in a stone oven. Open daily, 11am-1am. Tours by appt. 308-237-1558 📍

TRAILS AND RAILS MUSEUM

710 W. 11th St., 1 mi. N. of I-80 Exit 272, 5 blks W. – Union Pacific depot, train, hotel, livery barn, blacksmith shop, schoolhouse and other historic Buffalo County buildings. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 10am-

6pm; Sun, 1-5pm; or by appt. Also open Sep-May, Mon-Fri, 1-5pm. Admission: \$5 adults, \$2 ages 5-12. Also provide guided, prearranged group tours. Group rates available. 308-234-3041, bchs.us 🏠

TRU CAFE 2100 Central Ave.

Locally owned. Serving lunch and dinner made in house sourced from local and organic growers. We roast our own coffee beans daily. Full menu of drinks including beers, wines and liquor. Local art galleries and local gift shop. 308-236-9422, trucafekearney.com/ 🍷

KEYSTONE

THE LITTLE CHURCH AT KEYSTONE

Keystone Lake Rd to McCarthy Street, turn north, 1st building on east side – Built in a pioneer town that was too small for two churches, the Catholic/Protestant Little Church is a monument to religious harmony and cooperation. Completed in 1908, the Little Church has a Catholic altar at one end, and Protestant altar at the other. Special pews with reversible backs allowed churchgoers to face either altar, depending on the service. The last regular services were held in 1949, but the Little Church is open to visitors by appointment. The Little Church at Keystone is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. 800-658-4390, visitkeithcounty.com 🏠

KIMBALL

1ST INTERSTATE INN 1704 S. Old NE Hwy 71 – This locally owned motel has 29 rooms, all ground floor. Right next door is The Diner, featuring breakfast all day. The portions are large, prices are reasonable, and the food is good, all American home cooking. It's a local favorite. 308-235-4601 🍷

BEER & LOATHING 206 S. Chestnut St. Burgers, sandwiches, salads, and specials. All American pub food. 308-235-3051 🍷

DAIRY QUEEN 517 E. 3rd St. – Open spring, summer, and fall. This DQ features the original ice cream formula. 308-235-2874 🍷

DAYS INN 611 E. 3rd St – Located right next door to the Kimball Event Center and the Kimball Fitness Center, this locally owned property features 30 rooms, 13 on the ground floor and 17 on the second floor. The Dairy Queen is within easy walking distance. 308-235-4671, daysinn.com 🍷

FOR THE BIRDS! 204 S. Kimball Blvd. April 1 to May 15, guided birding tours are offered. Mountain Plover Migration, Tuesdays at 6:30 AM Hawk Watch, Thursdays at 6:30 AM Ground Nesting, Saturdays at 8:00 AM. Reservations are required to be certain a guide is available. Self-guide tour maps and birding books are available at the High Point Welcome Center of Western Nebraska. 308-241-0573, visitkimball.com 🏠

FOUR WINDS GOLF COURSE 4555

Gilliland Dr. – Four Winds, at nearly 5,000 feet, is the highest golf course in Nebraska. The 18 hole championship course, with five sets of tees, plays from 4,800 yards to 6,900 yards. The original tree-less landscape now has over 5,500 trees located throughout the course. The Junior Golf Program provides an instruction and playing program available to children ages 4 to 18. This area is always free to the public. 308-235-4241 🏠

GOODTIMES BAR & GRILL 109 W. 2nd St. Burgers, sandwiches, appetizers. 308-235-4421 🍷

HIGH POINT WELCOME CENTER OF WESTERN NEBRASKA 204 S. Kimball Blvd, I-80 Exit 20 – Area information for visitors. Open May 15-Oct 1, daily, 8am-6pm; Oct 1-May 14, daily, 8:30am-4:30pm. 308-241-0573, kimballne.org 🏠

JAVA BLEND 123 S. Chestnut St. – Kimball's favorite sandwich shop features specialty coffees, teas, soups, and homemade stone oven baked pizzas. 308-235-2004 🍷

KIMBALL BAKERY 124 S. Chestnut St. – A great hometown bakery. Get there early, they close early. 308-235-3541 🍷

KWIK & FRESH MEXI 230 S. Chestnut St. Tex-Mex 308-235-4668 🍷

MAD DOGS BAR & THE SMOKEHOUSE 209 S. Chestnut St. – Great BBQ, steaks, chicken, and sandwiches. 308-241-1160 🍷

MAIN STREET MARKET DELI 815 E. 3rd St. – Pick up a meal or a picnic outing. 308-235-3272 🍷

MICK EVERTSON ARBORETUM High School St, ½ blks S. of US Hwy 30 – More than 125 species of trees on display. 308-235-3782, kimballne.org 🏠

MONKEY RANCH BUFFALO TOURS 11 miles north of Kimball on Hwy 71 – Learn about the American Bison (Buffalo), its place on the short grass prairie and in modern agriculture. Tour lasts about 90 minutes. Tour can only take 4 people at a time. Only available Spring, Summer, and Fall, weather permitting. Cost for 4 people \$20.00. Reservations required. 308-241-0573 🏠

MOTEL KIMBALL 1017 E. 3rd St. – Located on the Lincoln Highway (US Hwy 30), this 15 room property has all ground floor rooms. It was completely renovated in 2013. It's just across the street from Gotte Park, the Kimball Banner County Fairgrounds, and the Public Swimming Pool. 308-235-4606 🍷

OLIVER RESERVOIR RECREATION AREA 8 mi. W. of Kimball on Hwy 30 – Camping and fishing. Free primitive camping. Handicapped dock, toilet and picnic tables. 308-254-2377 🏠

PANORAMA POINT AND THREE-STATE

MARKER 33 mi. S.W. of Kimball – Visit Nebraska's highest point at 5,424 feet. See the Three-State Marker (Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado). Maps are available at the High Point Welcome Center, I-80 Exit 20. This is on private property, place your admission fee in the box at the gate. Buffalo are often present in this pasture. Do not approach, they are dangerous. Please sign the guest book. 308-241-0573, kimballne.org 🏠

PIZZA HUT 215 S. Webster St. 308-235-3604 🍷

PLAINS HISTORICAL MUSEUM 200 S. Chestnut – Located at 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Fraternal Hall was built in 1904 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building is a museum in itself. Open limited hours June-Aug. Call for an appointment. 308-241-1774 🏠

PRAIRIE WILDFLOWER TOURS 204 S. Kimball Blvd. – The first week of June is Nebraska Wildflower Week. Guided tours/hikes are offered Saturdays and Sundays the weekend before and the weekend after. Tours depart from the High Point Welcome Center of Western Nebraska at 8 AM. A Wednesday evening tour is also available at 6:00 PM. Call for reservations. 308-241-0573, visitkimball.com 🏠

PRAIRIEADVENTURE TOURS EJE Ranch The EJE Ranch allows PrairieAdventure Tours to conduct tours of their cow/calf operation. Additionally, the guide teaches the necessity for ranchers to work in conjunction with conserving the short grass prairie eco system. Eco hikes are also available. 308-241-0878 🏠

SLEEP FOR LESS - EAST 4603 E. 3rd St. – Located on the Lincoln Highway (US Hwy 30), this motel has 20 rooms, all ground floor. It's The Finer Motel, A Sleep 4 Less property. The owner also has the Sleep 4 Less, West a few miles down the road. It has 11 rooms. 308-235-4878 🍷

SUBWAY OF KIMBALL 111 E. 3rd St. 308-235-0019 🍷

SUPER 8 1701 S. Old NE Hwy 71 Completely renovated in Spring 2015. It has 57 rooms, 26 on the ground floor, and 31 on the second floor. Pets are allowed for \$10 fee. Rooms have refrigerators, hairdryers, coffee pots, microwaves, and irons are available. 308-235-4888, super8.com 🍷

THE FLUMES 7 miles Hwy 30 West – The galvanized steel flumes, manufactured in Kimball by Patrick Maginnis, was patented May 20, 1902. One of the most well preserved aqueducts found west of Kimball on Highway 30, between the city limits and Oliver Reservoir. 308-241-0573 🏠

VINCE'S CORNER 100 E. 3rd St. – Try the buffalo wings and other goodies in Vince's Deli. 308-235-4411 🍷

WIND BREAK BAR & GRILL 4552 Gilliland Dr. – Voted Kimball's favorite restaurant, Wind Break features sandwiches, steaks, salads, and Tex-Mex. It also has a full bar and party room for meetings and special events. 308-235-3200 🍷

KRAMER

OLIVE CREEK STATE RECREATION

AREA 1 ½ mi. E of Kramer – Olive Creek State Recreation Area has 612 acres of land and water available to outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Although small, the 175-acre lake supports a variety of fish species. Other activities include primitive camping and picnicking. 402-796-2362, outdoornebraska.gov/olivecreek/ 🏠

TANGLEWOOD LAKE One mile west and 0.5 miles south of Kramer, S.W. 128th St – Tanglewood is one of eight flood control lakes managed for public recreation by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. There are 68 total acres and 33 lake acres, however the lake level fluctuates drastically during the year and, consequently, the lake is marginal for fishing. No wake boating is permitted, but there is no ramp. No entry fee or permit is required, but state game permits are required. Have fun at Tanglewood and be safe! 402-476-2729, lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 🏠

LA VISTA

BEYOND GOLF BAR + KITCHEN 12040 McDermott Plaza Ste 330 – At Beyond Golf, we feature the world's finest High Definition Golf simulators in a laid back, country club atmosphere with a full bar, food menu, and lots of big screen TV's. Play the world's most famous courses with extreme realism and even better? No waiting for the group in front of you to get off the green! They are available for rental by the hour, lessons, leagues, tournaments and much, MUCH more! Gift cards are also available in any denomination. 402-916-4727, beyondgolfomaha.com 🍷

CABELA'S 12703 Westport Pkwy. 402-861-4800, cabelas.com/lavista 🏠

CAFFEINA'S MARKETPLACE CAFE 12520 Westport Pkwy. – Stop in for a coffee on the go, or stay a while and enjoy the free wifi! Caffeina's features a full Starbucks menu, lunch boxes, magazines, and sundries. 402-331-7400 🍷

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT 12560 Westport Pkwy. – Super convenient, the Courtyard by Marriott is located just off Interstate 80 at Exit 442. Major attractions in the area such as the World's #1 ranked Zoo, Strategic Air Command Museum, Nebraska Crossing Outlets and the Old Market are within 20 minutes by car. For overnight guests the hotel features an indoor pool, whirlpool and

gym. In addition is the ample free parking, outdoor courtyard, The Bistro -open for breakfast and dinner, The Lounge -open evenings and The Market -open 24 hours. Next door is the La Vista Conference Center and across from Cabela's. 402-339-4900, omahalavistacourtyard.com 🏠

EMBASSY SUITES OMAHA - LA VISTA

12520 Westport Pkwy. – Located just off I-80 at exit 442. Major attractions are less than 20 minutes away, including the Henry Doorly Zoo, Strategic Air Command & Space Museum and Nebraska Crossing Outlets. The property is consistently ranked in the top 10% of Embassy Suites by Hilton properties worldwide for quality, service & guest satisfaction. In addition to their two room suite, all guests enjoy a cooked-to-order buffet breakfast and evening reception, indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, gym and free parking. Located next door is the La Vista Conference Center and across from Cabela's. 402-331-7400, omahalavista.embassysuites.com 🏠

HAMPTON INN & SUITES - OMAHA

SOUTHWEST 12331 Southport Pkwy. – Our comfortable hotel is ideally located close to restaurants, art galleries, botanic gardens, museums and shopping. Feel at home in our beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites. Host a meeting or gathering in our 925 sq. ft. of meeting space, or discuss business in our boardroom. Catch up with work in our free 24-hour business center with copy, print and fax services. Exercise in the free fitness center or relax in our heated indoor pool and whirlpool. Stock up with snacks from our 24-hour Suite Shop and join us for Hampton's free hot breakfast. 402-895-2900, omahalavistasuites.hamptoninn.com 🏠

LUCKY BUCKET BREWING COMPANY AND CUT SPIKE DISTILLERY

11941 Centennial Rd., ½ mi. S. of 120th & Giles Featuring a variety of beers including Lucky Bucket Pre-Prohibition Lager, the brewery's flagship full-flavor lager. Cut Spike Distillery, our sister company, offers an array of craft cocktails from our hand crafted spirits produced on site. Enjoy a brew, vodka, rum, or whiskey cocktails. Open for tours Wed-Fri, 5:30pm; Sat, noon, 1:30pm & 3pm. \$3 fee for tours. 402-763-8868, luckybucketbrewing.com 🏠

NEBRASKA BREWING COMPANY, BREWERY AND TAP ROOM

6950 South 108th St. – Located just outside of the Omaha Metro, but still a large part of the Omaha Craft Beer scene. An expansion of pure capacity to meet pent-up demand allowed us to fill those larger orders that kept getting shorted and allow the brewpub to get back to its innovative roots. The brewery is where you'll find great tours of the facility, a much larger expansion of our barrel aging program, a beautiful tap / tasting room, and a wonderful meeting space adjacent to the tap room for private parties or business meetings. 402-934-7988, nebraskabrewingco.com/brewery/ 🏠

THE BISTRO AT THE COURTYARD BY

MARRIOTT 12560 Westport Pkwy. – The Bistro at the Courtyard by Marriott is your food and beverage destination for refreshing breakfast choices, dinner and cocktail options and Starbucks beverages. Breakfast Hours- 6:30 AM-10 AM Mon-Fri (7-11 AM Sat&Sun) Dinner Hours- 5:00 PM- 10 PM 7 days a week 402-339-4900, courtyard.marriott.com/tour/bistro 🍷

THE LA VISTA NINES RESTAURANT

12520 Westport Pkwy. – Featuring a contemporary setting with a menu that includes a mix of seasonal, dietary, low fat, vegetarian and the usual favorites, The La Vista Nines offers the perfect casual dining option for lunch or dinner. Located just off Interstate 80 at Exit 442 inside the Embassy Suites by Hilton 402-331-7400, embassysuites3.hilton.com 🍷

LANHAM

OREGON TRAIL MARKER Intersection of W Stateline and SW 142nd Roads – The triangular stone monument was erected in 1913 by the Daughters of the American Revolution near the location where the historic Oregon Trail crossed the border from Kansas into Nebraska. Route of the movement to colonize Oregon for the United States. The first colony started May 15, 1842. Trappers and traders followed its course from about 1830. Its initial points were Independence and Westport, MO. 402-228-1679, gagecountymuseum.info/ 🏠

LAUREL

BOSE'S B&B 301 W. 1st St. – Enjoy a stay in private apartment suites with full kitchens. 402-256-9126 🏠

LAVISTA

DEFY GRAVITY 10421 Portal Rd. 402-934-3394, defygravityusa.com 🏠

LEIGH

MAPLE CREEK RECREATION AREA ½ mi. W. – Modern and primitive camping available. Hiking, biking and horseback riding trails. lenrd.org 🏠

LEMOYNE

LAKE MAC RV RENTALS - ARTHUR BAY AREA, LAKE MCCONAUGHY

Lake McConaughy – LakemacRVrentals specializes in camper rentals at Lake McConaughy. Lake McConaughy has beautiful soft white sandy beaches and blue waters and is a popular attraction for camping, boating, kayaking, canoeing, jet-skiing, swimming and fishing. We provide clean and comfortable campers with hotel/cabin like amenities. With your choice of being on the campground with full or electrical hook-ups or next to water's edge; we can accommodate to your needs. We will tow the camper to the designated areas and have it set up and ready for your arrival. 308-289-6769, lakemacRVrentals.com 🏠

LEWELLEN

ASH HOLLOW STATE HISTORICAL PARK

3 mi. S.E. on US Hwy 26 – Popular stop along the Oregon Trail; visible wagon ruts. Grounds open May-Sep, daily, 8am-5pm. Interpretive facilities, visitor center and cave open Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day, Sat-Sun, 9am-4pm. Park permit required. Visitor Center admission: \$2/adult, \$1/children, free admission for children under age 3. 308-778-5651, outdoornebraska.gov/ashollow/ 

LEWELLEN LODGE 215 E Church St. – The Lewellen Lodge features spacious brick facility with handicap accessibility with a country atmosphere. Each room has a queen size Denver Mattress bed, microwave, refrigerator, Direct TV, handicapped accessible bathrooms, laundry services. Come and see who we are and what we are all about. Lewellen Lodge 308-672-0690, lewellenlodge.com/ 

THE MOST UNLIKELY PLACE 205

Main St. – The Most Unlikely Place is just that—meeting big city standards in the tiny village of Lewellen, near Lake McConaughy. Historic building renovated into an art gallery featuring pastels, oils, watercolors, glass etchings and wood sculptures by local artists. Espresso, free Wi-Fi and gourmet lunch available. Gluten free and vegetarian options. Open mid-Mar thru Dec, Wed-Sat, 9am-2pm. Check web site for Sunday brunch dates and evening dinner and live music. 308-778-9557 or 308-778-5595, themostunlikelyplace.com 

LEWISTON

JEANIE'S PLACE 201 Miles Ave. Homestyle dinners with homemade rolls and pie, served in a beautiful and comfortable dining room. 402-865-4355 

LEXINGTON

COMFORT INN 2810 Plum Creek Pkwy. Newly remodeled. Free high speed internet access. 308-324-3747, comfortinn.com 

DAWSON COUNTY HISTORICAL

SOCIETY MUSEUM 805 N. Taft St. – Main building houses period rooms depicting daily life around the turn of the century. Glassware, quilt collection, locomotive depot, archives and library for research, artists gallery and gift shop. Also on display are a 15,000-year-old Columbian mammoth, McCabe Aeroplane featuring elliptical wings, schoolhouse, log cabin, 1903 Baldwin locomotive and agricultural building. 308-324-5340, dchsmuseum.com 

FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER 1002 N.

Monroe – Located in Memorial Park - Zero-depth pool, lap pool, 2 waterslides, splash pool, sand play area and concessions. Open Memorial Day weekend thru mid-Aug, Mon-Thu, 1-7:30pm; Fri-Sun, 1-6pm. Admission. 308-324-6288, cityoflex.com 

GRANDMA'S RV PARK 3030 Plum Creek Pkwy. – Campsites with full and partial hookups available. 

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES 2605 Plum Creek Pkwy. – Free high speed wireless internet. hiexpress.com 

JOHNSON LAKE STATE RECREATION

AREA 8 miles S. on Hwy 283, Exit 237 Campgrounds, fishing, boating, hike/bike trail and swimming areas. Boat ramp, dock and shower added at the inlet area. Open year-round. Modern facilities open May 1-Oct 31. Park permit required. Camping fees: \$11-\$17. 308-785-2685, outdoornebraska.gov/johnsonlake/ 

KIRK'S NEBRASKALAND RESTAURANT

3002 Plum Creek Pkwy. – A locally owned and operated favorite for 30 years, Kirk's offers great food and friendly service. From our famous Nebraska Prime Rib, delicately seasoned and slowly cooked in our unique Prime Rib oven to our succulent burgers and hand breaded chicken fried steaks and pork cutlets, our menu features comfort food favorites. Unique lunch and dinner specials are offered daily and our delicious breakfast is served around the clock. Join us on Sunday's for our all you can eat breakfast and lunch buffets. Mon - Thu: 6 am - 12 am Fri - Sat: 6 am - 1 am Sun: 6 am - 12 am 308-324-6641, kirksrestaurant.com/ 

MAC'S CREEK VINEYARDS & WINERY

43315 Rd 757 – Visitors will be transported to the heart of Nebraska's wine country. The winery is named for the McFarland family and the beautiful Spring Creek running through the property and has been producing award winning wine for several years. The winery is located at the historic joining of the Oregon and Mormon Trails and along the famous Lincoln Highway which carried passengers across the US. Sample handcrafted wines or enjoy lunch at the Prairie Bistro. Winery open year-round, Mon-Thu & Sat, noon-6pm; Fri, noon-9pm; Sun, 1-5pm. 308-324-0440, macscreekvineyards.com 

LINCOLN

AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA 631 D St. – Museum and Genealogy Research Library and headquarters of an international organization dedicated to the discovery, collection, preservation, and dissemination of information related to the history, cultural heritage and genealogy of Germanic settlers in the Russian Empire and their descendants. Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tours of outside campus buildings are available April through October, Mon-Fri at 2 p.m. weather permitting. No admission fee, but donations are welcomed. 402-474-3363, ahsgr.org 

BLUE BLOOD BREWING COMPANY

500 W. South St, Suite #8 – This facility brews with the finest ingredients including

Nebraska-grown hops. Open by appt. for tours. 402-477-2337, bluebloodbrewing.com 

BLUE ORCHID 129 N 10th St. – Like our Facebook page for news and developments, special features and to keep an eye on any upcoming events. 402-742-7250 

BOWLING LAKE NW 48th & W Cuming

St. – Bowling Lake is a reservoir located just 7.6 miles from Lincoln, in Lancaster County. Fishermen will find a variety of fish including large-mouth bass, crappie, small-mouth bass, bream and bluegill here. 

BREAD & CUP 440 N 8th St. – We live in a fascinating age of progress and scientific discovery. Technology offers us better and faster ways to communicate and share information with one another all across the planet. Yet with all its advancement, we believe nothing will provide a better channel for meeting our deepest needs of communication like the timeless practice of sharing simple food and drink. We'll set the table. You bring the conversation. 402-438-2255, breadandcup.com 

BURKHOLDER PROJECT 719 P St.

Located in the Historic Haymarket District, this unique collection includes 36 art studios, loft apartments and 3 levels of galleries. Watch artists as they work, learn about a variety of art forms and browse through the galleries. Open year-round, Tue-Fri, 10am-4pm; Sat, 10am-2pm. Open extended Sat hours in summer, 9am-3pm. 402-477-3305, burkholderproject.com 

CAMP A WAY 200 Campers Cir. – Cable, Wi-Fi, big rig sites, whirlpool, heated pool, cabins and playground on-site. 402-476-2282, campaway.com 

CANDLEWOOD SUITES 4100 Pioneer

Woods Dr. – An extended stay facility that provides a “home away from home” to long and short term guests. We work with traveling general contracting crews and have negotiated rates with businesses including hospitals, event centers, insurance agencies, training facilities, etc. We offer a 24 hour business center and gym. The Candlewood Cupboard provides breakfast options as well as meals and snacks for the guests' convenience. Every suite has a kitchenette with a full size refrigerator/freezer, two stove top burners, microwave, dishwasher, and cooking necessities. 402-420-0330, candlewoodsuites.com/lincolnne 

COMFORT SUITES 4231 Industrial Ave.

Unwind from your travels at the pet-friendly, 100 percent smoke-free Comfort Suites hotel in Lincoln, just five miles from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and minutes from the Lincoln Children's Museum and Lincoln Children's Zoo. 402-476-8080, comfortsuites.com/hotel/ne403 

COUNTRY INN & SUITES - LINCOLN AIRPORT 1301 W. Bond Cir. – 402-474-2080, countryinns.com/lincolnairport 🏠

COUNTRY INN & SUITES LINCOLN NORTH 5353 N. 27th St. – High speed wireless internet access, rooms with whirlpool tubs and fireplaces. 402-476-5353, countryinns.com 🏠

DAYS INN & SUITES 2001 W. O St. – High-speed internet access. 402-477-4488 🏠

DEER SPRINGS WINERY 16255 Adams St. Located in a country setting just northeast of Lincoln. Wine tasting room inhabits the original 1876 homestead, which has been renovated to reflect the charm of the original structure while providing contemporary comfort and an atmosphere of country elegance. Sample wines made on-site from Nebraska-grown grapes, enjoy locally made breads and cheeses or visit the gift shop. Open Wed-Sat, noon-9pm; Sun, 1-6pm. 402-327-8738, deerspringswinery.com 🏠

DISH 1100 O St. – Continental American Cuisine. Classic Cocktails. Unmatched Service. 402-475-9475, dishdowntown.com 🍷

EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 1040 P St. Spending the night in our luxurious hotel accommodations is an experience we want our guests to remember. That's why we provide the very best of hotel services & amenities in order to make your stay in Lincoln as pleasurable as possible. 402-474-1111, embassysuites3.hilton.com 🏠

EMPYREAN BREWING CO. 729 Q St. In 1990 Lazlo's Brewery & Grill became Nebraska's first brewpub. Today the Empyrean Brewing Co. centrally brews for 3 Lazlo's locations in Lincoln and Omaha and Lincoln's Fireworks Restaurant. House-brewed ales are handcrafted in small, flavor-filled batches. Free tours and sampling first nonholiday Mon of each month at 7pm. 402-434-5960, empyreanbrewingco.com 🏠

FRANK H. WOODS TELEPHONE PIONEER MUSEUM 2047 M St. – Replicas of Alexander Graham Bell's original designs. Early operator switchboards, wall phones and candlesticks adorn the museum. A 1929 Chevrolet telephone, complete with tools, occupies a special place. Old phones to new, there's something for everyone. Sun, 1 - 4 pm; or by appt. Closed major holidays. Donation. 402-436-4640 or 402-423-4716, home.windstream.net/museum/ 🏠

GRANITE CITY FOOD & BREWERY 6150 O St. – A polished casual dining restaurant with an on-site brewery. Patented brewing process offers unique styles and flavors. Known for flavorful, made-from-scratch menu items. Open Mon - Thu, 11 am - midnight; Fri - Sat, 11 am - 1 am; Sun, 10 am - 10 pm. 402-466-1900 or 402-466-1910, gcfb.net 🏠

GREAT PLAINS ART MUSEUM 1155 Q St. The Great Plains Art Museum in downtown Lincoln exhibits art that interprets the history, culture, environment, and creative spirit of the Great Plains of North America. The Museum's collection features art of the American West and Native American art consisting of bronze sculptures, paintings and drawings, other works on paper, and photographs. Key artists in the collection include Albert Bierstadt, William de la Montagne Cary, William Henry Jackson, Frederic Remington, Charles M. Russell, Keith Jacobshagen and Juane Quick-to-See Smith. The Museum is open Tues- Sat from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed university holidays and between exhibitions. Admission is always free. 402-472-6220, unl.edu/plains/great-plains-art-museum 🏠

GREEN GATEAU 330 S 10th St., Ste 110 – The Green Gateau is an upper-scale neighborhood restaurant that has been in operation for more than 24 years in the heart of downtown Lincoln. The design of our restaurant is inspired by European country inns with paintings from Italy, England, France and Germany. We have combined this atmosphere with French-influenced contemporary American cuisine to create a cozy, inviting feeling with delicious flavors. 402-477-0330, greengateau.com/ 🍷

HAMPTON INN & SUITES - LINCOLN NORTHEAST I-80 7343 Husker Cir. lincolnnortheasti80suites.hamptoninn.com 🏠

HAMPTON INN SOUTH - HERITAGE PARK 5922 Vandervoort Dr. – Located in southeast Lincoln, the hotel is in close proximity to dining, shopping and entertainment venues. Your stay includes complimentary hot breakfast buffet, free WiFi, indoor pool, fitness center, and complimentary parking. Experience the Hamptonality! 402-420-7800, lincolnsouthheritagepark.hamptoninn.com 🏠

HF CRAVE 2801 Pine Lake Suite W, Ste W At HF Crave we believe better burgers begin with better burger: Featuring Hollenbeck Farms all natural beef. Our burgers are topped with fresh, local ingredients and served on a Brioche bun from LeQuartie Bakery. Stop in and taste the difference for yourself. You can also pick up Hollenbeck Farms retail meat or select gift packages. 402-423-2728, hfcrave.com 🍷

HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE 5501 N.W. 12th St. – Highlands Golf Course is a regulation 18 Hole golf course. It has a contrasting golf experience, this layout offers an open, windswept, links-style course with huge sand traps and some tough water carries. Highlands golf course is very walking friendly and has a big fleet of motorized golf carts available to rent. Highlands Golf Course also has a excellent driving range for warming up or if you just want to practice your game. 402-441-6081, lincolncitygolf.org 🏠

HILTON GARDEN INN LINCOLN DOWNTOWN/HAYMARKET 801 R St. Located in the Historic Haymarket District and adjacent to the University of Nebraska, the brand-new Hilton Garden Inn Haymarket Downtown is perfectly situated for business or leisure travelers. Just steps away from the new Pinnacle Bank Arena are 104 modern and comfortably-appointed guestrooms featuring free Wi-Fi, in-room refrigerators and microwaves as well as 2500 square feet of flexible function space. 402-475-9000, haymarkettown.hgi.com 🏠

HISTORIC HAYMARKET DISTRICT 8th and P St. – Great restaurants, unique shopping and fun nightspots located among restored turn-of-the-century warehouses. The Historic Haymarket name comes from the original market square where wagons, camping equipment and hay were bought and sold. The spirit of the 1800's flows into Iron Horse Park located on the north side of the historic Burlington Northern Railroad depot. A three-dimensional brick mural, shows old locomotive Number 710 pulling the first train into Lincoln in 1870 on July 4th. A restored CB&Q steam engine and 1890s water tower fountain are a must see. 402-435-7496, lincolnhaymarket.org 🏠

HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN 141 N. 9th St. – Coffee makers, iron/ironing board & hair dryers in all rooms. 100% nonsmoking. 402-475-4011, ihg.com 🏠

HOLMES GOLF COURSE 3701 S. 70th St. One of five city-owned courses, this course drapes across two rolling hills around Holmes Lake. The broad, gently undulating greens are typically guarded by two small bunkers, and several holes feature clear views of the Capital. There are also a few holes that are close to Holmes Lake and the views are very enjoyable. Fun course to play and always in excellent condition. 402-441-8960, lincolncitygolf.org 🏠

HOLMES LAKE 70th & Normal St. 402-441-7847 🏠

HOMESTEAD TRAIL 25th Street & Saltillo Rd. – The Homestead Trail is an extension of the City of Lincoln's Jamaica North Trail and extends along a former Union Pacific rail line from Saltillo Road to Beatrice, where it passes close to Homestead National Monument. There are plans to complete the trail to Marysville, Kansas. 402-476-2729, lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 🏠

HONEST ABE'S BURGERS AND FREEDOM 845 N 70th St & 126 N. 14th St. The home of tasty beef, soft buns, and a whole lot of gloriously honest food. 402-261-9860, eatabes.com 🍷

HORIZON INN 2901 NW 12th St. – Thank you for choosing Horizon Inn. It will be our pleasure to serve you as our guests in the best possible and comfortable way we can! We welcome you to be a part of our hospitality service that we offer to our guests and assure you that once you stay with us you will never want to stay anywhere else. 402-474-5252, horizoninnmotel.com 🏠

HUNT AND FISH, INC. 2317 N.W. 43rd St. – Specializing in pheasant, goose, turkey, white-tailed and mule deer hunts. Lodging, meals and guides available. 402-802-1831, huntandfish.org 🏠

HYATT PLACE LINCOLN - DOWNTOWN/HAYMARKET 600 Q St. lincolndowntownhaymarket.place.hyatt.com 🏠

HYDE MEMORIAL OBSERVATORY 3701 S 70th St. – View the night sky through three different telescopes and learn through astronomy presentations. Hyde Memorial Observatory is open Saturday evenings. April - September 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm and October - March 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. (The observatory may be closed if a Saturday falls on or near a major holiday.) This observatory was built and continues to be sustained entirely by donations and is operated by volunteers. Open to the public. Free, donations accepted. Hyde Memorial Observatory is in the southwest section of Holmes Park. 402-441-7094 or 402-441-7895, hydeobservatory.info/ 🏠

