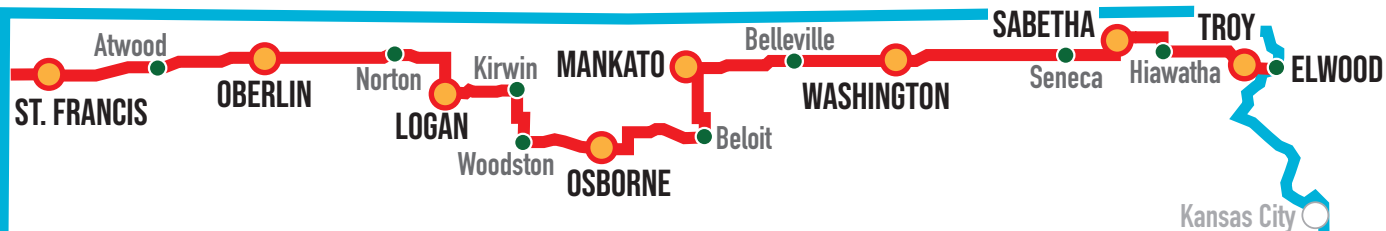


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ROUTE GUIDE 2025



Scan the QR code for links to turn-by-turn
RideWithGPS digital maps of the BAK 2025
route or download a digital version of the
Route Guide at: bak.org/maps

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BIKING ACROSS KANSAS 2025

Biking Across Kansas promotes health and wellness through bicycling, the history and beauty of the Kansas landscape, and the warm hospitality of the Kansas towns and people.

Biking Across Kansas, Inc. in no manner warrants the safety of the routes to be used on BAK 2025. All roads suggested are regular roads of the highway system, used by automobiles, trucks and other vehicles, with no special lanes for bicycles.

As no separate lanes are provided for bicycles, the bicyclist assumes the risk for his/her own safety when using the routes indicated for use on BAK 2025.

To report an accident or emergency on the road, FIRST call 911 and then notify BAK staff with the BAK Emergency number:

913-645-6000

Biking Across Kansas 2025

Safety & Sanitation

- WEAR YOUR HELMET at all times when riding.
- Obey all traffic laws.
- Ride single file when traffic approaches.
- Communicate your intentions to other riders.
- Be courteous to other traffic.
- When stopping, pull completely off the highway, especially at SAGs.
- Walk over railroad tracks. At minimum, cross perpendicular to the rails.
- Prevent the spread of germs and viruses—
 WASH YOUR HANDS and/or USE HAND SANITIZER.
 frequently, especially before accepting food at SAG stops.
- Wear shower shoes and walk cautiously in wet showers and locker rooms.

Illness and Injury Policy

All participants agreed to this policy when signing the waiver: In the event of my illness or injury during Biking Across Kansas, I agree that directorial or medical staff may determine that I cannot continue bicycling or traveling with the event for my own well-being and that of other participants.

If this determination is made, I agree that I will leave the event within 24 hours, making my own travel arrangements, at my own expense, with no refund of entry fees. If my medical condition requires hospitalization in a BAK overnight city, I agree that Biking Across Kansas will not provide transportation to retrieve me after the tour has progressed along the route beyond that city. In this situation, I agree to make my own travel arrangements at my own expense, with no refund of entry fees.

Use of Schools & Overnight Facilities

Schools are alcohol, tobacco, and firearms free environments.

All persons traveling with BAK follow the same while on school property.

Absolutely NO firearms or alcoholic beverages on school property—it's against the law

- BICYCLES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON GYM FLOORS or INSIDE SCHOOL FACILITIES.
- COTS or CHAIRS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON GYM FLOORS.
- PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE SCHOOLS/FACILITIES.
- Clean up all trash before leaving in the morning.
- Consideration and respect of others is mandatory.
 - If others are sleeping, please be quiet.
- No smoking in unauthorized areas.
- Check in and out daily.
- Use indoor restroom or portable toilets—NEVER use a school's or individual's lawn as a restroom.

BAK Participant Meetings

Friday, June 6, First-timer meeting at 7:30 pm CDT

All-participant Meet and Greet at 8 pm CDT, High School, St. Francis.

All-participant meetings

Saturday, June 7, 8 pm: Oberlin High School

Monday, June 9, 8 pm: Osborne High School, Spokes of Honor

Wednesday, June 11, 8 pm: Washington Community High School

Friday, June 13, 8 pm: Troy Courthouse Square

Senior Living Center Visit Join BAKers Monday, June 8th, Logan, KS
2-4 pm, Logan Manor, 415 N. Washington. We'll visit with residents,
share stories about bicycling and BAK.

Biking Across Kansas 2025

SAG Support SAG stops are provided by BAK and staffed by volunteers. Expect the first SAG stop daily to be at approximately 20 miles and other stops at approximately 15-mile intervals. SAG support is from 7 am until 5 pm. If you need support earlier or later, you must make your own arrangements with a private vehicle. If you find yourself getting far behind, consider spending less time looking, talking, and eating until you catch up. Everyone should be prepared to cover the daily mileage under their own power, but if you have a mechanical issue or need assistance and you are not at a SAG stop, raise your left arm straight into the air and make a fist. A BAK SAG vehicle will stop and check on you. Rides in BAK SAG vehicles will be reserved for those persons who have mechanical issues. If you simply get tired and need to “SAG in,” call a family member or friend. If you start to feel seriously ill or become injured, call 911 FIRST, then alert BAK officials at 913-645-6000.

Baggage Truck You are responsible for loading your own luggage. Trucks are unlocked at 5:30 am and locked at 9 pm daily. DO NOT PILE YOUR LUGGAGE OUTSIDE OF THE TRUCK AND EXPECT SOMEONE ELSE TO LOAD IT FOR YOU. (BAK volunteers are NOT allowed to load any bags sitting outside a truck.) Please load as far forward and as high as possible (high and tight). The trucks depart daily at 9 am and arrive approximately at 12 pm at the overnight stop. Please help unload the trucks when you arrive.

Rider Services

Bicycle Mechanic Mechanical support provided (for a fee)
Saturday-Friday beginning at 2:00 pm.

Massage Therapists Available at overnight stops during afternoon and evening hours Friday, June 6, through Friday, June 13 (fee for service).

BAK Information Desk Daily 2-5 pm, the BAK Information Desk will have details on food, entertainment, and events; BAK products for purchase; guest tickets for end-of-the-ride picnic (\$12 in advance, \$15 at the door). Staffed by volunteers.

BAK Information Station Stop by for details on food options, entertainment, events, and local amenities.

Text Messaging System BAK uses a text messaging system to alert you about route changes, meal information, events, weather, etc. Please DO NOT reply stop to the messages, as this would block timely or urgent messages from BAK.

Share Photos and Memories on Social Media

Share your BAK moments by posting photos and videos on social media.

Instagram: Tag your photos with #BAK2025

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bakphotos/> Join the page, upload directly to the page, and tag your photos and videos with #BAK2025.

Usage: All photos are subject to the BAK's Use of Name/Likeness policy, which you signed/agreed to at the time of BAK registration.

Biking Across Kansas 2025

Friday, June 6

Colorado Border to St. Francis

Today's Destination City:

St. Francis

Overnight Lodging at:

St. Francis Community High School, 100 N. College

Total Daily Mileage:

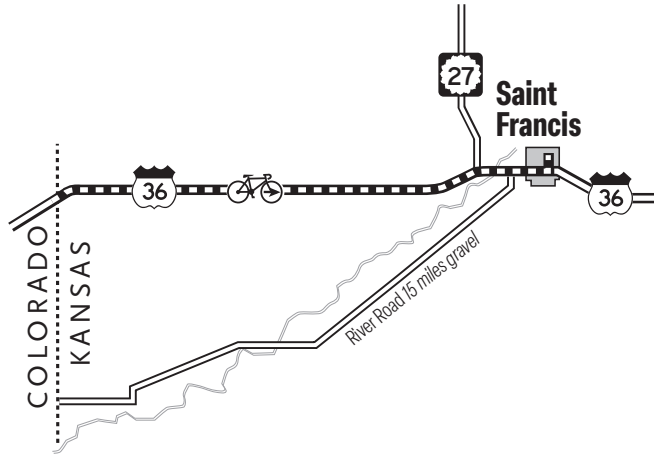
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June 6 Map

Directions: Begin at Kansas/Colorado border on US 36—head east to College Street in St Francis. Turn left and continue to St. Francis Community High School.



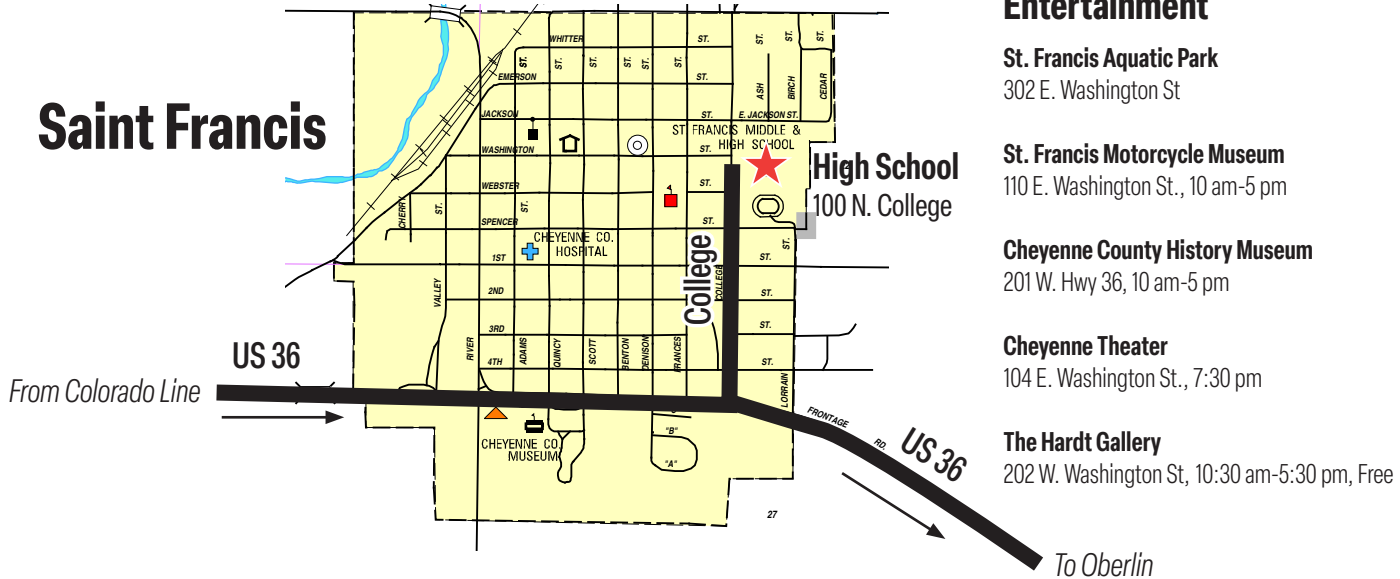
CHEYENNE COUNTY (pop. 2,636) Organized 1873; named for the Cheyenne Indians in 1886. Most of the settlers came from settlements in the Black Sea area of Russia. Descendants of these Germans from Russia still reside here today.

Arikaree Breaks: North from the Benton & Washington intersection in St. Francis. A 36-mile long and three-mile wide section of rugged canyons formed by wind deposited sand, silt and loess. Always open. Free

Cherry Creek Encampment: Two miles north of Hwy 36 & K-27.

Iron sculptures by Tobe Zweygardt in memory of Cheyenne and other Indians who survived the 1864 massacre at Sand Creek, Colorado. Always open. Free

Three Corners: From U.S. 36, 13 miles north on K-27, 4 miles west on W, 2½ miles north on 3, 4½ miles northwest on 2, then cross a cattle guard and continue almost 3 miles northwest on a pasture driveway. The junction of Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado is in a cattle pasture and is marked by cattle panels surrounding a simple bronze bench mark and plaque. The area is private property, so be respectful; the gracious landowner allows access to this historic landmark.



BAK First-timers Meeting: Friday, June 6, 7:30 pm CDT , St. Francis Community High School

St. Francis Meal Options

Friday, June 6 Fundraiser Meals

Ice Cream & Floats, Class of 2028 , High School, 7-9 pm,

Baked Ziti, Salad & French Bread. (Gluten free & Vegan options available), High School Cafeteria, 6-8 pm

Fundraiser Breakfast: Saturday, June 7

Biscuits & Gravy, scrambled eggs and Yogurt
High School Cafeteria 5:30-8:30 am
Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Association

St. Francis Restaurants

Majestic Service (cafe, subway & Hunt Bros Pizza), 510 W US Business Hwy 36

Crave 413 E Washington, American & Ice Cream

Diamond R Bar & Grill 118 W Washington St, American

Fresh Seven Coffee 312 W Washington St, 7 am-2 pm, Coffee & Smoothies

Hilltop Dinner 707 S Benton, American

Grocery store Sainty Supers, 120 E Washington St

Convenience store Majestic Service & Truck Stop, 510 W Hwy 36, 7 am-10 pm

Bird City Restaurants (15 miles east of St. Francis on US 36)

Big Ed's Steakhouse 104 W. Bressler, Bird City, 5-10 pm, Steak

Hometown Perk 112 W. Bressler, Bird City, 7 am-12 pm, Coffee & Smoothies

Los Jarochos 2845 Hwy 36, 11 am-9 pm, Mexican Food

Today's Destination City:**Oberlin****Overnight Lodging at:****Decatur Community Jr/Sr High**, 605 E. Commercial**Mid-Day Food Stop:****Atwood****Total Daily Mileage:****70** (St. Francis to Oberlin)**84** (Colorado border to Oberlin)**Directions:** Leave Saint Francis heading east on US 36. Continue on US 36 to Oberlin.

In Oberlin, right turn onto Wilson St. Continue to Decatur Community Jr/Sr High School.