INDIGO BRIDGE BOOKS & CAFE 701 P St, Ste 102 – Our store is not simply a bookstore and coffeeshop. It is a space where individuals engage each other in meaningful conversation, where ideas are exchanged over a cup of directly-traded coffee or our community gathers together over relevant issues. We hope to build a stronger community that reaches past the divisions of neighborhoods, social classes, political ambitions, religious beliefs, ethnicities, national borders, and even languages. We believe literature has the power to transform minds and promotes activism. 402-477-7770, indigobridgebooks.com 🏠

INTERNATIONAL QUILT STUDY CENTER & MUSEUM 1523 N. 33rd St. – Uncover the world at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. View world-class exhibitions and learn more about our collection, which spans four centuries and more than 25 countries. Visit our Museum Shop onsite or online. Open year-round, Tue - Sat, 10 am - 4 pm. Also open Sun (May - Oct), 1 - 4 pm. Free docent-guided tours Tue - Fri, 11 am; Sat, 11 am & 1 pm. Customized group tours available. Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 (seniors 65+), \$4 children ages 5-18, Free for children under 5 and UNL students, faculty and staff. 402-472-6549, quiltstudy.org 🏠

ISSARA 1701 Pine Lake Rd., Ste 7 – Blue Orchid owners, Witawas Srisa-An and Malinee Kiatathikom, proudly launched their new restaurant, “Issara” (pronounced “itz-sahra”) Modern Asian Cuisine, in southwest Lincoln, in September 2012. The menu features a wide variety of pan-Asian cuisine along with a handful of your favorite Blue Orchid Thai dishes. 402-261-5594, issaracuisine.com 🏠

JIM AGER MEMORIAL JUNIOR GOLF COURSE 3761 Normal Blvd. Although originally designed for juniors, this course provides fun for golfers of all ages. The tract features a deep creek and a variety of trees on each hole. This is a great Par 3 course for anyone looking for a fun game of golf. 9 holes of golf are offered at Jim Ager. The course has everything you need for a golfing adventure. Club rentals and pull carts available. Situated 5 minutes from downtown Lincoln it is a nice place to enjoy a round of golf. 402-441-8963, lincolncitygolf.org 🏠

JK'S PUMPKIN PATCH 757 Bluff Rd. Affordable fun for the family includes tractor driven hayrack rides to the pumpkin patch, inflatable bounce pad, combine slide, barnyard petting zoo, bushel of fun cornbox, 3-acre corn maze, mountain of fun hay mound, gourd garden, Pirate Ship Slide, Tractor Slide and more!! Open September 18th Thru October 31st, Fri-Sun, 10am-7pm. \$8 Admission (Includes All Farm Activities & 1 pumpkin any size picked from the patch) Also available Corporate Campfires, Family Campfires & School/ Daycare Field Trips! 402-430-9135, jkspumpkinpatch.com 🏠

KIECHEL FINE ART 1208 O St. – Since 1986, KFA has specialized in contemporary and 20th century regional art. We represent the John Steuart Curry Estate and are a premier source for work by Thomas Hart Benton and Grant Wood. Our services have expanded to include secure, climate controlled art storage at our new downtown gallery (1208 O St). KFA performs certified appraisals frequently. We encourage use of our highly qualified staff for “on site” art consultation as well. 402-420-9553, kiechelart.com/ 🏠

LANCASTER EVENT CENTER CAMPGROUNDS 4100 N. 84th St. Close to shopping and dining. Private, easy to get to and quiet. 402-441-6545, lancastereventcenter.com 🏠

LAZLO'S BREWERY & GRILL 5900 Old Cheney Rd. – 402-323-8500 🏠

LAZLO'S IN THE HAYMARKET 210 N 7th St. – 402-434-5636 🏠

LEADBELLY 301 N 8th St. LeadBelly, located in the heart of the booming Haymarket Neighborhood, is Lincoln's own contemporary culinary twist on the traditional bar and grill. Using the

freshest ingredients, LeadBelly offers outstanding casual American cuisine. 402-261-8849, getleaded.com 🏠

LICORICE INTERNATIONAL 803 Q Street, Suite 300 – Licorice International, located in the heart of Lincoln's historic Haymarket district, is a premier candy store. The retail shop offers a wide assortment of candies and continues to be the first-stop for licorice lovers throughout the United States. Enjoy the hospitality of the “Licorice Ladies” and their friendly, knowledgeable staff. Once you visit you'll know why Licorice International is a favorite visit for visitors throughout Nebraska and the United States. The company ships throughout the United States and internationally. Free samples. 🏠

LIED CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS 301 N. 12th St., 301 N. 12th St on UNL City Campus – Season runs Sep-May with evening and matinee performances. Ticket office open Mon-Fri, 11am-5:30pm. Prices vary with each event. 402-472-4747, liedcenter.org 🏠

LINCOLN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM 1420 P St. – Build, dance, play, climb, create, sing, and laugh at the Lincoln Children's Museum in Lincoln. Here you can be whatever and go wherever your imagination takes you! The Lincoln Children's Museum offers three floors and 23,300 square feet of hands-on exhibits and imaginative programs that allow children and adults to discover the adventure of learning through play together. Admission Rates: \$9.50 ages 2-61, \$9.00 seniors, \$6.50 for 1-year-old, those under 1 free. Family memberships and group rates available. 402-477-4000, LincolnChildrensMuseum.org 🏠

LINCOLN CHILDREN'S ZOO 1222 S. 27th St., 27th & B Sts – Rated among the nation's best zoos for children by Parent Magazine, the award winning Lincoln Children's Zoo is home to over 400 animals. Featuring up-close animal encounters and the historic ZOO Railroad, the Zoo is the perfect destination for the entire family. Lincoln Children's Zoo is home to over 40 endangered animals including the Humboldt penguin, snow leopard & Matschie's tree kangaroo. Open daily April- October, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Open until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Admission: \$9.75 adults, \$8.75 seniors ages 62 & up and children ages 2-11.1 and under is free. 402-475-6741, LincolnZoo.org 🏠

LINCOLN COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE 2500 S. 56th St. – Lincoln Community Playhouse positively transforms the lives of individuals and profoundly changes our community by providing the finest quality theatre experience in both process and production. 402-489-7529, lincolnplayhouse.com 🏠

LINCOLN CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU 1135 M Street, Suite 300 – Lincoln has earned a reputation as one of the Midwest's most beloved cities. Home to fine culinary and artistic treasures; a budding live music scene; breathtaking parks, golf courses and trails; and a friendly Midwestern attitude, Lincoln offers the exhilaration of a big city and the serenity of the countryside all in one place. Lincoln is host to many attractions and museums that capture the unique interests from all over the world and offers literally hundreds of choices for where to eat, sleep, work, shop, relax and play. 402-434-5335, lincoln.org 

LINCOLN SALINE WETLAND NATURE CENTER Junction of I-80 and U.S. Highway 77 – Located at the east end of Lincoln's Capitol Beach Lake, artesian salt water from under ground has created this rare saline wetland, restored by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. Historic Wyoming Bridge, once located in Otoe County NE, now spans a pond at the wetland. It is one of only a few historic bowstring bridges in Nebraska. Such a rare land type, restored and now preserved in an urban setting, is truly unique. Secrets of this dense wetland ecosystem are opened-up by a wood chip walking trail. Access is free. 402-476-2729, lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 

LUX CENTER FOR THE ARTS 2601 N. 48th St. – LUX Center for the Arts is the only organization of its kind in Lincoln, focusing on art education, art exhibitions, an artist-in-residency program, and community outreach. With an education program centered around teaching all ages and experience levels pottery, printmaking, painting, jewelry, glass and fibers, this is a perfect place to embrace your inner artist. Exhibitions are held in two gallery spaces in the historic building coupled with a gift gallery which represents the highest caliber art work of local, regional, and national artists. 402-466-8692, luxcenter.org 

MAHONEY GOLF COURSE 7900 Adams St. – An open city course situated on the gentle slopes of northeast Lincoln, this layout boasts well-conditioned fairways, a modern clubhouse, and a first-rate pro shop. Sand traps and bunkers guard several greens, and out-of-bounds stakes line a couple of holes. Mahoney Golf Course has a big driving range for warming up before the round or if you just want to practice working on your swing. 402-441-8969, lincolncitygolf.org 

MOPAC EAST TRAIL 84th Street, just south of "O" Street – The MoPac East Trail is a 25-mile crushed limestone recreational trail for hikers, joggers, bicyclists, horseback riders, cross-country skiers and wildlife watchers. The former Missouri Pacific rail line is an extension of the City of Lincoln's MoPac Trail, and begins at 84th Street, just south of "O" Street. The trail goes through the towns of Walton, Eagle, Elmwood and Wabash, where

it currently ends. Trail parking and services are available at each town. The Charles L. Warner Equestrian Trail parallels the main trail throughout the corridor. 402-476-2729, lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 

MOTEL 6 6501 N. 28th St. – Free fax service, smoke-free facility. Free Morning Coffee, Up to 2 pets stay free 402-438-4700, motel6.com/ 

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ROLLER SKATING 4730 South St. – Only museum of its kind in the world. Roller skating is the shared experience of many through recreation, sport, and business. The National Museum of Roller Skating is committed to enriching people's lives by increasing their understanding and enjoyment of roller skating's past. Exhibits skates, costumes, films, artwork and other skating memorabilia from 1819 to present. Learn about the history and development of roller sports and technology. Open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Closed holidays. Free. 402-483-7551, rollerskatingmuseum.com 

NEBRASKA HISTORY MUSEUM 131 Centennial Mall N. – Many people and cultures have made Nebraska their home. Come see fascinating artifacts and hear amazing stories from our rich past. The Nebraska History Museum is located at 15th and P Streets in downtown Lincoln. We offer free guided tours at 2:00 p.m. daily. Regular hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 1:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 402-471-4754, nebraskahistory.org 

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES 1500 R St. – The Nebraska State Historical Society Reference Room is helping you find your place in history! The photographs, documents, moving images, publications, and other resources of the Nebraska State Historical Society can help you find out how to fix up your old house or uncover your old relatives. The library and archives include atlases, maps, genealogies and the largest collection of Nebraska newspapers in the state! 402-471-4751, nebraskahistory.org 

NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY THEATRE 51st and Huntington Ave. Nebraska Wesleyan University Theatre offers a full season of theatrical productions that range from classic Greek and Shakespeare dramas to contemporary musicals. Rated among the top theatrical schools in the Midwest, NWU Theatre productions will entertain, challenge, educate, inspire, and engage you. We invite you to spend some time with us and experience live theatre at its best! 402-465-2384, nebrwesleyan.edu/academics/academic-departments-and-programs/theatre-department/current-season 

NEW VICTORIAN SUITES 225 N. 50th St. We are conveniently located in mid-town Lincoln. Close to restaurants, shopping, University of Nebraska, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Union College, Southeast Community College, and Lancaster Events Center. Our suites have one king or two queen beds, a full size sofa/sleeper, work desk and chair. All suites feature 42" flat screen tvs, free high speed wireless internet, mini-refrigerator and microwave. We offer a free breakfast bar every day featuring biscuits and gravy and waffle iron. Guests can also relax in our 24 hour indoor swimming pool, hot tub or fitness room. 402-464-4400, newvictorianinn.com 

PAWNEE STATE RECREATION AREA 3800 N.W. 105th St – One of 20 Salt Valley lakes located within 25-mile radius of Lincoln. Seven are highly developed state recreation areas and 5 are more primitive state wildlife areas. All offer a variety of recreational opportunities. Park permit required. Camping fee. 402-796-2362, outdoornebraska.gov/pawnee/ 

PENGUIN PIT STOP 2800 N 48th St. – Penguin Pit Stop is all about two things - shaved ice and shopping local. In addition to more than 70 flavors of shaved ice (everything from the normal cherry and grape flavors to the more exotic fuzzy navel and cookie dough) we offer Nebraska-made products from over 50 Nebraska-based businesses - jewelry, home decor, candles, bath & body, food, and much more! Penguin Pit Stop is located in the historic University Place neighborhood. Check out the many other locally-owned businesses nearby. 402-261-3361, PenguinPitStop.com 

PEPPERJAX GRILL 2801 Pine Lake Rd. What makes us unique? You don't order from a waitress, or from a cashier. You order straight from the grill cook, and watch them prepare your food the way you want, right then, right there. It doesn't get more fresh than that! 402-261-4375, pepperjax.com/ 

PEPPERJAX GRILL 1339 O Street Suite 2 PepperJax Grill is home of America's Best Philly. Our menu items are fresh grilled just for you, right before your eyes! 402-805-4852, pepperjaxgrill.com 

PINEWOOD BOWL AMPHITHEATER 3201 S. Coddington Ave. – Pinewood Bowl continues to serve the community and surrounding areas by continuing a rich theater tradition. Come experience the magic under the stars! 402-904-4444, pinewoodbowltheater.com/ 

PINNACLE BANK ARENA 400 Pinnacle Arena Dr. – With its combination of concrete and metal panel facade, spectacular open-air roof deck, contemporary glass-encased entrance and concourse offering picturesque views of the State Capitol, Pinnacle Bank

Arena is an architectural embodiment of aesthetics and modernity. Encompassing 470,400 square feet, the state-of-the-art multi-purpose arena offers year-round entertainment, including concerts, family shows, touring acts and sporting events. 402-904-4444, pinnaclebankarena.com 

PIONEERS GOLF COURSE 3403 W. Van Dorn St. – A popular site for local golfers, this course has even played host to the Nebraska Open. The lush bluegrass fairways are lined by pine trees, and the greens are smooth and fairly tame, yet many of the holes are challenging. One of the oldest city courses in the Midwest. Pioneers is a golfers favorite and right next to Pioneers Park in the west part of Lincoln. 402-441-8966, lincolncitygolf.org 

PIONEERS PARK NATURE CENTER 3201 S. Coddington – Trails, nature interpretive center and acres of prairie, wetland and woodland habitats. Outdoor exhibits include bison, elk, deer, nonreleasable raptors and gardens. Open year-round, daily. Nature Center open Mon-Sat, 8:30am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm. Closed major holidays. Free. (Suggested Donation: \$3/person, \$5/family, \$10/group) 402-441-7895, lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/naturecenter/ 

QUALITY INN & SUITES 1511 Center Park Rd. – In-room coffee, iron, blowdryer, internet access, free newspaper, complimentary airport and hospital shuttle. Free high-speed internet. 402-423-3131, qualityinn.com 

RESIDENCE INN 5865 Boboli Ln. – The Residence Inn Lincoln South is located south of Nebraska Highway 2 in the peaceful Village Gardens, our extended-stay hotel gives guests room to spread, with Monday-Thursday evening manager's receptions, free Wi-Fi, an indoor pool and hot tub, a modern fitness center, on-site laundry, complimentary grocery service, and outdoor seating with a grill and fire pit. Well-appointed hotel suites offer fully equipped kitchens, spacious dining areas, plush bedding, and 37-inch flat screen TVs. Start every morning with our hot complimentary breakfast. 402-423-1555, residenceinn.com/lnkri 

RESIDENCE INN LINCOLN SOUTH 5865 Boboli Ln. – 100% smoke free facility marriott.com/hotels/travel/lnkri-residence-inn-lincoln-south 

ROBERT HILLESTAD TEXTILES GALLERY 234 Home Economics Bldg-UNL EAST 35th & Center Drive on UNL East Campus, Home Economics Bldg, 2nd floor - This gallery showcases fiber art, textiles and apparel from all periods and places, with many ever-changing exhibitions. Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4pm. Free. Closed University holidays. 402-472-2911, cehs.unl.edu/textilegallery/ 

ROCKET FIZZ SODA POP & CANDY SHOP 601 R St. – Rocket Fizz is a retro soda pop and candy shop, located in the Railyard. The shop, specializing in hard-to-find candies, bottled sodas and nostalgic gift items, is the only Rocket Fizz location in Nebraska. Rocket Fizz offers hundreds of different kinds of soda pops served in glass bottles, from classic root beers to the outrageous like Bacon, Swamp Juice and Buffalo Wing. The store also features an extensive assortment of saltwater taffy, with some equally outrageous flavors. A perk for customers is free one-hour parking in Haymarket Garage, 848 Q St. 402-328-3499, rocketfizz.com 

ROCCO THEATRE 140 N. 13th St. Lincoln's high-end concert venue that provides an intimate setting for the region's best entertainment as well as the hottest national touring acts to perform live on stage. The Rococo Theatre is also a perfect venue to host your wedding or special event. 402-476-6540, roccothatre.com 

SCHILLINGBRIDGE CORK & TAP HOUSE 575 Fallbrook Blvd Suite 109 – Building on the SchillingBridge brand, we are a unique destination that straddles the lines between bar & restaurant and brewery & tasting room. We feature our own house brands of craft beer along with the award-winning handcrafted wines produced at SchillingBridge Winery in Pawnee City. Our food menu was designed around our own beverage products- infusing them in creative and imaginative ways. Our patio with its mesmerizing fire table and stone fire pits offers an ambiance unparalleled anywhere else. 402-904-7161, SchillingBridgeCorkandTap.com 

SHELDON MUSEUM OF ART 12th & R St. One of the most comprehensive collections on a university campus. Open Tue, 10am-8pm; Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm. Closed major holidays. Group tours by appt. Free, donations encouraged. 402-472-2461, sheldonartmuseum.org 

SOUTHPOINTE PAVILIONS SHOPPING CENTER 2910 Pine Lake Rd. – SouthPointe Pavilions is a beautiful, open-air shopping center featuring six movie screens, eight eateries, a variety of stores unique to Lincoln. During Husker football season, round-trip shuttles loop to Memorial Stadium. Signature events include the 13-week Friday Nights Live Summer Concert Series, Famous Dave's BBQ & Blues Fest, SCHEELS Hunting Expo, SCHEELS Tailgate Party, Lincoln Arts Festival, Halloweenek!, and the Santa Celebration/Santa Station. 402-421-2114, southpointeshopping.com/ 

SPEEDWAY MOTORS MUSEUM OF AMERICAN SPEED 599 Oak Creek Dr. This amazing museum showcases history-making cars, engines, parts, pedal cars, automotive toys and memorabilia. Racing displays range from dirt tracks to the Indy

500 and include historic engines from Fords and Chevrolets to specialized Millers and Offenhausers. Visitors can trace the history of automotive performance and American ingenuity. Tours available May-Sep, Mon-Fri at 12pm-4:30pm with a guided tour at 1pm; Oct-Apr, Fri only at 12pm to 4:30pm with guided tours at 1pm. Admission: \$15/Adult, \$10/Seniors and Students (6-18), Children 5 and under are free. 402-323-3166, MuseumofAmericanSpeed.com 

STATE CAPITOL 1445 K St. – Constructed from 1922 to 1932 at a cost of \$10 million, the Capitol is described by architects and historians as the nation's first truly vernacular state capitol. The building's majestic four hundred foot domed tower and low spreading base contain exterior and interior artwork representing the natural, social and political development of the state. The observation deck is open, weather permitting. Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm; Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Closed on major holidays. Tours on the hour: Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm, except noon; Sat & holidays, 10am-4pm, except noon; Sun, 1-4pm. Free 402-471-0448, capitol.org 

STAYBRIDGE SUITES - LINCOLN I-80 2701 Fletcher Ave. – The perfect upscale hotel for leisure, business and extended stay guests. Our location allows easy access to shopping, restaurants and entertainment in downtown Lincoln, Pinnacle Bank Arena, the Haymarket, Railyard and Memorial Stadium! The Lancaster Event Center, Interstate 80 and museums are nearby. As an all-suite hotel, you'll feel at home in our apartment-style suites. Start your day with our complimentary hot breakfast buffet, or wind down during our evening social T-TH. Stay connected with our complimentary Wi-Fi or 24-Hr business center. 402-438-7829, staybridge.com/lincolni-80 

STAYBRIDGE SUITES - LINCOLN NORTHEAST 1501 N. 86th St. – 402-484-6000, staybridge.com/lincolnne 

THE LINCOLN MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER HOTEL 333 S. 13th St. – With 300 guest rooms and over 46,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel can accommodate the largest of functions while still maintaining the personalized service and attention to detail that you would expect from a grand hotel. Nestled in the heart of downtown Lincoln, within walking distance of dozens of restaurants and entertainment venues, and just blocks from the University of Nebraska and the State Capitol. Take our complimentary shuttle to experience the Historic Haymarket District or Pinnacle Bank Arena. 402-474-7474, marriott.com 

THE OVEN 201 N 8th St., Ste 117; DOWNTOWN: 201 N.8th St. & The Oven East at 4101 Pioneer Woods Dr. #110. We cook authentic Northern Indian Cuisine! We shake great martinis and provide a

Wine Spectator award winning fine wine list. We offer take out orders at both locations. Live Music: Thursday and Sunday nights Downtown location only. Not all Indian dishes are spicy! There is a dish for every palette. 402-475-6118, theoven-lincoln.com/ 🍷🍷

THOMAS P. KENNARD HOUSE 1627 H St. – Imagine starting a city from scratch! Dedicated as the Nebraska Statehood Memorial in 1968, the Kennard House is the oldest standing structure in Lincoln's original plat. At the 1869 Italianate home of Nebraska's first Secretary of State, Thomas P. Kennard, you will learn about the excitement of creating a new state capital, and see the formality of Victorian lifestyles. The oldest residence in Lincoln has been restored to the 1870s with tours available year round. The home is only open by appointment, so call ahead to reserve a time! Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children. 402-471-4764, nebraskahistory.org/sites/kennard/index.htm 🏠

TICO'S 317 S. 17th St. – A Lincoln tradition! Tico's has been serving Lincoln's finest Mexican food for 40 years. Enjoy entra's such as the Chile Rellenos, Fish Tacos and Fajitas. Try the famous margaritas or select a beverage from the full bar. Happy Hour available Monday - Friday 4 to 7 pm. Mexican Brunch available Sundays from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Take-out, catering and private party room available. Reservations accepted. 402-475-1048, ticosoflincoln.com 🍷🍷

TOWNHOUSE EXTENDED STAY HOTEL DOWNTOWN 1744 M St. – Located right in the Downtown of Lincoln. We offer Daily, Weekly and Monthly Stay. All rooms are suites with well equipped kitchens. Call for reservation and more info. 402-475-3000, townhouselincoln.com 🏠

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA STATE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND MUELLER PLANETARIUM 14th and Vine St. – The region's premier natural history museum features the world's finest collection of fossil elephants. Learn about Nebraska fossils, bizarre beasts, meteorites, evolution, ancient weapons, dinosaurs, monsters of the ancient seas, African and Native American cultures and more. Explore interactive wildlife dioramas, a gift and rockshop, and more. Experience high-tech adventures in Mueller Planetarium's 360-degree full dome theater. Open Mon-Sat, 9:30am-4:30pm; Thu until 8pm; Sun, 1:30-4:30pm. Closed major holidays. Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 children, \$13 families. 402-472-2642, museum.unl.edu 🏠

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN BOTANICAL GARDEN AND ARBORETUM University of Nebraska - Lincoln – UNL City Campus, 14th & R Sts, and East Campus at 38th & Holdrege Sts - New and unusual plants. Open daily dawn-dusk. 402-472-1229, unl.edu/bga/ 🏠

VENUE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 4111 Pioneer Woods Dr. – Venue's team of culinary chefs put together a diverse menu summarized as American Continental cuisine with ethnic influences. The menu features Premium choice steaks, fresh seafood, brick oven specialty pizzas, superb soups, salads, pastas, and succulent desserts. Venue is the perfect place to relax for a snack, enjoy happy hour specials, enjoy a meal or an entire evening. Venue offers three private dining rooms and offers full service catering. 402-488-8368, yourvenue.net/ 🍷🍷

VINCENZO'S RISTORANTE 808 P St. We are locally owned and operated, and we pride ourselves on exceptional service and extraordinary homemade cuisine. Vincenzo's serves delicious salads, pastas, pizzas, seafood, steaks and Italian entrees. We're sure to serve all of your favorite Italian dishes, like lasagna, ravioli, spicy Italian sausage, shrimp scampi, veal cannelloni, chicken parmigiana and more! Join us for lunch Monday - Friday or dinner any day of the week. Outdoor dining is also available. Our full bar serves a great selection of beer, wine and liquor. Join us on Sundays for ½ price bottles of wine! 402-435-3889, vincenzos-ne.com/ 🍷🍷

WESTVIEW B&B 7000 N.W. 27th St. Westview is a historic 1916 B&B with the comforts of a luxury country home on seven wooded acres, with two person whirlpool tubs and gas fireplaces. Gourmet breakfasts are served in each room at the guests chosen time. All the rooms have private baths and marble floors and walls. Westview hosts many weddings and special events and has parking for motor homes, trucks and trailers. Westview is located nine minutes from downtown Lincoln and the University of Nebraska and six minutes from the airport. 402-470-6000, westviewbb.com 🏠

WHITEHEAD SALINE WETLAND Southeast of the junction of I-80 & N. 27th St. – Saline wetlands form when artesian salt water flows to the surface. Over a long period of time, salt accumulates in the soil until only salt tolerant and dependent plants and animals can survive there. The Lincoln area is one of the few places on Earth where that occurs. After donation of the 100-acre wetland to the NRD for restoration by Whitehead Oil Company in 1996, several other adjacent properties are now being protected and restored to create a sprawling success story for this rare land type. Look for the observation deck east of the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Free 402-476-2729, lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 🏠

WILDERNESS RIDGE 1800 Wilderness Woods Place – Wilderness Ridge offers upscale, casual dining in a rustic lodge setting. From the crispiest greens, the juiciest burgers, the freshest seafood to steaks done just right, Wilderness Ridge's seasonal menus offer something for everyone. Wet your whistle

with a glass of wine, craft beer or a signature cocktail and pull up a seat for live music on Friday and Saturday evenings or stop by for Sunday Brunch. Reservations accepted. 402-434-5118, wildernessridgegolf.com/-lodge-restaurant 🍷🍷

WILDERNESS RIDGE GOLF CLUB 1800 Wilderness Woods Place – Wilderness Ridge is the most unique golf course in the state. Granite boulder-lined ponds and streams, waterfalls, bent grass fairways, more than 6,000 trees and a 37,000 square foot log and stone lodge clubhouse create a fantastic resort style golfing experience. Featuring an 18-hole championship course and a 9-hole executive track, Wilderness Ridge is home to the Nebraska Golf Academy, Lincoln's only year-round practice facility and home to the University of Nebraska Golf Teams. Hours vary by season. 402-434-5106, wildernessridgegolf.com 🏠

LISCO THE ROOST 107 Coldwater – 308-772-3552, facebook.com/TheRoostLisco 🍷🍷

LONG PINE LONG PINE "PARADISE HOUSE" 198 E. 5th St. – "Paradise House" is a 1500 sq. foot home located in the beautiful Sandhills town of Long Pine. Close to Hidden Paradise and the Long Pine State Recreation Area just off of Hwy 20. Enjoy tubing, trout fishing, hunting (in season), hiking, and wildlife viewing. Peace and tranquility away from your busy lifestyle. The home has 4 bedrooms, a living room, large dining room, shower/tub bathroom, and kitchen with dishes, cooking utensils, appliances, etc. Plenty of parking. This is a perfect destination for families. Enjoy a day of fun on the creek with all the amenities of home! 402-640-0816 🏠

LONG PINE STATE RECREATION AREA 1 mi. N., 1 mi. W. of US Hwy 20 – Scenic creek runs through canyons. Trout fishing, camping, hiking trails, archery and picnic shelters. Park permit required. Camping fees: \$9 pads, \$7 primitive. Walk-in activities only mid-Sep thru May 1, sunrise to sunset. 402-684-2921, outdoornebraska.gov/longpine/ 🏠

PINE VALLEY RESORT 87799 Pine Valley Rd. – Fully furnished cabins, full kitchens, one with whirlpool tub, tubing, fishing, hunting. Outdoor pavilion for reunions and meetings available. 402-273-4351, aboutpinevalleyresort.com 🏠

LOUISVILLE LOUISVILLE LAKES STATE RECREATION AREA 15810 Hwy 50 – Excellent camping facilities highlight this sandpit lake area, serving visitors to nearby Platte River State Park, Schramm Park State Recreation Area and Aksarben Aquarium. Towering trees shade this pleasant site. Park is open year-round, office open 8am-10pm during the summer. Gates to park close at 10pm. Park

permit required. Camping fee charged \$8-11. 402-234-6855, outdoornebraska.gov/louisville/ 📍

MAIN STREET CAFE 221 Main St.
Monday & Tuesday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday & Thursday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM Saturday 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Sunday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Lunch and Dinner specials offered daily with a Walleye Dinner - Friday Nights! Starting at 5:00 PM. Contact us for your catering needs! Weddings, Birthdays, Company Parties, we do it all! 402-234-3663 🍽️

PLATTE RIVER RENTALS, LLC 104 S. Main St – Rentals include shuttle service. Walk-ins are welcome on weekends, open by appointment weekdays. 402-234-2824 📍

PLATTE RIVER STATE PARK 14421 346th St., 15 mi. S. of I-80 on NE Hwy 50, 2 mi. W. on NE Hwy 66 – Scenic park in the woodlands of the Platte River Valley. Enjoy the spectacular vistas from atop the Lincoln Journal Tower. Bison specialty items are on the menu at the lodge, which operates Memorial Day thru mid-Aug, daily; mid-Aug thru Sep, weekends only. Cabins and teepees operate May-Oct, some are available year-round. Grounds are also open for day use year-round, no camping available. Park office is open 8am-5pm weekdays during off season, daily during recreation season. Park permit required. Partially Handicapped Accessible. 402-234-2217, outdoornebraska.gov/platteriver/ 📍

ROGER G. SYKES OUTDOOR HERITAGE EDUCATION COMPLEX 14421 346th St. – Located at Platte River State Park, this new facility accommodates several shooting disciplines, including an archery range with shooting tower, a 50 yard - small bore rifle range, an indoor 10 meter pellet gun range, hatchet throwing and slingshots. This state of the art shooting range allows visitors to participate in various outdoor pursuits by providing a well-equipped facility. All equipment and instruction provided by trained staff. A certified NRA Range Safety Officer is always present. Hours vary during Spring and Fall. Open during holidays. 402-471-5547, outdoornebraska.gov/ohed/ 📍

LOUP CITY BOWMAN LAKE 1 mi. W. of Loup City Middle Loup River access and 20-acre lake. Excellent location for fishing, camping, picnicking and swimming. 308-745-0230, outdoornebraska.gov/ 📍

COLONY BAR & GRILL 700 NE-92 – Great burgers and steaks. Refreshments. Motel, liquor store and large Subway in the same complex. Moderately priced menu. 308-745-0164, loupacity.com 🍽️

COLONY INN 700 NE Hwy 92 – Colony Inn Motel, Colony Bar & Grill, Spirit Shoppe and Subway all in one great location. Great burgers, steaks and you favorite beverages. Close to Sherman Lake and Bowman Park. 308-745-0164, loupacity.com 📍

LOUP CITY DINER 705 “O” St. – Great home-style cooking including Daily Lunch Specials. Sundays during the summer, we serve a Breakfast Buffet from 8:00 thru 11:00 AM. Come in for all your favorites including Reuben s, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Ice Cream Floats, Chicken Fried Steak, Breakfasts, Lunch Meals, and smiling, friendly staff. Just enjoy the meal and conversation; let us take care of the dishes! 308-745-2021 🍽️

LOUP CITY RX SHOPPE 133 S 7th St. – We are an independently owned and operated full service pharmacy with a wide selection of cards and gift items. Please stop in today - welcome to Loup City! 308-745-2109 📍

SHERMAN RESERVOIR STATE RECREATION AREA 79025 Sherman Dam Rd. – Reservoir offers nearly 5,000 acres of land and 3,000 acres of water for almost every type of outdoor activity. Office open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Thu, 8am-5pm; Fri-Sun and holidays, 8am-8pm. Labor Day-Memorial Day, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. Park permit required. Camping fee of \$6 per night. 308-745-0230, outdoornebraska.gov/sherman/ 📍

SUBWAY LOUP CITY 700 NE-92 – Large dine-in area plus a drive thru if you are in a hurry. 308-745-0190 🍽️

LYNCH PONCA CREEK OUTFITTERS CABIN 50140 St. Hwy. 12 – Cabin features free WiFi, A/C & heat, full kitchen & bath with two bedrooms. Each bedroom has a bunk bed with a queen mattress on bottom and a twin on top. Bedding and basic toiletries provided. Our fine little cabin holds 4 to 5 people comfortably, but can hold up to 8. All hunting & fishing packages include lodging in our on-site cabin. But the cabin is always open for booking for vacation or business trips during the off season. 402-672-6864, poncacreekoutfitters.com 📍

MADISON DEGROOT ORCHARDS 83210 554th Ave. DeGroot Orchards is family owned apple orchard with a wide variety of apples. Along with apples we raise watermelons, pumpkins, and squash. 402-454-3445 📍

MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM 210 W. 3rd St. Home of the Richie Ashburn baseball collection, military history displays, hands-on educational exhibits and an

extensive working display of the evolution of communication. View the history of the Orphan Train Riders and a 2,000 piece lighted Christmas village featuring a G scale train and 40' x 50' running display with H-O scale trains. Open Mon-Fri, 1-4pm; or by appt. Free. 402-992-1221, madisoncountyhistory.org 📍

MADRID MADRID GENERAL STORE 302 S Perkins Ave. – A family-owned business that replicates Amish and Mennonite stores. Some of the items available for purchase are gift items, books, linens and dollies, candles, children's toys, and food. 308-326-4630 📍

MALCOLM LIPPY'S BBQ 125 W 2nd St. – Slow Smoke, Wood Fired, “EAT NAKED” BBQ!!!! Get It ‘Til It's Gone! We feel that barbecue is best when it is fresh and smoked daily. Because of the time involved in the wood-burning, slow-smoke process, we only make so much each day; so when we say “Come and get it!”, we mean it! 402-796-2112 🍽️

MANLEY LOFTE COMMUNITY THEATRE 15841 Manley Rd. – Just a short drive into the country you'll find a beautiful post-and-beam “barn” that is actually a modern performing arts center! Casual, live theater year-round including concerts, comedies and Broadway musicals. Check the website for schedule information. Enjoy the show! 402-234-2553, lofte.com 📍

MARTELL COTTONTAIL LAKE One mile north of Martell – Cottontail is one of eight flood control lakes managed for public recreation by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. There are 148 total acres and 29 lake acres, with a concrete boat ramp (no wake boating) and tent camping. No entry fee or permit is required, but state game permits are required. There were significant water quality and fishery enhancements in 2006. Have fun at Cottontail and be safe! 402-476-2729, lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 📍

MCCOOK CEDAR INN-4-LESS 1300 E. C St. Complimentary morning coffee in the office, wake-up call, clean, quiet location 308-345-7091, cedarinn4less.com 📍

CHIEF MOTEL 612 W. B St. – Fax and copy services, free Wi-Fi 308-345-3700, thechiefmotel.com 📍

COPPERMILL STEAKHOUSE N Highway 83 & Coppermill St. – 308-345-2296, coppermillsteakhouse.com/ 🍽️

DAYS INN & SUITES 901 N. US Hwy 83
Free wireless internet, hair-dryers, in-room
coffee/refrigerator/microwaves, irons, close to
Heritage Hills golf. daysinn.com 🏠

ECONOMY INN 1103 E. B St. – Free
Breakfast and In-Room Coffee, Free High
Speed Internet Access, Refrigerators and
Microwaves, Non-Smoking Rooms, All
Rooms Ground Level, Newly Remodeled,
Weekly Rates Available, Cable TV-HBO,
Truck Parking 308-345-1141 🏠

HERITAGE HILLS 6000 Club House Dr.
In 1984, Golf Digest ranked this course as
one of the “Greatest 100 Tests of Golf in the
Nation.” Scottish-links flair, winding terrain,
undulating greens, and large bunkers infuse
this course with character. 308-345-5032,
heritagehillsmccook.com/ 🏠

HORSE CREEK INN One Holiday Bison
Dr. – Fax/copy service, jacuzzi suites. High-
speed wireless internet access. 308-345-
4505, horsecreekinnmccook.com 🏠

KARRER PARK 1628 E. B St. – This is a
free tourism campground located at the east
edge of McCook on Highways 6 and 34. The
camp lies at the end of Kelley Creek Walking
Trail and offers free camping, modern
restrooms and showers, picnic areas with
tables and grills, and electrical hookups for
RVs. 308-345-2022, cityofmccook.com 🏠

LIGHTHOUSE MARINA & GRILL North
Hiway 83, Hugh Butler Lake, 11 mi. N. on
US Hwy 83 on Hugh Butler Lake – Shaded
campsites, great food and excellent hunting
and fishing. Seasonal Marina opening on
Memorial Day Weekend and closing on Labor
Day Weekend each year. All you can eat BBQ
buffet each Saturday night during season
starting at 5:30 PM. Free live music each
Saturday night from 6 PM to 10 PM. Church
on the deck every Sunday morning starting at
8:30 AM. Check our listing on Facebook for a
complete schedule of each season's bands.
308-345-2292 🏠

LOOP BREWING COMPANY 404 W. A
St. – Enjoy the historic building, unique
atmosphere, fresh brick-oven pizza and
smooth craft beer. Open Tue-Sat 11am-
11pm and 11am-3pm. 308-345-5198,
loopbrewingcompany.com 🏠

MAC'S DRIVE-IN 809 W B St.
308-345-2420 🍷

MUSEUM OF THE HIGH PLAINS 421
Norris Ave. – Exhibits from the WWII air base
and German POW camp, 1907 Carnegie
Library, antique cars and appliances,
general store, old time pharmacy, model
railroad, early maps of the west, American
Indian artifacts and displays on 3 Nebraska
governors. Original home of Edwin Perkins,
inventor of Kool-Aid. Open year-round,

Tue-Sat, 1-5pm. Closed holidays. Donation.
308-345-3661 🏠

**RED WILLOW RESERVOIR STATE
RECREATION AREA** 11 mi. N. on US Hwy
83 – A water lover's paradise, offering a great
setting for fishing, boating, water skiing and
winter sports. Set on 1,358 acres, the area
provides camping facilities, a swimming
beach and concessions. Open year-round.
Operation season May 1-Oct 31 for modern
facilities, weather permitting. Camping
fees: \$17 electric, \$10 without electric, \$7
primitive. Park permit required. 308-737-
6577, outdoornebraska.gov/redwillow/ 🏠

**SENATOR GEORGE NORRIS STATE
HISTORIC SITE** 706 Norris Ave. – Nebraska
State Historical Society branch museum
honoring George Norris: the father of the
Tennessee Valley Authority, Rural Electric
Administration and Nebraska's one-house
Legislature, the Unicameral. This important
national politician's home is a state and
national historic site. Open year-round, call
for hours. Closed state holidays. Non-
membership admission: \$3 adults, \$1
unaccompanied children, Nebraska Historical
Society members and children with adults are
free. 308-345-8484, [nebraskahistory.org/
sites/norris/index.htm](http://nebraskahistory.org/sites/norris/index.htm) 🏠

SEW BLESSED 402 Norris Ave Suite 203
308-344-9389, sewblessed.us/ 🏠

**MEADVILLE
MEADVILLE PARK** ¼ mi. S. – Historic
renovation of old-time general store and
campground. 🏠

**MEMPHIS
MEMPHIS LAKE STATE RECREATION
AREA** 101 Alton St. – Hiking, boating, fishing
and camping. Open year-round. Camping
fee. Park permit required. 402-471-5497,
outdoornebraska.gov/memphis/ 🏠

**MERRIMAN
ARTHUR BOWRING SANDHILLS RANCH
STATE HISTORICAL PARK** NE Hwy 61, 1
½ mi. N., 2 mi. E. – The park preserves a
turn-of-the-century working cattle ranch. The
ranch house, outbuildings and visitor center
contain displays devoted to the extraordinary
careers of Arthur and Eve Bowring and
ranching in the sandhills. Arthur was a state
legislator, and Eve was the first Nebraska
woman to enter Congress. Open Memorial
Day-Labor Day, Mon-Tue & Thu-Sat, 10am-
4pm; Sun, 1-4pm. Sod House Sunday is
held the last Sun in June and Christmas
at the Bowring is held the 1st Sun in Dec.
Park permit required. 308-684-3428,
outdoornebraska.gov/bowringranch/ 🏠

**COTTONWOOD LAKE STATE
RECREATION AREA** Cottonwood Lake Rd.
Peaceful and secluded, Cottonwood Lake
State Recreation Area includes a 60-acre

Sandhills lake surrounded by 180 acres of
rolling hills. The area is partially forested
and offers power boating, fishing, bird
watching and picnicking. Its remote location
makes it an excellent place to see the stars
and get away from it all. 308-684-3428,
outdoornebraska.gov/cottonwood/ 🏠

**MILFORD
WEST FORK ACRES BED & BREAKFAST**
2871 Rokeby Rd. – Relax and let the cares
of everyday life melt away with a stay at
this cabin by the river! 402-761-2727,
westforkacres.com 🏠

**MILLIGAN
CESKI BRATRI CEMETERY AND PIONEER
CHAPEL** 2 miles west of Milligan along
Highway 41 – The earliest gravestone dates
to 1876. Other unmarked graves represent
earlier burials of travelers from passing
wagon trains. Built in 1874 on farmland NW
of the cemetery, the chapel was moved to
the cemetery in 1901. It was the first church
for Catholic pioneers in Fillmore County. 402-
759-4910, visitfillmorecounty.org 🏠

EVENING WITH FRIENDS RESTAURANT
524 Main St. – Evening with Friends is open
for a luncheon buffet on Sunday from 11:30
till 2:00 pm. Open Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday for lunch from 11:30 till 2:00 then
reopen each of those days at 5:00 pm. 402-
629-4411, visitfillmorecounty.org 🍷

MILLIGAN RV PARK 5th & L St. – Shaded
sites near Centennial Garden. The site will
hold 6 tents and 6 trailers. 402-629-4446,
visitfillmorecounty.org 🏠

RON'S TAVERN 608 Main St. – Visitors
can enjoy home-cooked meals. Pork &
dumplings is the noon special on Thursday.
402-629-4385, visitfillmorecounty.org 🍷

THE MILLIGAN AUDITORIUM Main St.
All concrete, masonry and steel structure
built in 1929. It is one of 10 halls built by
liberal Czechs from 1920-60 and the only
one built by an association of organizations.
It was a popular gathering place during WW II,
and today. National Register of Historic Places
402-629-4446, visitfillmorecounty.org 🏠

**MINATARE
LAKE MINATARE STATE RECREATION
AREA** 291040 The Point Rd., 9 mi. N. of
Minatare on Stonegate Rd – More than
2,000 acres of water with facilities for
boaters, campers, fishermen and outdoor
enthusiasts. Stone lighthouse open Apr
1-Sep, 9am-8pm daily. Key available at the
office. Swimming beach open 7 days a week,
8am-sunset. All other areas open 24 hrs/day,
7 days a week, Jan 16-Oct 14. Closed Oct
15-Jan 15. Park permit required. Camping
fee: \$17 modern, \$7 for all others. 308-783-
2911, outdoornebraska.gov/lakeminatare/ 🏠

MINDEN

BURCHELL'S WHITE HILL FARMHOUSE INN 1578 30 Rd. – Historic farmhouse, quiet country charm and ultramodern convenience. Guests are family! 308-832-1323, burchellfarmhouseinn.com 

HAROLD WARP PIONEER VILLAGE 138 E. Hwy 6 – 12 mi. S. of I-80 Exit 279 at Jct of US Hwys 6, 34 & NE Hwy 10 - More than 50,000 historic items on display. Twenty-six buildings include a sod house, one-room school, Pony Express station, depot, general store and a church. The oldest existing Buick and 350 other antique autos, 20 historic aircraft, 100 vintage tractors, guns, motorcycles, snowmobiles, boats, buggies, and trolleys. The historic crafts are performed on site. An 1800s steam carousel is on display. A motel and campground complete the complex. Open year-round, daily. Admission. 308-832-1181, pioneervillage.org 

HAROLD WARP PIONEER VILLAGE CAMPGROUND 224 E. US Hwy 6 – Relax at the shaded campground, adjoining motel, restaurant and Harold Warp Pioneer Village. 308-832-2750, pioneervillage.org 

HAROLD WARP PIONEER VILLAGE MOTEL 224 E. US Hwy 6 – Guest laundry, wireless internet access 308-832-1181, pioneervillage.org 

MINDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 325 N. Colorado – Only ten minutes south of Interstate 80, Minden is conveniently located inside the Tri-City Area (Kearney - Grand Island - Hastings). This provides Minden with an ideal location if you want to get off the beaten path, but still have close access to big-city amenities. Only a short 15 minute drive off of I-80, Minden can offer you that one-of-a-kind experience in our locally-owned shops and restaurants. The Minden Chamber of Commerce not only coordinates business enrichment opportunities, but host several community-wide events throughout the year. 308-832-0588, mindenne.org 

MINDEN OPERA HOUSE 322 E. 5th St. Constructed in 1891, this historical tribute to area arts and culture was completely renovated in 1999-2000 to serve as an attractive community center for theatrical productions, conferences, weddings, and much more. This stunning facility houses an Art Gallery, Gift Shop, Theatre and various meeting rooms. Tours and appointments can be arranged on Mondays and weekends by appointment. Please call during regular office hours to schedule. 308-832-0588, mindenoperahouse.com 

MITCHELL

BROWN SHEEP COMPANY 100662 County Road 16 – Brown Sheep Company is one of the largest natural fiber spinning mills in the

U.S. Wool yarns are spun, dyed, packaged and shipped all over the U.S. and to several countries abroad. Brown Sheep yarns are sold mainly to local yarn shops nationwide for use by hand knitters, crocheters, and weavers. At the mill near Mitchell, we have a small outlet store where we sell our 'seconds'. The Brown Sheep mill is a great place to learn about everything from natural animal fibers, dye chemistry, and manufacturing to color, fashion, and handcrafting. 800-826-9136, brownsheep.com 

MORRILL

HORSE CREEK TREATY STATE HISTORICAL MARKER 4 mi. W. on US Hwy 26 – Also known as the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1851. Visit the famed historical site of the first written treaty between the United States and Native Americans to be covered by the press. It was the largest gathering of American Indians ever recorded. This treaty began a series of misunderstandings and misdeeds that led to the bloody Indian Wars. The markers are located four miles west of Morrill on Hwy 26. 308-247-3132 

OAK TREE INN 707 E. Webster – Wireless internet access. 308-247-2111 

WIND HARVEST FARMS 830 Henry R. The mission of WindHarvest Farms is to provide safe quality products and a unique experience for the residents of communities near and far. Seasonal Hours: 2:00 - 7ish Wednesday thru Sunday 308-247-2334, windharvestfarms.com 

MULLEN

DOUBLE R GUEST RANCH LLC. 86091 Double R Dr. – The Double R Guest Ranch is a renowned vacation guest ranch in the sandhills near Mullen and Valentine. It has spring-fed fishing lakes and lush fields of open, native prairie. Visitors will delight in the sigh of pelicans, swan, and other shore birds. Sportsmen hunt Mule and White-tail deer, pheasant, dove, and grouse; fisherman catch pike, bass and perch; astronomers relish the dark sky for star gazing; hikers enjoy the sights from the high hills and trails. Horse boarding is available. The deluxe furnished cabins sleep 16 and are open year round. 866-217-2042 or 308-546-2314, rrguest ranch.com 

GLIDDEN CANOE RENTAL 507 S.W. 1st – We have 2 tent campgrounds on the Middle Loup and Dismal Rivers and RV hookups at the motel. Tanking also available. 308-546-2206, gliddencanoerental.com 

HONDO LANES 202 South Washington Ave. – Hondo Lanes is here for your bowling needs. We have fall and winter leagues. As well as open bowling, children's party bowling with bumper bowling. We also are here for parties. We have a fast food kitchen

facility. Come check us out. Ask about our leagues. We always welcome new bowlers. 308-546-2417 

MACKE'S GROCERY & DELI 104 NW 1st St. – Our specialties include hot breakfast sandwiches and bakery rolls daily. We offer subs, wraps, and chef salads to go. We offer a wide variety of fresh meats and homemade sausage. We offer free delivery to the elderly and shut-ins. 308-546-2261, mackesgrocery.com/index.shtml 

MURDOCK

THE GARDEN JUNKIE 10305 310th St. – A wonderful farm-garden just outside of Murdock. Beautiful gardens to stroll, companion planting education, perennial and annual bedding plants and a garden porch boutique Picnic lunches by reservation. Free tours for groups of 4 or more by appointment. Art, craft or garden workshops. Open seasonally. First Saturday in May, Monday-thru-Sunday 9-5 until first Saturday in June THEN open until last Saturday in September by appointment. In the gardens everyday, just don't keep "store-hours." Closed October-April. 402-440-6284, thegardenjunkie.com 

NAPER

WHITE HORSE RANCH MUSEUM AND HERITAGE HALL Main St. – Napier has two museums, an excellent cafe featuring home-made rolls and pies, a "hole-in-the-wall" mart where you can shop 'til you drop, and lots of friendly people. The museums are opened when one makes a phone call. A memorial dedicated to the 28 airmen who lost their lives August 3, 1944, is located just east of town in Knoll Crest Cemetery. 402-832-5471, napernebraska.org 

NEBRASKA CITY

APPLE HOUSE MARKET AT ARBOR DAY FARM 2611 Arbor Ave. – Shop for the wholesome flavors of the orchard and vineyard at the Apple House Market at Arbor Day Farm. From pre-picked apples, apple pies, fresh-pressed apple cider, apple jam, apple wine—the Apple House Market is your one-stop-shop for everything delicious from the orchard. Try Arbor Day Farm signature wines, sample red, white, and fruit wines in the Apple House Market tasting room and take home your new-found favorite. Delicious food items, like pies, jams, jellies, salsas, dips and sauces are full of flavor and perfect for sharing. 402-873-8710, arbordayfarm.org/applehouse 

ARBOR DAY FARM TREE ADVENTURE 2611 Arbor Ave. – Explore and enjoy the 260 acres of Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City, the home of Arbor Day. At Arbor Day Farm's Tree Adventure, you can climb a 50-ft-tall tree house, hike miles of forested trails, journey deep into the woods on board the

Discovery Ride and compose a forest melody on the marimba. Tour the Lied Greenhouse, where thousands of seedlings get their start. Each fall, pick apples in the orchard and enjoy fresh apple pie and cider Open year-round. 402-873-8717, arbordayfarm.org 

ARBOR LODGE STATE HISTORICAL

PARK 2600 Arbor Ave. – Step back in time and be inspired for tomorrow at Arbor Lodge State Historical Park in Nebraska City. Once the original estate of J. Sterling Morton—the founder of Arbor Day in 1872, today the property is available for guests and visitors to appreciate his vision for trees. Explore the showpiece of Arbor Lodge—the 52-room neocolonial mansion, filled with mementos and artifacts from the Morton Family A park permit is not required. Mansion admission: \$8 adults, \$6 youth (ages 3-12), ages 2 and under free. Handicap accessible. 402-873-7222, arbordayfarm.org/arborlodge 

BEST WESTERN NEBRASKA CITY

INN 2515 S. 11th St. – Free high speed internet access 402-873-7000, bestwesternnebraska.com 

DINTY MOORE'S LUNCH ROOM

108 S. 8th St. – Dinty Moore's Lunch Room has been a southeast Nebraska staple for over 100 years. Renowned for its famed Shredded Beef, loose-meat sandwiches, daily features, Nebraska City's fastest take-out, a cold drink, or to mind your baby (baby must be under fifty). Whatever it is you need, Dinty Moore's is here to serve. 402-713-0061, gonebraskacity.com/member/dinty-moores-lunch-room/ 

EL PORTAL MEXICAN RESTAURANT

1640 S 11th St. – Our mission is to provide the best “South of The Border” experience for our guests by using the freshest ingredients, providing prompt service, and maintaining a family oriented atmosphere. El Portal Mexican Restaurant has been serving customers for over eight years at their four locations in southeast Nebraska and southwest Iowa. 402-873-3134, elportalnc.com 

EXPLORE NEBRASKA HIGHWAY 2

Travel Nebraska Highway 2 from Nebraska City to Crawford. There are 33 communities along Nebraska Highway 2 who welcome you to stop in and stay awhile. 308-258-7069, nebraskahighway2.com 

KIMMEL HARDING NELSON CENTER

FOR THE ARTS 801 3rd Corso – Featuring the work of established and emerging Nebraska artists. A permanent collection of works from former artists-in-residence is on display. The renowned artist-in-residency program welcomes more than 50 visual artists, music composers and writers each year. Artist receptions and third Thursday open studio events year-round. Visitors and

tours welcome Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; or by appt. Open late 5pm-7pm every Third Thursday of the month for Open Studios, where the public is invited to meet the artists-in-residence. Free. 402-874-9600, khncenterforthearts.org 

KIMMEL ORCHARD & VINEYARD

5995 G Rd. – A destination for fresh, locally grown produce and other regionally based products. From jams and jellies, to salsas, marinades and honey, Kimmel Orchard offers a variety of your favorite items in the historic Apple Barn. Each season brings the appropriate festival to celebrate the harvest. From strawberries in the spring, cherries and peaches in the summer to apples and pumpkins in the fall, there is always an opportunity to experience a slice of country life. Also enjoy a wine tasting from one of our 12 wine varieties. Open Apr-Nov, Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 11am-5pm. 402-873-5293, kimmelorchard.org 

KREGEL WINDMILL FACTORY MUSEUM

1416 Central Ave. – The Kregel Windmill Factory Museum is the last intact, historic windmill factory in the United States and provides visitors with unique look back at early 20th century American manufacturing. The factory looks the same today as it did in 1939, as if the workers merely stepped out to the sideways for their sack lunches. The Kregel Windmill Co. operated for 112 years in Nebraska City, producing the “ELI” brand windmills and repair pumps and well systems in about a forty mile radius around the town. 402-873-1078, kregelwindmillfactorymuseum.org 

LEWIS & CLARK COUNTRY: NEBRASKA

100 Valmont Dr. – Nebraska's Lewis and Clark Trail region includes some of the Midwest's leading destinations: Omaha: see Joslyn Art Museum and the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail headquarters at Lewis & Clark Landing. Bellevue: escape to nature at Fontenelle Forest Nebraska City: breathtaking vistas and historical re-enactments at the Lewis and Clark Missouri River Visitor Center Lewisville: enjoy family fun at Louisville Recreation Area and Platte River State Park Fort Calhoun: walk back in time at historic Fort Atkinson State Historical Park Ponca: camp at Ponca State Park 402-874-9900, lewisandclarkcountry.org 

LIED LODGE & CONFERENCE

CENTER 2700 Sylvan Rd. – Lied Lodge & Conference Center at Arbor Day Farm is an ideal location—whether for business or for pleasure. With a multi-million dollar renovation now complete, Lied Lodge features 140 fully-updated guest rooms and suites—all with views of nature. Splash in the indoor, Olympic-sized swimming pool, savor nature's best flavors in the on-site restaurant, soothe your senses in the spa, play golf at three nearby courses, hike trails to Arbor Day

Farm Tree Adventure, and much more. 800-546-5433, liedlodge.org 

MAYHEW CABIN WITH JOHN BROWN'S

CAVE 2012 4th Corso – Learn about Nebraska's Underground Railroad. Tour the Mayhew Cabin and John Brown's Cave. Open May-Oct, Thu-Sun, noon-5pm; or by appt. Admission: \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors. Group tours welcome. 402-873-3115, mayhewcabin.org 

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN LEWIS & CLARK INTERPRETIVE TRAIL & VISITOR

CENTER 100 Valmont Dr. – Life-size replica of the keelboat, white pirogue and earth lodge. The focus of this exciting regional Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center is on the more than 300 discoveries of flora (178 plants), fauna (122 animals) and scientific discoveries made at President Thomas Jefferson's direction on their historic Corps of Discovery journey from 1803 to 1806. Scenic and birding trails. Open May 1-Sep 30, Mon-Sat, 9am-6pm; Sun, 9am-5pm; Oct 1-Apr 30, Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, noon-4pm. Closed Mon-Tue, Dec-Feb. Admission 402-874-9900, mrb-lewisandclarkcenter.org 

NEBRASKA ADVENTURE COMPANY

7210 North Rd. – The Nebraska Adventure Company offers fully guided and outfitted adventures including camping, fishing, canoeing, boating, tubing, bird watching, biking, and hiking. These adventures can also be all inclusive (food, lodging, transportation) and can include all of the equipment you need to enjoy your adventure to the fullest. We can host individuals, small groups, or cooperate outings. 855-473-2875, nebraskaadventurecompany.com/ 

NEBRASKA CITY MUSEUM OF FIREFIGHTING AND EDUCATION

CENTER 1320 Central Ave. – It is fitting for Nebraska City, home to the oldest operating volunteer fire department in Nebraska, to pay tribute to this community tradition. Enjoy interactive exhibits featuring antique equipment, dress in real bunker gear or peruse the gift shop. Open Apr-Oct, Wed-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, noon-4pm. Admission: \$3 adults, \$1 children. 402-873-4403, ncmuseumoffirefighting.net 

NEBRASKA HUNTING COMPANY

7210 North Rd. – We're a full service outfitter offering all inclusive and fully guided Merriam's Spring turkey hunts, pheasant hunts, waterfowl hunts, and trophy deer hunts. We can customize any of our hunting packages to include individuals and corporations. The Nebraska Adventure Company offers fully guided and outfitted adventures including camping, fishing, canoeing, boating, tubing, bird watching, biking, and hiking. These adventures can be all inclusive and include all of the equipment

you need to enjoy your adventure. 402-304-1192, nebraskahunting.net 📍

RIVERVIEW MARINA STATE RECREATION AREA

N 4th St. – Riverview Marina State Recreation Area is a 47-acre site adjacent to the Missouri River that offers electrical and primitive campsites with a shower house. The area offers camping, fishing and picnicking. 402-873-7222, outdoornebraska.gov/riverviewmarina/ 📍

STEAMBOAT TRACE HIKE/BIKE TRAIL

7118 L Rd. – See 21 miles of scenic Missouri River country. The trail has been designated by the National Park Service as an official Lewis and Clark site. Trailhead sign on US Hwy 75 S. of Nebraska City, 1 mi. S. Follow paved road 3 mi. E. to OPPD Power Station, or use trailhead at Peru or Brownville. Open year-round, daylight hours. Free. 402-335-3325, nemahanrd.org 📍

TTM TOYS 711 1st Corso – T-T-M TOYS is a store full of fun. The store is designed around favorite childhood themes such as Dinosaurs, Dress-Up, Science, Games, Arts/Crafts, Books, Fairy, Safari, Farm, and more. We find toys for many ages that work together in fun themes that can grow with your child. We have our own TOY MUSEUM inside the store so you can stroll down memory lane. See lots of fun pop culture displays, dolls, etc. Tourists love stopping in to find that little something fun for the hotel, or to keep the kids busy in the car. Stop in for some fun when you visit Nebraska City. 402-713-5163, ttmtoys.com 📍

THE END ZONE 703 S 11th St. – Sports bar. Walk-Ins welcome, good for groups. Take out and waiter service 402-873-9909 🍷

THE KEEPING ROOM AND CAFE

717 Central Ave. The Keeping Room is located in Historic downtown Nebraska City and hosts a fusion of stylish antiques, holiday & home decor, unique fashion, fabulous food & drink and friendly atmosphere! Delicious lunch specials as well as paninis, salads and croissants served daily. Homemade desserts including coconut cream, apple praline and cherry pies, bread pudding, carrot cake, cheesecakes and homemade ice-cream. Enjoy lunch, dessert, glass of wine or beer as you stroll through 3000 square feet of unique gifts. Holiday decor and gifts are our specialty! 402-873-7797, keepingroomnebraskacity.com 📍 🍷

TIMBER DINING ROOM AT LIED LODGE

2700 Sylvan Rd., 2700 Sylvan Rd – The Timber Dining Room is the award-winning, on-site restaurant at Lied Lodge & Conference Center at Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska City. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, here you'll find nature's best flavors served alongside sweeping views of Arbor Day Farm. Sunday and holiday

brunches are a favorite, with decadent selections for all ages. For current menus and to reserve a table online, please visit our website. We look forward to welcoming you to the Timber Dining Room soon! 402-873-8740, liedlodge.org/dining 🍷

VISIT NEBRASKA CITY

806 1st Ave. We're exceptionally friendly, yet always direct. The sooner you stop reading these words and start exploring the virtual grandeur of Nebraska City, the sooner you'll be making plans to explore the real thing. We look forward to seeing you very, very soon. 800-514-9113, gonebraskacity.com 📍

WHISPERING PINES B&B

2018 6th Ave. – Relax, retreat and renew in an 1878 Victorian home. Unwind on the veranda or stroll through the gardens. Outdoor spa available to guests. 402-873-5850, bbwhisperingpines.com 🛀

WILDWOOD HISTORIC HOUSE, THE BARN ART GALLERY AND VICTORIAN GARDEN

420 S. Steinhart Park Rd. Wildwood House is an 1869 historic house restored to the Victorian Period. The house is open for tours, hosted by costumed guides. We open for the season on April 24 and close on October 31. No appointment needed except for groups of 15 or more. Barn Art Gallery features Nebraska-made gifts, art and crafts by local and regional artists. The Victorian garden is a perfect place for weddings and outdoor gatherings, or just a quiet place to enjoy nature. House Tour Admission: \$3 adults, \$1 ages 12 and under. Free admission to the Barn Art Gallery and Victorian Garden. 402-873-6340, wildwoodhistoriccenter.org 📍

WILLINILLI ART GALLERY / STUDIO

1124 Central Ave. – Features the art and craft of local artist Susanne Williams: original paintings, handmade jewelry, handcrafted leather handbags, sculpture and more. Open most Mondays-Fridays, and by appointment and chance. 218-790-5016, willinilli.com 📍

NELIGH

COUNTRY JUNCTION ANTIQUES

401 Main St. – A unique antique store housed in a beautiful building that was built in 1905 as the Atlas Bank. It was a bank until the early 30's, then was a cafe for many years, insurance and real estate office from 1960 to the late 90's, then sat vacant and boarded up until purchased in 2006. The refurbished inside still has all the original tin ceilings and the gorgeous arched window on the south side. You will find a wide selection of items anywhere from crocks, furniture, glass ware, and primitives along with a selection of gift items that have been made from reclaimed items. 402-750-4905 📍

FRED PENN PARK 311 W. 2nd St. – Enjoy the quiet in this remote area. Kids love the

space and the fishing. Located next to the Elkhorn River and Fred Penn Lake, this park offers primitive camping for \$5/Day - first come, first serve. It is a great location to enjoy a nice quite picnic with your family. 402-887-4066, neligh.org/visit/park-and-recreation/ 📍

NELIGH MILLS STATE HISTORIC

SITE Jct of N St & Wylie Dr. – Nebraska State Historical Society branch museum. Nebraska's only 19th-century flour mill with the original milling equipment intact. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Rest of the year, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; weekends by appt. Guided tours available. Historical marker on-site. Admission: \$3 adults, \$2 per person in groups of 20 or more. 402-887-4303, nebraskahistory.org/sites/mill/index.htm 📍