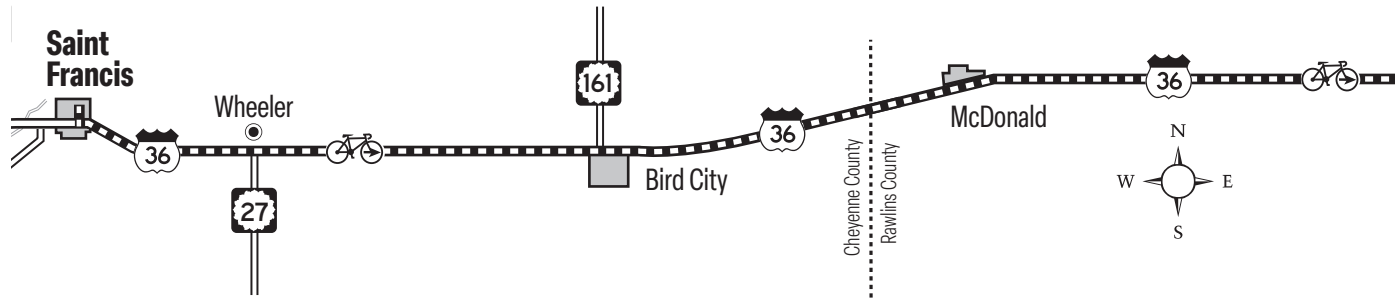
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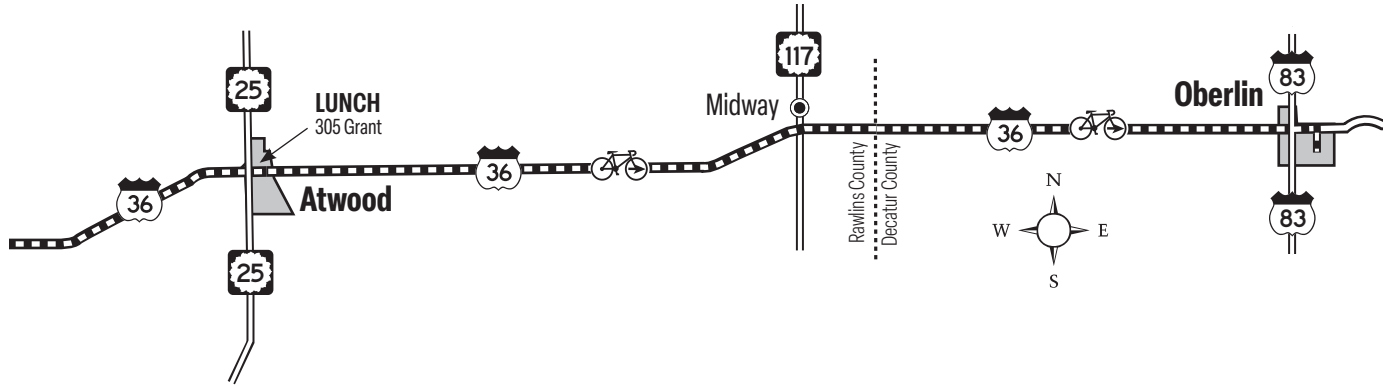


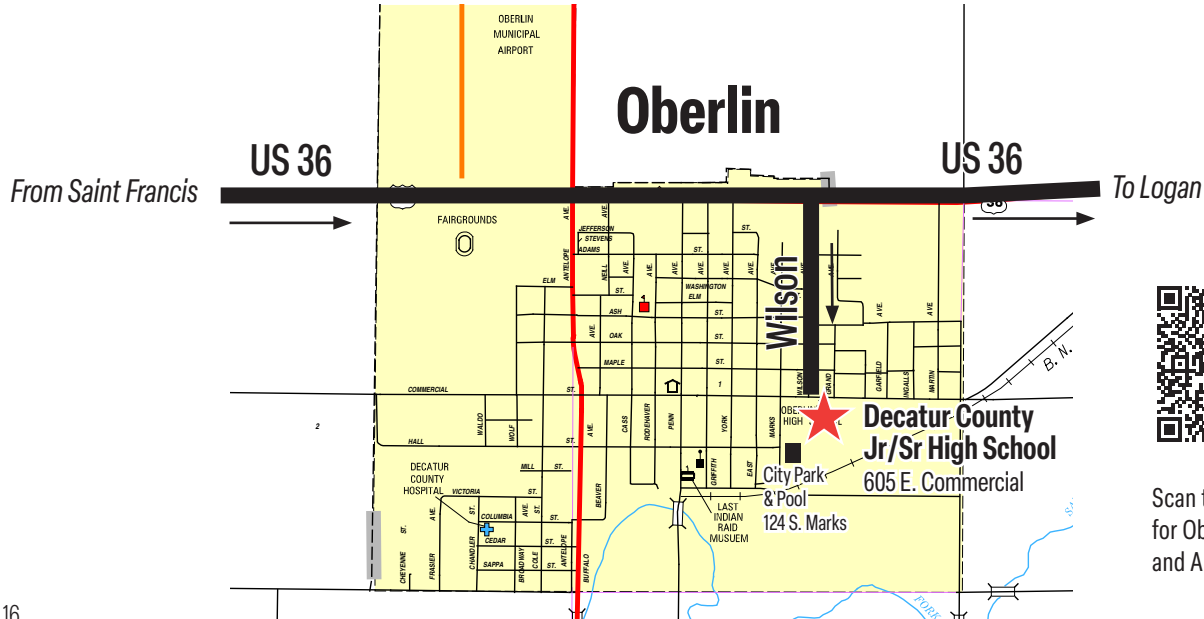
June 7 Map

Point-to-Point Mileage

St. Francis to Wheeler	5
Wheeler to Bird City	9
Bird City to McDonald	9
McDonald to Atwood	18
Atwood to Midway	15
Midway to Oberlin	14







BAK All-Participant Meeting: Saturday, June 7, 8 pm, Decatur Jr/Sr High School

Oberlin Food Options

Lemonade/Limeade, City Park, 124 S Marks, opens 10 am

Drinks, City Park, 124 S Marks, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Coffee drinks, Cafe drinks, Java Junction, Pool Snack Shack,
124 S Marks, opens 11 am

Homemade ice cream, Last Indian Raid Museum,
258 S Penn, open 11 am

Fundraiser Lunch/Supper options, Sat. June 7

Pulled pork, baked potatoes, pickles, cookies, brownies
City Park, 124 S Marks, open 10 am

Asian Bowls (korean beef, rice, black beans, vegetables), water, Poppi
drinks, GF, vegan/vegetarian, City Park, 124 S Marks, open 11 am

Hot dogs, sausages, pasta salad, coffee drinks, cafe drinks
Java Junction, Pool Snack Shack, 124 S Marks, open 11 am

Tacos, burritos, beans, rice, Margarita Mocktails, Vegan/Veggie,
GF, Twisted Traditions, Park Bandshell, 124 S Marks, 12-7 pm

Fundraiser Supper options, Saturday, June 7

Pork burgers, baked beans, potato salad, chips, water, Lions Club,
City Park Gazebo, 124 S Marks, 5-7 pm

Brisket, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, black bean burgers (gluten free
buns available), chips, coffee/cafe drinks, Java Junction/
Wild Frontier BBQ, Pool Snack Shack, 124 S Marks, open 2:30 pm

Homemade chicken noodles with mashed potatoes, rolls, dessert, iced
tea, lemonade, water, Methodist Church Hall, 102 N Cass, 4 pm - sold out

Pancakes, sausage, water, tea, St John's Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall
with A/C, 510 N Wilson, 5-8 pm

Fundraiser Breakfast options, Sunday, June 8

Breakfast burritos, fruit, protein balls, water, coffee, juice Oberlin FFA,
High School Cafeteria, 605 E Commercial, 5:30 am-9 am

Coffee cart, breakfast sandwiches, Snack Shack 124 S Marks, 5:30-9

Muffins, fruit, fruit cups, Monarchs, City Park, 124 S Marks, 5:30 am-9 am 17

Oberlin Restaurants

Subway, Hwy 83 & Hwy 36, 409 W Frontier Pkwy, 10 am - 9:30 pm

Landmark Inn, Penn & Hall, 189 S Penn, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Fine dining

The Re-Load, Downtown, 133 S Penn, 11 am-10 pm

Pizza, burgers, beer, "Biker's Special"

La Bamba, 203 W Frontier Pkwy, 11 am-3 pm & 5 pm-9:30 pm, Mexican food

Wild Frontier BBQ, 410 E Frontier Pkwy, 11 am-1 pm

Java Junction, 408 W Frontier Pkwy, 6:30 am-2 pm, Saturday only

Hunt Brothers Pizza, Sunflower Bowling, 220 N Penn, pizza, wings,
appetizers, beer, Sat. 5 pm-10 pm, Sun. 5 pm-9 pm

Hot Stuff, Hwy 83 & Hwy 36, Crossroad's Express, 602 W Frontier Pkwy
6:30 am-8 pm, pizza, fried foods

Chester's Chicken, 409 W Frontier Pkwy, Sat 8 am-8 pm, Sun 6 am-9 pm
fried chicken, breakfast burritos and biscuits

Westside Sip & Shop, Downtown, 157 S Penn, opens 4 pm Saturday
Unique bar and tapas plus shopping

History Notes: June 7

ST. FRANCIS (pop. 1,276) In 1880 a tiny town of Wano was founded, soon becoming a trading post. By 1887, hopes that the railroad would come were dashed. The land company promised the townspeople that if they moved where they wanted them to, they would make the new settlement a railroad division station. The new townsite was plotted about 1 1/2 miles south, the people accepted the offer to have their buildings moved to the new site without cost. St. Francis was then founded in 1887 and incorporated in 1903.

Republican River Walk: Entrance at the north end of River St, just past the grain elevators. A picturesque one-mile walking path; it parallels the Republican River between two bridges.

Cheyenne County Courthouse (NRHP): 212 Washington. Built in 1925 of light buff brick with limestone trim, this Classical Revival style structure is located in the courthouse square.

Sawhill Park (NRHP): E Washington. On site of the county's first courthouse. Includes 1934 WPA band shell, art deco horseshoe-shaped concrete amphitheater, and sculptures by native Glenn Zwegardt.

The Hardt Gallery: 202 W Washington St. Featured exhibition - Kansas From the Seat of a Bike - Photography by WenDee Rowe. 10:30 am-5:30 pm. Free.

Cheyenne County Museum: 201 W Hwy 36. Native Cheyenne County rock fronts the building. 10 am-5 pm. Donation

St. Francis Motorcycle Museum: 110 E Washington. 100 vintage motorcycles from various manufacturers. 10 am-5 pm.
Suggestion donation: \$7.

WHEELER (uninc.) The Lincoln, Nebraska Land Company laid out the town during the building of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad in 1887. Grasshopper invasions and drought took its toll in the 1920s. The school closed in 1968, then the post office closed in 1988.

BIRD CITY (pop. 446): In the heart of vast and historic cattle ranching country, Bird City, first called Birdton, was platted in 1885 on land belonging to Benjamin Bird's Northwestern Cattle Company. Streets were named for town company members. It is the only Bird City in America. In 1922-23 Charles Lindbergh lived here, worked on airplanes, and starred in local air shows.

Ancient Indian Traders Trail: From Hwy 36, ½ mile west to K-161. From here to the Nebraska state line, K-161 was designated the Ancient Indian Traders Trail in 2014 by the state legislature. It was used for thousands of years by various tribes traveling through the region.

Tri-State Antique Engine & Thresher Association Grounds:

1375 County Rd 29 (Hwy 36 & Rd 29). Includes working steam engines, antique tractors, pedal toys, toy tractors, and 17 buildings of antiques. Open 7-10 am. Donation

RAWLINS COUNTY (pop. 2,463) Organized in 1881, it's named after General John Rawlins, Secretary of War under President Ulysses S Grant. Legend states that Belle Starr, while fleeing from the law, lived with her gang in eastern Rawlins County.

MCDONALD (pop. 117) Named for landowner Rice McDonald.

ATWOOD (pop. 1,242) In 1875, T.A. Andrews and J.M. Matheny traveled and started the town two miles east. Named for Attwood Matheny, the 14-year old son who accompanied his father on the journey.

Rawlins County Museum: 308 State. County native, Rudolph Wendelin, illustrator of Smokey Bear, created the stunning 20 x 10 foot mural. Exhibits include an excellent collection of Hopi Kachina dolls and a 1906 church (formerly the Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church) built by Bohemian immigrants. Open 9:30 am-4 pm

Shirley Opera House (NRHP): 503 Main St. Walk/ride by to see this 1907 building that was nominated as "Historic Theaters and Opera Houses of Kansas." It's an example of Late Victorian-era commercial block construction.

Rawlins County Courthouse: 607 Main St. This 1907 Romanesque Revival courthouse includes a Pete Felten stone buffalo sculpture in front. In the 1930s a couple, who was married here, gave a Christmas Cactus as a thank you. It's been nurtured all these years and is still thriving.

DECATUR COUNTY (pop. 2,712) Named in honor of Navy war hero Commodore Stephen Decatur, Jr. The Last Indian Raid in Kansas occurred here in 1878.

OBERLIN (pop. 1,605) Located in the Sappa Valley, Oberlin was first founded as Westfield in 1872 and was incorporated as Oberlin in 1885.

Downtown Oberlin: Picturesque red-brick streets, sidewalk awnings and white street lamp lobes.

Historic Bank of Oberlin (NRHP): 189 S Penn. Built in 1886, homesteaders depended on this bank. It is the signature building in town and has been restored to its Victorian splendor and is now a bed and breakfast.

Decatur County Courthouse: Penn & Hall. Built in 1927 of orange brick with stone trim, this Modern Eclecticism structure features all marble doors and staircase. Outside the courtroom is Barbara Beisner's mural of the last Indian raid.

Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum: 258 S Penn. Museum complex includes 14 buildings, including a 1906 Bohemian lodge hall, that tell the story of early Decatur County. \$7

Last Indian Raid Monument: East Hwy 36, north side of Oberlin Cemetery. The memorial commemorates the lives of 19 men killed during the last Indian raid in Kansas in 1878. Its historical marker at the roadside stop explains the raid's details.

Pioneer Sculpture: Hwy 36 & Penn. This Pioneer family, created by Pete Felten, resides on the north side of town.

Today's Destination City:**Logan****Overnight Lodging at:****Logan Jr/Sr High School**, 305 N. Sherman St.**BAK Lunch:****Norton**, United Methodist Church, 805 W. Wilberforce**Total Daily Mileage:****64**

Directions: Leave Oberlin High School heading north on Wilson St. Turn right onto US 36. Continue east on US 36 to Prairie View. Turn right here onto 1300 Road. Continue south to junction with K-9 in Logan. Continue south on Douglas St. to Church St. Turn right onto Church St. and continue west to Sherman St. Turn right on Sherman St., continue to High School.

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June 8 Map

Point-to-Point Mileage

Oberlin to Norcatur

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Norcatur to Norton

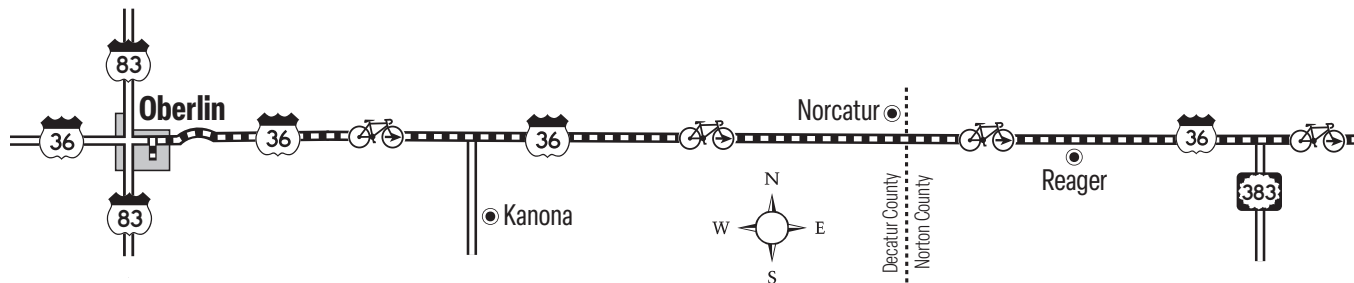
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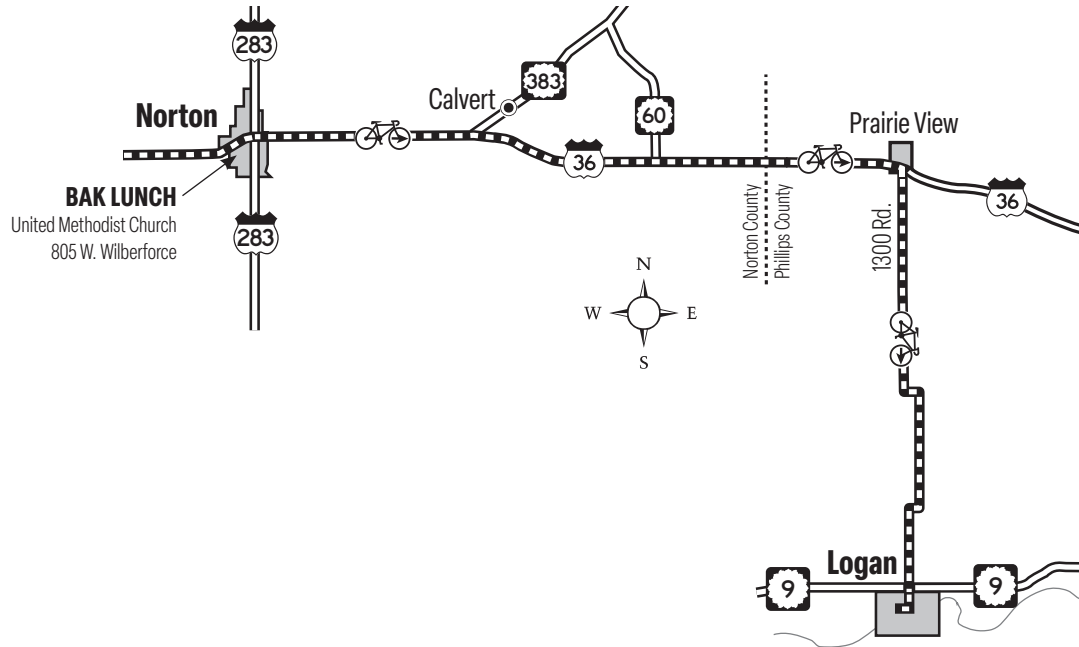
Norton to Prairie View

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Prairie View to Logan

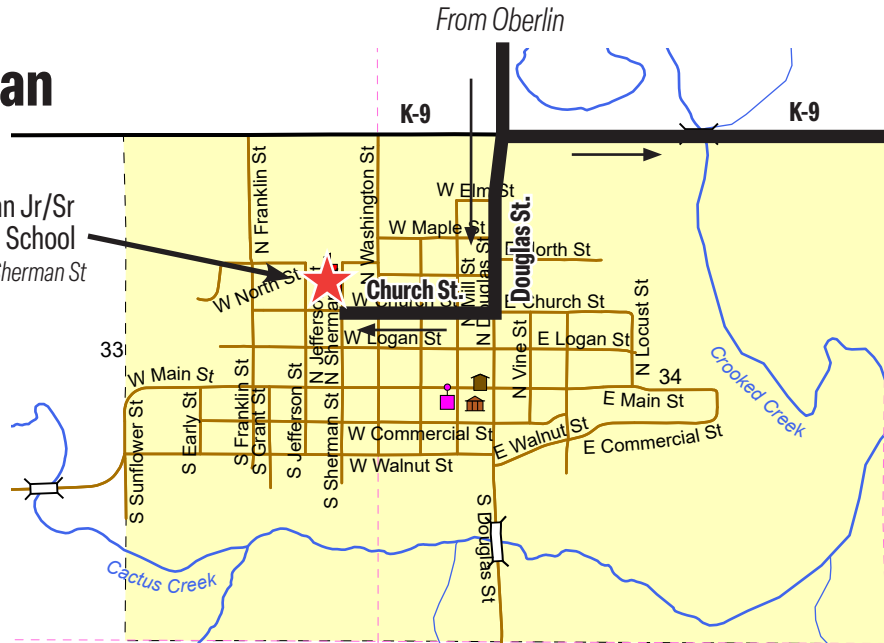
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Logan

Logan Jr/Sr
High School
305 Sherman St



Senior Living Center Visit

Sunday, June 8th, 2-4 pm

Logan Manor

415 N. Washington, Logan

Live Community Music

202 W Main, 4 pm, Free, local talents

Beer Garden, 111 S Mill, 1-8 pm

Logan Food Options

Snacks and Beverages, Sunday June 9

All vendors located on corner lot, 202 W Main

Pie, Lone Prairie 4H Club, 1-6 pm

Ice cream and cookies, Logan Girl Scouts, 1-6 pm

Chocolate Milk, High School Junior Class, 1-6 pm

Long Johns, Logan BAK Planning Committee, 12-5 pm

Watermelon, Trinity Ag Coop 12-5 pm

Lunch Options, Sunday June 9

Main Street Pizza, 221 W Main, 11 am-7 pm, Pizza, Subs, Pastas

Rustic Roots Cafe, 205 W Main, 11 am-7 pm, Sack lunch, burgers, brisket, salad bar

Hometown Market Grocery, 103 W Main, 1-5 pm,
Grocery store with lots of variety

Supper Options, Sunday June 9

Main Street Pizza, 221 W Main, 11 am-8 pm,
Pizza, Subs, Pastas, Protein Shakes

Rustic Roots Cafe, 205 W Main, 11 am-8 pm
Sack lunch, burgers, brisket, salad bar, menu items

Bierocks and pasta salad, First Christian Church,
City Building, 109 N Mill, 5-7 pm

Baked Potato bar, St Johns Catholic Church,
City Building, 109 N Mill, 5-7 pm

Breakfast, Monday June 10

Breakfast sandwich, biscuit/gravy, oatmeal, fruit, coffee, milk, juice, sausage, bacon, egg, cheese for sandwiches
Logan School Cafeteria, 305 N Sherman, 5:30-8:30 am
Logan Community

Logan Entertainment

Live Community Music, 202 W Main, 4 pm, Free, local talents
Beer Garden, 111 S Mill, 1-8 pm

Logan City Pool, 409 W North, 1-6 pm, Free

Dane G Hansen Museum, 110 W Main, 1-6 pm, Free, Art exhibit, guns, coins

Free Program at 2 pm, *Railroaded: The Industry that Shaped Kansas*

Logan Historical Museum, 217 W Main, 1-5 pm, Free,

Kansas and Logan history

Episcopal Church (Historical), 210 N Washington, 1-5 pm, Free,

Limestone Church

History Notes: June 8

NORCATUR (pop. 158) The town's name is a combination of the names of Decatur and Norton counties. The city park is named for Eldon Auker, the last baseball player to have pitched to Babe Ruth...and struck him out! Auker, born in 1910, played major league baseball for the Detroit Tigers, Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Browns from 1933-1942.

U.S. Highway 36 Association Museum: 103 N Onega St. View this depository for the national and state archives and artifacts pertaining to the history of Hwy 36 which began in 1913 stretching from Ohio to Colorado. Open 8-11 am. Donation

NORTON COUNTY (pop. 5,550): Known as the Pheasant Capital of Kansas, it was organized in 1872 and named for Civil War Captain Orloff Norton, who was killed at Cane Hill, Arkansas in 1864. In 1873 the county was represented by N.H. Billings, who became a sort of butt of the legislature. A member of

the Senate at the time had the name of Norton changed to Billings, in two lines hidden in a paragraph of a bill fixing the boundaries of certain counties. The next legislature restored the name of Norton.

NORTON (pop. 2,841): Incorporated in 1872, named for Civil War Captain Orloff Norton, and county seat.

“They Also Ran” Gallery: 105 W Main. Mezzanine of the First National Bank. Unsuccessful presidential candidates dating back to Thomas Jefferson, who in 1796 lost to John Adams, are featured with their portraits and short biography. Open 9-11 am

Frederic Remington's Western American Art Statues:

Norton Local Library Outdoor Collection: 1 Washington Sq., Bronco Buster, Mountain Man, and Wicked Pony.

First State Bank Collection: 105 W Main St., Outdoor collection - Buffalo Horse, Buffalo Signal, Stampede Wooly Chaps. Indoor - Coming Through the Rye, Rattlesnake. Open 9-11 am.

Stage Coach Station Number 15: W Hwy 36 & Jones Ave. Located in Water Tower Park, this log cabin is a replica of one of the stations of the Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express stagecoach line which ran from Leavenworth to Denver. Inside are interesting artifacts and 12 paper mache characters including the couple who kept the station, Wild Bill Hickock and Horace Greeley. Bike or walk by.

Norton County Courthouse (NRHP): 101 S Kansas, The 1929 Modern Eclecticism courthouse occupies a full city block and was built of brown brick with contrasting light stone trim.

Historic Conoco Station (NRHP): 106 S 1st. Pull up to this restored 1925 service station and find restored gas pumps which served customers up until the 1960s.

Historic Sinclair Service Station (NRHP): 119 S 1st. This 1940's filling station has a giant 1974 green dinosaur on top which was the company's logo. Currently, it houses a title company. Bike or walk by.

Prairie Dog State Park - Reservoir & Wildlife Area: 13037 KS-261. Home to a large prairie dog colony, Kansas' last adobe house, and 1890s renovated adobe house.

PHILLIPS COUNTY (pop. 4,761) It's nicknamed the "Hamburger Capital of Kansas." The CVB folks met in a kitchen and mixed various ingredients together until they created a special sauce. Then they invited county restaurants to put it on their best burger to create The Phillipsburger, which tastes a little different in each restaurant.

Biking Across Kansas 2025

Sunday, June 8

PRAIRIE VIEW (pop. 99) established on July 15, 1879, in section 33 of the Rock Island Railroad. The town was not platted until 1887.

LOGAN (pop. 436) Logan was settled in 1870 under the 1870's Homestead Act and was named after John Alexander Logan, a Civil War officer. Its early history is a colorful one filled with stories of adventurous settlers who came to hunt buffalo or homestead land.

Dane G Hansen Museum: 110 W Main. A beautiful landscaped Memorial Plaza surrounds the museum which introduces you to entrepreneur Hansen through exhibits about his life and his family's immigration from Denmark, and successes as a businessman. The facility is best known for its diverse and high-quality art exhibits that come from around the world. One of the most popular permanent exhibits is Syl Sijan, the security guard! You can find out why when you come in and meet him! 1-6 pm. Free.

Oberlin to Logan

Railroaded: The Industry That Shaped Kansas:

Dane G Hansen Museum, 110 W Main. 2 pm. Free

Logan Area Historical Museum: 217 / 219 W Main St. Located within the historic "Dye" Building, built by Elmer Dye in 1905. Two floors of exhibits related to the Logan trade area and a newer addition houses antique automobiles and farm equipment. 1-5 pm. Free

Victorian House of Seven Gables: 201 N Washington.

A local architectural wonder.

Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (Kansas Historic Registry): 210 N Washington. This 1809 landmark made of native limestone is a monument to the fine craftsmanship of builders of the era. Open 1-5 pm. Free

Today's Destination City:**Osborne****Overnight Lodging at:****Osborne High School** 219 N. 2nd St**Mid-Day Food Stop:****Kirwin**, Community Building, First & Genesee**Total Daily Mileage:****65**

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June 9 Map

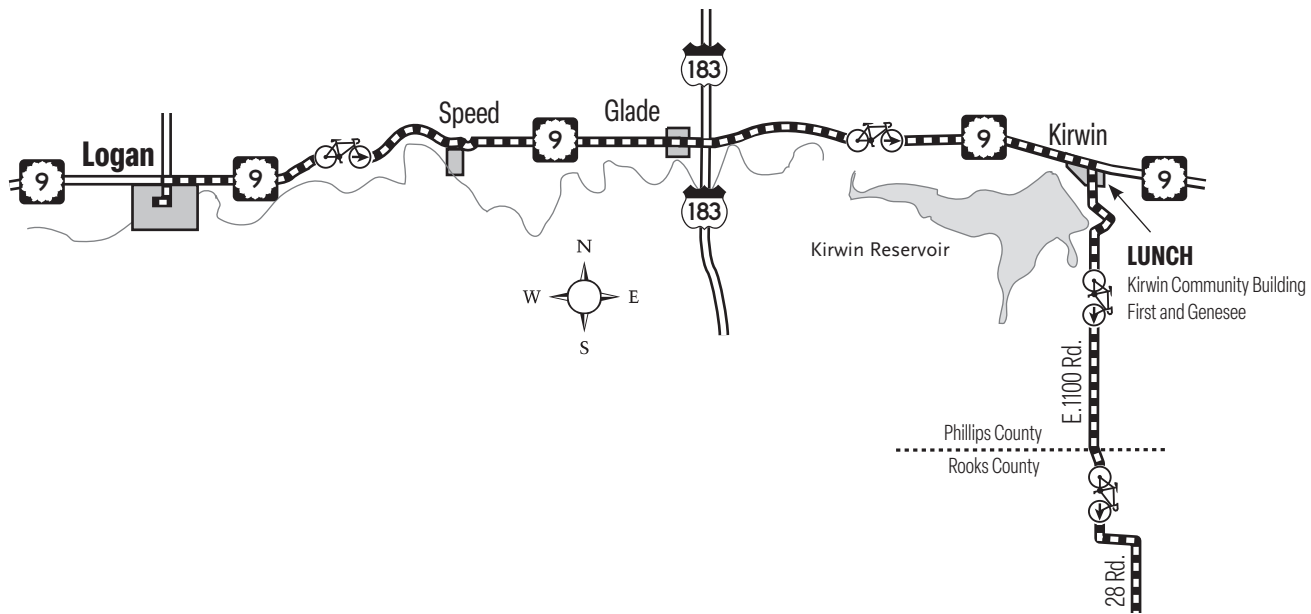
Directions: Leave Logan heading east on K-9. Continue to Kirwin. In Kirwin, turn right onto North First Street. Continue on First St. around town square and head south to Woodston. At Woodston, turn left onto US 24. Continue east on US 24 to Osborne. In Osborne, turn right onto 2nd Street. Continue south on 2nd Street to High School.