RIVERSIDE PARK

100 Riverside Ln. Lovely park accommodating all ages with numerous recreational facilities. Close to downtown. Located along the Elkhorn River, Riverside Park offers an amazing scenic view of the river. It is also home 32 Camping Pads, \$13/Day - first come, first serve - with electric and water hook ups, sewage dump, and Wi-Fi access. Primitive camping is also available for \$5/Day - first come, first serve. Located next to the Elkhorn River, it is an excellent place to launch tubes or kayaks. 402-887-4066, neligh.org/visit/park-and-recreation/ 📍

NENZEL

NIORRARA VALLEY VINEYARDS 90256 State Spur 16F – Niobrara Valley Vineyards is nestled in the picturesque Sandhills on the Diamond Lazy J Ranch. Visit a working cattle ranch, view the vast openness of the Sandhills, tour a winery and vineyard. We offer a 'Taste of the Sandhills' with our quality award winning wines produced right here on the ranch. Experience our friendly hospitality in a western style tasting room and enjoy the relaxing peaceful atmosphere. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy the beauty of the Sandhills. We have regular hours Memorial Day through Labor Day. After Labor Day please call for an appointment. 402-823-4131, nvvsandhills.com 📍

NEWMAN GROVE

3 AND OUT RESTAURANT & SPORTS

BAR 520 Hale Ave. – 402-447-2287, 3andoutsportsbar.com 🍷

CRYSTAL KEY INN

314 S. 4th St. – In 1996 this Victorian home was scheduled for destruction. Lovingly restored by a Newman Grove couple with a vision, this beautiful 3-story home is just the right place to escape to and find respite from daily life. New owners Diane and Earl Zeller's top priority is to make you feel at home. 402-447-2772, crystalkeyinn.com 📍

NEWPORT

NEWPORT POOL HALL Newport Pool Hall – The Newport Pool Hall. If you're lucky enough to have stumbled upon this gem, you know it's special. It's located in the small town of Newport, just off the main street and right off the Cowboy Trail. The pool hall is open to the public and relies on the honor system. Snacks are available, just leave the amount due for what you grab. Stop by and shoot some pool! 📍

NIOBARARA

KREYCIK ELK & BUFFALO RANCH 88971 517 Ave. – A working family ranch located along the scenic Niobrara River Valley near Niobrara. Enjoy a tractor pulled covered wagon ride through mighty bison and majestic elk. Opportunities to hand-feed bison and pet the friendliest cow elk named "Suzie." At the ranch browse the gift shop for elk and buffalo products, meat and Velvet Antler Capsules. Tours mid-May - end of September Sat, 10 am & 2 pm; Sun, 2 pm, reservations required. Large groups Mon - Fri by appt. No tours on Memorial Day, 4th of July, or Labor Day. We have 2 wagons, each holds 32 passengers. Admission. 402-857-3850 or 402-841-2754, nebraskaelktours.com 📍

KSK BIG GAME OUTFITTERS 88971 517 Ave. – The hunting area, headquartered at Kreycik Riverview Elk Ranch, consists of densely covered hills and canyons along the Niobrara River Valley. Food, lodging and meat processing for hunters. 402-857-3848, niobarane.com 📍

NIOBARARA ADVENTURES LLC

88772 Hwy 14 – Tube or Kayak while you explore the sandy beaches and sandbars of the beautiful mouth of the Niobrara River. Shuttle service. Close to Niobrara State Park. Airboat rides on the Missouri River. Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day by Reservation only. 402-841-4190, niobaraadventures.com 📍

NIOBARARA STATE PARK

89261 522 Ave. – Scenic views of Missouri River bluffs country. Cabins open year-round. Supervised horseback trail rides, swimming pool, hiking, picnicking, fishing and cross country skiing. Buffalo cookouts Memorial Day-Labor Day, select Sat evenings. Missouri river boat access nearby. Grounds open year-round for day use and primitive camping. RV campground reservations accepted. Summer office hours: daily, 8am-6pm. Off season hours: Mon-Fri, 8am-Noon & 12:30-4:30pm. Park permit required. Fees for some activities. 402-857-3373, outdoornebraska.gov/niobrara/ 📍

PONCA TRIBAL MUSEUM

88915 521 Ave. – Located near the picturesque village of Niobrara. The museum displays include artifacts from Ponca history, American Indian

artwork and pictures from the tribal archives. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, and Saturdays from May through September, 10am-2pm. 402-857-3519, poncatribene.org 📍

TATANKA GOLF CLUB

Nebraska 12 Golf at this new course where each hole is named and derived from a different story of the Santee Sioux Culture. 402-857-3504, tatankagolfclub.com/ 📍

NORFOLK

BARNSTORMERS AIRPORT

RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE 4100 S 13th St. – A unique restaurant and lounge in the old terminal building of the Norfolk Airport. Menu has a variety of food from prime rib to seafood to one of a kind burgers. Providing unique food in a fun, unique atmosphere.... 402-371-8050 🍷

BLACK COW FAT PIG PUB & STEAK

702 W Norfolk Ave. – 402-316-4315, blackcowfatpig.com 🍷

COWBOY TRAIL Eastern trailhead in Ta-Ha-Zouka Park – Hike/bike and nature trail runs 195 miles to Valentine. Trailhead located in all 15 communities along the trail. Visit the website to download the latest trail brochure. Trail is open ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. 402-471-0641, outdoornebraska.gov/cowboytrail/ 📍

ELKHORN VALLEY MUSEUM 515 Queen City Blvd. – Situated at the edge of Verges Park, the Elkhorn Valley Museum is fun for all ages. We feature historical exhibits including a temporary exhibit gallery, the Square-Turn Tractor, the Children's Discovery Zone, the Dederman Schoolhouse, the Dederman Cabin, the cave, and the Johnny Carson Gallery! Our Research Library houses historical and genealogical documents and images and the Lueshen Bird Library. Open Tue-Sat, 10am-5pm. Call to schedule group tours. \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 students, \$3 children ages 5-12yrs. Free to members and children under 5yrs. 402-371-3886, elkhornvalleymuseum.org 📍

HAMPTON INN 904 S. 20th St. – Free high-speed wireless internet, free hot breakfast, free manager's reception Mon-Thur. Microwave and refrigerators in all rooms. HDTVs with free DVD rentals. 402-379-3585, hamptoninn3.hilton.com 📍

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES 920 S. 20th St. – 100% smoke free. Free high-speed wireless internet. Guest laundry, microwaves, refrigerators, coffee makers, and irons in all guest rooms. Free manager's reception Mon-Thu. HDTVs with free DVD rentals. 402-379-1524, ihg.com/holidayinnexpress 📍

KELLY'S COUNTRY CLUB 9601 W. Norfolk Ave. – Kelly's Country Club is a scenic 9 hole

golf course, nestled amongst trees with water hazards and sand bunkers. Located along the Elkhorn River. Amenities Include: Full Service Clubhouse Rental/Pull Carts Cart Sheds 402-371-9959 📍

KUPER FARMS 320 W Norfolk Ave. – At Kuper Farms Country Market you'll find an old fashioned "Country Market" atmosphere, with most products made, raised or grown by Nebraska vendors. We have locally raised drug-free pork, hormone-free beef, grass-fed beef, beef high in omega-3, lamb, chicken, farm-fresh eggs, butter, milk and ice cream. Local honey, honey butter, homemade jams, jellies, salsas, sauces, soaps and lotions. We have several vendors who bring in fresh baked breads, rolls, cookies, bars, cakes and candies. Gift certificates & gift baskets are available. Store hours Tues - Fri 10-6, Sat 10-4. 402-640-0492 📍

NEBRASKA LIFE MAGAZINE 206 W Norfolk Ave. – Nebraska Life Magazine's publishing headquarters is in the vibrant historic downtown Norfolk. Two 1920s buildings are combined in this space. Original architectural integrity is maintained with its golden tin ceilings and crown molding, exposed brick walls and character-stained wood floors that creak like a well-made wooden floor built nearly a century ago should. Nebraska's Life's books and magazines, back issues and Nebraska-made products fill its Meadowlark Store. Don't forget to ask to meet the official office mascot: Sybil, the 2-headed calf. 800-777-6159, NebraskaLife.com 📍

NORFOLK ARTS CENTER 305 N. 5th St. Norfolk Arts Center serves the community by bringing people and the arts together. Providing art education for children and adults by offering a variety of classes like Preschool Art, Art After School, lifestyle classes, and more! Helping bring national theater companies and live entertainment to the community. Bringing significant art exhibits from throughout the region and all over the country to our gallery featuring local, emerging artist along with nationally recognized artists. Supporting events like Children's Day and Riverpoint Arts Festival. 402-371-7199, norfolkartscenter.org 📍

NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES AT DIVOTS CONFERENCE CENTER 4200 W. Norfolk Ave. – The heart of the Divots resort is Norfolk Lodge & Suites, a 100-room lodge-style hotel. The hotel boasts an impressive array of things to do; including a miniature golf course, an atrium-style pool and hot tub and two on-site restaurants. You will also find an onsite brewery. Every room comes with a wet bar, microwave and refrigerator, and there's both free wi-fi and a local ethernet connection. If you're looking to leave the comfort of your room, there are several

fireside gathering places, a fully-stocked sports bar and grill, and a well-appointed exercise room to keep you busy. 402-379-3833, divotslodge.com/ 

NORTHFORK OUTFITTING 507 W. Benjamin Ave. – Renting kayaks and canoes for family adventures! We offer hourly rates on the North Fork of the Elkhorn River, from our location at 507 W. Benjamin, behind the Burger King! We also deliver FREE to local area lakes, as well as 2hr., 4hr., and all day trips on the Elkhorn River! Call today! 402-316-0157, nforkoutfitting.com/ 

POPPY'S PUMPKIN PATCH 55275 837th Rd. – Poppy's Pumpkin Patch is located south of Norfolk. It is on the farm, family business that sells fresh home grown pumpkins and squash while offering family style entertainment at a reasonable cost. It includes a hay bale maze, petting zoo, and the ½ mile nature walk. Some of the attractions you will find are a corn maze, a train ride, a look-out tower, a duck and chicken barn, a pig race, pony rides, hayrack rides, a country cafe, a jail house and more. 402-379-0455, poppypumpkinpatch.com 

RODEWAY INN & SUITES 2206 Market Ln. rodewayinn.com 

SUNSET PLAZA MALL 1700 Market Ln. 402-371-8668, sunsetplazamall.com 

TA-HA-ZOUKA PARK 2201 S. 13th St. Season April 15-October 15. Park amenities: Bathhouse, electricity, playground, trout fishing, ball fields, shelters, 24 court horseshoe complex, sand volleyball and 4 cabins for rent (daily use only). In the off-season campers may park outside the campground along the road and plug into the power pedestals at a reduced rate. The bathrooms are not available to campers in the off-season. S Hwy 81 & TaHaZouka Drive 402-644-8717, ci.norfolk.ne.us/parks 

THE BREWERY AT DIVOTS 4200 W. Norfolk Ave. – Attached to our SandBar & Grill, is our newly built Brewery. Our Beers are Hand Crafted in small batches using American Grown, Midwestern Barley & Northwestern Hops. We use only the finest ingredients to produce our top notch beer. Passion for the craft of beer is in every batch we make. The satisfaction of a job well done is confirmed with the good times, new friendships & the community that is formed around sharing a great pint. Stop in at the SandBar and try one of our brews today, or fill up a growler and take it with you! 402-844-2985, divotsconference.com/ 

NORTH LOUP DAVIS CREEK RESERVOIR 6 mi. S of North Loup – Located 18 miles south of Ord, Davis Creek is a hidden gem in Central Nebraska. Just 5 miles off of Nebraska Hwy 11 through

North Loup, Davis Creek is open 24 hours and is great for wildlife viewing, water sports, camping and fishing. Fish species in the 1,100-acre lake include walleye, crappie, yellow perch, channel catfish, and bullhead, with an abundance of prairie wildlife round in the surrounding state wildlife management area. 308-728-3221, lnrd.org 

MAIN STREET GALLERY 414 Main St. – Regional Art Work, collectibles and gifts housed in a historic building on Main Street. Expressions in oil, charcoal, acrylic, water color, clay, glass, textiles, and metal. Awarding wining photos. Expanded hours during local events. Also open by appointment. 308-219-0382, mainstreetartgallery.com 

NORTH PLATTE ART & GIFT GALLERY 516 North Dewey The Art and Gift Gallery is an artists' cooperative gallery comprised of eight member artists having talents in painting, drawing, photography, wood carving, pine-needle basketry and jewelry. Each month, the Gallery hosts a monthly show, some of which are competitive shows open to entry by non-member artists. Note that some of these shows are affiliated with local celebrations and during these celebrations our visitation days/hours may be extended. 308-534-1946, npartandgiftgallery.com 

BIRDWOOD WMA LAKE .4 mi. S, 3.6 mi. W, .9 mi. N across I-80 overpass – Visit this picturesque area for great scenery, tranquility, and nature. Located near North Platte. 

BUFFALO BILL RANCH STATE HISTORICAL PARK AND STATE RECREATION AREA 2921 Scout's Rest Ranch Rd. – Home to William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, buffalo hunter, scout and creator of the Wild West Show. House and barn are open May-Sep. Call for hours. Park permit required. Camping available. 308-535-8035, outdoornebraska.gov/buffalobillranch/ 

COMFORT INN 2901 S. Jeffers St. Conveniently located near I-80 and within walking distance of the 20th Century Veterans Memorial the Comfort Inn North Platte is the place to be. Easy access to local and national chain restaurants. 308-532-6144, comfortinn.com/hotel/ne021 

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT 319 W. South River Rd. – 308-532-9900, marriott.com/lbffi 

FORT CODY TRADING POST 221 Halligan Dr., I-80 & US Hwy 83 – Watch a miniature replica of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show on the half hour. Also enjoy the exhibits of the Old West in the newly-renovated museum. Open year-round, Monday through Saturday 9am-5:30pm and Noon-5:30 Sunday off

season; 9am-9pm in summer. Nebraska's favorite Roadside attraction! 308-532-8081, fortcity.com 

GOLDEN SPIKE TOWER AND VISITOR CENTER 1249 N. Homestead Rd. – The Golden Spike Tower, provides an unparalleled experience to take in the sights and sounds of Bailey Yard, the world's largest classification rail yard. Witness the daily activities of Bailey Yard as more than 150 trains and 10,000 rail cars are processed each day. Visit the 7th floor for the open air viewing deck and the 8th floor for the fully enclosed panoramic view. On the 1st floor you can visit the gift shop, Hall of Fame display or take a stroll though the courtyard. Open May-Sep, 9am-7pm daily; Sun, Oct-Apr, 10am-5pm daily. Admission Charged. 308-532-9920, goldenspiketower.com 

GRAIN BIN ANTIQUE TOWN 10641 S. Old Highway 83 Rd. – A one-of-a-kind antiques destination. Grain Bin Antique Town has salvaged and repurposed historical grain bins filled with antique treasures of all kinds. 308-539-7401, grainbinantiquetown.com/ 

HAMPTON INN 200 Platte Oasis Pkwy. Applebee's, Whiskey Creek Steakhouse and Dunkin Donuts adjacent. Coffee makers, hair dryers, irons in all rooms. Free high-speed wireless internet. 308-534-6000, hamptoninn.com/hi/northplatte 

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES AND CONVENTION CENTER 300 Holiday Frontage Rd. – High speed internet access. 308-532-9500, ihg.com 

HOLIDAY RV PARK & CAMPGROUND 601 Halligan Dr. – Heated pool, large pull-through sites with 50-amp hookups, cable and free Wi-Fi access. 308-534-2265, holidayparkne.com 

I-80 LAKESIDE CAMPGROUND 3800 Hadley Dr. – I-80 Lakeside Campground is just off Exit 179. Seated on a private lake, our campground features 67 sites, many with full water, sewer, and electric, a community shower house, laundry facilities and dump station. Several sites are pull-through. Sites for primitive/tent camping are available. A convenience store is located on-site with snacks, food, drinks, fishing supplies, camping necessities, ice, and grocery items. Kayaks, paddleboats, and rowboats for rent. Activities include fishing, swimming, sand volleyball, beach use. Non-campers can purchase a \$5 Daypass. 308-534-5077 

KNOLL'S COUNTRY INN B&B 6132 S. Range Rd. – Beautiful flower gardens, comfortable beds, delicious full breakfast and quiet atmosphere. Bird-watching, stargazing and horse boarding available. 308-368-5634, knollscountryinn.com 

LAKE MALONEY GOLF CLUB 608 Birdie Ln. – A recent facelift carved this into a challenging regulation course. Wavelike terrain ripples the course, and sand and trees punctuate several holes. 308-532-9998, lakemaloneygc.com 📍

LAKE MALONEY STATE RECREATION AREA 301 East State Farm Rd.

Conveniently located reservoir offers camping, fishing, boating, picnicking and other outdoor fun. Open year-round. Park permit required. \$7 camping fee. Modern shower/latrine at outlet area. Electrical hookups at Kansas point. \$14 per night. 308-535-8025, outdoornebraska.gov/lakemaloney/ 📍

LAQUINTA INN & SUITES 2600 Eagles Wings Pl. – Whether you're traveling on business, a leisure getaway, or a family vacation, La Quinta has the right hotel accommodations for you. Take advantage of free Internet access, free Bright Side breakfast with alternating hot items, and comfy pillow top beds offered at La Quinta Inns & Suites. You'll find the best rates online, the widest variety of room options, the most reliable hotel info, and more on LQ.com. Thank you for considering La Quinta Inns & Suites for your hotel travel plans! 308-534-0700, 821.lq.com 📍

LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM 2403 N. Buffalo Bill Ave.

Home of the North Platte Canteen exhibit, tools, weapons, wagons and other artifacts displayed in a restored Old West town. Open May-Sep, Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Call ahead for group tours. Admission: \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$4 military, \$10 family rate, under 13 yrs free. \$3/person in groups of 10 or more. 308-534-5640, lincolncountymuseum.org 📍

LINCOLN COUNTY RACEWAY 5015 Rodeo Rd. – 1 mi. W. on US Hwy 30 at Lincoln County Fairgrounds - Sat night racing on dirt track May-Aug. Modifieds, sprints and stock cars. Admission. 308-362-4551, lincofair.com 📍

NORTH PLATTE AREA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM 314 N. Jeffers St. – The North

Platte Area Children's Museum is an interactive place of learning, play, and discovery for children and their families. With 10 interactive exhibits, the fun never stops! From braving the seas on a ship in Pirate World to saving the lives of animals in Medical World, your imagination is the key to traveling our Worlds! Admission is \$6/children, \$4/adults, Under 24 months - Free, and 60+ - \$3 Operating hours are 9:30am-5pm Tuesday-Saturday 308-532-3512, npchildrensmuseum.com 📍

NORTH PLATTE CODY PARK 1601 N. Jeffers – Features Wild West Memorial with a life-size bronze statue of Buffalo Bill. Open

year-round. Also features the Cody Park Railroad Museum which showcases one of the largest steam locomotives ever built. Open May-Sep, Mon-Sat, 10am-7pm; Sun, 10am-6pm. Cody Park Kid Rides open May-Sep, Mon-Thu, 5-9pm; Sat-Sun & holidays, noon-10pm. Concessions. Admission for rides; other attractions free. Visit Santa's Workshop during Dec. 308-535-6700, ci.north-platte.ne.us 📍

NORTH PLATTE VISITORS BUREAU 101 Halligan Dr. – North Platte's tradition of hospitality began with Col. Wm. F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody. He loved to entertain and show off the place he called home. That tradition continued with the North Platte Canteen during World War II. As the home of Union Pacific Railroad's Bailey Yard, the world's largest railroad yard, we are also proud of our railroad history. Located in the heart of the Platte River Valley, our transportation history is strong. From fur trappers, traders, railroad, westward trails, Lincoln Highway and Interstate 80, all the major westward movements came through North Platte. 308-532-4729, VisitNorthPlatte.com 📍

QUALITY INN & SUITES CONVENTION CENTER 2102 S. Jeffers St. – Shuttle service to airport, valet laundry service, two room suites. 308-532-9090, sandhillcc.com 📍

QUILT RACK & WOOL CUBBY 101 West Front St. – A premier quilt shop located in historic Downtown North Platte and next to the famous Union Pacific Railroad. Our shop features over 4000 bolts of quality quilt fabrics and the best books, patterns and notions. Our wool selection is second to none for the rug hooker or wool applique lover. We have a great parking lot ready for you to pull in with your RV. Open 6 days a week for your shopping convenience, or online 24/7-The Quilt Rack & Wool Cubby will be your favorite travel destination in North Platte. 308-532-2606, the-quilt-rack.com 📍

SUPER 8 220 Eugene Ave. – Guest laundry, free wireless internet access. Free SuperStart breakfast. 308-532-4224, super8.com 📍

WILD BILL'S WINGS AND BOWLING 1100 South Jeffers – Remodeled and Refreshed in fall of 2014, Wild Bill's Wings and Bowling has new lanes and is the largest Arcade in North Platte! 22 lanes of Bowling aside a full service Restaurant, Sports Bar, Arcade, Pool Room and Meeting Room! 308-532-5720, WildBillsNP.com 📍

WILD WEST ARENA 2801 Charlie Evans Dr. – The Wild West Arena is where all the action is during the NEBRASKAland DAYS Celebration. You start off the celebration with four nights of PRCA rodeo and two major concert acts to end the week. But, that is not all that is held out there. We have team penning, Junior Rodeo, 5K, Kids Fun

Fest and many more events for all ages. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm. Hours will vary during the NEBRASKAland DAYS Celebration. 308-532-7939, nebraskalanddays.com/ 📍

WILD WEST MEMORIAL 1400 North Jeffers St. – A life-size statue of Buffalo Bill Cody stands guard at the entrance to North Platte's Cody Park, the site of the original 1882 Old Glory Blowout, the precursor to his famed Wild West Show. The statue was donated to the city of North Platte by the citizens of Great Britain, who revere Buffalo Bill. Also included in the memorial are tributes to various entertainers who made the show successful and an avenue of flags of every U.S. state and foreign nation in which the Wild West Show performed. The Memorial is open daily sunrise to sunset. Admission is free. visitnorthplatte.com/attraction/cody-park-wild-west-memorial/ 📍

O'NEILL

HISTORIC GOLDEN HOTEL 406 E.

Douglas – A hotel in the historic railroad/cattle town and located on the corner with the world's largest Shamrock and Blarney Stone in Nebraska's Irish Capitol. Free high-speed internet access, guest laundromat. 402-336-4436, historicgoldenhotel.com 📍

SUPER 8 MOTEL 106 E. US Hwy 20 Copy/fax service, HBO/ESPN/CNN, 24-hour coffee service, ample free parking, free Superstart breakfast, coffee makers and hair dryers, irons, refrigerators, microwaves in all rooms. 402-336-3100, the.super8.com/03829 📍

OAK CREEK

TIMBER POINT LAKE 1 mi. E, 1 mi. S and 1 mi. E of Brainard – Timber Point is one of eight flood control lakes managed for public recreation by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. It has 160 total acres and 29 lake acres. There are two access roads off of County Road V. Seasonal (April - October) portable restrooms and picnic tables are on-site. Three camping pads are available and tent camping is allowed. No entry fee, but state game permits are required. Significant fishery and boat ramp (no wake boating) improvements were made in 2005 and 2006. 402-476-2729, lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 📍

OAKLAND

SWEDISH HERITAGE CENTER Highway 77 Valkommen! Oakland, the Swedish Capital of Nebraska, offers an opportunity to explore and share its heritage and culture. The Center is also available to host special events for your family or friends, from entertainment to ethnic foods. Both handcrafted and Swedish imports are available in our gift shop. Besides our regular open hours, follow our Facebook page for special events throughout the year, our Artist of the Month,

or contact us to arrange a time. Tak sa mycket! 402-685-5101 📞

ODELL

OLD WEST TRAILS CENTER 301 Main St. – One of the most colorful periods in our nation's history was when The Oregon Trail brought thousands of pioneers across the unsettled West. Many travelers passed just south of what is now the town of Odell. The Old West Trails Center is a fine example of the architecture of 1885, and originally housed The First Commercial Bank. Enjoy 100 feet of interior murals, exhibits that show The Evolution of Transportation, local history of The Oregon Trail, learning boxes about Indians, Nebraska, animals of the 1800's, floor puzzles and Otoe Indian exhibits. 402-766-3700, visitodell.org 📞

RICE LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER

302 Main St. – This is your perfect place for reunions, retreats, weekend getaways, and many other things. We have 10 bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, 13 tvs, meeting room, 2-bedroom suite, 2 kitchens, and free wi-fi. Call us for details and let us help you set up your next reunion. 402-806-2174, odell-nebraska.us 📞

ODESSA

UNION PACIFIC STATE RECREATION

AREA S Odessa Rd. – Boating, fishing and camping areas. Park permit required. Camping fee. Open year - round. I-80 Exit 263. 308-865-5305, outdoornebraska.gov/unionpacific/ 📞

OGALLALA

BOOT HILL W 10th St. between W E St. and Parkhill Dr. – Some trail drivers who herded cattle into Ogallala from Texas died with their boots on and are buried in this Ogallala cemetery. Historical marker on-site. New bronze statue. 3 blks W. of Mansion on the Hill on W. 10th St. Open sun-up to sunset 7 days a week. Free. 800-658-4390, visitkeithcounty.com 📞

FRONT STREET AND COWBOY

MUSEUM 519 E. 1st St. – Recreation of 1880s Main Street. Open year-round, closed Sun. Western stage show June thru mid-Aug. Museum, gift shop, steakhouse and saloon. Admission. 308-284-6000, ogallalafrontstreet.com 📞

KEEP KEITH COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

119 E. 2nd St. – Leave Only your footprints please! Visitors to the area stop and visit this concrete slab, 150 feet long by 15 feet high, to share the message of Keep Keith County Beautiful. This organization is responsible for maintaining the pristine beauty of lake McConaughy with our Cigarette Litter Prevention Programs, Beach Cleanups and International Coastal Cleanups. With over 1.36 million visitors to Lake McConaughy, packing out what you pack in is very

important. Keep Keith County Beautiful asks you to remember to leave only your footprints when you visit. 308-284-4066 📞

KINGSLEY LODGE 1510 N. NE Hwy 61
308-284-2775 📞

LAKE MCCONAUGHY AND LAKE OGALLALA STATE RECREATION AREAS

1475 Hwy 61 N. – 9 mi. N. on NE Hwy 61 Nebraska's largest reservoir with more than 30,000 acres of water at capacity and 5,500 acres of land including modern and primitive camping, boating and fishing. Hunting in the winter. Campgrounds open year-round. Showers closed in winter. Park permit required. Wildlife and eagle viewing during winter. Camping fees are \$10/night for primitive camping (not on a pad in a modern campground), \$25/night for an electric only campground, and to \$35/night for a full service pad with water, sewer and electric. 308-284-8800, ilovelakemac.com 📞

MANSION ON THE HILL

1004 N. Spruce
Located at the corner of N. Spruce & 10th Streets - this 1887 Victorian mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open Memorial Day weekend through September 15th, Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed Mondays. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed. 800-658-4390, ogallalamansiononthehill.com 📞

OGALLALA ANTIQUE SHOP

109 West 1st – Ogallala Antique Shop located in downtown Ogallala on the old Lincoln Hwy 30. We buy, sell and consign with multiple vendors and new items arriving daily. We try and keep everything reasonably priced and affordable. We sell antiques, collectibles, furniture and much more! Homemade jewelry large selection, vintage and fine jewelry, primitives, glassware, and a wide array of art vintage, antique and new fine art. We take in consignment not only for our store but also offer world wide sales and auctions. 308-284-9987 📞

OGALLALA/KEITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITORS CENTER

119 East 2nd – Needing information about Lake McConaughy or history of Ogallala? We can help you! Open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 308-284-4066, explorekeithcounty.com 📞

PETRIFIED WOOD AND ART GALLERY

418 E. 1st St. – Ogallala's Petrified Wood Gallery features petrified wood from around the world plus an impressive array of pictures, music boxes made from tiny pieces of petrified wood, polished rocks, rounds, spheres and carvings. The gallery contains a selection of gems and minerals, as well as arrowheads and Native American artifacts collected during 50 years by twin brothers Harvey and Howard Kenfield and

Pete Peters. Gift shop offers unique and collectible gift items. Open year-round, hours vary. Group tours by appt. Donation. 308-284-9996, petrifiedwoodgallery.com 📞

PUMP & PANTRY MOTEL

730 E. 1st
308-284-6119 📞

SLEEPY SUNFLOWER RV PARK LLC

221 Road East 85 – Family-owned, full-service RV park. Wi-Fi, clean restrooms and showers! Playground, picnic tables, guest parlor with board games, puzzles, book exchange, Direct TV, DVD's! Coin-op laundry! Pet friendly. Large covered pavilion area for large gatherings! Can handle up to 75'. Military Discount. Located ¼ mile South East off I-80/Ogallala Exit 126. Look for the Big Yellow Sign! We added tipis this year with beds - bring your own bedding! Enjoy the Native American experience in our Sioux Tipi! We will have adult and children tipi's—call for pricing and availability! 308-284-1300, sleepysunflower.com 📞

SUPER 8 MOTEL

500 E. A St S.
308-284-2076, super8.com 📞

THE HISTORIC WALK OF FAME

Downtown Self Guided Walking Tour
10 outdoor markers chronicle the history of Keith County. 308-284-4066, visitogallala.com 📞

WEST WIND GOLF CLUB

359 Rd E. 85 – The front nine is level with rows of cottonwoods along the fairways. The newer back nine contrasts the front with wide-open, rolling moguls and large greens. 308-284-4358, westwindgolf.com 📞

OHIOWA

LAZY HORSE VINEYARD & BREWING

211 Road 20 – Lazy Horse Vineyard and Brewing is a Nebraska vineyard, winery and brewery. We have a relaxing tasting room with a large outdoor porch where guests can enjoy catching up with friends and family while looking out over the vineyard. Beyond the vineyard, guests will see the horses grazing in the pasture. Nebraska made wine and hand crafted beer is served with wood fired pizza. LH Vineyard and Brewing would love to host your private event. The tasting room is available for private events Monday - Thursday. 402-295-2550, lazyhorsebrewing.com/about 📞

OHIOWA AUDITORIUM, HISTORICAL

MARKER 460 S Main St. – A community landmark, Ohiowa Auditorium was completed in 1940 and preserved in near original condition. It is one of many Nebraska buildings constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression. During WW II the auditorium served as an entertainment center for soldiers from the nearby Bruning Army Airfield. It is now the community center.