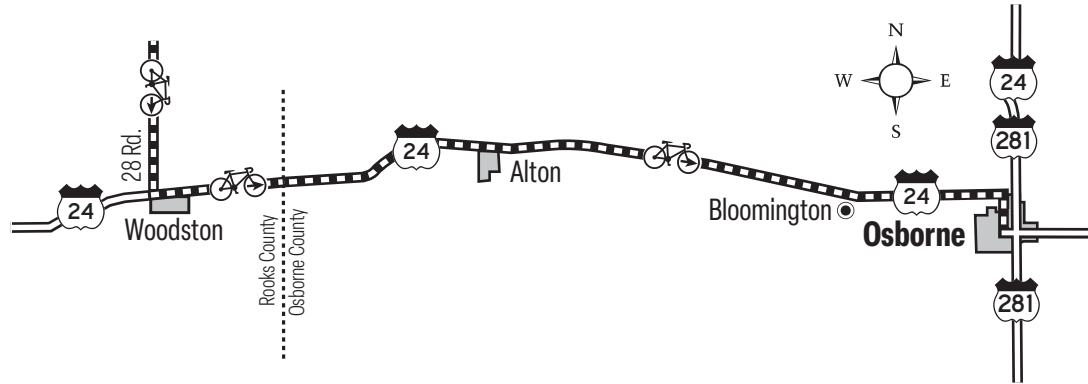
College Jersey Day, Monday, June 9

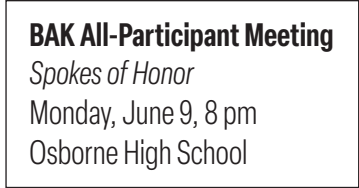
Celebrate your alma mater by wearing your college jersey today!

Point-to-Point Mileage

Logan to Speed	9	Woodston to Alton	8.5
Speed to Glade	6	Alton to Bloomington	8.5
Glade to Kirwin	10	Bloomington to Osborne	6
Kirwin to Woodston	17		







Osborne Food Options

Refreshments: Monday, June 9

Snacks: Trail mix, muffins, breaks, granola, popcorn, brownies,
Osborne City Park, 300 Block W Main St., 3 pm-sold out
Osborne County Parent Teacher Organization

Pastries: cookies, bar cookies, muffins, cinnamon rolls, etc.
Osborne City Park, 300 Block W Main St., 1 pm-sold out or 7 pm
Katie's Treats & Other Sweets

Sno-cones. United Christian Church Fellowship Hall.
214 N 2nd St, 11 am - 8 pm

Hideout Coffeehouse: Coffee, fruit smoothies, pastry items,
ice cream, breakfast sandwiches, 130 W Main St., Monday 7 am-9 pm,
Tuesday 6 am-4 pm.

Supper: Monday, June 9

Pulled pork, potato chips, drinks, east of City Park, 3rd & Main St,
11 am-1 pm, The Grain Bin

Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, cookies,
United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 105 N 3rd St, 11 am-sold out,
Osborne Area Chamber of Commerce

Baked potato bar, United Christian Church Fellowship Hall,
214 N 2nd St, 11 am-8 pm

BBQ-brisket, chicken, pulled pork, sides, nachos, burritos, etc
Osborne City Park-North side, 300 Block W Main St, 11 am-7 pm
Wolf Creek BBQ

Sloppy Joes, sides, pies, baked goods, VFW Building, 123 W Main St
10 am-sold out, VFW Auxiliary

Burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries, onion rings, appetizers, drinks
109 N 1st St, 11 am-9 pm, The Doghouse

Hot dogs, brats, pre-packaged items, 231 S 1st St,
4:30 am-11 pm, Alta Convenience

Pizzas, chicken, sides (11 am-1 pm), 200 S 1st St, 6 am-9 pm,
Corner Cupboard

Mexican, burgers, 119 S 1st St, 11 am-9 pm, Yopo's Mexican Restaurant

Subway, sandwiches, salads, wraps, 110 E Main St, 7 am-9 pm

Breakfast, Tuesday, June 10

Cinnamon rolls, biscuits and gravy, breakfast burritos w/ fresh salsa
Concession stand in OHS new gym, 215 W Washington St., 5:30 am-8 am
Front Porch Bakery

Subway, sandwiches, salads, wraps, biscuits and gravy,
110 E Main St, 7 am-9 pm

Hideout Coffeehouse, coffee, fruit smoothies, pastry items,
breakfast sandwiches, 130 W Main St, 6 am-4 pm

Breakfast sandwiches, tornado roll ups, sausages, etc, 231 S 1st St
4:30 am-11 pm, Alta Convenience

Breakfast pizza, sandwiches, etc., 200 S 1st St, 6 am-9 pm,
Corner Cupboard

History Notes: June 9

SPEED (pop. 35) Named after US Attorney General James Speed. Previously it was known as Big Bend from the “big bend” in the North Solomon river. In 2008, Hot Wheels chose Speed as a stop for its 40th Anniversary Cross-Country Trip. A sign at the city limits confirms that Hot Wheels recognizes it as the “Birthplace of America’s Need for Speed.”

GLADE (pop. 52) Initially laid out in 1878 and named Marvin. It was home to two great grist mills and was known for producing an abundance of crops and large grain sales. It was a shipping port on the Atchinson and Lenora division of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

Kirwin Reservoir and National Wildlife Refuge: 4 miles west and 1 mile south of Kirwin. The first national wildlife refuge in Kansas, it was established in 1954 as an irrigation and flood control reservoir. Its primary purpose is to provide nesting cover, food, and shelter for songbirds, waterfowl, upland game birds, and mammals.

KIRWIN (pop. 131) Founded in 1870 as Benton. It was renamed Kirwin in 1871 to honor Colonel Kirwin, an officer at Fort Kirwin, located 1 ½ miles southwest of town. As the site of a US Land Office, it was a boomtown in the 1870s-1890s.

ROOKS COUNTY (pop. 4,778) Established in 1867 by the Kansas Legislature and named in honor of Private John C. Rooks, who died in the Civil War.

WOODSTON (pop. 94) This Solomon River Valley town was founded in 1885 due to the Missouri Pacific Railroad. It was named to honor Charles C. Woods, who offered to donate \$500 to build a school if the town were named Woodston.

OSBORNE COUNTY (pop. 3,427) Founded by settlers from Southeastern Pennsylvania in 1871 and was named in honor of Vincent B. Osborne, Private of Company A, Second Kansas Cavalry, who lost his right leg in 1865 on the steamer Anna Jacobs on the Arkansas River. Keep your eyes open for the local markers the Osborne County Tourism, Inc. has placed throughout the county. Osborne County is the Homestead Literature Capital of Kansas.

ALTON (pop. 97) Formerly named Bull City for founder, Gen. Hiram Bull, businessman, politician, and military officer. Bull was gored to death in 1879 by his pet elk, whose antlers hung above the barn door of O. G. Guttery of Alton. Later they were donated to Osborne County and hung in the Courthouse in Osborne. In 1885, the city's name was changed to Alton. Some believe it was due to "bull" embarrassing the local females. Others claim it was due to the settlers from Alton, Illinois.

BLOOMINGTON (uninc.) The beautiful site of this town on the Solomon River suggests a blooming valley, so the name Bloomington was adopted in 1873. However, it was originally called Tilden when it was platted in 1871. The Post Office remained in operation until 1955, and the grade school closed in 1968.

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OSBORNE (pop. 1,303) Osborne City was founded in 1871 by an advance party bound for Kansas. 67 people left Reading and Lancaster, Pennsylvania by train for the end of the railroad at Waterville, Kansas. Then traveled by wagon train to the Solomon River Valley. Osborne became the county seat in 1872. Look for the blue-gray outcroppings of Carlile Shale, formed during the Cretaceous Period.

Osborne County Courthouse (NRHP): 423 W Main. A lion's head and Medusa greet you at the entrance of this 1908 Romanesque Revival courthouse with a post-rock exterior. The 12-point elk horns that in 1879 gored to death state legislator Hiram Bull are displayed in the lobby. Stylized sunflowers are engraved on the exterior. The story goes that when the courthouse was built, "sidewalk superintendent" John Wineland was such a nuisance that the construction crew threatened to engrave his face in the south side clock tower--and they did!

Logan to Osborne

Carnegie Research Library (NRHP): 307 W Main. Built in 1912, the red-brick library is now the center for Osborne County genealogical and historical research.

Settlers Memorial: Main & 4th (NE section of courthouse square). In 1929, a pedestal topped with a round sphere and engraved with the words Adventure, Home, Pioneers, and Freedom was erected in memory of county settlers.

Geodetic Center Marker (NRHP): US-281 & US 24. This historical marker describes the Geodetic Center of North America, which is 18 miles SE of the site.

City Hall (NRHP): 1st & Main. Built on the town square in 1916 as a city hall and fire department. The letters FD can still be seen above the door. Today it houses the city office and library.

Historical Marker: NW corner of the square. A wooden marker shows Station Number 13, a stagecoach stop for the 1859 Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express.

Hoff School District No. 42 (NRHP): Near E Union Rd & E 1300 Rd. This one-room schoolhouse was built in 1899.

Today's Destination City:**Mankato****Overnight Lodging at:****Rock Hills Jr/Sr High School, 710 E. Madison, Mankato****Mid-Day Food Stop:****Beloit:** Several local restaurants available**Total Daily Mileage:****63** (or 100-mile century route)

Directions: Leave Osborne High School heading south on 2nd St. to Main St. Turn left onto Main St. and continue east to junction with K-181. Turn left onto K-181 through Downs. At the junction with US 24/K-9 turn right. Continue east to Glen Elder. Turn right here on Hobart St. and continue to Main St. Turn right onto Main for 1 block to Market St. Turn left on Market past Wilson Neff Park. Continue one block to Kansas St. and turn left. Continue east on Kansas St. to junction with US 24/K-9. Turn right and continue to junction with K-14 at Beloit. Turn left onto K-14. (Century Riders will continue east on US 24.) Head north on K-14 to junction with US 36. Turn left onto US 36 and head west to East St. in Mankato. Turn right on East St. and continue to Madison St. Turn right to Rock Hills Jr/Sr High School.

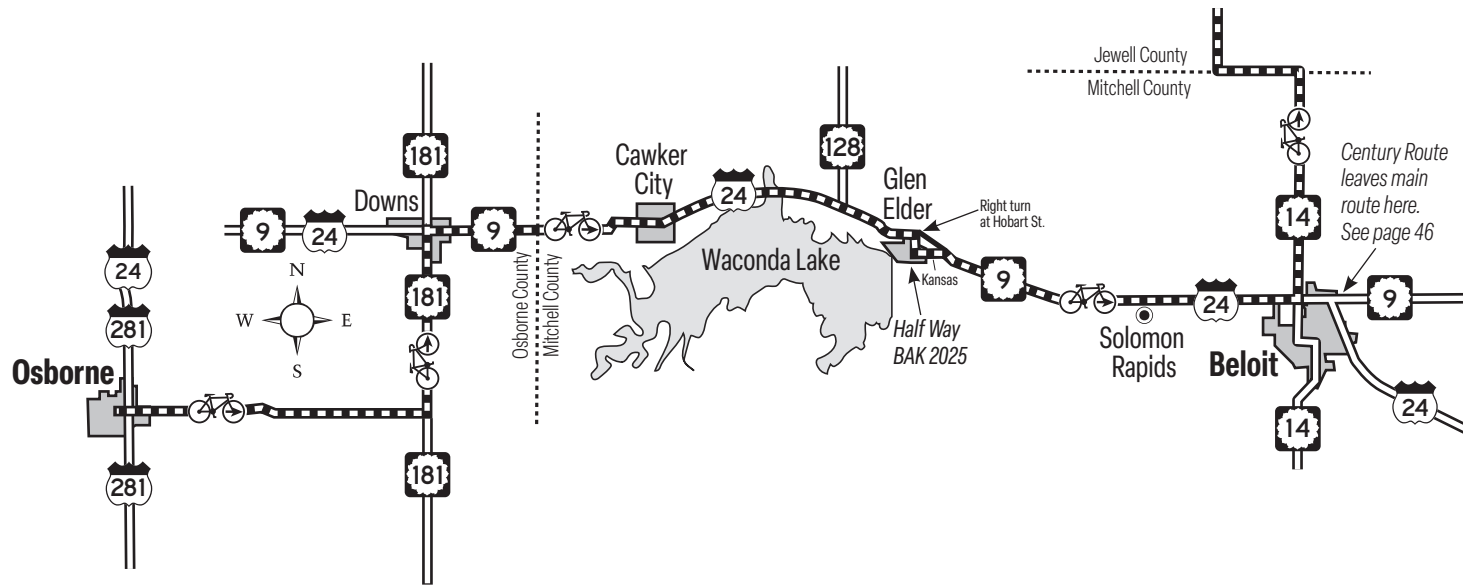
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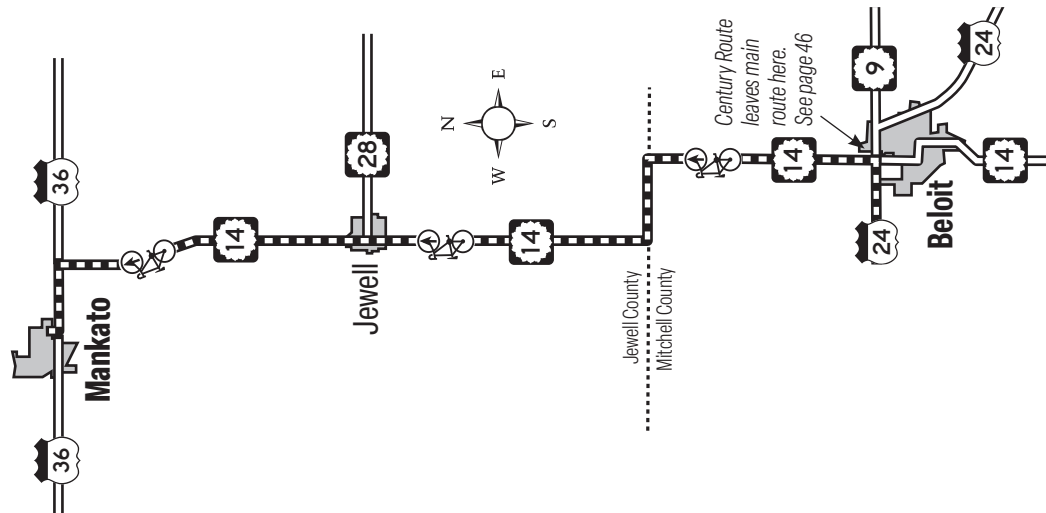


June 10 Map

Point-to-Point Mileage (regular route)

Osborne to Downs	13	Solomon Rapids to Beloit	4
Downs to Cawker City	6	Beloit to Jewell	15
Cawker City to Glen Elder	8	Jewell to Mankato	10.5
Glen Elder to Solomon Rapids	6.5		





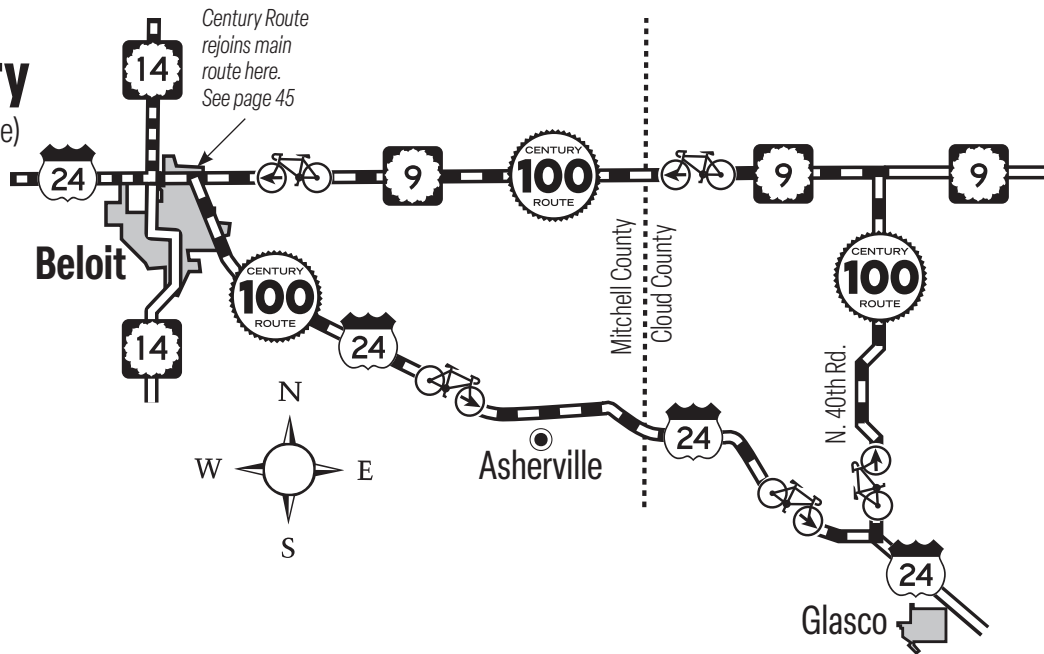
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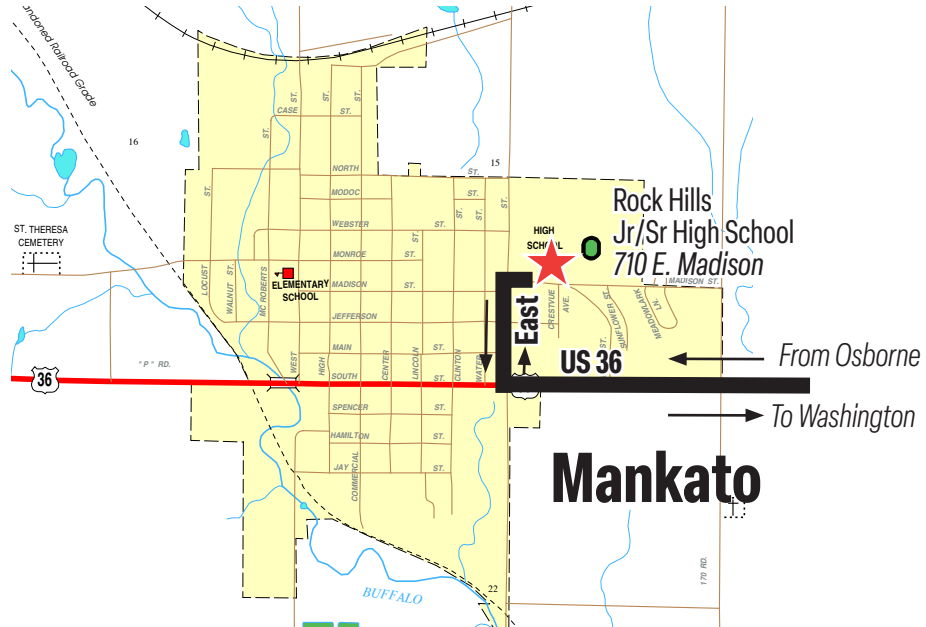
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Osborne to Mankato (100-mile route)

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Route Guide



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Mankato Food Options

Refreshments: Tuesday, June 10

Cold Drink Variety & Grab & Go Snacks, Rock Hills High School
Dance Team, High School Outdoor Concession Area,
710 E Madison, 11 am-3 pm

Sub sandwich & wraps & fruit & veggies, High School Outdoor
Concession Area, 710 E Madison, 11 am-3 pm,
Chamber of Commerce Downtown Christmas Committee.

Lunch Options: Tuesday, June 10

Hamburgers, french fries, ice cream, full menu.
Sweden Creme, 610 E South St (Hwy 36), 11 am-9 pm

American & Mexican Dishes & Beer, Bobs of Mankato,
119 E Jefferson, 11 am-9 pm

Hunt Brothers Pizza & Daily Specials
Mankato Express, 215 E South (Hwy 36) 6 am-9 pm

Osborne to Mankato

Supper Options: Tuesday, June 10

Grilled hamburgers, cheeseburgers, brats, baked beans, pasta with
meat and meatless sauce, vegetarian option (brown rice w/quinoa
and black bean bowls), hummus with naan & fresh veggies & home
made pies, Jewell County Strong for the Wellness Center,
Downtown Mankato Event, Commercial/Jefferson St, 4:30 pm-8 pm

Nacho Bar: chips, cheese, & choice of Toppings,
Mammoth Art & Music Festival Committee, Downtown Mankato Event
Commercial/Jefferson St, 4:30 pm-8 pm

Hamburgers, french fries, ice cream, full menu.

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Breakfast Options: Wednesday, June 11

Biscuits & Gravy, Breakfast Burritos, Scrambled Eggs,

other meat options, Oatmeal bar, Yogurt Bar, Fruits, Drinks

Rock Hills Schools Student Groups, High School Cafeteria

710 E Madison, 5:30-9 am

Cinnamon Rolls, Kolaches, Cookies & Gluten-Free Options

Nuthin' Fancy Bakery, 105 E Madison, 7-10 am

Mankato Entertainment and Attractions

Transportation from School to Downtown stops

High School to multiple stops around town, 12-8 pm, Free

Provided by Rock Hills USD 107, busses will be constantly running

Mankato Swimming Pool (Restroom available),

504 W Jefferson, 12-8 pm, Free

Jewell Co. Historical Society Museum, Mammoth Exhibit & Tractor for

Threshing Bee Raffle available to view & buy tickets (Restroom available)

118 N Commercial (Downtown), 1-8 pm, Donation

Ute Theater : 80s movie will be shown, air conditioned, concessions

(Popcorn, Pop, Candy) Restroom available, 220 N Commercial (Downtown)

Movie at 6 pm - Open until 8 for Concessions, \$5 adults, \$4 child

Downtown Mankato Events including:

Downtown Businesses open extended hours

Brenda Flinn, DJ, Commercial/Jefferson, 5-8 pm, Free

Irrigation Ales Beer Garden, Local Brewery from Courtland, KS

(Republic Co. Neighbor), 4:30-8 pm

Snowcones, Central National Bank, 4:30-6:30 pm, Free

Provided by Rock Hills USD 107 - Busses will be constantly running

Watermelon Stand Fundraiser, Rock Hills Junior High

Basketball Team, 4:30-6:30 pm

Snacks Fundraiser, Prairie Shooters 4-H Group open 4:30 pm

Mankato City Park, Playground Equipment, Shelters, Restrooms,

Performance Stage, McRoberts St, 24 Hours, Free

History Notes: June 10

DOWNNS (pop. 790) Founded in 1879 when Major William F. Downs brought the Central Branch Union Pacific Railroad to the area. There was some confusion about the town's exact name—Down, Downsville, or Downstown. In July 1979, railroad officials did a mental calculation of the amount of breath the brakemen would save in 20 years by calling it Downs instead of the other options.

Sod and Stubble Monument: Rest area east of US 24 & K-181. This monument commemorates a story written about the Henry and Rosa Ise family who lived near here from 1873 to 1909. A movie, based on the 1936 book written by son John Ise, was released in March 2025 retelling a family's life on the prairie.

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Missouri Pacific Depot (NRHP): E Railroad. Built in 1917, this red-brick depot is in Railroad Park, which also displays a Missouri Pacific engine.

Carnegie Library (NRHP): Osborne & Morgan. Built in 1905, this is one of the smallest such libraries in Kansas.

MITCHELL COUNTY (pop. 5,719) Organized in 1870 and named in honor of William D. Mitchell who entered the Union army as a private in Company K, Second Kansas Cavalry, was promoted to Captain in the Second Kentucky Cavalry, and killed March 10, 1865 at Monroe's Cross Road, North Carolina.

CAWKER CITY (pop. 453) Founded in 1870, which was also the year the first post office was established. One tradition tells that Colonel E. H. Cawker won naming rights for the town with a winning hand at poker. In 1874, it was incorporated, and the population peaked at 2,000 by 1880.

World's Largest Ball of Sisal Twine: Downtown, south side of US 24. The world's largest ball of sisal twine was started in 1953 on Frank Stoeber's farm in an effort to save twine scraps, is more than 17,320 lbs and 40 foot circumference. Always open. The caretaker will be available for you to add to the ball from 7 am-noon.

Cawker City Museum: 721 7th St. This former land office houses local artifacts and photos of founding community members as well as a fantastic rock collection including the first meteorite discovered in Kansas. Open 7:30-noon. Donation

Old Cawker City Library (NRHP): 7th & Lake. Built in 1885 and is now the home of the Cawker City Hesperian Historical Society Museum.

Oldest Organ: The oldest organ in Kansas was built in 1886, features painted pipes with a Victorian stencil design, and is located at the United Methodist Church (608 Lake Dr).

Legend of Waconda: 2 miles east of Cawker City on the south side of US 24. A historical marker explains the story of an Indian princess who fell in love with a warrior from an enemy tribe, and died in the Great Spirit Spring located under the waters of Waconda Lake.

Waconda Lake (Glen Elder Reservoir): Completed in 1968 for flood control and recreational purposes and is one of the largest lakes in Kansas.

GLEN ELDER (pop. 362) In 1866-1867, a few homesteads settled along Limestone Creek, and in 1868 the town was started by George and Franklin Stinson. The name came from a grove of Box Elder trees. A mill was constructed on the Solomon River in 1870, the same year George Stinson was appointed the first postmaster. The town was incorporated in 1879.

Historic Service Station (NRHP): Market and Main. Built in 1926 and resembling a little castle, this station is built of limestone.

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Wilson Neff Park This old-time square includes a Statue of Liberty replica with a peace pole (commemorating the settlement of the Solomon Valley as part of the post-Civil War search for peace) and a tiny chapel made from a Friends church.

Historic Norris Stations (NRHP): 100 S Market. Built in 1926 with an addition in 1929, this limestone building/service station resembles a castle.

BELOIT (pop. 3,358) Homesteaded by Aaron A. Bell, who arrived from Williamson County, Illinois by an ox-drawn covered wagon in April 1866. He built his first log cabin home on the townsite. Finally in 1868, it was named Willow Springs after the fresh water springs surrounded by willows on the north bank of the Solomon River. In 1870, Timothy Hersey took the initiative to rename the town Beloit after this home town in Wisconsin.

Mitchell County Courthouse (NRHP): Main & Hersey. Known as Queen Mary of Kansas, this beautiful structure built in 1901, is of the Romanesque Revival design with post-rock walls and sandstone trim.

Osborne to Mankato

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (NRHP): 701 E Court. The first church built in the United States with flying buttresses and a ceiling made entirely of stone. Includes double-towers, and 29 stained-glass windows.

Mitchell County Museum: 402 W 8th. Built in 1929, this Williamsburg brick building was a home for nurses at the community hospital. It includes the largest dollhouse in Kansas, WWII artifacts, 1940's radio, the first TV that came out in 1948 and an interesting display of bicycles and bicycle racing in Kansas. Open 9 am-4 pm

Little Red Schoolhouse: Highway 24 & Hersey Ave in Roadside Park. Named the Honey Creek School, this one-room school was established in 1874 near Glen Elder. Sadly, it burned around 1942, but was rebuilt and held school until 1960. Three locals bought the school and moved it to its current location for all to see and learn how children were educated during that era. Open 9 am-4 pm

Chautauqua Park: Roosevelt Ave. & K-14. Built in the 1930's are the WPA swimming pool and shelter house. Walk the footbridge across the Solomon River.

JEWELL COUNTY (pop. 2,847) Organized in 1870. The Cheyenne Indian raids in 1866 and 1867 forced settlers to leave the county. The last Indian raid occurred in 1870. Named for Lieutenant Colonel Lewis R. Jewell who died during the Civil War.

JEWELL (pop. 353) Early settlers, who arrived at the forks of Buffalo Creek April 12, 1870, claimed the area of Jewell City. They stayed despite the Indian threats in 1870 and the War for Independence. They built Fort Jewell, a large sod enclosure. To man the fort, the settlers organized the "Buffalo Militia," a group of 28 volunteers. They were relieved in June 1870 by a company of U.S. soldiers. (See Fort Jewell marker at Custer & Delaware.)

MANKATO (pop. 836) Originally called Jewell Center in 1872 and renamed Mankato in 1880 after Mankato, Minnesota. Home of Ernest Tippin who competed in the 25 m rapid fire pistol event in the 1932 Summer Olympics.

Jewell County 1899 Post Rock Jail (NRHP): Corner of Center and Madison. Constructed from limestone. In operation from 1899-1982.

Jewell County Courthouse (NRHP): 307 N Commercial. Built in part by WPA in 1937, the art deco building has native limestone walls. Note the two 3D limestone medallions on the west side.