Call for an appointment. 402-759-4910,
visitfillmorecounty.org 

OHIOWA CAFE 520 S Main – Serves
homemade meals and provides that
small-town atmosphere where everybody
knows your name. 402-295-2319,
visitfillmorecounty.org 

OLIVE BRANCH

MERGANSER LAKE One mile north and
one mile east of Kramer, Entrance from W
Panama Rd (North side) at SW 100th St -
0.4 mile North of W Panama Rd – Merganser
Lake is one of eight flood control lakes
managed for public recreation by the Lower
Platte South Natural Resources District.
There are 103 total acres and 41 lake
acres, with parking, a boat ramp (no wake
boating) and tent camping. No entry fee or
permit required, but state game permits are
required. Rules include a 21-inch minimum
length on Largemouth Bass - observe posted
rules. Have fun and be safe! 402-476-2729,
lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 

OMAHA

AMAZING PIZZA MACHINE 13955 S Plaza
This entertainment facility offers more than
60,000 square feet of fun for all ages! Our
Amazing Buffet features more than 100
items made fresh onsite daily! Enjoy your
meal in one of four themed dining rooms.
Our Amazing Arcade has more than 170
video and arcade games, Amazing Quest
Laser Tag, Grand Spree Raceway go-karts,
Cogswell's Crazy Bumper Cars, Spaghetti
Bowling, Wild Ride roller coaster, Frog
Hopper and more! It's the perfect place
for a birthday party or team-building event!
Open daily at 10:30 a.m. Buffet purchase
required for admission. 402-829-1777,
amazingpizzamachine.com 

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Dodge Rd. – 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed.
Free high-speed internet access. 402-391-
5300, americinn.com 

ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE GALLERY LTD.
405 S. 11th St. – We are a cooperative group
of artists conducting education and outreach
activities, and maintaining and staffing a
gallery in Omaha's Old Market. It's a great
place to enjoy sculpture, weaving, painting,
pottery, photography, printmaking, drawing,
friendship and fellowship. With items for sale
in every price range, you may easily begin
or expand an art collection. Featured works
change each month. Opening receptions are
usually the first weekend of the month, where
you may enjoy fine food and wine while
learning more about local art and artists.
402-342-9617, artistscoopomaha.com 

**BEMIS CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY
ARTS** 724 S. 12th St.
International artist-in-residence program

located in the historic Old Market area.
Artists from around the world live and work
in second-floor studios. Four galleries feature
contemporary art exhibitions. Events include
monthly Art Talks on the first Thu of each
month, Gallery Talks, workshops and more.
Open Tue-Sat, 11am-5pm. Donation.
402-341-7130, bemiscenter.org 

BENSON BREWERY 6059 Maple St.
Cradled in the heart of Benson on Omaha's
north side - you will find Benson Brewery,
a cozy neighborhood brew-pub welcoming
all who look for friendly company, good
conversation, house made beers and solid
drinks. We believe a bar is what its patrons
and community make it, which is why we
serve true, locally sourced foods when
possible, well-crafted brews, and drinks
to please all. From its reclaimed wooden
flooring, to its warm interiors, modern
brewery, and exposed brick walls, Benson
Brewery is a place without pretense. 402-
934-8668, bensonbrewery.com 

BENSON PARK 5333 N. 72nd St. – New
facilities such as a picnic pavilion with
decorative stone columns, new picnic tables
and grills, and the new 8,500 square foot
playground, sprayground, and accessible
fishing pier have turned Benson Park into
the most popular park of the 2015 summer
season. In addition Benson is also known as a
scenic city course, that lies on a hill and the
surrounding lowland. The course's numerous
large fairways and greenside bunkers force
golfers to consider their shots carefully.
A creek and a variety of full-grown trees
heighten the challenge. 402-444-5900,
parks.cityofomaha.org 

BEST WESTERN PLUS KELLY INN
4706 S. 108th St. – 402-339-7400,
bestwesternnebraska.com 

BIG MAMA'S KITCHEN AND CATERING
3223 N 45th Street Bldg A – Big Mama's
Kitchen & Catering is a family-owned
restaurant specializing in soul food and
traditional American cuisine. They offer a
variety of delicious homemade appetizers,
entrees, cakes and desserts, but are best
known for their oven-fried chicken and
delectable sweet potato pie ice cream! The
restaurant has gained national attention on
Food Network's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
and appeared on Sundance Channel's Ludo
Bites America. Big Mama and her family
were also featured in a reality show titled Big
Mama's Kitchen in 2013. 402-455-6262,
bigmamaskitchen.com/ 

**BLATT BEER & TABLE NORTH
DOWNTOWN** 610 N 12th St. – At Blatt Beer
& Table we strive to bring people together.
We want to be a hub for the common folks
who appreciate craft beer and curated pub
food. Join us around the table. The beer
is great and the company is even better.

This page represents our location in North
Downtown Omaha, next to TD Ameritrade
Park. For information about our location in
West Omaha visit us on Facebook. 402-718-
8822, blattbeer.com 

BLUEBARN THEATRE 1106 S. 10th St.
Experience a full season of contemporary
plays each year. Located just south of the Old
Market, the Blue Barn's mission is to provoke
thought, emotion, action and change through
daring and innovative theatre. Season runs
Sep-June, performances Thu-Sat, 7:30pm;
Sun, 6pm. Admission: \$30 adults, \$25
students/senior citizens. 402-345-1576,
bluebarn.org 

CARTER LAKE 809 Carter Lake Shore Dr. 

CENTURYLINK CENTER OMAHA 455 N.
10th St. – Home to hosted concerts, family
shows, swimming, tennis, basketball, hockey,
rodeos, motocross, circuses, volleyball and
much, much more. See website for event
schedules and facility details. 402-341-1500,
centurylinkcenteromaha.com 

COMFORT SUITES 10503 Bedford Ave.
The Comfort Suites is a family suite hotel
in Omaha that is merely minutes from
the Nebraska Furniture Mart, Creighton
University and Westroads Mall. You'll find
plenty of other sites and activities nearby,
including: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo,
CenturyLink, University of Nebraska-Omaha.
Our hotel offers an indoor heated pool, guest
laundry services and a fitness center, making
it a common choice for many visitors. The
hotel doesn't allow smoking or pets on the
premises. Additional amenities at our Omaha
all-suite hotel include: Free WiFi and free hot
breakfast. 402-445-0400,
choicehotels.com 

**COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT OMAHA
DOWNTOWN** 101 S. 10th St. – 402-346-
2200, marriott.com/omacy 

CRESCENT MOON ALE HOUSE 3578
Farnam St. – The corner of 36th & Farnam
Street in Omaha has been the place to for
craft beer since 1996! Anchored by the
Crescent Moon Alehouse, this location
is now home to four of the finest in beer
experiences in the Omaha area and together
offer over 60 beers on draught! 402-345-
1708, beercornerusa.com/crescentmoon 

CUNNINGHAM LAKE 8660 Lake
Cunningham Rd. – In 2014, Omaha Parks
partnered with Quality Living, Inc. and
unveiled a marvelous addition to the park
system: a new, universally-accessible,
36,000-square foot facility at Cunningham
Lake. Those with disabilities can now launch
a kayak without assistance, play horseshoes
and bocce ball on an accessible surface,
and fish off a shaded pier. A new road and
parking area was constructed to support

the facility as well. 402-444-5900, parks.cityofomaha.org 

CUNNINGHAMS PUB & GRILL 10904 W Dodge Rd. – Named after Imo’s mother Inez Cunningham, and operated by family members. Cunninghams is truly a locally owned and family operated business. You’ll find a unique offering of 33 beers on tap, lots o HDTV’s and great food. Come to Cunninghams to enjoy your favorite game or just to get a great meal. Our burgers are hand pattied Angus Beef and our juicy wings are never frozen or fried...we smoke ‘em! Cunningham’s can accommodate large groups in our dining room..just call us to make a reservation! 402-934-4385, cunninghamspubandgrill.com 

DOUBLETREE HOTEL & EXECUTIVE MEETING CENTER - OMAHA DOWNTOWN 1616 Dodge St. – We offer all the comforts of home, complete with warm chocolate chip cookies upon arrival. Enjoy dining in Signatures and socializing in our City Center Pub. Try our complimentary Fitness Center by Precor and then take a dip in our modernized indoor pool. Hotel offers a complimentary 24 hour business center as well as a complimentary shuttle service within four miles of the hotel which includes Eppley Airport, Henry Doorly Zoo, The Old Market and many businesses, restaurants, shops and pubs. 402-346-7600, omahadowntown.doubletree.com 

DOWNTOWN OMAHA 1620 Dodge St. 402-916-1796, omahadowntown.org 

ECREAMERY ICE CREAM & GELATO 5001 Underwood Ave. – As seen on Shark Tank, Oprah, and Home of Warren Buffett and Paul McCartney’s \$63 Billion Dollar Selfie eCreamery Ice Cream & Gelato offers 16 ever-changing flavors of ice cream, gelato and dairy free sorbet. Each craft flavor is hand churned fresh in our Omaha parlor by our team of award winning ice cream artists. Design and personalize your own flavor at Omaha based, eCreamery.com. With over 40 different flavors and 50 mix-ins to choose from, it’s always the sweetest gift. Ships Nationwide. 402-934-3888, ecreamery.com 

EL MUSEO LATINO 4701 S. 25th St. – First Latino art and history museum and cultural center in the Midwest. View permanent and traveling exhibitions featuring local, national and international Latino art and culture. Bilingual educational programs year-round with exhibits, workshops, lectures and demonstrations with ongoing art, theater, dance and music classes. Performances and concerts and special features on Hispanic Heritage celebrations. Admission for nonmembers: \$5 general, \$4 college students, \$3.50 seniors and K-12. Open Mon, Wed & Fri, 10am-5pm; Tue & Thu,

1-5pm; Sat, 10am-2pm. 402-731-1137, elmuseolatino.org 

ELMWOOD PARK 6232 Pacific St. Elmwood Park is a historical Omaha Park that dates back to the late 19th century. The park that was once known for it’s spring feed creek still carries that same charm at the Grotto. Elmwood features several facilities including trails, a public pool, baseball field, pavilion, and 18-hole golf course. Golfers encounter an ideal opportunity to improve their scores at this west-central city course. The layout has undergone several changes since the mid-90s, adding length, new greens, tee boxes, and awkward downhill and uphill stances. 402-444-5900, parks.cityofomaha.org 

FILM STREAMS AT THE RUTH SOKOLOF THEATER 1340 Mike Fahey St. – Film Streams is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the cultural environment through the presentation and discussion of film as an art form. Our two-screen cinema, the Ruth Sokolof Theater, is located within the Saddle Creek Records development in North Downtown Omaha and open 7 days a week. Our film programming features First-Run Films—new American independents, documentaries, foreign films and Repertory Selections celebrating the history and cultural spectrum of the medium. Showtimes vary daily. 

FLORENCE MILL 9102 N. 30th St, I-680 Exit 13 – Connecting Agriculture, History and Art: Founded in 1846 as the Mormon Winter Quarters gristmill, now home of the Winter Quarters Mill Museum, Art-Loft Gallery and a summer Farmers Market. Pioneers’ Hand-hewn and pegged beams are part of its sturdy construction. The mill and 1915 grain elevator served farmers during Nebraska’s Territorial days from the Civil War to the Cold War. Open May-Oct, Wed-Sun, 1-5pm; Sunday Farmers Market June-Oct. 10am-3pm. A historic-preservation project since 1998, Donations appreciated. 402-551-1233, theflorencemill.org 

FONTENELLE PARK 4575 Ames Ave. Closing the golf course in Fontenelle Park has allowed many beneficial changes to take shape at this park. In 2012 a grant from the Papio-Missouri NRD was received through their Recreational Area Development Program and helped fund Fontenelle Parks’ new picnic shelter as well as several new concrete picnic pads with new tables and grills. A new six foot wide walking trail was constructed around the park, which allows for a 1.5 mile loop that park users can enjoy. 402-444-5900, parks.cityofomaha.org 

FUN-PLEX 7003 Q St. Nebraska’s premier ride and water park with The Big Ohhhhh! Roller coaster, go-karts,

Lazzy River, Motion Ocean, and challenging 18-hole miniature golf course. Something fun for everyone! Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, noon-8pm. Admission. 402-331-8436, fun-plex.com 

GENE LEAHY MALL 1302 Farnam-on-the-Mall – Enjoy the 10-acre park in the heart of historic and modern architecture in downtown Omaha. Lagoon and waterfalls, walking paths, gardens, amphitheater and sculpture. Connecting to Heartland of America Park, this area is the centerpiece for the annual Holiday Lights Festival. Open daily, 5am-11pm. Free. 402-444-5955, parks.cityofomaha.org 

GENERAL CROOK HOUSE AT FORT OMAHA/DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 5730 N. 30th St, #11B – 32nd & Sorensen Pkwy on Metropolitan Community College Campus - The Museum is the authentically restored home of General George Crook. It was constructed in 1879 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The house is an Italianate style, which represented the no-nonsense grandeur of the military frontier. The furnishings are from the 1880 Victorian period. There is also an exhibit space inside the home that features a topic specific to Douglas County. 2015-16 exhibit is Gangsters and Tunnels: Douglas County and Prohibition. 402-455-9990, douglascohistory.org 

GERALD R. FORD BIRTHSITE AND GARDENS 3202 Woolworth Ave. – Walk through the beautiful Memorial Gardens where President Ford’s boyhood home once stood. View 9 rosebeds featuring 170 rose bushes and 22 flowerbeds. Open year-round, 7:30am-dusk. 402-444-5900, parks.cityofomaha.org 

GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY 3717 S. 120th St. – This Society, which now looks back upon a history of 125 years, has every reason to be proud. Formerly Omaha Plattdeutscher Verein, it has helped make local history and has taken part in the growth of our city and lived through its periods of prosperity and depression. Rent one of our 3 halls for your next special event, consider membership, or join us at one of our 3 public events (German Day-Oktoberfest in September, Christmas in Germany in December, or Maifest in May). 402-333-6615, germanamericansociety.org 

GREAT PLAINS BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM 7400 Dodge St. – Inside Crossroads Mall - Experience the preservation, celebration and education of the African American on the Great Plains through themed exhibits. Open Thu-Fri, 4-8pm; Sat, noon-6pm; Sun, 2-6pm. Free. 402-216-3852, facebook.com/Greatplainsblackhistorymuseum 

GROW NEBRASKA BUY LOCAL STORE

4501 Abbott Dr., Suite 2125 – Looking for the best of Nebraska's locally made products? GROW Nebraska is your one-stop shop for everything designed and made in Nebraska. There are year-round retail stores and training centers in the Hilltop Mall in Kearney, Conestoga Mall in Grand Island, and Omaha Eppley Airfield. There is an additional temporary location at the Nebraska State Fair. 402-933-3929, grownebraska.org 📍

HEARTLAND OF AMERICA PARK

AND FOUNTAIN 8th & Douglas St. – In September of 2013, Mayor Jean Stothert flipped the switch and turned back on the key feature of the Heartland of America Park that had been missing since the 2011 Missouri River Flood—its 250-foot fountain. The fountain once again dazzles with vibrant light shows and entertains visitors that walk the path around the park. The Fountain runs from Spring to Fall, with lights turning on daily from 8 pm - 11 pm. 402-444-5900, parks.cityofomaha.org 📍

HILTON GARDEN INN OMAHA WEST

17879 Chicago St. – Complimentary shuttle service within a 5 mile radius, guest laundry. omahawest.stayhgi.com 📍

HILTON OMAHA 1001 Cass St. – In the heart of downtown near the Old Market. One block from TD Ameritrade Ballpark and joined to the CenturyLink Center Omaha Convention Center via enclosed sky bridge, nearby businesses and venues are accessible via the hotel's complimentary shuttle, which serves the airport and a three-mile radius. With 39,000 sq. ft. of column-free flexible meeting and banquet space it's an ideal convention venue. Eat at onsite Liberty Tavern Restaurant and Lounge. The Lobby Coffee and Gift shop offers quick food selections and Starbucks coffees. 402-998-3400, omaha.hilton.com 📍

HIRO 88 1308 Jackson St. Old Market is our hip second location that serving the downtown crowd. Skilled interior designers & lighting engineers from Omaha & Chicago have made HIRO 88 a place to remember, offering that big city feel with a touch of local flair. A hip venue for casual fine dining, we serve premium-grade Sashimi, Nigiri, 40+ Makimono rolls, both classic and inventive Asian Fusion Cuisine and Asian-inspired tapas. We are open for Lunch, Dinner, Late Night & Happy Hour. 402-933-5168, om.hiro88.com/ 🍷

HOLLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

1200 Douglas St. – Owned and operated by Omaha Performing Arts, the Holland Center specializes in performances in which the sound quality is of the utmost importance. The center hosts world-class artists and ensembles. 402-345-0606 or 866-434-8587, omahaperformingarts.org 📍

HOLLYWOOD CANDY / FAIRMONT

ANTIQUES 1209 Jackson St. – We are a candy store, an antique store a retro diner, a movie theater, and a retro video arcade. Fresh candy is made daily in the store. A favorite is the Peanut Butter Surprise! Whether it is something good to eat or just walk through the store, it is definitely a walk down memory lane The FAIRMONT DINER has a sandwich/snack menu. Sit down and try a root beer float, an old fashioned malt or shake, a banana split, or even a Dusty Miller! Check out our movie theater and have a fresh popcorn made here in the store. 402-346-9746, hollywoodcandy.com 📍

HOME2 SUITES 17889 Chicago St. Home2 Suites by Hilton Omaha West, is less than five miles from shopping and restaurants at the Village Pointe Shopping Center, Boys Town of American, First National Business Park and the Gallup Organization. Our all-suite hotel in Omaha is only 15 minutes from the zoo and downtown Omaha—home to the CenturyLink Center and TD Ameritrade Park. Omaha Airport is just 20 minutes from our extended-stay Omaha hotel. Enjoy free breakfast and meet friends or charge your smartphone in the relaxed, modern Oasis. 402-991-7116, home2suites3.hilton.com 📍

HYATT PLACE OMAHA/DOWNTOWN - OLD MARKET 540 S. 12th St. – We offer all the amenities you expect and deserve in your home away from home. From our hotel-wide Wi-Fi, to our Coffee to Cocktails Bar, we are here to make your travel experience everything it should be. Get your day started with a complimentary a.m. Kitchen Skillet and unwind at the end of the day with your 42" HDTV, Cozy Corner with sofa or sofa-sleeper. Plus, with our convenient downtown location, you'll be in the heart of the action. 402-513-5500, omahadowntownoldmarket.place.hyatt.com 📍

INFUSION BREWING CO. 6115 Maple St. Infusion Brewing is located in the former home of Olson's Market in the heart of downtown Benson—a historic neighborhood nine miles northwest of Omaha's Central Business District. The building is situated on the south side of Maple Street (historically known as Mayne or Main Street) at the Military Avenue intersection. 402-916-9998, infusionbrewing.com 📍

JOHNNY GOODMAN GOLF COURSE 6111 S. 99th St. – Surrounded by apartment complexes, this course features broad fairways, large greens, and hills. Water comes into play on all four par 3s, and the layout delivers equal doses of scenery and anxiety. 402-444-5900, parks.cityofomaha.org 📍

JOSLYN ART MUSEUM 2200 Dodge St. JOSLYN ART MUSEUM is a premier center for the visual arts celebrating curiosity and creativity while encouraging understanding and appreciation of the visual arts. The Museum offers something for every interest and every age, and general admission is free to all. Inside, nearly twenty galleries feature artwork from ancient times to the present. Landscaping and sculptures abound in the outdoor gardens, anchored by a granite reflecting pool with column fountains. 402-342-3300, joslyn.org 📍

JOSLYN CASTLE 3902 Davenport St. The Castle is on the National Register of Historic Places and is the local landmark and first historic site of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. This 35-room, 20,000 sq. ft. home built in 1903 was designed by architect John McDonald and sits on 5.5 acres of ground. Public tours available on the 1st and 3rd Sun of each month beginning at 1, 2 and 3pm. Groups by appt. 402-595-2199, joslyncastle.com 📍

KANEKO 1111 Jones St. An interdisciplinary cultural organization founded with the mission of exploring creativity across the whole range of human activity including art, science, philosophy, entrepreneurship, urban planning and education. Established in three refurbished historic warehouses in Omaha's Old Market by internationally renowned sculptor Jun Kaneko and his wife Ree, KANEKO was conceived of as "open space for your mind," a place where thoughtful examination of others' ideas through a variety of exhibitions and public programs leads to new and exciting ideas. Free 402-341-3800, thekaneiko.org 📍

KITCHEN TABLE 1415 Farnam St. – Real food made from scratch using the best local ingredients possible. Sandwiches, snacks and salads all day, or stop in for the nightly dinner which can also be packaged for take-home. Check out this week's dinner menu, complete with vegetarian alternatives. Brunch on Sundays. Beer and wine available on tap, along with a select bar and house sodas. 402-933-2810, kitchentableomaha.com 🍷

KNOLLS GOLF COURSE 11630 Sahler St. This city-managed property takes golfers through a winding subdivision. The front nine is level, with grassy mounds and trees while the back nine is more open, with many uphill and downhill lies. 402-444-5900, parks.cityofomaha.org 📍

LA VEINTICUATRO - SOUTH 24TH HISTORIC MAIN STREET DISTRICT - OMAHA WALKING TOUR

24th and N Streets (northwest corner) – The village of South Omaha, incorporated in 1886, grew to 8,000 residents by 1890. Originally settled by German, Irish and Scandinavian immigrants, the turn of the century saw

Poles, Czechs and other eastern European families flood the area seeking jobs. Once known as the “Magic City,” South Omaha was heavily influenced by the formation of the Union Stockyards Company and the meat processing industry. The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Grant funding allows school groups to take The Deuce tour at no cost. 402-709-2586, restorationexchange.org 🏠

LAURITZEN GARDENS AND KENEFICK PARK 100 Bancroft St. – Lauritzen Gardens is a living museum featuring four seasonal horticultural displays of indoor floral exhibits, outdoor display plantings and natural plant communities. Discover 100 acres of inspiring gardens: rose garden, Victorian garden, children’s garden, model railroad garden and the Marjorie K. Daugherty Conservatory with its indoor tropical and temperate gardens. Kenefick Park is home to two of the greatest locomotives ever to power Union Pacific Railroad. Open daily year-round, 9am-5pm. Closed on major holidays. Admission to the gardens. Free to Kenefick Park. 402-346-4002, lauritzengardens.org 🏠

LAZLO’S BREWERY AND GRILL 2425 S 192nd Ave. – 402-289-5840 🍷

LEWIS AND CLARK LANDING 515 N. Riverfront Dr. Explore Omaha’s riverfront near the original site of the Lewis and Clark landing in 1804. Use the riverfront walk to visit the National Park Service Regional Headquarters and Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge. The 23-acre landing features a circular stairway leading to the colorful river-level plaza. A walking trail winds along the river’s edge and a bike trail runs west of Riverfront Drive to Miller’s Landing. The new Martin Luther King Jr. Pedestrian Bridge connects the landing to CenturyLink Center Omaha. 402-444-5900, parks.cityofomaha.org 🏠

LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL HEADQUARTERS VISITOR CENTER 601 Riverfront Dr. – Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is approximately 3,700 miles long, extending from Wood River, Illinois, to the mouth of the Columbia River, near present day Astoria, Oregon, following the historic outbound and inbound routes of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The trail connects 11 states and many Tribal lands. To learn more about this expedition or plan your own trip following the trail, stop into the trail headquarters The Visitor Center is open daily in the summer and Mon-Fri in the winter. 402-661-1804, nps.gov/lecl 🏠

LOVE’S JAZZ & ARTS CENTER 2510 N. 24th St., (24th & Lake Sts) – Located in the heart of north Omaha, the museum informs patrons of all ages of the contributions of African American artists in the Omaha area

and nationwide. The 10,000 sq. ft. state of the art facility features the Preston Love gallery, performing arts area, exhibition space and gift shop along with education classrooms. Gallery talks, interactive storytelling, workshops and lectures are offered. Open year-round, Tue-Fri, 11am-5pm; Sat, 11am-3pm; or by appt. Closed holidays. Guided tours for groups by appt. Admission: \$4 adults, \$3.50 students and seniors, free under 5. 402-502-5291, ljac.org 🏠

MAGNOLIA HOTEL OMAHA 1615 Howard St. – The Omaha Magnolia Hotel’s stunning new design is reminiscent of the building’s 1920s Italian heritage. Upon entry, the beautiful lobby reflects Italian architecture in the original marble floor, travertine walls, Roman columns & elegant ceilings. 402-342-2222, magnoliahotelomaha.com 🏠

MOTEL 6 10560 Sapp Brothers Dr. – Free WiFi 402-896-6868, motel6.com 🏠

MOTEL 6 3511 S. 84th St. 402-391-4321, motel6.com 🏠

MT. VERNON GARDENS 6011 S. 13th St. A site atop a Missouri River bluff is home to a small version of George Washington’s Mount Vernon estate. View 16 rosebeds and 25 flowerbeds. Open daily, 5am-11pm. Free. 402-444-5955, parks.cityofomaha.org 🏠

N.P. DODGE PARK 11001 John J. Pershing Dr. – Next to the Missouri River, N.P Dodge Park offers, camping facilities, playground equipment, boat ramps and picnic shelters. 402-444-5955, parks.cityofomaha.org 🏠

NEALE WOODS 14323 Edith Marie Ave. This nature preserve features 550 acres of forest and hilltop prairies along the Missouri River and 9 miles of walking trails. It holds excellent birding opportunities, beautiful scenery and a seasonal butterfly garden. Admission: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children (ages 2-17), free for members. 402-731-3140, fontenelleforest.org 🏠

NEW VICTORIAN INN & SUITES 10728 L St. – 402-593-2380, newvictorianinn.com 🏠

OLD MARKET 1032 Howard St. – This turn-of-the-century marketplace of brick streets and buildings features a variety of quaint restaurants and shops. Special entertainment and craft fairs. 10th to 13th Sts, from Farnam to Jackson Sts. Open year-round. Shopping hours: Mon-Sat, 11am-8pm; Sun, Noon-6pm. Store hours vary. Free. 402-346-4445, oldmarketomaha.org 🏠

OMAHA CHILDREN’S MUSEUM 500 S. 20th St. – Play. Learn. Together. Since its inception in 1976, Omaha Children’s Museum has been a special place where children can challenge themselves, discover

how the world works and learn through play. OCM is the most visited museum in Nebraska with a variety of hands on exhibits, daily educational programs and special events. The imaginative environment at Omaha Children’s Museum reaches beyond home and school experiences, nurturing growth and development as young children and their adults explore the world together. 402-342-6164, ocm.org 🏠

OMAHA COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE 6915 Cass St. – Founded in 1924, the Omaha Community Playhouse has grown into the largest community theatre in the nation. Two theaters with state-of-the-art sound and lighting equipment feature 11 productions and special events annually, including Omaha’s holiday tradition A Christmas Carol! Alumni include Henry Fonda, Dorothy McGuire and Dorothy Brando (mother of Marlon Brando). Performances: Aug-June, Wed-Sat, 7:30pm; Sun, 2pm. Tickets: \$24-\$42. 402-553-0800 or 888-782-4338, omahaplayhouse.com 🏠

OMAHA VISITORS CENTER 1001 Farnam St. – Stop into the Omaha Visitors Center and talk one-on-one with friendly Omaha experts who will help customize your Omaha experience. Whether you’re looking for something different for the family to do, or trying to figure out where to eat, the Omaha Visitors Center is the place to start. Vibrant video displays take you on a virtual tour of the city, easy to follow maps will guide you on your journey, and a fun photo booth lets you capture a special souvenir to send to your friends and family. Complimentary coffee and WiFi available. 402-444-7762, visitomaha.com/ 🏠

OMAHA’S HENRY DOORLY ZOO AND AQUARIUM 3701 S. 10th St., I-80 Exit 454 – Visit the renovated Suzanne and Walter Scott Aquarium featuring the largest aquarium in a zoo. Discover rare and endangered animals as you journey through Expedition Madagascar. See Hubbard Orangutan Forest and Gorilla Valley where gorillas roam and visitors are on display. Discover the mysteries of the night in Kingdoms of the Night, the world’s largest nocturnal exhibit. Immerse yourself in America’s largest indoor rainforest, the Lied Jungle and the world’s largest indoor desert, the Desert Dome. Plus enjoy tigers, lions, bears, rhinos, giraffe and so much more. 402-733-8401, omahazoo.com 🏠

ORPHEUM THEATER 409 S. 16th St. Omaha’s “golden palace” and majestic Midwestern landmark. The 2,600-seat proscenium theater was built in 1927 and now hosts touring Broadway productions, dance and Opera Omaha 402-345-0606, omahaperformingarts.org 🏠

OUTDOOR VENTURE CENTER 6001 Dodge St. – The OVC offers a variety of adventure activities for the UNO community and the general public. The OVC includes a state of the art climbing wall, rental center, and organizes trips and workshops each semester, ranging from local workshops to advanced overnight trips in activities such as rock climbing, paddling, hiking, camping, skiing and biking. Check out our website or our Facebook page to see our latest offerings! 402-554-2258, unomaha.edu 📄

PEPPERJAX GRILL 8406 Park Dr. – What makes us unique? You don't order from a waitress, or from a cashier. You order straight from the grill cook, and watch them prepare your food the way you want, right then, right there. It doesn't get more fresh than that! 402-932-4796, pepperjax.com/ 🍷

PEPPERJAX GRILL 1040 South 74th Plaza What makes us unique? You don't order from a waitress, or from a cashier. You order straight from the grill cook, and watch them prepare your food the way you want, right then, right there. It doesn't get more fresh than that! 402-884-6003, pepperjaxgrill.com 🍷

PEPPERJAX GRILL 1221 Howard St. What makes us unique? You don't order from a waitress, or from a cashier. You order straight from the grill cook, and watch them prepare your food the way you want, right then, right there. It doesn't get more fresh than that! 402-315-1196, pepperjaxgrill.com 🍷

PEPPERJAX GRILL 4303 North 72nd St. What makes us unique? You don't order from a waitress, or from a cashier. You order straight from the grill cook, and watch them prepare your food the way you want, right then, right there. It doesn't get more fresh than that! 402-991-6675, pepperjaxgrill.com 🍷

PEPPERJAX GRILL 2085 North 120th St. What makes us unique? You don't order from a waitress, or from a cashier. You order straight from the grill cook, and watch them prepare your food the way you want, right then, right there. It doesn't get more fresh than that! 402-964-2760, pepperjaxgrill.com 🍷

PEPPERJAX GRILL 2429 South 132nd St. What makes us unique? You don't order from a waitress, or from a cashier. You order straight from the grill cook, and watch them prepare your food the way you want, right then, right there. It doesn't get more fresh than that! 402-758-9222, pepperjaxgrill.com 🍷

PEPPERJAX GRILL 2579 South 171st Ct. What makes us unique? You don't order from a waitress, or from a cashier. You order

straight from the grill cook, and watch them prepare your food the way you want, right then, right there. It doesn't get more fresh than that! 402-884-0430, pepperjaxgrill.com 🍷

PITCH PIZZERIA 5021 Underwood Ave. 402-590-2625, pitchpizzeria.com 🍷

PRAIRIE VIEW LAKE AND RECREATION AREA 180th and H St. – No-wake boating allowed on this 42-acre lake. Boat ramp, restrooms, picnic shelter and 2.5K limestone trail with 3 pedestrian bridges. Bluegill, crappie, catfish and catch-and-release bass fishing. Open year-round, daily, 6am-10pm. 402-444-6222, papiornrd.org 📄

RAGAZZI'S PIZZA 15475 Ruggles St. – We offer delicious thin crust pizza with a sweet homemade sauce topped with smoked provolone. We also feature great salads, sandwiches, pasta and a great assortment of appetizers. Our guests will receive great quality, value, and hospitality. 402-359-1682, ragazzi-pizza.com/ 🍷

RAMADA PLAZA OMAHA HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER & COCO KEY WATER PARK 3321 S. 72nd St. – Get more out of your next trip and book a room at Ramada Plaza Omaha Hotel and Convention Center. Conveniently located off Interstate 80, our Omaha hotel near Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo is attached to the CoCo Key Water Resort and features several amenities for a relaxing and restorative stay. Book one of our many water park packages for unlimited access to CoCo Key Water Resort during your stay and more. Free outdoor parking makes it easy to come and go, while our non-smoking hotel also features free Wi-Fi in all of our renovated guest rooms. 402-393-3950, ramadaplazaomaha.com 📄

RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT OMAHA DOWNTOWN/OLD MARKET AREA 106 S. 15th St. – 402-342-4770, marriott.com/hotels/travel/omart-residence-inn-omaha-downtown 📄

RIVER CITY STAR RIVERBOAT 151 Freedom Park Rd. – This magnificent vessel sails daily and offers a wide variety of cruises. Relax and enjoy life on the Missouri River. May-Oct. Admission varies. See website for details. 402-342-7827, rivercitystar.com 📄

SHERATON OMAHA HOTEL 655 N. 108th Ave. – No matter what brings you to Omaha, The Sheraton Omaha Hotel staff looks forward to welcoming you, with many amenities to ensure a pleasant stay. 402-496-0850, sheratonomaha.com 📄

SHUCK'S FISH HOUSE & OYSTER BAR 1218 S 119th St. – 402-827-4376, absolutelyfresh.com 🍷

SLOWDOWN 729 N 14th St. 402-345-7569, theslowdown.com 📄

SOKOL UNDERGROUND 2234 S 13th St. Sokol Auditorium and Sokol Underground are available for rent for concerts, wedding receptions, private parties, civic events, fundraisers, meetings, and more. 402-346-9802, sokolunderground.com 📄

SPRING LAKE GOLF COURSE 4020 Hctor Blvd. – 402-444-5900, parks.cityofomaha.org 📄

STANDING BEAR LAKE 6404 N. 132nd St. – Enjoy a variety of activities including fishing, boating and picnicking. Trails, shelters, remote control airplane flying field and wide-open spaces. Restrooms on-site. 402-444-5955, parks.cityofomaha.org 📄

STEVE HOGAN GOLF COURSE 6315 N. 30th St. – Rich with character and charm, this city course features lush fairways and true putting greens. Golfers will find a relaxed community atmosphere in the clubhouse and, if they're lucky, meet an old-time regular who enjoys spinning yarns about past games. 402-444-5900, parks.cityofomaha.org 📄

TACQUERIA TIJUANA 5139 S 24th St. 402-731-1281 🍷

TD AMERITRADE PARK OMAHA 1200 Mike Fahey St. – The ultimate destination for college baseball players who dream of The Road to Omaha and a chance to compete for college baseball's national championship. In addition to the College World Series, the new stadium provides numerous sports and entertainment opportunities throughout the year, including professional and collegiate baseball, outdoor concerts and special events. 402-342-4446, tdameritradeomaha.com 📄

THE BERRY & RYE 1105 Howard St. The Berry & Rye finds inspiration in Pre-Prohibition era-drinks, yet approaches its cocktails from an experimental, contemporary & culinary perspective. Stop by and immerse yourself in this unique atmosphere. 402-613-1331, theberryandrye.com 📄

THE CORNERSTONE MANSION 140 N. 39th St. – Omaha's only traditional bed and breakfast, located along the city's historic Gold Coast. Built for the Offutt family in 1894, this home offers seven uniquely appointed guest rooms and space on the main floor for small events. Choose from rooms with fireplaces, a sleeping porch, claw-footed tubs and more. Visit our website for photos and descriptions of our accommodations. Don't miss this chance to enjoy the elegance of yesteryear married with the convenience of today. 402-558-7600, CornerstoneMansion.com 📄

THE DURHAM MUSEUM 801 S. 10th St. – Enjoy permanent exhibits including restored train cars, 1940's storefronts, numerous artifacts showcasing the history of the region, the Byron Reed collection and an original soda fountain. Impressive temporary exhibition's through The Durham's affiliation with the Smithsonian and close ties with the Library of Congress, National Archive and Chicago's Field Museum. Open Tue, 10am-8pm; Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 1-5pm. Also open June-Aug & Dec, Mon, 10am-5pm. Closed major holidays. Admission: \$11 adults, \$8 seniors, \$7 ages 3-12, members free. 402-444-5071, durhammuseum.org 🏠

THE GREY PLUME 220 S. 31st Ave Suite 3101 – The Grey Plume focuses on seasonality and sustainability. We change our menu often, basing our cuisine on local farmer's supply. When possible we preserve produce from Nebraska and the region at harvest for the winter months. The Grey Plume works in partnership with The Green Restaurant Association and is the first and only Certified Green Restaurant in Nebraska. Enjoy the comfortably elegant dining atmosphere for dinner. 402-763-4447, thegreyplume.com 🍴

THE ROSE THEATER 2001 Farnam St. One of the oldest and largest children's theaters in America. The Rose Theater is committed to enriching the lives of children and families through live theater and arts education. Season runs Sep-June, Fri, 7pm; Sat, 2 & 5pm; Sun, 2pm. Admission: \$18 for regular season shows, \$20-\$25 for premium shows. 402-345-4849, rosetheater.org 🏠

THE WAITING ROOM LOUNGE 6212 Maple St. – 402-884-5353, waitingroomlounge.com 🏠

TOWL LAKE 9310 W Center Rd. 402-444-5900 🏠

UPSTREAM BREWING COMPANY - OLD MARKET 514 South 11th St. – Upstream Brewing Company has become renowned for its excellent food, great beer, and friendly service. Our menu of new American pub fare includes: Omaha's best appetizers and thin-crust pizzas, hand cut steaks, fresh fish flown in daily, pasta dishes, salads, sandwiches and more. The bar features 14 varieties of our handcrafted beers and root beer on tap along with a wide assortment of spirits and wines. Upstream is housed in a two story, 110-year old renovated firehouse in Omaha's Old Market. Large parties are welcome with multiple options for seating large groups. 402-344-0200, upstreambrewing.com 🍴

UPSTREAM BREWING COMPANY AT LEGACY 17070 Wright Plaza – Upstream

Brewing Company has become renowned for its excellent food, great beer, and friendly service. Our West Omaha location sets the same standards as our Old Market flagship. Our menu of new American pub fare includes: Omaha's best appetizers and thin-crust pizzas, hand cut steaks, fresh fish, pasta dishes, salads, sandwiches and more. The bar features 14 varieties of our handcrafted beers and root beer on tap along with a wide assortment of spirits and wines. Large parties are welcome with multiple options for seating large groups. 402-778-0100, upstreambrewing.com 🏠

VARSITY SPORTS CAFE & ROMAN COIN PIZZA 9735 Q St. – We're in your neighborhood! Serving up the best pizza, coldest brews & sporting events at four locations near you. 402-339-1944, varsityromancoinpizza.com/ 🍴

VISIT OMAHA - OMAHA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU 1001 Farnam St. Discover a new take on the road trip and plan an Omaha getaway. Look at a fresh new meeting destination in a city filled with hidden gems. Take a break from the weekday menu with the distinctive flavors Omaha's dining scene has to offer. Enjoy shopping in a place filled with boutiques and quirky shops. And lift your glass to the weekend, because when the sun goes down Omaha's nightlife heats up. Visit Omaha makes it easy to find fun things to do—just look for the giant blue push pins marking 15 top Omaha attractions. 402-444-4660, visitomaha.com 🏠

WEST OMAHA KOA/NE LINCOLN KOA 14601 US Hwy 6 – Full hookup sites and cabins available. Reservations encouraged. 402-332-3010, koa.com 🚐

WESTWOOD HEIGHTS 12929 W. Center Rd. – This course is mostly flat and has few hazards except for the aptly dubbed Hell's Creek, which traverses the length of the course and comes into play on three holes for wild slicers and on one hole for those with a nasty hook. 402-444-4658, parks.cityofomaha.org 🏠

ZORINSKY LAKE 156th and F Sts – One of Omaha's most popular lakes. Fishing and boating areas surrounded by picnic areas, trails, wide-open spaces and ball fields. 402-444-5955, parks.cityofomaha.org 🏠

ORD ANDERSON ISLAND East Hwy 70 Anderson Island is located directly east of Ord on Highway 70, on the southeastern edge of the North Loup River. Anderson Island provides access for swimming, canoeing, tubing, bird watching or relaxing on a sand-bottom river. Easily one of the most underrated places to relax in the area. 308-728-7779 🏠

ANDERSON PHARMACY AND HALLMARK GOLD CROWN STORE 1429 M St. – We are a full service independent pharmacy and Hallmark Gold Crown Store. Come visit our store and check out our Hallmark ornaments and cards as well as our many fun and unique items we carry. 308-728-5922 🏠

AUBLE'S POND 24th & G Streets – Auble's Pond is a majestic destination in the heart of Ord. A paved two-mile hike/bike trail circles the pond and makes it way through a canopy of trees on the north edge of the pond. The docks on the pond make it a perfect location for an afternoon of fishing and the covered picnic space offers great shade and picnic accommodations. Auble's Pond is located next to paved camper pads and the other amenities of Bussell Park. 308-728-5791, OrdNebraska.com 🏠

BUSSELL PARK 24th & G Streets – Located in the heart of Ord and serves as a hub for tourist recreation and family activities. Bussell Park includes playground equipment, tennis courts and sand volleyball court and is located adjacent to baseball and softball fields, the Ord Golf Course, outdoor swimming pool and Aubles Pond. Auble's Pond features a paved hike/bike trail and is a great spot for fishing. RV and camper hookups available in Bussell Park on a first-come, first-served basis. 308-728-5791 🏠

EVELYN SHARP AIRFIELD North Hwy 11 – The Airport was named after Evelyn Sharp who graduated from Ord High School in 1937. She was the youngest person in the U.S. to earn a transport license to fly a plane. During World War II she enlisted in the Women's Airforce Service Pilots and transported repaired planes, from coast to coast. She was killed taking off from a Pennsylvania airport in 1944 and was buried in Ord. In March of 2010, Sharp was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, recognizing her pioneering spirit in aviation. Today, the airfield serves agricultural purposes and is a historic attraction. 308-728-3913, OrdNebraska.com 🏠

KINDERGARTEN PARK 17th & O Streets Kindergarten Park is a park perfect for children. Here you'll find a skate-park, playground equipment and basketball courts. 308-728-5791, OrdNebraska.com 🏠

NORTH LOUP RIVER North Edge of Ord The North Loup River is a spring-fed, sand-bottomed river that runs through a basin that covers nearly one-fifth of Nebraska. The river flows directly east of Ord and can be accessed at Anderson Island. The North Loup River serves as a water trail for canoeing, kayaking and simply splashing around in the water on a hot summer day. 308-728-7875, OrdNebraska.com 🏠

ORD SWIMMING POOL 24th & J Streets
The Ord Swimming Pool provides a great place to cool off during blistering summer days for people of any age. Hours of operation from late May through August are 1:00 - 5:00 pm and 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Monday through Saturday. 308-728-7779, OrdNebraska.com 📍

REX & DEB'S RIVER LODGE 47563 815th Rd. – An elegant lodge and a haven of peacefulness will not be the only things you experience when you stay at Rex and Deb's; you may also see deer splashing across the river, eagles soaring, geese returning to rest after a day of feeding in the surrounding fields, beautiful sunsets, sunrises, and beautiful starry skies! Then there are the Hot Breakfasts to feast upon! This Bed and Breakfast is on the North Loup River and only minutes away from Ord, Burwell, Calamus Lake, Sherman Reservoir, and 3 golf courses. Vacationing or business trip your stay will be one you will not forget! 308-728-3990, rexanddeb.com 📍

SCRATCHTOWN BREWING COMPANY 141 South 16th St. – Nestled in the scenic North Loup River Valley, Scratchtown Brewing Company brews and serves a variety of handcrafted, local beer that prides itself on simplicity and Nebraska Sandhills water. Our mission is to craft a local beer culture that celebrates the wonderful variety of beers while building a viable industry in rural Nebraska. Join our passionate crew at the brewery where we always brew with a nod to the heritage of our home. 308-728-5050, scratchtownbrewingcompany.com 📍

THE SHEPHERDS' INN B&B 46919 814 Rd. – Enjoy a stay in this cozy, quiet Victorian home with all the amenities. 308-728-3306, bbonline.com/ne/shepherd 📍

VALLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE 125 South 15th St. – The historic Valley County Courthouse is the focal point of the downtown square in Ord. The green space provides an ideal atmosphere for community events and the architectural design, inside and out, is certainly noteworthy. 308-728-3700, OrdNebraska.com 📍

VALLEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 801 S St. – The Valley County Fairgrounds is home to the Valley County Fair, Loup Valley Livestock Challenge, Valley County Home & Ag Expo. The outdoor arena offers space for various rodeo and 4H events throughout the year and the insulated indoor area provides a wonderful alternative in case of inclement weather. 308-728-5071, valleycountyfairgrounds.com 📍

VALLEY FIRE ESPRESSO 1620 L St. – We are a small espresso shop, in Ord, on the edge of the beautiful sandhills. We serve coffee and espresso beverages made from

beans roasted right here in Valley County. We also have tea, shakes and smoothies. 308-728-1449 ☕

OSCEOLA FIELDS AND FRILLS 246 North State St. – Small town offers a lot with this quaint boutique! We carry women's clothing and accessories. There is also a great variety of foods made in Nebraska in our Grow Nebraska room. We also have a vendors room that is filled with various items from local home-based businesses. At this time it is filled with refurbished items, home decor, purses, bags and candles. We make gift baskets and gift certificates are available also. We have fun ladies events with giveaways, snacks, beverages and specials. Stop by and browse our store! 402-649-7596 or 402-942-3735 📍

PALMYRA GLACIAL TILL VINEYARD 344 S. 2nd Rd. – Family-owned and operated vineyard in southeast Nebraska. Tour the vineyard and winery facility or enjoy tastings of limited reserve wines. This is a rare green zone vineyard, meaning the number of guests touring the property on a daily basis is limited. Schedule your visit today! Fee for tastings. 402-610-3068, glacialtillvineyard.com 📍

PAPILLION BELLEVUE BERRY FARM & PUMPKIN RANCH 11001 S. 48th St. – We are not just a U-pick farm, we are a country experience. Guests will see farm antiques, livestock and crops, as well as unique play areas patterned after what life was like for kids 40-100 years ago. We offer hayrides through 20 acres of woods along the old papio creek bed. The farm offers strawberry and vegetable picking as well as the Great Pumpkin Roundup! The ranch hosts different festivals from Spring-Fall. We have beautiful wedding venues and love hosting corporate and family events. All the food is prepared and cooked on-site to accommodate festivals and events. 402-331-5500, bellevueberryfarm.com/ 📍

CHOCOLATERIE STAM - PAPILLION 7474 Towne Center Pkwy #123 Shadow Lake Towne Center – Experience a 100+ year Dutch tradition of fresh cream, fruit, caramel and nut filled chocolate bonbons at Chocolaterie Stam - Papillion. Owners Suzi and Chad Bonnett invite you to enjoy fine European chocolates, licorice, coffee drinks, the best hot chocolate, and house made gelato (Italian style ice cream). 402-933-7826, stamchocolate.com ☕

NEBRASKA BREWING COMPANY 7474 Towne Center Pkwy #101, Shadow Lake Towne Center, 7474 Towne Center Pkwy, Ste 101 – At Nebraska Brewing Company, it is our mission to serve you with style. We have the perfect casual dining atmosphere,

a wonderful full menu and of course, the craft beers that will bring you back again and again. Think of the brewpub as 3 little environments: The full bar complete with bar chairs and individual tables; the front and rear dining areas where you'll be able to find a bit more private space; and the elevated mezzanine where you're able to dine in comfort. In warmer months, we also have a large patio for outdoor dining. 402-934-7100, nebraskabrewingco.com 📍

PAPIO FUN PARK 210 E. Lincoln St. – Enjoy a variety of activities for all ages, including go-karts, mini-golf, lazer runner, batting cages, arcade, water wars, concessions and more. Summer hours: daily, noon-10pm. Winter hours: Fri, 4-10pm; Sat, noon-10pm; Sun, noon-6pm. Admission. 402-592-5671, papiofunpark.com 📍

PAPIO GREENS GOLF CENTER 11050 S 66th St. – Located ½ mile North of Hwy 370 and ½ mile South of Cornhusker Rd on 66th St in Papillion, Papio Greens is one of the Premier 18-Hole Par 3 Courses in the Midwest. We also offer the only Aqua Driving Range in the area. That's right! Drive your next bucket of balls into our 4.5 acre pond and enjoy hitting a ball into the water for the first time. Looking for something to do with the whole family? Try one of two 18-Hole Miniature Golf Courses. You read correctly! That's 36 Holes of Miniature Golf and we offer an Unlimited Golf Rate. 402-331-4621, papiogreens.com 📍

PRAIRIE QUEEN LAKE Cornhusker Rd. 📍

WALNUT CREEK LAKE 11601 S 96th St 402-597-2043 📍

WALNUT CREEK LAKE AND RECREATION AREA 9902 Schram Rd. I-80 Exit 439, E. 5 mi., 1 mi. S. at Jct NE Hwy 370 & 96th St - This 105-acre reservoir is the centerpiece of a rustic 450-acre park. Beautiful area for fishing, hiking, biking, nature study, picnicking, RV camping and other recreational activities. Open daily, 6am-10pm. Camping fee: \$16/night. 402-592-8877, papillion.org 📍

WERNER PARK, HOME OF THE OMAHA STORM CHASERS 12356 Ballpark Way The Omaha Storm Chasers are the Triple-A Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals and play at Werner Park. The Storm Chasers present 72 Home games a year that feature Post-Game Fireworks & Concerts, In-Game Promotions & Giveaways, and Ballpark highlights like the Centris Family Fun Zone, the Borsheims Diamond and more. Werner Park also hosts special events including Charity Walks & Runs, Beerfest, Free Movie Nights, Royals Watch Parties, free Halloween and Christmas-themed events, the State High School Baseball Championships and Division I Baseball games. 402-738-5100, omahastormchasers.com 📍

PARKS

ROCK CREEK STATE FISH HATCHERY

2.5 miles N. of Rock Creek Lake – Open year-round, daily, 8am-4:30pm. 308-423-2080, outdoornebraska.gov/hatcheries/ 

SAGE HILL VINEYARD & WINERY 32621 Rock Creek Rd. – Tasting room and gift shop offering wine, Nebraska products and more. Open Thu-Mon, 1-6pm. 308-423-9463, sagehillvineyard.com 

WINEMAKER'S LOFT 32621 Rock Creek Rd. – Country comfort with room for 6. Close to wildlife, fishing and fish hatchery. Full kitchen with all the amenities overlooking a 2-acre vineyard. 308-423-2062, sagehillvineyard.com 

PAWNEE CITY

ADOBE GRILL

625 G St. Specializing in American and Mexican food. 402-852-3132 

AMISH COUNTRY 71070 Highway 50 The area around Pawnee City is becoming known as “Amish Country,” due to the numerous Amish families that have settled here. They have opened several businesses and occasionally open their homes to provide meals for bus tours. 402-852-3131, pawneecountynebraska.com 

CREATIVE THOUGHTS 626 6th St. – FTD florist. Fresh floral arrangements. Unique and creative gifts, jewelry, and home decor. 402-852-2881 

HEAVENLY TREASURES 700 9th St. “The best little quilt store this side of Heaven” is our motto. In an old church built in 1905 we have over 8000 bolts of quilting fabric, notions, books, patterns, yarns and craft items. We have wonderful music playing and a friendly staff to help you with your next project. We have a computerized quilting machine to complete projects we sell in the store and for our customers. Come enjoy our bright colored projects and get inspired to make a project of your own. 402-852-2270, heavenlytreasurespc.com 

IRON HORSE TRAIL LAKE 1 Iron Horse Lake Rd. – A 360-acre recreation area with 85-acre lake. Handicapped-accessible boat dock. 402-335-3325, nemahanrd.org 

MY BLUE HEAVEN 1041 5th St. – A 1920s home decorated with antique furnishings, quilts and handcrafted items. 402-852-3131, nebraskabb.com 

PARKSIDE CAFE 601 4th – Sandwiches, burgers, salads, and more, all served in a cozy cafe atmosphere. 402-852-8422 

PAWNEE CAFE 1021 F St. – Located next to the Pawnee Inn, the Pawnee Cafe serves home-cooked breakfasts and lunch. 402-852-2002 

PAWNEE CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM 529 P St. – View 25,000 items in 22 buildings. Exhibits include Dan Whitney's (Larry the Cable Guy's) barn, experimental airplane, library, genealogy research center and the home of Nebraska's first governor. Winter hours: Thursday from 10am to 12noon and 1 to 4pm. Admission: \$5 adults, children under 12 are free. Partially handicapped accessible. 402-852-3131, pawneecountyhistory.com 

PAWNEE CITY POST OFFICE MURAL

715 G St. – Titled “The Auction,” the painting in the Pawnee City Post Office was created in 1942 by Ken Evett as part of the NewDeal programs such as the Public Works of Art Project and the WPA Federal Art Project. It was the last of 12 murals commissioned between 1938 and 1942 by the Treasury Department. 402-852-2097, pawneecountynebraska.com 

PAWNEE CITY SUBWAY 626 6th St. Subway restaurant across from the north side of the court house in Pawnee City. Includes Goodrich ice cream and Waffle Cone Wednesday special. Closed on Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving. 402-852-2120 

PAWNEE CITY WALKING TOUR 624 G St. – The buildings around the courthouse square in Pawnee City date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, earning the commercial district a place on the National Register of Historic Places. Stop by the Tourism office and pick up a self-guided tour map. 402-852-2444, pawneecountynebraska.com 

PAWNEE INN 1023 F St. Refrigerators, microwaves, VCRs, movies. 402-852-2238 

PEDAL CLINIC 701 I St. – Tour this unique display features more than 450 pedal cars, tractors, airplanes, and other toys. The items were collected by Bill and Elsie Sunneberg, and they are displayed in a former church. Call for a tour. 402-852-2655, pawneecountynebraska.com 

SCHILLINGBRIDGE WINERY & MICROBREWERY 62193 710th Rd. Nebraska's first farm winery and microbrewery combination! Whether its wine, craft beer, signature cocktails or unique beer and wine infused menu items on Fri and Sat evenings, SchillingBridge elevates the level of gastronomy and imbibing! Tasting room, production area and banquet facility. Open year-round, Sun & Thu, 1-6pm; Fri-Sat, noon-9pm. 402-852-2400, schillingbridgewinery.com 

PAXTON

OLE'S BIG GAME STEAKHOUSE & LOUNGE I 80 Exit 145 – There's a treasure awaiting you at Paxton. At the I-80 exit

145, you'll find everything you need to enjoy a comfortable, interesting, downright pleasurable stop on your road to anywhere. It all comes under the heading of Ole's. Ole's Big Game Steakhouse and Lounge in downtown Paxton has been known for six decades as a place where good friends gather, enjoy each other's company, grab a bite to eat and spin a yarn or two. More than 200 big game trophies and countless mementos of Ole's worldwide safaris make this visit to history and adventure a treat for the whole family. 308-239-4500, olesbiggame.com 

PENDER

BLUE OX RV PARK One Mill Rd, Industrial Park – Pull-in and back-in sites, 50-amp electric sites available. 402-385-3232, blueox.com/bx-r-ParkReservation.aspx 

CROSSROADS LODGE 600 S. 4th St. CrossRoads Lodge is a new motel that just opened in June 2015. We have 10 rooms located conveniently along highway 9 in Pender. 402-385-3075 

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF THURSTON COUNTY 500 Ivan St. – Stroll through this 1905 prairie home. Open May-Oct; Mon, Wed & Fri, 1-4pm. Also open Nov-Apr; Mon & Fri. Free. 402-922-0289 

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK 614 Main St. – A gathering place to thank, honor and celebrate the lives of all who have served and are still serving our country. Free. 402-385-2235 

PERU

PERU STATE COLLEGE - LIBRARY 600 Hoyt St. – Peru State's Campus of a Thousand Oaks is nestled in the hills of historic southeast Nebraska on the Missouri River. The College offers a mix of innovative online and traditional classroom undergraduate and graduate programs, including online graduate degrees in education and organizational management. Nebraska's first college, established in 1867 as a teacher training school, has transformed into a state-of-the-art institution offering diverse, multifaceted educational programs to around 2,400 students. 402-872-2311, peru.edu/ 

PIERCE

WILLOW CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA 1 ½ mi. SW of Pierce – Scenic Willow Creek State Recreation Area draws its name from the meandering stream that feeds the Elkhorn River in Northeast Nebraska. The 1,633-acre area includes a 700-acre flood control reservoir with excellent fishing opportunities. The area also boasts picnicking, camping, boating and an 8-mile limestone hike/bike trail. 402-329-4053, outdoornebraska.gov/willowcreek/ 

PLATTSMOUTH

CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

646 Main St.
Tells the history of Cass County since settlement in 1854. Open Apr-Oct, Tue-Sun, noon-4pm; Nov-Mar, Tue-Sat, noon-4pm. Admission: \$2.50 adults, free for members and children under age 12. 402-296-4770, casscountynemuseum.org 📍

FAIRWAYS RESTAURANT AT LAKE

RIDGE GOLF COURSE 1536 Country Club Cir. – Everyone can enjoy the ambiance, personal service and great cuisine that is with every meal or event. Call for reservations and information. Fairways menu is on the course's website. Play Cass County Keno here along with Darts, a Jukebox and Karaoke available in the Lounge. 402-235-4653, lake-ridgegolf.com 🍷

LAKE RIDGE GOLF COURSE 1536 Country Club Cir. – This scenic, par-36, 9-hole golf course with large greens and inward-sloping fairways-while a perfect place for the novice golfer-challenges the more experienced player. 402-235-4653, lake-ridgegolf.com 📍

PARMELE HOUSE B&B 520 Ave F – Your special memories begin here. Just 25 minutes from Omaha's Eppley Airport. Off street parking available. 402-296-0525, parmelehouse.com 📍

RIVER HOUSE SODA FOUNTAIN, CAFE, AND ANTIQUES 402 Main St. – 402-296-4949, riverhousecafe.com/ 🍷

PONCA

PONCA STATE PARK 88090 Spur 26E
Located in the northeast corner of Nebraska on the bluffs of the Missouri River, Ponca State Park strives to be a beautiful nature resource and an inviting place to visit, explore, play and stay. Ponca State Park is filled with things to do and many lodging options. Whether it's a family reunion or wedding reception, conference rooms are available for rent. 31 cabins sit in the park for lodging needs and there are over 70 electric campsites and more than 40 primitive tent sites. A swimming pool, horseback riding, kayaking, and many activities are available. 402-755-2284, outdoornebraska.gov 📍

POTTER

POINT OF ROCKS MOTEL & RV PARK 8175 US Hwy 30 – Full-service RV park and campground in a beautiful country setting. 308-879-4400, facebook.com/point.of.rocks.motel.campground 📍

POTTER DUCKPIN BOWLING

326 Chestnut St. – The Potter Duckpin Bowling Alley is the furthest open alley west of the Mississippi and perhaps the last handset lanes in the country. Come tour the alley and enjoy the rare sport of duckpin bowling, the history, family fun, a place to stretch your

legs and get active. The alley can be rented for only \$25 an hour and if you want to stay longer four hours is only \$50! Bring your own pin setter and have fun. Proceeds are used in further historic restoration of the building and lane maintenance. 308-879-4451, facebook.com/potterduckpinbowling 📍

READING GARDEN ARBORETUM

333 Chestnut St. – Jct of Sherman & Chestnut Sts
More than a dozen species of trees. Covered pavilion and rose garden. Open year-round. Free. 308-879-4400, potterne.com 📍

RALSTON

GUSTO CUBAN CAFE 7910 Harrison St.
402-614-7800, gustocubancafe.com/ 🍷

LATINO LEGACY 7755 L St. – Hours:
Tuesday: Closed Mon - Sat: 10 am - 8:00 pm
Sun: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm 402-502-2701 🍷

RAGAZZI'S PIZZA 5170 S 72nd St. – We offer delicious thin crust pizza with a sweet homemade sauce topped with smoked provolone. We also feature great salads, sandwiches, pasta and a great assortment of appetizers. Our guests will receive great quality, value, and hospitality. 402-502-4200, ragazzi-pizza.com 🍷

RALSTON ARENA 7300 Q St. – Owned by the City of Ralston, Ralston Arena is a state of the art facility built to host topnotch events in a first-class environment. The venue is a multi-faceted facility that is not only home to the IFL's Omaha Beef, but it also sets the stage for a variety of concerts and events. See website for schedules and facility details. 402-934-9966, ralstonarena.com 📍

RAVENNA

CEDAR HILLS VINEYARD & GARDENS 48970 375th Rd. – Come enjoy our fabulous 360-degree picturesque views of the beautiful South Loup River area while enjoying a fabulous glass of our 100% Nebraska fruit & grape wines in our tasting room or on our deck. Meals & special events will be posted here, on our website, and on our Facebook page. We also feature a guest house where your stay will include complimentary wine tasting and continental breakfast. Abundant wildlife viewing, birdwatching, and stargazing. Beautiful walking trails, lookout points, and gardens. 308-452-3181, cedarhillsvineyard.com 📍

CEDAR HILLS VINEYARD & GARDENS GUEST HOUSE

48970 375th Rd.
Enjoy beautiful 360 degree views of the South Loup River area. Abundant wildlife viewing, birdwatching, and stargazing. Our guest house includes a separate queen bedroom, full bathroom, full kitchen, and living room area with hide-a-bed and roll-away. Accommodates up to 5. \$100/night for two guests, \$10 for each additional guest.