Jewell County Historical Society Museum: 118 N Commercial. Multiple buildings house the museum's diverse collection. Open 1-8 pm. Donation.

Today's Destination City:**Washington****Overnight Lodging at:****Washington County High School, 115 N. D St.****Mid-Day Food Stop:****Belleville****Total Daily Mileage:****63**

Directions: Leave Mankato and head east on US 36. Continue on US 36 through Belleville.

Continue east on US 36 to D Street in Washington, turn left and continue to Washington County High School.

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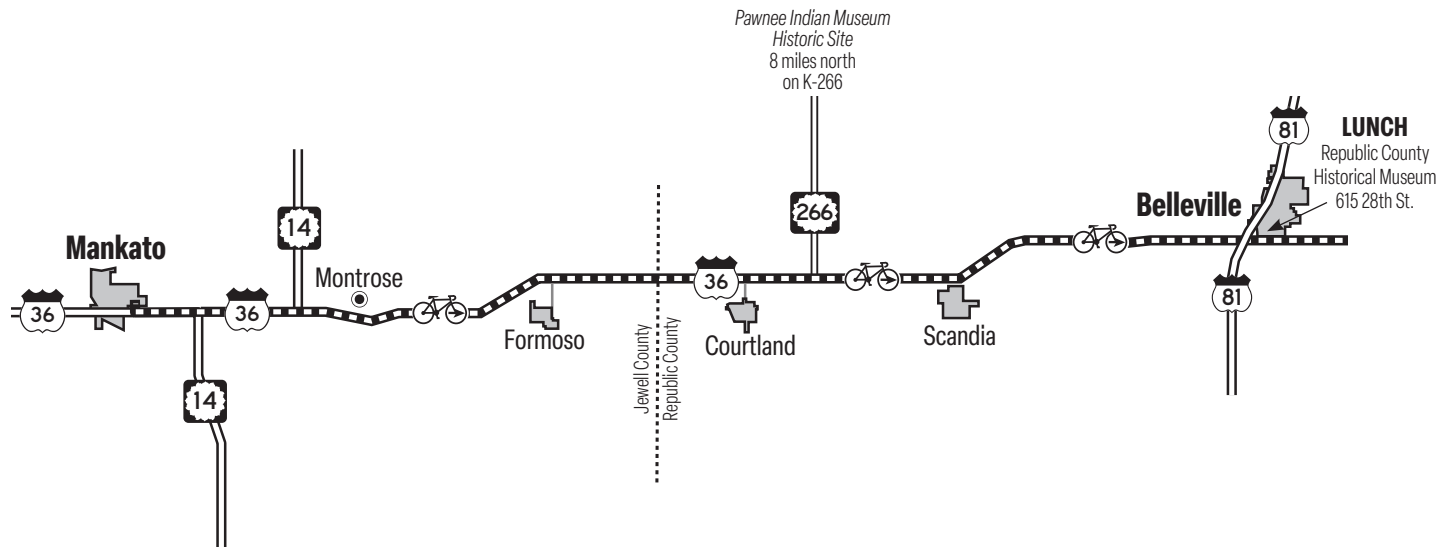
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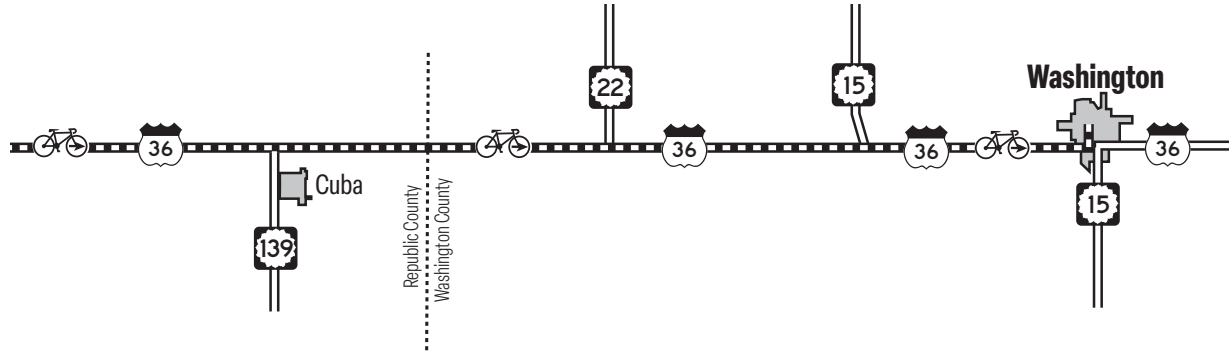
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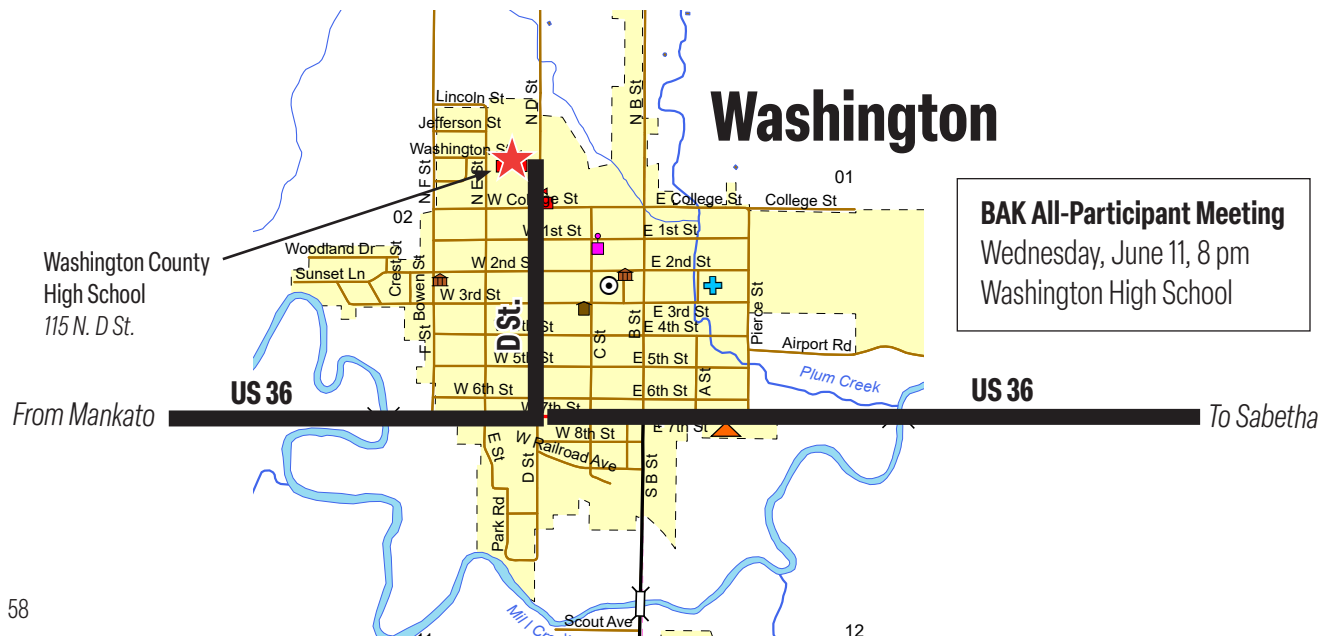
Wear your patriotic jersey today!

Point-to-Point Mileage

Mankato to Montrose	6	Scandia to Belleville	8.5
Montrose to Formoso	5.5	Belleville to Cuba	9
Formoso to Courtland	5	Cuba to K-15 junction	16
Courtland to Scandia	6	K-15 junction to Washington	7







Washington Food Options

Refreshments, Wednesday, June 11

FOOD TRUCKS: Kettle Korn, Lemonade, Shaved Ice, etc.
District Parking Lot, 101 West College, 10 am to 3 pm

Supper, Wednesday, June 11

Baked Potato Bar, desserts, drinks, fresh fruit
High School, 115 N. D Street, 5 pm to 7 pm
Washington Chamber of Commerce

El Ranchero Mexican Restaurant

605 B Street, 11 am to 8 pm

Breakfast, Thursday, June 12

Washington Chamber of Commerce Fundraiser,

Rolls/muffins, oatmeal w/fixings, fresh Fruit, sausage patties,
vegan sausage patties, coffee, juice, milk, almond milk
High School Cafeteria, 115 N D Street, 6 am to 9 am

Grocery Stores

Kiers Thriftway, 126 East 2nd, 8 am to 7 pm

Casey's General Store, 113 West 7th , 5 am to 11 pm

Short Stop, Champs Chicken, 200 East 7th, Open 24 Hours

Washington Attractions

Washington City Swimming Pool

200 Parkview Lane, 1 pm to 8 pm, Free

Washington County Museum

216 Ballard, Free, Tours available

Washington County Courthouse

214 C Street, 8 am to 5 pm, Tours available

Kansas Specialty Dog Service

120 West 7th, KSDS Assistance Dogs provides guide dogs for visually impaired, service dogs for physically disabled, and facility dogs to assist professions in education, counseling, and other specialty services.

History Notes: June 11

MONTROSE (uninc.) A post office was first established as Delta in 1880. The settlement was moved to the current site with the arrival of the Rock Island Railroad. It was renamed Montrose in 1888.

REPUBLIC COUNTY (pop. 4,627) Organized in 1860 and named for the Republic River. Early settlers were well protected within the county by the opening of the Military Road in 1857 along the California Trail.

Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site: 480 Pawnee Trail, Republic, KS. (8 miles north of HWY 36) Discover the story of a Pawnee village that existed in the late 1700s. View the floor of this large Pawnee earth lodge left intact from an archeological investigation. Open 10-5. No admission fee.

SCANDIA (pop. 337) Originally named New Scandinavia in 1868 by a small group from the Scandinavian Agricultural Society located in Chicago. Along the 10-mile road south out of Scandia to US 148 are historic limestone mansions built by Scandinavian settlers.

BELLEVILLE (pop. 2,007) The township was incorporated in 1869 and the city in 1878. It was named in honor of founding father A.B. Tutton's wife, Arabelle. It was the junction of two divisions of the Rock Island Railroad and is now the intersection of two major highways--US Hwy 36 and US Hwy 81, contributing to the city being called The Crossroads of America. It's also known for its racing history at the historic 1910 era Belleville Highbanks Racetrack, which is the "World's Fastest Half Mile Dirt Track," and the Belleville Midget Nationals.

Republic County Courthouse (NRHP): 1815 M. This 1939 WPA building is one of the best examples of courthouse art deco architecture in Kansas. The marble interior and staircase rails of brass and stainless steel grab attention.

National Midget Auto Racing and High Banks Hall of Fame Museum:

1204 H St. The museum features a “National Midget Auto Racing Museum” that honors the greatest midget drivers in racing history. On display are stock cars, sprint cars, midgets, modified race cars--all of which have raced at Highbanks and some built as early as 1917. Open 9 am-5 pm. Donation.

Republic County Historical Society Museum: 615 28th St. The impressive museum grounds feature an old-time jail, smoke house, cabin, church, caboose, workman's car and a vintage gas station. Note the collection of bells beside the schoolhouse. Open 8:30 am-5 pm. Donation

WASHINGTON COUNTY (pop. 5,504) Organized in 1873 and named in honor of George Washington, the first president of the U.S. Swedes, Germans, Dutch, Danes, Bohemians, French, Scots, English, and Irish settled in the county. Crops grown include mainly wheat, milo or grain sorghum, corn, soybeans, alfalfa, prairie hay and some sunflowers. The county

ranks high in the state in pork production. Many cow-calf herds roam the beautiful prairie grasslands. The geography of the county finds it located in three geologic regions: the Smoky Hills, Flint Hills, and Glaciated Regions. In 2010, the Keystone-Cushing Pipeline was constructed through the county with much controversy.

WASHINGTON (pop. 1,071) In November 1860, the town became the county seat. A hotel made of perpendicular logs was built and used as the first courthouse, also known as the “Stockade Courthouse.” In March 1870, it was a total loss due to fire; all records destroyed. The second courthouse burned down in late 1872; again all records were lost. The third courthouse, a large ornate brick building, survived an earthquake that brought down its highest tower. A deadly tornado struck on July 4, 1932, and destroyed the upper level of the courthouse. The Concordia branch of the Burlington Railroad came to Washington in 1884, giving the town two railroads.

Washington County Courthouse (NRHP): 214 C. This 1933 limestone courthouse is built in art deco style. Floral designs inside the courtroom are embossed on the elaborate German nickel cornice. See the Statue of Liberty replica on the southwest corner of the courthouse square.

Herrs Car and Truck Museum: 1745 Prospect. Lawrence Herrs collected and restored more than 100 vintage cars, tractors, trucks, and engines. Examples include a 1907 IHC Mogul tractor and a 1930 Model A roadster.

Washington County Museum: 208 Ballard. Local history is on display. Luebs Camera Collection--more than 600 cameras from every era--is a highlight.

Historic Jail (NRHP): 23 C. Designed by J.C. Holland, who designed the Kansas State Capitol, this 1889, two-story limestone structure housed the county sheriff's office until 1996.

Today's Destination City:**Sabetha****Overnight Lodging at:****Sabetha High School**, 1011 Blue Jay Drive**Mid-Day Food Stop:****Seneca****Total Daily Mileage:****72**

Directions: Leave Washington heading east on US 36. Continue through Marysville, Seneca. At junction of US 36 and West Road, turn left. Continue north on West Road to 184th Road. Turn right on 184th, continue east into Sabetha. Turn right onto Blue Jay Drive, continue south to Sabetha High School.