Non-smoking, no pets allowed. Includes complimentary wine tasting and continental breakfast. 308-452-3181, cedarhillsvineyard.com 📍

RAYMOND

BRANCHED OAK STATE RECREATION AREA

12000 W. Branched Oak Rd. – An 1,800-acre lake with 14 access areas, 2 highly developed campgrounds and 7 primitive campgrounds. Swimming areas, boat ramps, picnic areas, fishing and hunting areas and concessions. Park permit required. Camping fee. 402-783-3400, outdoornebraska.gov/branchedoak/ 📍

JAMES ARTHUR VINEYARDS

2001 W. Raymond Rd. – Established in 1997, James Arthur Vineyards is nestled amidst 400-acres of rolling hills and natural prairie grasslands just north of Lincoln, near Raymond. The surrounding beauty creates a picturesque setting for the 8,000 square foot facility, which houses a beautiful tasting room, a gift shop and all the production facilities for the winery. James Arthur Vineyards produces a wide variety of award winning wines, all made from American cultivars and French hybrid grapes. Grown and produced in Nebraska, the winery offers the finest table wines. 402-783-5255, jamesarthurvineyards.com 📍

WINDCREST WINERY 3110 W. Branched Oak Rd. – One of Nebraska's newest wineries. 402-783-2875, windcrestwinery.com 📍

RED CLOUD

CATHER SECOND HOME 541 N. Seward St. – Visitors to Red Cloud are invited to book a stay with us at the Cather Second Home. Guests may rent the room that was Cather's, or the rooms of her parents and siblings. The entire home may also be rented for family retreats, meetings, and special occasions. The house, now owned and operated by the Willa Cather Foundation, is a retreat for guests. There are 6 cozy guest rooms and 2.5 baths. To make reservations, contact the Willa Cather Foundation by phone during office hours. Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. 402-746-2653, willacather.org 📍

GREEN ACRES MOTEL & RV PARK

791 US Hwy 281 – The Green Acres Motel and RV Park, offers a quiet, peaceful, and relaxing vacation experience. The Motel is comfortably furnished, and has coffee available in the lobby, along with high-speed Internet access. With 17 units, it caters to the tourist, hunters, and construction crews. The RV Park features pull-through campsites in a country setting. Full hookups available. With a service friendly staff, the Green Acres, is a wonderful place to stay, whether you're here on business, or pleasure. 402-746-2201 📍

RED CLOUD OPERA HOUSE

411 N. Webster St. – The historic 1885 Red Cloud Opera House is where Pulitzer Prize-winning

novelist Willa Cather attended performances and gave her high school graduation speech. Today, the Red Cloud Opera House is fully restored and is home to an art gallery, bookstore, and boasts an active performance and events schedule. From live music and theatrical performances to book signings and art exhibitions, the Red Cloud Opera House serves as an arts and cultural hub for south-central Nebraska. The Red Cloud Opera House is closed for major holidays. 402-746-2641, willacather.org 🏠

STARKE ROUND BARN 1639 U.S. 136 With its circular frame design, this barn is the largest of its type in the country. Constructed in 1902, it is 3 stories tall and listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. Donation. Call ahead to schedule entry or a tour. 402-746-3238 🏠

THE RED CLOUD BED & BREAKFAST AT THE KALEY HOUSE 909 N. Seward St. – Enjoy a stay in this fully restored and modernized 1886 Victorian home. 402-746-3989, redcloudbb.com 🏠

WEBSTER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM 721 W. 4th Ave. – A beautiful classical revival style mansion, the museum depicts the heritage of the early settlers of the county during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Built in 1907 by Dr. Robert Damerell with 21 rooms then enlarged by second owner, J.W. Auld to 30 rooms. The museum features the house, a farm implement building as well as an Exhibit building. The Museum hosts an Annual Festival of Trees the first Saturday of December through the second Sunday of December from 1-6 p.m. daily. The Museum is open April 1 - October 31 from 1-5 p.m. Closed on Mondays & some holidays. 402-746-2444 🏠

WILLA CATHER MEMORIAL PRAIRIE 5 mi. S. of Red Cloud – A botanical treasure of 612 acres of native Nebraska prairie, the Willa Cather Memorial Prairie has nearly 2 miles of walking and hiking trails cut and open for the public. Nature lovers enjoy areas of tall grass, short grass, flowers, shrubbery and take in the scenic beauty of the landscape. The prairie is also home to a variety of bird species and is recognized as a Nebraska Birding Site. Bird-watchers view meadowlarks, upland sandpipers, wood ducks, blue-winged teals, blue birds, assorted sparrows, grouse and more. Free. 402-746-2653, willacather.org 🏠

WILLA CATHER STATE HISTORIC SITE 413 N. Webster – The Willa Cather Nebraska State Historic Site is dedicated to celebrating the life, work, and times of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Willa Cather. Guided educational tours of Willa Cather's childhood home and other historic buildings related to her life and writings are available throughout the year. Visitors can tour seven restored historic buildings including: the Burlington Depot, Grace Episcopal Church, St. Juliana

Falconieri Catholic Church, the Garber Bank, the Harling House, the Red Cloud Opera House and Cather's childhood home. Closed for major holidays. 866-731-7304, willacather.org 🏠

REPUBLICAN CITY

CEDAR RUN ATV TRAIL S. of dam at Harlan County Lake – Family-friendly 470-acre park of off-road vehicle trails open to ATVs, dirtbikes and snowmobiles. Open sunrise-sunset. Free. DOT approved helmets are required for all riders. Call before you haul. 308-799-2105 🏠

HARLAN COUNTY DAM PLAYHOUSE 102 Berrigan Rd. – Quality live theatrical performances and related arts events May-Aug. Admission varies. 308-799-3093, harlancountyplayers.webs.com 🏠

HARLAN COUNTY LAKE Harlan County This reservoir offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities including fishing, hunting, boating, hiking and sightseeing. Project lands operated by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; state park permit not required. Active boat ramps provide access to Nebraska's second largest lake. Permit required for boat launch. Upgraded electrical sights and group shelters available. Camping fee. 308-799-2105, nwk.usace.army.mil 🏠

STONE'S COUNTRY CABIN 70208 T Rd. Fully furnished cabin located just minutes from Harlan County with central air/heating, Dish TV and picnic site. 308-799-4475, harlancountymeatprocessors.com 🏠

ROCA

WUNDER ROOST B&B 14817 S. 25th Enjoy the sunsets from a second-floor perch on this century-old farm. 402-430-9130, wunderroost.com 🏠

WUNDERROSA WINERY 2361 Wittstruck Rd. – We are one of 25 wineries in Nebraska located just minutes South of Lincoln off Hwy 77 at Wittstruck Road. We have a beautiful view of the Lincoln skyline and surrounding fields. A great place to enjoy entertainment, good wine and conversation with friends. We offer UNL summer sausage, Jisa cheese, bread, crackers for snacking. 402-328-3494, wunderrosawinery.com 🏠

ROYAL

ASHFALL FOSSIL BEDS STATE HISTORICAL PARK 86930 517 Ave. The Great Plains were blanketed with a fall of volcanic ash nearly 12 million years ago. This unique park contains the fossil skeletons of animals that died at a watering hole following that massive eruption. The fossil bed has been uncovered and left in place for public viewing. Declared a National Natural Landmark. Visitor center, exhibits and trails. Open Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day, Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun, 11am-5pm.

Limited hours in May, Sep & Oct. Special arrangements can be made for tour or school groups. Park permit required. Admission: \$5 ages 3 and up. 402-893-2000, outdoornebraska.gov/ashfall/ 🏠

GROVE LAKE BAIT SHOP AND RV PARK

86561 519th Ave. – Shower house and sites with electrical hookups. Bait Shop open year round carrying a full line of live bait, tackle, ice, beer, and snacks. Owner Randy Erb is a chainsaw carver. His shop is right next to the bait shop with many unique sculptures available to see and purchase. randyerbcarvings.com 🏠

SARGENT

AMISH LIFESTYLE FURNITURE 306 West Jesse St. – We travel to Minnesota and Iowa where we purchase Amish made furniture and items directly from the Amish who we have a personal relationship with. If our customer is interested, we can explain the lifestyles, beliefs and ways of each of the Colonies that we are dealing with and how a piece of furniture is made. We have dining room furniture, bedroom furniture, living room furniture, toys, and other items in the store to purchase or we gladly special order to meet our customer needs. 308-750-4460, amishlifestylefurniture.com 🏠

COMSTOCK PREMIER LODGE LLC

81785 Rd 457 – This lodge and B&B in the Bohemian Alps, and on the edge of the Sandhills, offers 9 private rooms with a full bath in each room. The lodge provides premium beds, a lounge area and decks for guests. Elk hunting, Big Horn Cross sheep hunting, Merriam and Rio Turkey hunting, deer hunting, Pheasant hunting, Exotics and more. Enjoy bike riding, kayaking, boating, fishing, horse and four wheeler riding. You are welcome to bring your own recreational vehicles, boats or kayaks for the Calamus Reservoir that is 40 minutes away. We assume no liability for recreational accidents. 308-527-4199, comstocklodge.com/ 🏠

SHOP SARGENT

304 West Jesse St. Every third Saturday of the month, a group of friendly store owners are eager to meet your every antique, collectible and furniture need. Businesses open that day are Abbot Antiques, Amish Lifestyle Furniture, Earth Junk's Carriage House, The Cottage Chock-Full, The Five and Ten, The Livery Stable, Trotter's Whoa & Go, Truckload Collectibles and Middle Loup Store. Invest in the past, visit the Antique Capital of Nebraska on the 3rd Saturday of every month where treasures can be found. Pick up maps at Trotter's Whoa & Go and Amish Lifestyle Furniture. 308-527-3456, nebraskAntiques.com 🏠

THOMPSONS TREASURES ANTIQUES & UNIQUES 100 n Hiway 183 – Antiques & "uniques" from horse drawn covered wagons to marbles. Specializing in primitive farm antiques: windmills, pumps, signs, tools, galvanized, horse drawn equipment. We also

have hand tooled leather purses, vintage clothing, glassware, furniture, and more. Something for everyone! 308-750-9435, thompsonstreasuresinc.com 

SCHUYLER COBBLESTONE INN AND SUITES

2218 Colfax St. – 402-352-9968, staycobblestone.com 

SCHUYLER PARK 116 Colfax St. – Adjacent to city park, golf course, Mormon Trail, swimming pool and Oak Ballroom. 402-352-3101, schuylernebraska.net 

ST. BENEDICT CENTER AND BENEDICTINE MISSION HOUSE

1126 Rd I An architectural masterpiece decorated with unique artwork from around the world. The Benedictine Mission House serves as the development and education office for the Missionary Benedictines of St. Ottilien. St. Benedict Center is a non-profit, retreat and conference center where the Benedictines share their hospitality and spirituality with those who search for personal and spiritual growth. Individuals of all Christian denominations are welcome to enjoy the peaceful and quiet setting. Newly added guest rooms and expanded gift shop. Open year-round. Tours by appt. 402-352-8819, stbenedictcenter.com 

SCOTIA

HAPPY JACK PEAK AND CHALK MINE 801231 NE Hwy 11, 2 mi. S. of Jct NE Hwys 11 & 22 – More than 6,000 feet of honeycombed caverns. Features the only publicly accessible chalk room and pillar mine in North America. Spectacular view of North Loup Valley. Hiking and picnicking. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 10am-5pm; or by appt. Grounds open dawn-dusk. Admission to mine: \$6.50 adults, \$5.25 senior citizens and children ages 5-12, ages 4 & under free admission. Group rates available. Annual membership: \$45/family, \$15/single. Admission to grounds is free. Off season tours available by appointment. 308-245-3276, happyjackchalkmine.com 

ROCKIN' ROOSTER WINERY 80023 490th Ave. – A visit to Rockin Rooster Winery is your haven for scenic landscape, scrumptious food, and unique, flavorful wine. Located on the banks of the beautiful North Loup River, Rockin Rooster Winery is a family owned fruit winery. We specialize in old fashioned fruit wines that are sure to invigorate your taste buds. Homemade pizza highlights the down to earth and at home atmosphere that makes Rockin Rooster Winery special. We offer special reservations for company parties, birthday celebrations, bridal showers, and more! 308-245-3222, rockin-rooster.com 

SCOTTSBLUFF

18TH STREET FARMERS' MARKET 18th St. – Farmers' market downtown Scottsbluff every Saturday morning 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

June through September. Wide variety of vendors. Come shop and meet your farmers. 308-225-0822, 18thstreetfarmersmarket.wordpress.com 

BARN ANEW B&B COUNTRY RETREAT

3 mi. W. of Scottsbluff on Old Oregon Trail Rd. Renovated 100-year-old barn in a gracious country setting in the shadow of Scotts Bluff National Monument on the Oregon, California, and Pony Express Trails. We have four rooms with queen beds and private baths. Enjoy quiet mornings surrounded by nature. Just a few minutes from town, but a world apart. 308-632-8647, barnanew.com 

BLUE STEM SHOPPE 1818 Broadway Blue Stem is a unique home decor shoppe full of one-of-a-kind gifts, keepsakes and fun must-haves. Our beautiful early 1900s location in downtown Scottsbluff adds to our store's charm and fun atmosphere. With the Scottsbluff National Monument less than 10 minutes away and Chimney Rock only 20 minutes away, Blue Stem is a welcomed stop in between sight-seeing in beautiful Western Nebraska. Stop by when you are in town for fun furnishings, unique finds, ideas and inspiration to make your trip one to remember! 308-633-2021 

CAPPUCCINO AND COMPANY

1703 Broadway – A friendly and unique craft coffee shop in downtown Scottsbluff, serving handcrafted coffee and more! Specialty drinks, smoothies, Italian gelato, bakery items, all-day breakfast and lunch with Gluten Free options, local artwork and gifts! Stay a while or carry out; free wifi, event/catering options available. 308-635-9997, cappuccinoandcompany.com 

CAPRI MOTEL 2424 Ave I – Fresh brewed in-room coffee, airport transportation, refrigerators 308-635-2057 

COMFORT INN 1902 21st Ave. – In-room coffee, wireless internet access. 308-632-7510, choicehotels.com 

HAMPTON INN & SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER 301 W. US Hwy 26 – Conference center for over 400, free evening beverage reception Mon-Wed. 308-635-5200, hampton-inn.com 

REBECCA WINTERS' GRAVE 2 mi. E of Scottsbluff on Hwy 26 – Rebecca Winters was born in New York State in 1802 and was a pioneer in the Church of the Latter Day Saints. In June 1852, Rebecca, with her husband Hiram, joined others of the Mormon faith, in the great journey to Utah. Rebecca contracted cholera and died. A friend chiseled her name and the year on an iron wagon tire to mark her grave. In 1899, surveyors for the Burlington Railroad found the marker and changed the right-of-way for the railroad. The site was one of the more

famous historical locations along the Mormon Trail. 308-633-1808, VisitScottsBluff.com 

RIVERSIDE DISCOVERY CENTER 1600 S. Beltline Hwy W. – The zoo hosts 170 native & exotic animals from bison and swift fox to lions and tigers. You will find 16 species of rare & endangered animals for viewing. The 22 acre center also features a playground, petting zoo, splash pad, and dino dig. Agriculture is the focus of the Heritage Barn, home to heritage livestock breeds and the Don Steen Heritage Room displays taxidermy mounts of the forbearers of modern domestic livestock. Hours: May-October: 9:30-4:30; November-April: 10:00-3:30, weather permitting. Closed on major holidays and for the two weeks prior to Halloween. 308-630-6236, riversidediscoverycenter.org 

RIVERVIEW GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

100928 Cty Rd 19 – This Scottsbluff public course lies to the west of Scotts Bluff National Monument. Riverview has the distinction of having Nebraska's only floating driving range. If you like good golf and eye-pleasing scenery, you'll enjoy Riverview. 308-635-1555 

SAM & LOUIE'S 1552 Broadway – Sam & Louie's is a casual, New York style pizzeria. Our menu consists of more than just great pizza - Italian pastas, handmade calzones and strombolis, salads, appetizers, sandwiches and burgers all compliment the hand-tossed New York style pizza. Satisfy your sweet tooth with a scoop of ice cream from the Platte Valley Creamery. Sam & Louie's also offers a nice selection of beer and wine in a cozy, family friendly atmosphere. Located in downtown Scottsbluff. 308-633-2345, samandlouiespizza.com/ 

SUPER 8 MOTEL 2202 Delta Dr. – Free hi-speed wireless internet access. 308-635-1600, super8.com 

THE MIDWEST THEATER

1707 Broadway This is your invitation to experience something compelling, provocative and diverse at the theater. We constantly have a unique mix of powerful and passionate works in film, music, and theatre by some of the most innovative, influential and renowned artists from around the country. We are getting excited about our upcoming season, All Artists bring something very unique to the Midwest Theater. If you have yet to visit our wonderful theater, we encourage you to discover the magic of the Midwest Theater. Open year-round. Tours available by appt. 308-632-4311, midwesttheater.com 

TRAILS WEST CAMP 1918 S. Beltline Hwy W. – Located just down the road from the Riverside Discovery Center, our camp is nestled on the banks of the North Platte

River overlooking the Scotts Bluff National Monument. Whether you are interested in our summer camp programs, holding a business meeting, hosting a family reunion or planning a wedding, Trails West is the place to be! 308-635-2318, ymcaofscottsbluff.org/camp-lodging/ 

WEST NEBRASKA ARTS CENTER

106 E. 18th St. – A premier visual arts and cultural center featuring 11 exhibits each year by local, regional, and nationally known artists. The gallery is free and open to the public. Visual art gallery, gift shop, art classes, Missoula Children's Theater performances, special events and more. Open year-round, Tue-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat-Sun, 1-5pm. 308-632-2226, thewnac.com 

SCRIBNER

DEAD TIMBER STATE RECREATION AREA 227 County Road 12 – Legend has it that an Indian campfire burned out all the timber. This 200-acre area provides camping, fishing and hiking. 5 picnic shelters, 17 electric camp pads. Park permit required. Camping: \$7 tent, \$14 electric. 402-727-2922, outdoornebraska.gov/deadtimber/ 

SEWARD

BLUE VALLEY CAMPGROUND 946 S 6th St. – First come basis, reservations not available for sites. 402-643-3511, cityofsewardne.com 

BOTTLE ROCKET BREWING COMPANY

230 S. 5th St. We're a craft brewery that is devoted to creating great tasting beer. We brew our smooth tasting beers in a historic 1947 grain processing mill, located in downtown Seward. 402-304-5673, bottlerocketbrewing.com 

HEARTFELT CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL 115

Hillcrest Dr. – Children's Memorial Park is a place to honor and remember children who have been lost from our world to soon. Three brick walls, containing the etched children's names and messages, are the centerpiece. Art pieces and sculpture bring messages of hope and peace. The park, located on the campus of Concordia University, was designed to honor the memories of these children. The memorial is not only for children of the Seward community, but all of Nebraska, other states, and countries. An annual remembrance day is held the day before Memorial Day. heartfeltseward.org 

JUNTO VINEYARD & WINERY 1356 182nd St. – Located in the Garland Hills just east of Seward. 402-803-0587, juntowine.com 

LA RUCHE BED & BREAKFAST 1027 N. 2nd St. – This beautiful historic home is located just two blocks from Concordia University. Built in 1904 by the Cattle Bank family, the home features four guest rooms all with private baths. We are pleased to offer Classic Elegance, Modern Luxury

and Timeless Hospitality. 402-643-3037, laruchebandb.com 

NEBRASKA NATIONAL GUARD MUSEUM

201 N. 8th St. – At the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward, our mission is to collect, access, preserve, store, account for, de-militarize, and value historical artifacts and records for training, development, and interpretation of the Nebraska Army and Air National Guard and the state of Nebraska military history and heritage of its Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen. The museum's goal is to educate and "tell the story" to the members of the Army and Air Guard and the general public about the heritage of the Nebraska National Guard in times of peace and war. 402-309-8763, nengm.org/ 

RED PATH GALLERY AND TASTING

ROOM 514 Seward St. – Art Gallery, Wine, Craft Beer, Old Fashion Soda plus Meeting Room, Private Parties & Events by Appointment 402-540-6929, redpathgallery.com 

SEWARD AREA CHAMBER OF

COMMERCE 616 Bradford St. – The Seward Area Chamber of Commerce exists to promote and support new and existing business, to assist in economic development, and to cultivate communication and cooperation within the community and surrounding areas. 402-643-4189, sewardne.com/ 

T PARTY PLACE 430 Seward St – A nostalgic return to the past when ladies wore gloves and indulged in afternoon fancies. A fun place to gather: showers, birthdays, luncheons, tea for two, or just because. We'll work with you to make your event very special. Appropriate for ages 4 to 104. Come dressed up or you can dress up at the T Party Place. Advance arrangements are required for private events. Open for tea and scones the 15th of each month from 9:30-5:30. Reservations are not required but recommended to be sure you can be accommodated. (Handicap accessible—street level.) 402-641-0226 

THE OLDE GLORY THEATRE AND

COMMUNITY HALL 348 Jackson Ave. Historic venue for plays, concerts and a variety of events including the Goehner Centennial Players melodrama dinner theater held annually in late May and early June. 402-304-5392, oldeglorysewardne.com 

SHELTON

WAR AXE STATE RECREATION AREA I-80 Exit 291 – War Axe State Recreation Area comprises nine acres of land and a 16 acre lake just off Interstate 80. The area offers boating, fishing and picnicking, as well as non-powered boating. 308-468-5700, outdoornebraska.gov/waraxe/ 

SHICKLEY

MALLARD HAVEN WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREA

2 miles north of Shickley – Two miles north of Shickley, Mallard Haven Waterfowl Production Area covers 1,087 acres, including 633 acres of wetland and 454 acres of upland ground. Among the 5-7 million migrating each spring are Canadian snow geese, blue geese, ducks and seasonal bald eagles. Also a habitat for pheasants and quail. 402-759-4910, visitfillmorecounty.org 

SHICKLEY CAFE 213 N Market St. – Enjoy delicious homemade meals and smoked meats at Shickley's Cafe and Smokehouse in downtown Shickley. 402-627-2735, visitfillmorecounty.org 

STOCKHOLM SWEDISH LUTHERAN

CHURCH 2 and ½ miles West of Shickley National Register of Historic Places-Marker 399. The church, built in 1900 as a cost of \$3,549, has a 70-foot steeple and Gothic Revival detailing. Its red roof can be seen for miles. Inside hangs a large painting by Professor Oloaf Gratzstom. To view the inside of the church, please contact Eldon Benson. 402-759-4910 or 402-284-2317, visitfillmorecounty.org 

TUBE'S PUB & GRUB

223 N Market St. A great place to eat, try a variety of ice cold beers and meet friends. 402-627-2735, visitfillmorecounty.org 

SHUBERT

INDIAN CAVE STATE PARK 65296 720 Rd. – Park offers exceptional hiking and biking opportunities, horseback rides, boat ramp and RV camping. Living history of St. Derion in the park. Cross-country skiing and sledding in winter. Grounds open year-round for primitive camping and hiking. Museum and other facilities open Memorial weekend-Oct, 9am-5pm on the weekends for living history program. Horseback rides everyday during the summer and weekends thru Oct. On Fri and Sat nights the last three weekends of Oct enjoy haunted Hallow rides from Dusk-11pm. Park permit required. Camping fee charged. 402-883-2575, outdoornebraska.gov/indiancave/ 

SIDNEY

BEST WESTERN PLUS SIDNEY LODGE

645 Cabela Dr. – 308-254-0100, bestwestern.com/plussidneylodge 

CHEYENNE COUNTY VISITORS

CENTER 658 Glover Rd. – A warm and welcoming center to provide information to visitors and tourists to Western Nebraska and Cheyenne County. 308-254-4030, sidneycheyennecountytourism.com 

HILLSIDE GOLF COURSE

2616 Hillside Dr. The natural lay of the land creates several difficult, scenic holes, winding over and around several small bluffs in southern Sidney. The hillside holes have narrow, rolling

fairways filled with dips and undulations, and the holes that lie between the bluffs have long, narrow fairways bound by the bases of the bluffs. 308-254-2311, hillsdegolfcourse.com/ 🏡

LIVING MEMORIAL GARDENS 2200 Legion Park Rd. – This beautiful garden represents the role Sidney played in history and is home to Nebraska's first Angel of Hope Memorial. Legion Park houses the War Memorial commemorating veterans from all American wars, a 141-ft flagpole and one of the country's largest American flags. 308-254-4030 or 866-545-4030, sidneycheyennecountytourism.com 🏡

SOUTH SIOUX CITY COVINGTON LINKS 497 Golf Rd. – This course employs all its natural surroundings in an imaginative, demanding fashion. Towering trees and the mixed greens and rough create an unorthodox arrangement, ranking Covington as one of the most scenic, variety-filled courses in the state. 402-494-9841, covingtonsouthridgegolf.com 🏡

SPARKS PRAIRIE RIVER OUTFITTERS & SUNNY BROOK CAMP 41508 River Rd. – Year Round recreation on the Niobrara National River near Sparks/Valentine and Norden/ Springview just off the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway 12. Allow our staff to welcome you to newly remodeled cabin with full kitchen, dining and living area, shower, two bedrooms can sleep up to 5 individuals, or 10 bunking together. Adventurous 2-8hr float trips canoe, tube, or kayak rentals, transportation included to put in points upstream, landing at PRO & SBC. Not a floater, enjoy hiking, tour Smith Falls State Park, USFW Fort Niobrara Refuge, Niobrara River Valley Preserve. 402-376-1887, sunnybrookcamp.com 🚣

SUNNY BROOK CAMP & PRAIRIE RIVER OUTFITTER 41508 River Rd. – Call in advance for seasonal reservations. Family friendly, quiet, alcohol-free campground located on the Niobrara National Scenic River. Cabin, canoe, kayak, and tube rentals, rustic campground, elec rv camp sites. Free shuttles with vessel rentals all trips ending at Sunny Brook Landing. Located 1 mile upstream Rocky Ford Historic Bruce Mill. 402-376-1887, sunnybrookcamp.com 🚣

SPRAGUE BLUESTEM STATE RECREATION AREA 2 ½ mi. W. of Sprague – This 742-acre area has great spots for picnicking and camping, as well as a lake, making it a perfect place for a close-to-home getaway. Anglers especially enjoy Bluestem, which has a 325-acre lake. Picnicking, camping and other activities are also offered. 402-796-2362, outdoornebraska.gov/bluestem/ 🏡

SPRINGFIELD NEBRASKA WINE TOURS, LLC 13807 S 129th St. – The idea of taking customers on

wine tours in Nebraska has been brewing within us for the last three years. We have explored most of the wineries on the NE Wine Passport over the last eleven years. Now we want to share those experiences with others, who may not take the risk to plan out a trip on their own. We know that wine tours are popular in other parts of the country, and think that people would pay to tour 2-3 Nebraska wineries that we offer on a given tour. 402-431-2490, NebraskaWineTours.com 🏡

ROBIN'S NEST 101 W. Main St. – Robin's Nest has a little bit of everything and a lot of inspiration...think great junk, market finds, repurposed, repainted and upcycled! Also retailer of General Finishes products, including Java Gel Stain and Milk Paint... backroom open to public and full of great used projects just waiting to be finished by us or by you! Stop on in! 402-490-7754, robbobbin.wix.com/springrobinsnest 🏡

SPRINGFIELD ARTWORKS AND MARGIE TREMBLEY CHAPEAUX 183 Main St. A working studio and gallery featuring bold contemporary glass art, wearable art, etched glass, mixed media, surface design, jewelry and one of a kind hats. Classes available by appt. Open Mar-Oct, Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 10am-4:30pm. Also open Nov-Dec, Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 10am-4:30pm. Some Sun hours Nov-Dec. Closed Jan-Feb. Free. 402-301-9162, springfieldartworks.com 🏡

SPRINGVIEW SPRINGVIEW TOWN HOUSE 122 S. Linden St. – Fully furnished 2-bedroom house with all the comforts of home. Available by night or week. 402-497-3731, springviewtownhouse.sharepoint.com/Pages/default.aspx 🏡

THE SAWLE MILL, INC. 89748 US Highway 183 – The Sawle Mill has been cutting and milling Eastern Red Cedar since the 1970s. The nearby beautiful Niobrara river valley is filled with Pine and Cedar. Products include: Aromatic Cedar closet liner. Cedar and Pine paneling, live-edged siding and table slabs, fireplace mantels, Swedish flitch, beveled lap siding, flooring, deck boards, naturally durable sill plate, fence posts, rough-sawn lumber, mulch, shavings, Cattleman's Choice Cedar Fiber Animal bedding. Our mission is to provide customers with the Aromatic Cedar products they want. 402-497-3571, sawlemill.com 🏡

ST. JAMES ST. JAMES MARKETPLACE 89039 570th Ave. – St James Marketplace was formed in 2001 after the closing of our rural church. The Marketplace is housed in the former Sts. Philip and James Parochial School, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places. The Marketplace has won many prestigious awards. The Marketplace is open 10-5 every Saturday and Sunday from the first weekend in May thru the first weekend of Dec. and

has 60 plus artisans specializing in creative art, handmade crafts and fresh baked goods. Our annual celebration of Heritage Fest is held the last Sunday of September. 402-357-3357, stjamesmarketplace.com 🏡

ST. PAUL HOUSE OF MEMORIES 506 7th St. – If you like home cooking, this is the place for you. All meals are created daily from scratch. Check out our weekly lunch menus on our website. We are also open on evenings or weekends by reservations for groups of eight or more. A 24-hour prior notice is appreciated, but not always needed. 308-754-9183, houseofmemories.org 🏡

MILETTA VISTA WINERY 1732 US Hwy 281 – Our scenic beauty takes second place to customer care, wines of unparalleled quality and foods prepared in culinary excellence. Miletta Vista attracts customers from across the US and around the world, to enjoy a great food & wine experience. Located on US Hwy 281, 25 minutes north of Grand Island, we are open for wine tastings and lunches without reservation, Wed-Sun. Evening meals Friday and Saturday year round. 308-754-4416, milettavistawinery.com 🏡

MUSEUM OF NEBRASKA MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 619 Howard Ave. Displays of Nebraska Baseball Hall of Famers (G.C. Alexander, "Wahoo" Sam Crawford, Dazzy Vance, Bob Gibson, Richie Ashburn, Bill Southworth, Wade Boggs) plus other Nebraska players. Summer hours between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Sunday by appt. Donation. 308-754-5558, nebraskabaseballmuseum.com 🏡

NORTH LOUP STATE RECREATION AREA 7425 S US Hwy 281 – Day-use fishing area. Park permit required. Walk-in activities only mid-Sep thru May 1, sunrise to sunset. North Loup is a 13-acre area adjacent to the Loup River with 2 ponds totaling 7 acres. This area offers fishing, picnicking, a playground and primitive campsites. Ten primitive, non-electric campsites, non-motorized boating and fishing opportunities, and a picnic area with tables and grills allow visitors to enjoy a quiet stay or stop-in near the Loup River. 308-385-6211, outdoornebraska.gov/northloup/ 🏡

SWEET SHOPPE 605 Howard Ave. – Great food, breakfasts, lunches and more! Come see our extensive cookie jar collection. A Nebraska classic. We are located on Main Street in beautiful downtown St. Paul. We feature a buffet everyday except Saturday we proudly serve Breakfast - Lunch - and Dessert! We feature a full bakery with everything from cookies to donuts to breads and fresh baked pies! Oh Yes Did I mention COOKIE JARS. Over 1508 as of today! Stop in and browse while enjoying your meal or snack! 308-754-4900 🏡

STANTON

MASKENTHINE LAKE RECREATION

AREA 10 mi. E. of Norfolk – Located in the rolling hills of northeast Nebraska. 402-371-7313, lenrd.org/maskenthine-lake-recreation-area 

RED ROAD HERBS RETREAT & LEARNING CENTER LLC

57190 835th Rd. – Herbal classes, Nature retreats and special events are scheduled on-site from April through October. Rachel Lynn Liester, herbalist and Master Naturalist, invites you to visit her little haven of peace and tranquility tucked away in the rolling cuthills and patchwork farmland of Stanton County. Open by reservation and for public events. Grounds available for weddings, family gatherings and corporate retreats. 402-640-0744, redroadherbs.com 

STAPLETON

AUGUSTA WIND 1 mi. S. on US Hwy 83 This challenging, 9-hole course boasts watered greens and fairways, tee boxes, sand traps, natural rough and varied elevations including a deep canyon. For more information contact Gary Johnsen. 308-636-8900 

STATEWIDE

NEBRASKA LINCOLN HIGHWAY

HISTORIC BYWAY State-Wide – The Nebraska Lincoln Highway Historic Byway is Nebraska's portion of the Lincoln Highway – America's first transcontinental highway. Entering Nebraska across the Missouri River at Blair and crossing 450 miles through the state until it enters Wyoming west of Kimball, the Nebraska Lincoln Highway Historic Byway is Nebraska's longest byway. The Byway is made up of Highway 30, but there are many opportunities to drive on earlier authentic alignments of this historic road, including the brick section at Elkhorn, "stairsteps" in Dawso/Lincoln County. LincolnHighwayNebraskaByway.com 

STRANG

BUBBA'S ANYTIME 313 Main – 402-759-4840, visitfillmorecounty.org 

STRANG MUSEUM 6 blks off US Hwy 81 Housed in the former Hamilton Township Hall built in 1889. The hall was moved to town in 1984. During Strang's centennial year in 1986, the building was transformed into a museum. Standing on the grounds is a wooden windmill and steeple bell from the United Brethren Church. Open by appt. Donation. The historic Belle Prairie Township Hall, jail and Strang School are nearby. 402-759-0120, fillmorecounty.org 

STROMSBURG

BUCKLEY PARK CAMPGROUND South Highway 81 (110 Buckley Park) – Shaded, landscaped area close to business district. New pool opened in May 2012 with shower facilities. New playground equipment added September 2014. Sand volleyball, tennis

court, ball fields, and basketball courts as available. Sewer dump station, fire pit, and BBQ grills. Biking/hiking trail to downtown Stromsburg's unique shops. 402-764-2561, stromsburgnebraska.com 

THE ROSE COLORED GLASS 403

Commercial St. – The Rose Colored Glass features a tasting bar, tables and chairs, and comfortable overstuffed leather furniture next to a beautiful fireplace. The room can also be rented for meetings or parties. Bring your own food or check our menu for us to serve you. All of our wines come from Nebraska Wineries. Have a glass of your favorite wine or have fun tasting wines from 8 different wineries. We have tried to select wines from most areas of the state. Our tasting selection changes weekly, but your favorites are always available. 402-764-8299, therosecoloredglass.com 