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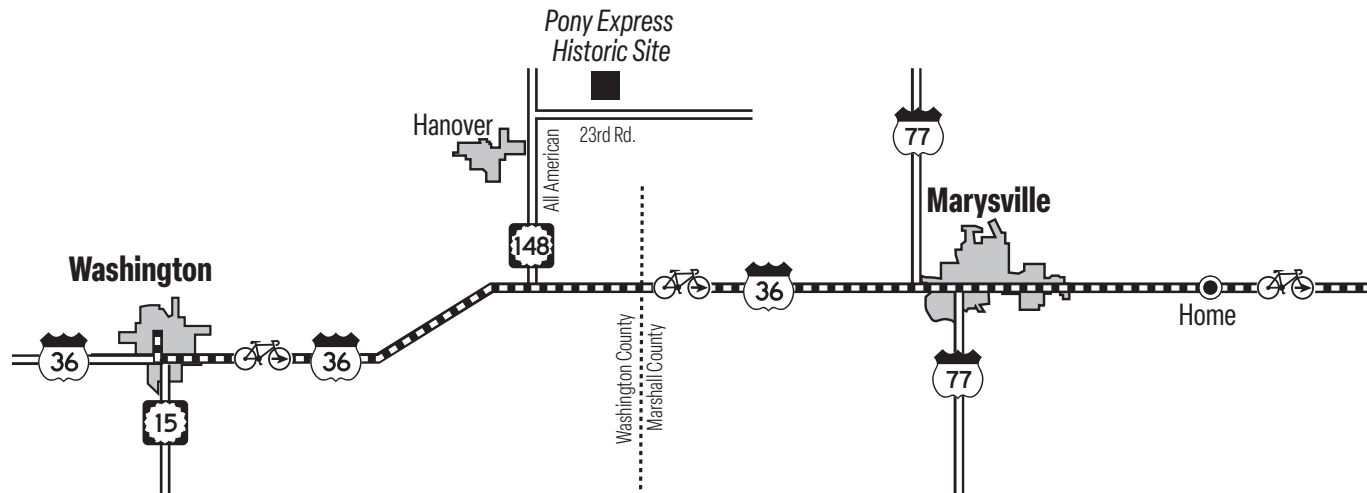
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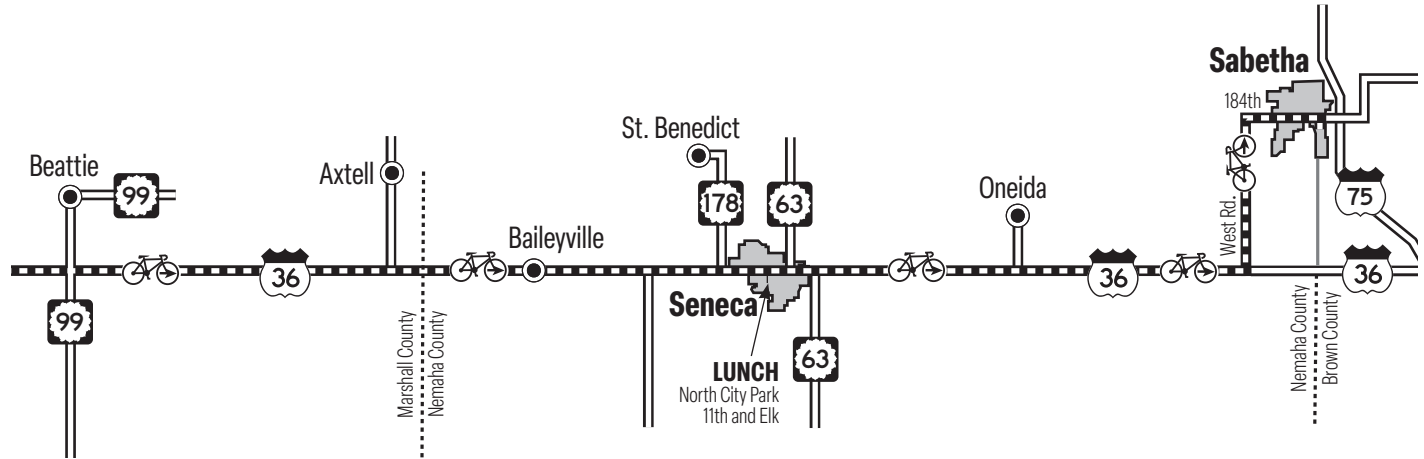
Throwback Thursday

Wear your throwback cycling attire!

Point-to-Point Mileage

Washington to K-148 junction	11	K-99 junction to Baileyville	12.5
K-148 junction to Marysville	11.5	Baileyville to Seneca	6
Marysville to Home	6.5	Seneca to West Road junction	12.5
Home to K-99 junction	5.5	West Road to Sabetha	6.5

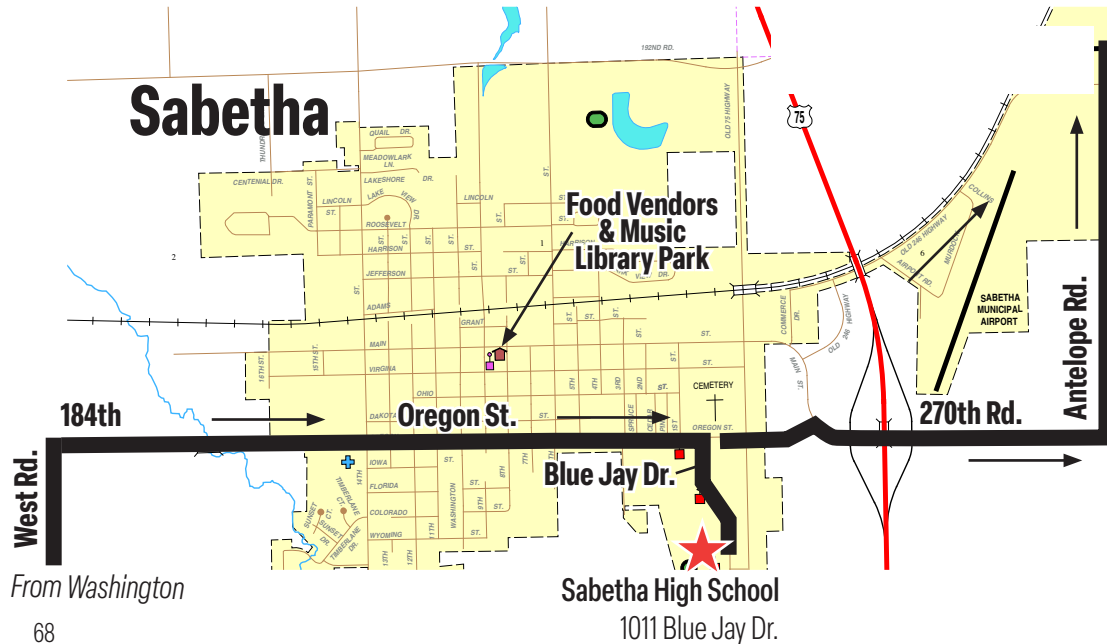




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Washington to Sabetha



To Troy

Music & Food in the Park

Band: *True North*, 5-8 pm

Bus Rides from the SHS to the
Park 4:30-8:30 pm

Sabetha Aquatic Park

Free for BAK Riders! Blue Jay Blvd

Movie Matinee

Documentary Kansas

Sabetha High School, Free

Sycamore Springs

Bus will be located at SHS for
rides, leaving at 2:30 and 4:30 pm
Hot mineral springs Native
Americans used. Free

Sabetha Food Options

Refreshments, Thursday, June 12

Drinks & Fresh Fruit, Sabetha High School, 11:30 am-4:30 pm

The Kids Closet

Ice Cream & Cobbler, Sabetha High School opens 11 am

Pine Tree Acres Homechurned Ice Cream

Frozen Drinks, Country Mart parking lot, open 11 am, Kona Ice

Outdoor grilling hamburgers, brats, sides, drinks, HS Parking Lot
11 am-2 pm, presented by Garrett Country Mart

Supper, Thursday, June 12

(Vendors at Library Park, 9th and Virginia)

Pies, Dirt Cake, Chicken Strip Bowl, Mexican Bowl, Wraps,

Sides & Drinks, 5-8 pm, Christian Motorcycle Association

Grimm Girls Chuckwagon, chicken strips, Philly cheesesteak, shrimp,
hamburgers, fries, onion rings, mac-n-cheese, pies, 5-8 pm,

Coffee Drinks & Ice Cream, Lime & Lemonade, 5-8 pm, Gene's Corner

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Wedges, Wicked Wedges, Nachos, 5-8 pm,

Hamburgers, Philly Cheesesteak, Fries, Berry Cheesecake,
Water & Soda, 5-8 pm, Sunflower Kitchen

Sabetha Restaurants

Brickstreet, chicken, beef, fish, Only wine wall in Kansas, 11 am-8 pm

Buzz Café, Homestyle cooking with salad bar, open until 1 pm 6/12
opens at 5:30 am on 6/13

Downtown Coffee, coffee, espresso, tea, Italian sodas, shakes,
homemade bakery, sandwiches & pizza, 7 am-8 pm

El Canelo Mexican Restaurant, 11 am-9 pm

Pizza Hut, Pizza, Salads, Pasta, 11 am-10 pm, 1312 S US Hwy 75

Sabetha Golf Club, Bar & Specials, Evening Hours

Garrett Country Mart, Grocery Store, 707 S US Old Hwy 75

Casey's General Store, 2442 US 75 Hwy

Breakfast, Friday, June 13 (Sabetha High School, 5:30 am-9 am)

Breakfast Burritos, Sabetha Lions Club

Coffee Drinks & Pastries, Downtown Coffee

Fruit Cups & Yogurt Parfaits, Lentz Express

History Notes: June 12

Hollenberg Pony Express Station (NHL): 2889 23rd Rd, Hanover (4 miles north of Hwy 36). Pony Express riders and hundreds of pioneers made a stop at this location. In 1857 Gerat H. and Sophia Hollenberg established the station on the Oregon-California Trail. From 1860 to 1861 they operated a Pony Express station. Discover the stories of the Hollenbergs, pioneer life and the Pony Express at this National Historic Landmark. Open 8 am-5 pm. No admission fee.

MARSHALL COUNTY (pop. 5,504) Named for Frank Marshall, and organized in 1855. It's one of the original 33 counties organized by the Territorial Legislature and one of the most northern counties in the state. The Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad entered into the county in 1867. On May 30, 1879, the "Irving, Kansas Tornado" went through the county. It measured F4 on the Fujita scale. It had a damage path 800 yards wide and was on the ground for 100 miles. Eighteen people were killed and sixty were injured.

MARYSVILLE (pop. 3,447) Located by a river crossing on the Oregon Trail, westward bound emigrants and Pony Express riders came through here in the 1850s and 1860s. It was founded shortly before the Kansas Territory opened for settlement. The military needed a place to cross the Big Blue River, and Frank Marshall was granted permission in 1852 to establish a ferry, trading post, blacksmith shop, and log cabins. It was called "Marshall's Ferry" until 1854; it was then renamed after his wife Mary. A private post office was maintained until November 11, 1854 when an official US Post Office was established. Now it's the longest continually run civilian post office in Kansas.

Black Squirrel City: In 1972, Marysville passed legislation protecting the black squirrel and making it the official town mascot. It can trespass on all city property and break traffic laws, and it has the first pick of all black walnuts growing here. Nearly half of the squirrel population in Marysville is black. Look for them in the City Park, but you will find them all over town.

Koester House Museum & Sculpture Garden: 919 Broadway. Built in 1876, the home boasts original furnishings and 13 beautiful white bronze statues in the gardens. Laura Ingalls Wilder described the lions and dogs guarding the gates in her journal. Open 8-4

Lifetiles Murals & Pony Express Statue: 7th St, between Broadway & Hwy 36. A bronze Pony Express Horse & Rider sculpted by Richard Bergen is the largest in the Midwest. Three Lifetiles Murals produced by artist Rufus Seder are “movies for the wall” and the only ones in Kansas.

Original Pony Express Home Station #1, Barn & Museum: 106 South 8th. This 1859 stone barn is the oldest building in Marshall County and is the only original home station along the Pony Express route on its original site. The museum tells the story of the Pony Express and what life was like before modern conveniences. Open 8-4

Historic Marshall County Courthouse Museum: 1207 Broadway. This 1891 building served as Marshall County’s courthouse for nearly 90 years. In the 1970s county officials built a new courthouse next door and in 1979 deeded the old courthouse to The Marshall County Historical Society. The structure displays the collection of county history artifacts in 21 rooms. Open 8-4

The Historic Union Pacific Depot: 400 Hendrix St. The Union Pacific hired renowned Architect Gilbert Stanley Underwood to design eight railroad stations to encourage passengers to visit the western National Parks. This restored depot is one of three which he designed that are found in Kansas. On display is an outstanding collection of model railroad locomotives and train cars. Open 8 am-4 pm

HOME (pop. 154, uninc.) Its post office opened in February 1874, and the town’s name comes from the fact that it was established in someone’s home. In 1910, Home was a busy shipping point for grain and livestock along the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad.

NEMAHA COUNTY (pop. 10,273) As one of 33 counties created by the first territorial legislature in 1855, its name came from the Nemaha River, meaning “no papoose” or “muddy water.” In the 1840s/1850s, immigrants passed through to connect with the Oregon Trail at Marysville. Several other routes and trails passed through the country including the Fort Leavenworth-Fort Kearny (NE) Military Road. The Overland Stage Route of the 1850s became the Pony Express route in the 1860’s. Lane’s Trail brought in northerners while the California Trail took pioneers westward. In the eastern part of the county, the Underground Railroad was active. Geographically, glacial deposits formed the landscape.

BAILEYVILLE (pop. 18) The community was founded as Haytown, then renamed by Willis J. Bailey and his father to Baileyville. In 1903, Willis J. Bailey became the 16th Governor of Kansas.

SENECA (pop. 2,139) Founded in the 1950s by Finley Lappin and three others who formed a town company. Its name came from Seneca County, Ohio, a county near Lappin’s former home. Immigrant farms and merchants coming off the Oregon Trail established the first cluster of buildings near the Nemaha River being known as “Castle Rock.” In 1858, the town became the permanent county seat after three elections on the question by this time. Today, the town remains steeped in its history, which is seen through the many historic sites.

Hand Dug Well, 301 North 11th Street (inside Seneca Park) The well is the last visible sign of Seneca’s original water system, installed in 1895. The 65 feet deep by 34 feet wide, rock/brick-lined well is the widest and second largest hand-dug well in Kansas. Open 10 am-2 pm, donation.

Pony Express Museum, 4th and Main Street The Museum houses memorabilia from the Pony Express era (1860 - 1862), including buggies and a blacksmith shop. Also on display is an Olympic torch from the 1996 Olympic Relay. Open 10 am-2 pm, donation.

Seneca Main Street Historic District (NRHP): Brick streets (laid in 1919) on Main between 3rd & 6th. Watch for interpretive signage on Main proving the history of the 42 buildings in this district. Brochure available at 4th & Main kiosk.

Post Office Mural (NRHP): 607 Main. “Men and Wheat” is the title of this 1940 Section artwork, an oil on canvas by Joe Jones that portrays two farmers harvesting wheat. Be sure to read the sign outside the post office for the mural’s very interesting backstory!

Seneca Free Library (NRHP): 606 Main. This 1867 Old Stone Universalist Church has stained glass windows, a bell tower, and features of both the Gothic Revival and Italianate architectural styles. It was the first church building here and was used not only by the Universalists but also the Methodists, Baptists, and Congregationalists until other churches were built. The City purchased it in 1928 and the library was moved here. An addition was built in 1997. Open 10 am-4 pm

Nemaha County Veterans Memorial Wall: East of Seneca at Hwy 36 and K-63. This 340 foot-long wall lists 2,00 names of area veterans of the Civil War to the present.