SUPERIOR

CRAZY WOMAN LODGE, LLC 339 Rd 3550 – Remodeled log-sided barn in a beautiful woodland setting just 1 mile from the Republican River. Modern amenities in a rustic setting. Our lodge accommodations will suit travelers, families, businessman, construction workers, anyone wanting a quiet retreat. 402-879-5757, crazywomanlodge.us 

LINCOLN PARK CAMPGROUND 840 W. 4th St. – Lincoln Park is on the west edge of Superior, 4th Street and Wildcat Drive. Camping facilities are located in the Park along with picnic shelters, playground area, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball pit, disc golf, a pond for catch/release fishing and yes, even exercise equipment! Tennis courts are close by. 402-879-4713, cityofsuperior.org 

NUCKOLLS COUNTY MUSEUM 612 E. 6th – Preserving the past for the future in a 10 building complex. American Indian artifacts, military displays, history of Lady Evelyn Vestey and a display of the largest model airplane collection in the state. Call for special showings 402-879-3005 or 402-879-4943. 402-879-4144, nuckollscountymuseum.org 

SUPERIOR COUNTRY CLUB 3628 Rd E Superior Country Club is located just outside of Superior and provides a creative layout that incorporates the creek and plateau-ringed valley. Their large, comfortable Clubhouse serves as the gathering place for post-round celebration. Enjoy the fabulous view of the course or brush up on your golf skills at the driving range or practice green. The Club house has everything you need to quench your thirst and your appetite. 402-879-3146, superiorcountryclub.com 

SUPERIOR ESTATES WINERY 200 W. 15th St. – Our vision is for you to come for a relaxing memorable experience sipping on our premium vintage. We believe that great

wines begin in the vineyard. In following this belief we have chosen varieties suited for our soil composition, sun and wind exposure. Each variety chosen was not for high production but high quality. Superior Estates Winery was designed to reflect the process involved in creating our wine. 402-879-3001, superiorestateswinery.com 

VICTORIAN INN 1540 Idaho St. – Smoke-free facility.*Reservations must be made by phone. From the minute you walk through the door, you know that this lodging experience will be like no other. Whether you're here for a romantic getaway, an overnight stay, or a weekend hunting trip we have a unique place filled with special touches for you. We are located in Superior, just four miles from the Kansas border; 30 miles from Red Cloud (the historic home of Willa Cather); only 13 miles from Lovewell Lake; and 60 miles from Hastings. 402-879-3245, victorianinnsuperior.com 

SUTHERLAND

FLAT ROCK OHV PARK 2 mi. S of Sutherland on Hwy 25 – Riders of all ages and abilities are welcome at this 40-acre site. Motocross-style tracks, children's track and short woods section. Use at your own risk. Free. Located on Hwy 25 about 2.5 miles south of I-80 Exit 158. 308-532-4729 

O'FALLON'S BLUFF I-80 Eastbound Sutherland rest area - Conestoga wagons on the Oregon Trail were forced to follow a very narrow trail between the bluffs and the Platte River. At this location you will find a number of interpretive panels telling the story of America's westward migration, and iron wheels set in the ruts. 308-386-4617 

OREGON TRAIL GOLF COURSE 31200 W Tower Rd. – Designed by Marty Johnson, this beautiful lakeside course resides on a sloping hillside, part of O'Fallons Bluff, upon which the Oregon Trail once crossed. The adjacent campground and camping around the lake provides convenient lodging options. 308-586-4653, villageofsutherland.com/oregon-trails-golf-course 

PARK MOTEL 1110 First St. 308-386-4384 

SUTHERLAND RESERVOIR STATE RECREATION AREA 31200 Tower Rd. The Sutherland Reservoir is a 3,000-surface-acre lake located three miles south of the Interstate 80 Exit at Sutherland. NPPD owns and manages the Sutherland Reservoir, part of its hydropower system. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) oversees most of the recreation areas at the lake. Primitive campsites are located on the east and west sides of the lake, while a private camping area with electrical hook-ups and a nine-hole golf course are located along the north shore. Four boat launching ramps and two swimming areas are available. 308-535-8025, outdoornebraska.gov/sutherland/ 

SYRACUSE

SYRACUSE NEBRASKA 320 5th St Suite 201 – gosyracusene.com 🏠

TABLE ROCK

THE MUSEUMS OF TABLE ROCK 412 Houston St. – By appointment. Tours given freely. The Table Rock Historical Society maintains nine museums, all but one in the Table Rock Public Square Historic District. Included are two unique architectural treasures, a “second-and-third story” Opera House (1893) and the beautifully decorated old St. John’s Catholic Church (1877). The newspaper museum displays the office of their country weekly, a letterpress paper from 1882 to 1974. See also a country school house, a log cabin built in 1854, a veterans’ museum, a Czech museum, a farm machinery museum, and the Pioneer Museum. 402-839-3003, TableRockHistoricalSociety.com 🏠

VILLAGE OF TABLE ROCK Grand St. The Village of Table Rock offers a peek into small town history. In the center of the village, the Public Square Historic District is arrayed around a five-acre public square. The Square was dedicated in 1882, with a bandstand added in 1900. Around the Square are buildings going back to the 1880s. East of town, large stone formations can be reached by a short hike from the highway. South of town, a smoke stack rises where a brick factory stood. In the north of town is the village cemetery. There, a civil war monument honors over 50 Civil War veterans. 402-839-3003, TableRockHistoricalSociety.com 🏠

TAYLOR

BOOTLEG BREWERS 45145 829th Rd. Bootleg Brewers is a Sandhills oasis located on a working ranch near the Calamus lake. On site we have a Brewery, Steakhouse, and Cabins nestled on our 40 acre beer garden. Come join us for some home-made food, hand-crafted brew, and a stroll through our 40 acres of scenic Sandhills. 308-942-3440, bootlegbrewers.com 🍷

D & C’S CALAMUS WEST 2 Miles East of Hwy. 183 on Hwy. 96 – Beautiful peaceful Nebraska Sandhills. 308-214-0013 or 308-346-4235 🍷

LAZY D RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE 308 3rd St. – The Lazy D Restaurant and Lounge is located in the heart of Taylor at the crossroads of Hwy 183 and Hwy 91. We are open daily for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in the Restaurant and serving a late night menu on weekends in the Lounge. Lazy D often host live music, parties and sand volleyball in the summer. With some of the best food in the Sandhills, and convenient location to tanking, tubing and canoeing in local rivers, a fishing, boating and skiing lake with sandy beaches and great all round hunting, this destination is not to be missed! 308-942-3400 🍷

LOUP COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL

203 3rd St. – Memorial dedicated to the military men and women of the United States who served their country. Open year-round. 308-942-6195, taylornebraska.com 🏠

TAYLOR COMMUNITY ARBORETUM

Hwys 91 & 183 – The Taylor Community Arboretum is just that—spread across the community. It includes the interior town square, tourist park, library, visitor’s center, historic Pavilion Hotel and the three-building Loup County Museum complex. The arboretum features Taylor’s most famous arboricultural connection—the Taylor juniper (*Juniperus Virginiana* - Taylor). This very narrow, upright form of eastern redcedar was found growing naturally just west of Taylor in 1978, and has since become a popular landscaping tree. taylornebraska.com 🏠

TAYLOR RV PARK Hwy 91 & 5th St. Restroom facilities available at city park just 1 blk east. Calamus Dam only 15 minutes away. 308-942-6136 🏠

TAYLOR VILLAGERS HWY 183 & 91 Taylor “Villagers” are life size paintings which “Capture The Spirit Of Our Past.” The first Villager appeared in 2003, and now in 2015 there are 100 throughout the community of Taylor and Loup County. Every year six more Taylor “Villagers” are handmade and painted in Taylor by the Sandoz family and added to the growing list. With the Taylor “Villagers” brochure and location insert you can find the Taylor “Villagers.” Enjoy searching for some of Taylor’s Timeless Treasures! 308-214-0847, taylornebraska.com 🏠

TAYLOR VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

Jct of NE Hwys 91 & 183 – Stop in for area information, brochures and free ice water. Open Memorial Day weekend thru Nov, daily, 9am-8pm. 308-346-4697, taylornebraska.com 🏠

TECUMSEH

WIRTH BROTHERS LAKE 62161 Hwy 136 An 89-acre recreation area with 34-acre lake. 402-335-3325, nemahanrd.org 🏠

TEKAMAH

BIG COTTONWOOD VINEYARDS & WINERY 2865 County Rd. I – We are a small farm winery in the rolling loess hills of eastern Nebraska. Our goal is to provide you with flavorful, food friendly wines that everyone can enjoy, and a comfortable, relaxed experience. Our wine tasting room is open April through December. To visit us go 4 mi. W. of Tekamah on NE Hwy 32, then 1 mi. N. on County Rd 29, and W. on County Rd I. 402-374-2656, bigcottonwoodwinery.com 🏠

BURT COUNTY MUSEUM AND BRYANT

HOUSE 319 N. 13th St. – Museum at 319 N. 13th St, Bryant House at 104 S. 16th St - Visit historic houses from the early 1900s, a country schoolhouse and historic bridge. Museum open year-round, Tue, Thu

& Sat, 1-5pm; or by appt. Bryant House open Wed-Fri, 1-4pm. Donations accepted. 402-374-1505, sites.google.com/site/officialburtcountymuseum/ 🏠

MASTER’S HAND CANDLE COMPANY & GIFT SHOP

3599 Co. Rd. F – We are quite accurately described as “every woman’s dream store!” Whether you’re looking for purses, jewelry, diva-wear, candles, flowers, chocolates, home-decor, or nearly limitless gifts... You’ve come to the right place! Have a group that would like to come for lunch? Check out the luncheon options on our website! (By reservations only) Located off hwy 75 just south of Tekamah, you’ll find we’re just 40 minutes north of Omaha and 60 minutes south of Sioux City. Wherever you’re from... We hope you’ll come visit and stay for a while! 402-374-2003, mastershandcandles.com 🏠

PELICAN POINT STATE RECREATION

AREA 5 mi. E, 4 mi. N of Tekamah Missouri River access with 6 campsites. No electrical. Boat dock and ramp. Park permit required. \$9 camping fee. Walk-in activities only mid-Sep thru May 1, sunrise to sunset. 402-468-5611, outdoornebraska.gov/ pelicanpoint/ 🏠

PHEASANT BONANZA HUNT CLUB

& KENNEL 3097 Cty Rd O – Pheasant Bonanza is the ultimate hunting destination! We are located in the scenic Loess Hills of eastern Nebraska. Pheasant Bonanza offers pheasant and waterfowl hunting with our Labrador Retrievers and German Shorthaired Pointers. Our dog training and breeding program is home to our state of the art kennel facility. Enjoy our 20 station sporting clay course, 5 - stand, trap or skeet. Whether you are a group of friends, family or a corporate retreat, our full service facilities make us your exciting destination. 402-374-1765, pheasantbonanza.com 🏠

SERENDIPITY CHOCOLATE FACTORY

3599 Co Rd F – A treasure of decadent confections, irresistibly dressed in our signature dark, milk, or white chocolate. Each premium hand-made chocolate is an edible piece of art. We love nothing more than having visitors stop at the chocolate shop for a free sample. We offer guided tours of our candle and chocolate making factories (by appointment). We also host memorable ladies luncheons consisting of elegant and unique entrees and, of course, chocolate desserts! Located inside Master’s Hand, one mile south of Tekamah on Highway 75. 402-374-2003, mastershandcandles.com/chocolate.html 🏠

SILVER HILLS VINEYARDS AND WINERY

3130 Cty Rd M – The vineyard was started in 2000 as a way to diversify the farming operation and has grown steadily every year since. The small winery has 3 acres of vines

and 175 apple trees and uses only Nebraska fruit, grapes and honey. Open Fri, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat, 1-9 pm and Sunday 1 to 6 p.m. Only open by appointment January - March. 402-374-1602, silverhillswinery.com 🏠

SUMMIT LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA 627 County Road 29 Boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking and camping. Open year-round, 24 hrs/day. Park permit required. Camping fees: \$7 tent, \$9 pad sites. Group sites by reservation. 402-374-1727, outdoornebraska.gov/summitlake/ 🏠

THE ANTIQUES ROOM Hwy 75 – If you love searching for unfound treasures or you have a thing for one-of-a-kind items that bring you back to a more nostalgic time... Well this is the place for you! Come check out “The Antiques Room” located adjacent to Master’s Hand Candle Co. & Gift Shop and Serendipity Chocolate Factory in Tekamah where you’ll find vintage and antique treasures. Only open on Friday-Saturday, you’ll find a whole lot of treasure-hunting packed into one awesome room! 402-456-7671 🏠

THEDFORD MIDDLE LOUP RIVER RANCH 40203 NE Hwy 2 – Ranch house adjacent to Nebraska National Forest with 90,000 acres of public access areas to enjoy. 308-645-2715, mlrrbb.info 🏠

ROADSIDE INN 39357 NE Hwy 2 Full hookups available. 308-645-2284, roadsideinn.net 🏠

THEDFORD ART GALLERY 509 Court St. Our gallery is staffed by volunteers, and though we try to keep regular hours, we may not be able to, so please call at least 24 hrs in advance if able to assure the door will be opened for you to see our amazing cultural oasis in our tiny village - or call if there is no OPEN flag out - Helen will come and open for you - IT IS WORTH SEEING! 308-645-2436 or 308-645-2489 🏠

THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM 609 Court St. – Former Chester and Ida Paxton home on NE Hwy 2, 1 blk W. of the art gallery - The museum depicts the history of the Sandhills Region and many relics used by the settlers. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon, Wed, Fri, 10am-noon & 2-4pm; or by appt. Free. 308-645-2477 or 308-645-2489 🏠

TILDEN OLD BUZZARD ANTIQUES 114 Second St. – A family owned and operated Antique Store, specializing in the unique and unusual. Be prepared to spend a little time in this large downtown shop where you will find everything from early primitives to elegant glass, and everything in between! The constantly changing inventory offers a new

experience each time you visit. A friendly and knowledgeable staff is always ready to help. 402-750-0582 🏠

TOBIAS LONE STAR RECREATION AREA 2 ½ mi. W, ½ mi. S of Tobias – Fishing, camping, picnicking and hiking areas. Electrical, tents and water hookups. 402-759-4910, littlebluenrd.org 🏠

WILLARD L. MEYER RECREATION AREA (LOWER BIG BLUE NRD) 650 County Road R – 195 acres of fishing, boating, swimming, camping, picnicking, and many other outdoor activities. The area includes 23 electric camper pads. Fees are \$10 for electric and \$5 for non-electric/tents. 402-228-3402, lbbnrd.net 🏠

TRENTON SWANSON RESERVOIR STATE RECREATION AREA 2 mi. W of Trenton on US Hwy 34 – A major flood-control reservoir on the Republican River provides fishing and water-related activities. Open 24 hrs/day May 5-Oct 1. Park permit required. Camping fees: \$7-\$17 per day. Partially handicapped accessible. 308-737-6577, outdoornebraska.gov/swansonreservoir/ 🏠

UNADILLA ORCHARD HILL CREAMERY 1875 D Rd. Small pasture based dairy farm with an on site micro creamery. Shop in the country store, pick up some cheese or ice cream or browse through the other local foods, arts, antiques available in the store. Conveniently located 20 minutes from Nebraska City, 20 minutes from Lincoln, and 45 minutes from Omaha area. 402-440-9409, orchardhillcreamery.com 🏠

UNION UNION ORCHARD 2405 S. US Hwy 75 – A fun atmosphere for family outings. The orchard’s kitchen offers a delicious assortment including pies, apple turnovers, doughnuts and apple smoked sausage. Fresh-grown apples, peaches, rhubarb, strawberries, pumpkin, squash, jellies, honey and more are available at our country store. Wine tasting room on-site. Open daily, April-Oct. 10am-6pm; Nov-Mar. 9am-5pm. Our pavilion can be reserved for special events. 402-263-4845, unionorchard.com 🏠

VALENTINE BREWER’S; CANOE, TUBE & KAYAK 433 E Hwy 20 – Est. 1976 Canoe, Tube or Kayak the beautiful Niobrara River. Reservations can be made on Brewers new online booking system which launched in 2014. 402-376-2046, brewerscanoers.com 🏠

BULL MARKET BEER & GRILL 112 N Main St. – New to 1st and Main Streets is the Bull Market Beer & Grill. Brought to you by the family that originally built the Peppermill in this location 30 years ago, the new concept features Nebraska beef, unique

shareables, & Valentine’s own local beer. 402-376-3176, bullmarketvalentine.com 🏠

GRAHAM CANOE OUTFITTERS 603 C St. Half-day to 2-day trips with canoes, 1- to 2-person tubes, tandem and solo kayaks, car shuttles, riverside camping and full-service catered floats. Interpretive raft trips in the off-season. Please call our office with any questions about making reservations. 402-376-3708, grahamoutfitters.com 🏠

GRAHAM’S CAMP 603 C St. – Primitive, riverside tent campsites with fire rings and picnic tables. Can accommodate small to large groups. 402-376-3708, grahamoutfitters.com 🏠

MERRITT RESERVOIR STATE RECREATION AREA 28 mi. SW on NE Hwy 97 – This sparkling reservoir, set in the midst of the Sandhills, blocks the Snake River. Nearly 3,000 acres of water. Park open year-round, peak season is May-Sep. Park permit required. Camping fee: \$14 electrical, \$7 primitive. Handicapped accessible showers, restrooms and boat dock. 402-376-3320, outdoornebraska.gov/merrittreservoir/ 🏠

NEON RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 618 W C St. – The Neon Bar & Grill is located in the Raine Motel. We cook all of our own BBQ. Our steaks are aged and cooked to perfection and we have the coldest beer in town. 🏠

NIOBARRA NATIONAL SCENIC RIVER VISITOR CENTER 214 W. US Hwy 20 The Niobrara National Scenic River is home to outstanding river recreation and much more. What makes this river special is its unique mix of amazing cliffs, rock formations, waterfalls, diverse plants and animals, ancient fossils, high water quality and relatively consistent flow from High Plains Aquifer. Public river access areas include: Ft. Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge (day-use only, launch fee), Smith Falls State Park (fee), and Brewer Bridge (free, limited parking). Visitor Center open year-round, hours seasonal. Public camping is available at Smith Falls State Park. 402-376-1901, nps.gov/niob 🏠

PEPPERMILL & E.K. VALENTINE LOUNGE 502 E Hwy 20 – 402-376-2800, peppermillvalentine.com 🏠

RAINE MOTEL 618 W Highway 20 – 402-376-2030, sleepintheraine.com 🏠

ROCKY FORD CAMP AND OUTFITTERS LLC 12 mi. S.E. of Sparks – One or two-day river trips. Rocky Ford uses all Old Town canoes and kayaks. Camping, cabins and convenience store available. 402-497-3479, rockyfordoutfitters.com 🏠

SMITH FALLS STATE PARK 90165 Smith Falls Rd. – Nebraska’s newest state park. A national historic bridge across the

Niobrara River provides access for visitors to walk to our state's highest waterfall. The Jim MacAllister Nature Trail alerts hikers to diverse ecological systems in the valley that exist nowhere else in North America. Office open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Mon-Thu & Sun, 8am-10pm; Fri-Sat, 8-11am. Park permit required. Fee for camping. Partial Handicapped Accessibility. 402-376-1306, outdoornebraska.gov/smithfalls/ 📍

THE PRAIRIE CLUB 109 S. Main St. – This golf resort is located deep in the heartland along the rim of Snake River Canyon. Experience 2 championship 18-hole courses and a 10-hole par 3 course. 888-402-1101, theprairieclub.com 📍

TRADE WINDS MOTEL 1009 E. US Hwy 20 – Indoor fish & fowl cleaning area, microwaves/refrigerator/freezers available, hot country breakfast, high speed wireless internet. Large, clean rooms. 402-376-1600, tradewindslodge.com 📍

VALENTINE CITY PARK 2 Lake Shore Dr. Primitive camping along Minnechaduzza Creek. 402-376-2323 📍

VALENTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 20 mi. S. on US Hwy 83 – A Sandhills prairie with a collection of shallow lakes surrounded by marshes. The refuge provides a rich environment for all sorts of waterfowl and wildlife. Open year-round, daylight hours. Free. 402-376-1889, fws.gov/valentine 📍

VALPARAISO

PINE CREST FARMS B&B 2550 County Rd A – Located just 20 minutes north of Lincoln and 50 minutes from Omaha, this B&B provides a great escape to the peace and quiet of the country. Beautiful views, a 20x50 ft in-ground pool, outstanding gourmet breakfasts and friendly innkeepers make this B&B a great spot for your special getaway. Husker football weekends which include game tickets are available. These weekends include a two night stay, breakfasts on both Saturday and Sunday, and two tickets to the home Nebraska football game. Come and enjoy your “Escape to the Country.” 402-784-6461, bbonline.com/ne/pinecrest 📍

RED CEDAR LAKE 6 mi. N and 2 mi. W of Valparaiso – Red Cedar is currently under renovation through the spring of 2016. Details are available online. 402-476-2729, lpsnrd.org/Recreation/Recreation.htm 📍

VENICE

TWO RIVERS STATE RECREATION AREA 27702 F St. – Ten Union Pacific cabooses offer unique lodging. Office open Mar-Oct, 7am-sunset; as needed in the off season. Park open year-round for some activities. Camping, concessions, put and take trout fishing, swimming beach, bike rentals, horse camping area, fishing pier and hiking trails. Park permit required. Fee charged for

modern and primitive camping. 402-359-5165, outdoornebraska.gov/tworivers/ 📍

VERDIGRE

THE VERDIGRE INN 305 W. 3rd Ave. Renovated turn-of-the-century Victorian home in a quiet, small-town setting. Family atmosphere. Google “The Verdigre Inn” and view photos of rooms. 402-668-2277 📍

VERDIGRE BAKERY 405 Main St. – We’re a small family-run bakery in business for 15 years. We offer donuts, pastries, cakes, cookies and breads made in small batches from scratch. Featuring a Czech favorite - KOLACHES! Flavors include: cherry, apricot, prune, poppy seed, Bavarian cream, cream cheese, raspberry and blueberry. Advance orders are always appreciated and a must when ordering large quantities or special orders. Don’t be disappointed - call ahead and allow 24 hours notice please. Limited seating is available. Can’t stop for a visit? Ask about shipping! 402-668-2233 📍

VERDON

VERDON LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA ½ mi. W of Verdon – Verdon State Recreation Area offers a 45-acre lake and 30 acres of land. The area offers primitive camping and picnicking, though the highlight is angling in the spring-fed lake. 402-883-2575, outdoornebraska.gov/verdon/ 📍

WACO

DOUBLE NICKEL CAMPGROUND 907 Rd S – Shaded, clean, quiet, family-friendly, and fun-filled campground adjacent to Sandy Meadows Golf Course. We have a pool, putt-putt golf, and arcade. We offer RV and tent sites. 402-728-5558, doublenickelcampground.com 📍

WAHOO

HANSON HOUSE 12th & Linden Sts Restored home of Howard Hanson, Pulitzer Prize-winner for outstanding, contemporary musical composition in 1944. Memorabilia features other native sons (Dr. George Beadle, winner of the Nobel Prize for science, and “Wahoo” Sam Crawford, baseball hall of Fame member). Open by appt. Donation. 402-443-3090 📍

LAKE WANAHOO STATE RECREATION

AREA 1 mi. N of Wahoo – Just 30 minutes from Omaha and Lincoln, this 1,777-acre site features picnic shelters, miles of walking/ biking trails, camping and boat ramp. This reservoir was built for fishing and is stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, blue catfish, crappie, northern pike and walleye. No-wake boating only. Park permit required. Camping fee. 402-359-5165, outdoornebraska.gov/lakewanahoo/ 📍

SAUNDERS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

240 N. Walnut St. This complex has several historic buildings including a depot, caboose, post office, ag building, church, schoolhouse and log

cabin. Featuring exhibits honoring Carl Johnson, Titanic survivor, and Darryl Zanuck, movie mogul and co-founder of 20th Century Fox. Exhibits on Luther and John F. Kennedy colleges in Wahoo. Open Apr-Sep, Tue-Sat, 10am-4pm; Oct-Mar, Tue-Fri, 10am-4pm. Closed holidays. Free. Partially handicapped accessible. 402-443-3090, saunderscountymuseum.org 📍

SPENCER HILL LAKE VIEW

ACCOMMODATIONS & EVENTS 1640 County Road 17 – This luxury cabin overlooks Lake Wanhoo and is just 30 minutes from Omaha or Lincoln. Ideal for couples, families, business or social gatherings or anyone wanting to get away from the hectic pace of life. The cabin features a 2400 sq. ft. open floor plan decorated with modern/rustic furnishings, knotty pine cathedral ceilings, antique barn wood flooring and granite countertops. The 3 bed/3 baths are privately positioned on each of the 3 levels of the building and are appointed with luxury linens. The 4+ acre property is 600 ft. from Lake Wanhoo. 402-880-8318, spencerhillcabins.com 📍

WALTON

PRAIRIE CREEK INN B&B 2400 S. 148th St. – Discover the historic Prairie Creek Inn. Surrounded by native prairie, trails and 100 acres of privacy. We offer rooms and suites or rental by entire house: the Leavitt House, Cottage House, and Lake Lodge. Total capacity 35 for overnights. We also now offer our 1900 ‘Opry Barn’ that can accommodate up to 299 people! pcibnb.com 📍

WATERLOO

TANK DOWN THE ELKHORN 233rd and W Maple Rd. – Come get tanked with us! Operating 7 days a week from Memorial Day-Labor Day. Each 8’ diameter stock tank is fitted with a picnic table that holds up to 4 adults. The tanks are very stable in the water... no need to paddle, just sit back and let the current gently take you down the river! Shuttle service, lifejackets, paddle, and trash bags are provided for each tank. Alcohol is allowed... no glass bottles. Duration of the float is about 4 ½ to 5 hours depending on conditions. Discounted rates Monday - Thursday (3 tank minimum). Ask about our Friday evening TGIF floats! 402-709-8693, tankdown.com 📍

WAVERLY

PRAIRIE PLATE RESTAURANT 10405 Branched Oak Rd. – From the Farm, Through our Kitchen, to Your Table. Enjoy an experience like no other - lakeside dining in rural Nebraska where the region and the season provide the foundation and ingredients for a weekly changing farm-to-table menu. Produce is sourced primarily from our co-located Certified Organic Farm (Lakehouse Farm). Cooking classes, farm tours, integrated dining experiences are available. Available for Weddings, Corporate Retreats, or your special event. 402-786-2239, PrairiePlateRestaurant.com 📍

WAYNE

RUSTIC TREASURES 207 Main St. – Rustic Treasures is Northeast Nebraska's largest thrift store located in historic Downtown Wayne. Open seven days a week, you can easily spend hours junking through this well organized boutique. New items arrive daily. Staff is very helpful and store is connected to a cute coffee shoppe. 402-833-1800 

WAYNE COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Main St. – Welcome to Wayne! The Wayne Commercial Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a collection of 68 buildings in the central business district of Wayne, the county seat of Wayne County. The buildings in this district can be associated with 3 primary uses: agriculture, transportation, and commerce. Please stop in to the Wayne Area Economic Development office for more information about the area. 402-375-2240, wayneworks.org 

WAYNE COUNTRY CLUB 302 E 21st St. – A straightforward course, this layout rolls over gentle slopes into smooth, midsize greens. The rough is seeded and well-kept with a few tough holes. 402-375-1152 

WAYNE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

702 Lincoln St. – Early 1900s decorated house showcasing the history of Wayne County. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sun, 2-4pm or by appt. 402-375-1278 

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1111 Main St. – Planetarium located in the Carhart Science Bldg - Experience the wildflowers, shrubs and trees of Wayne State College at its Arboretum. Includes an herb garden, nature center, Wildcat Trail, Willow Bowl trail and hundreds of varieties of plant life. Individual or group tours available upon request. Arboretum open daily, dawn-dusk. Call for showtimes at planetarium. Free. Arboretum info: 402-375-7274. Planetarium info: 402-375-7343; 800-228-9972, wsc.edu 

WELLFLEET

WELLFLEET LAKE ½ mi. SW of Wellfleet Hunting, fishing, birding and primitive camping access. No-wake boating allowed. 308-963-4366 

WEST OAK

WILDWOOD LAKE One mile west and two miles north of Agnew, Entrances on NW 84th St (West side) - 0.6 mile South of W Ashland Rd and 1 mile South of W Ashland Rd – Wildwood is the largest of eight flood control lakes managed for public recreation by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District; 491 total acres, 103 lake acres. There are two access roads off of NW 84th Street. The northern access road leads to a concrete boat ramp; no wake boating. There are more than 120 acres of virgin and native grass prairie to explore, an ADA compliant fishing pier and restrooms. No entry fee

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THE NIELSEN COMMUNITY CENTER

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WEST POINT COMMUNITY THEATRE

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WILBER

HOTEL WILBER 203 South Wilson – The Hotel Wilber has rooms available for the night and the dining rooms are available for special events. Call for more information. 402-821-2020, nebraskaczehsofwilber.com/hotel-wilber/ 

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WILBER CZECH CRAFT SHOP

216 West 3rd – The Wilber Czech Craft Shop has volunteers who specialize in selling hand embroidered Czech Kroj for infants, girls, and ladies in several colors; decorated white shirts for men; and vests for the whole family. Other items available are Czech books including the new Recipes from the Heart cookbook, hand embroidered tea towels, hot pads, baby bibs, place mats, steins, mugs, hats, head bands, jewelry, and more. The Wilber Czech Craft Shop is closed January-March. Open Saturday mornings the remainder of the year. Special summertime hours contact us for an appointment. 402-821-2166, wilberczechcraftshop.com/ 

WILBER CZECH MUSEUM

3rd & Main Sts – Wilber is the National Czech Capital. Museum houses textiles, a doll collection, blacksmith shop and harness repair shop interpreting the town's Czech culture and history. Demonstrations include loom rug making. Gift shop. Open Mar-Dec, daily, 1-4pm; or by appt. Closed holidays. Free. 402-821-2183, nebraskaczehsofwilber.com 

WOOD RIVER

CHEYENNE STATE RECREATION AREA

I-80 Exit 300 – Cheyenne is a small state recreation area with a 15-acre pond near the community of Wood River. The area offers fishing, camping and picnicking. There are no designated campsites, though tent campers are welcome. Fishing and boating are also permitted. 308-385-6210, outdoornebraska.gov/cheyenne/ 

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YORK

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214 Naomi Rd. York KAMPground is a 10 acre campground located at the crossroads of Hwy 81 and Interstate 80 at York. The campground includes: 139 full size pull thru RV stalls all with 50/30/20 AMP electrical hookups and water service, 68 stalls include sewer, water and electricity, 71 stalls include water and electricity (no sewer), a free standing dump station available, Wireless internet service, office building with employed reception desk and available late night drop off payment (small convenience items available), centrally located shower / bath house and much more. 402-362-0091 or 308-440-0626, yorkkampground.com 📍

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3402 S. Lincoln Ave. – The Yorkshire Motel is located in York just seven miles from the Junction Motor Speedway. Free Wi-Fi is included in all guest rooms. A continental breakfast is served each morning. A flat screen TV with cable and premium channels is featured in each room at the Yorkshire Motel. A microwave and refrigerator are also included. All rooms are furnished with a desk. For your convenience, there is free parking and a vending machine providing drinks. The Wessels Living History Farm and the Beaver Creek Ball Diamond are within 3 miles of Yorkshire Motel. 402-362-6633, yorkshiremotel.com 📍



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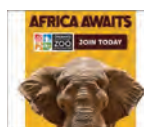
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