SABETHA (pop. 2,545) Only city in the US with this name. There are several conflicting stories of how it got this unique name. Captain Arthur W Williams, a native of Rochester, New York came to Kansas in the spring of 1857 and established the first settlement of what is now Sabetha.

Post Office Mural (NRHP): 122 S 9th. Albert T. Reid’s 19397 artwork is titled The Hare and the Tortoise. It depicts a Pony Express rider galloping past an overland stagecoach.

Mural Tiles: Main and Washington, United Bank and Trust wall. The one inch tiles create three murals depicting the area’s history.

Today's Destination City:**Troy****Overnight Lodging at:****Troy High School, 319 S. Park****Mid-Day Food Stop:****Hiawatha, Bruning Park, 2100 Apache****Total Daily Mileage:****55**

Directions: Leave high school north on Blue Jay Dr. Turn right onto Oregon St. Continue straight (road becomes 270th St.) to Antelope Road and turn left. Continue to K-246 and turn right. Continue through Morrill, Hamlin, east to Kestrel Rd. Turn right on Kestrel and continue to Apache St. in Hiawatha. Turn left onto Apache to lunch stop. Continue on Apache to Oregon St. through town to 1st St. Turn left on 1st and continue to Miami St. Right turn on Miami, continue to Ashpoint Rd. Turn right, continue to US 36. Turn left onto US 36, continue to junction with K-120. Turn right on K-120 through Severance. Continue to junction with K-20. Left on K-20 to K-7. Left on K-7. Proceed to first paved road on the right (180th). Turn right and continue to Last Chance Rd. Turn left to Troy High School.

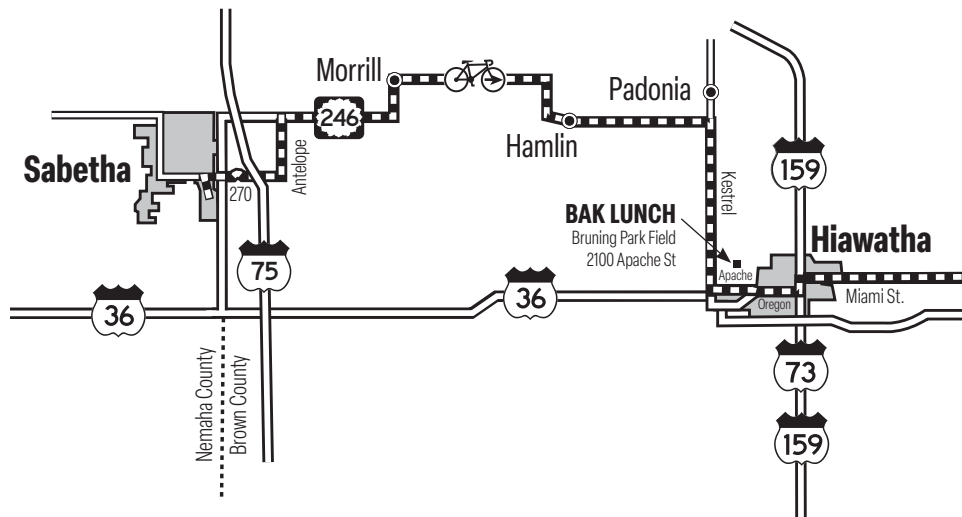
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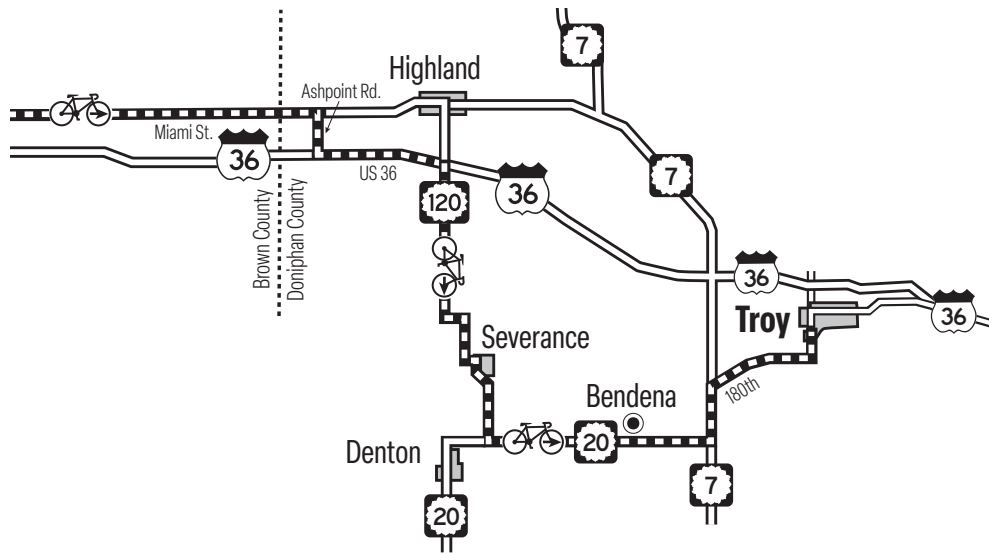


June 13 Map

Point-to-Point Mileage

Sabetha to Morrill	7.5	Ashpoint Rd to US 36	1
Morrill to Hamlin	4	US 36 to K-120	3
Hamlin to junction with Kestrel Rd.	3.5	K-120 junction to Severance	6
Kestrel Rd jct. to Bruning Park (lunch)	5	Severance to Bendena	6
Bruning Park to Miami St.	2	Bendena to Troy	7
Miami St to Ashpoint Rd.	9.5		

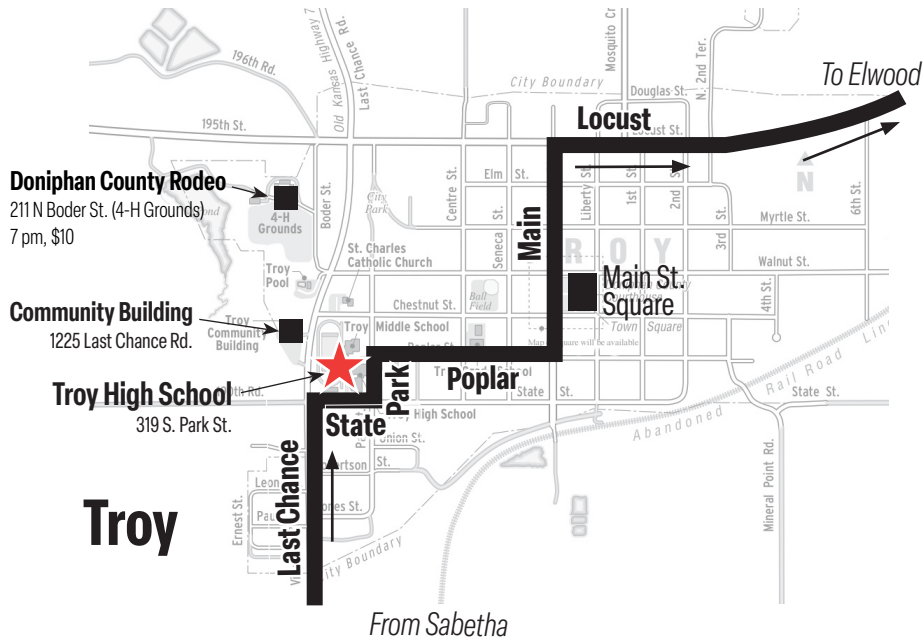




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Final BAK 2025 All-Participant Meeting

Friday, June 13, 8 pm

Main Street Square,
Main & Chestnut

Free Street Dance
Main Street Square

Troy Lunch and Refreshments

on Main Street Square, Main and Chestnut

Shortcake, Stock/Whetstine Shortcake Stand

Lemonade and Snacks, Frank and Sam Lemonade and Snack Stand

Ice Creame and Snow Cones, 12 pm, Kolbdon's Ice Cream & snow cones

Pie & Ice Cream, 11 am-2 pm & 4 pm-7 pm, Troy Community Wellness

Ice Cream, 2 pm to 8 pm, Pine Tree Acres

SLK Postcards and Snacks, 11 am-5 pm

Ice Cream, 12-7, Scoop Skool Bus

The following at Community Building, 1225 Last Chance Rd., opens 12 pm

Tharman BBQ

Coffee Bus, burrito, coffee, tea

KolbDon's Food Truck, BBQ and a variety of American Dishes/Ice Cream

Lentz Catering BBQ, The Stuffed Mushroom, Vegan

Troy Supper Options

Tacos, High School Cafeteria, opens 5 pm, Troy High School Junior Class

The following at Community Building, 1225 Last Chance Rd., opens 5 pm:

Tharman BBQ

KolbDon's Food Truck, BBQ and a variety of American Dishes/Ice Cream

Lentz Catering BBQ, The Stuffed Mushroom, Vegan

Restaurants

Cajun Food Coma, Cajun Cuisine and American Dishes, 412 W Locust St

Feed Store Café, lunch and dinner, American comfort food , 109 S Main St

John's Market, Hunt's Brothers Pizza, lunch and dinner, 325 E Locust St

Light Breakfast Options

Coffee Bus, 5:30 am, specialty coffee, Community Building,
1225 Last Chance Rd

High School Cafeteria, 5:30 am, coffee, juice, light breakfast items,
Troy High School Band

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BROWN COUNTY (pop. 9,508) Organized in 1855 and named after Albert G. Browne, of Mississippi, who had been Senator and member of the House of Representatives from that state. The name is properly spelled with an “e” in the original statute, but on the county seal the “e” was left off—accidentally it is assumed. All later statutes present the name without the final “e.” The Kickapoo Nation Indian Reservation in Brown County is the second largest Indian reservation in Kansas.

MORRILL (pop. 218): Morrill was laid out in 1878 when the St. Joseph and Western Railroad was extended to that point. It was named for Kansas governor Edmund Needham Morrill.

HAMLIN (pop. 25): Hamlin was laid out in 1870. It was named in honor of Hannibal Hamlin, Abraham Lincoln’s vice-president.

Padonia (extinct) First settled in 1854, the town had a sawmill and a successful flour mill within the first few years of its existence. By 1882, a successful general merchandise store was in operation which also shipped grain & livestock on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. By 1910, the town had a school, churches and other businesses. However, by 1931 the post office was closed.

HIAWATHA (pop. 3,280) Nicknamed the “City of Beautiful Maples,” it was founded in 1857 and named for the Indian brave from Henry Longfellow’s poem. The main street is Oregon after the Oregon Trail, which passes southwest of town. Street names on the north are in honor of the Indian tribes that lived north of the trail, south streets named for those living south.

Davis Memorial (NRHP): Located in Mount Hope Cemetery, 1 mile east on Iowa street. John Davis built this memorial for his wife Sarah, who died in 1930. Eleven life-sized Italian marble statues depict the stages of John and Sarah’s life.

Brown County Agriculture Museum and Windmill Lane: 301 E Iowa. Exhibits include a miniature farm, train caboose, antique tractor collection, antique gas powered engines, over 40 windmills, and more. Open 8 am-3:30 pm. Donation.

Brown County Historical Museum: 611 Utah. The structure was built in 1920 in the Classical Revival style to honor the soldiers of World War I. Inside, many unique rooms display the county's rich heritage. Some depict towns around the county. Another showcases a bridal suite. In the Military Room, artifacts from the Civil War, Spanish-American War and WWI can be viewed. The Memorial Auditorium is still in operation today. Open 8 am-3:30 pm. Donation.

Brown County Courthouse: 601 Oregon. Built in the Modern Eclecticism style in 1926, this courthouse has limestone walls and notable exterior carvings. The interior is equally impressive!

Clock Tower: 7th & Oregon. This clock tower was built in 1891 in the Richardson Romanesque style of architecture. It is the only clock of its kind between Denver and Indianapolis on US Route 36.

DONIPHAN COUNTY (pop. 7,493) Organized in 1855 and was the first named county in the state. It was named in honor of General Alexander Doniphan of Mexican War fame. Present-day Doniphan County is apple country with many orchards.

Glaciers once stretched over Doniphan County, leaving behind a beautiful landscape of steep, wooded river bluffs and sprawling hills. The county thrived in early days because of prevalent steamboat travel on the Missouri River. Immigrants from Switzerland, France, and Germany settled the area, and due to the hills and valleys, it was nicknamed Little Switzerland.

The Kansas Chief, is the official newspaper of Doniphan County and the oldest newspaper still in circulation in Kansas (est. 1857). It's a consolidation of the Highland Vidette and the Wathena Times.

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SEVERANCE (pop. 95) Founded in 1877 and named for John Severance. It is thought that Severance's most famous native was Harry Chapman, who played baseball for the St. Louis Terriers in the mid 1910s.

BENDENA (pop. 117, uninc.) Founded in 1886 and originally named Albers after John Albers, who farmed this land. When a post office was established, it was forced to change its name because of other similarly named towns in Kansas. It was then named for the sweetheart of the first telegraph operator at the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska railroad station.

TROY (pop. 964) The town was named after the ancient city of Troy. It was the first stop on the Pony Express out of St. Joseph, Missouri and where horses were changed at the end of the first relay. This stop was at the Smith Tavern, which still stands, and has for many years been a family residence and is located on the northeast corner of East Myrtle and North 1st Streets.

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Doniphan County Courthouse (NRHP): 120 E Chestnut. George Washburn designed this Romanesque Revival courthouse in 1906. A replica Statue of Liberty is one of several memorials on the courthouse lawn. Nearby, see the Pony Express Landmark.

Tall Oak Indian Monument: Courthouse lawn. Hungarian artist Peter Toth sculpted this 27-foot Indian chief in 1978.

Courthouse Square District (NRHP): Includes the 1900 opera house, the Hotel Avon, the 1870 Sol Miller building, and the 100 block of Chestnut (historic homes).

Nelson Rogers House: 138 E Walnut. The first and oldest house remaining in Troy. We believe Abraham Lincoln visited this house after speaking in the Hotel Avon, just west of this location. Free

Abraham Lincoln Memorial: 138 E Walnut at Nelson Rogers House.

In December 1959, Abraham Lincoln gave an anti-slavery speech at the courthouse during his campaign trail. Local legend states that he then walked across the street to visit his acquaintance, Sidney Tennant.

Today's Destination:**Elwood/Missouri River****Celebration Picnic:****Elwood City Park, 501 N. 9th St.****Total Daily Mileage:****16**

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June 14 Map

Directions: Leave Troy High School, head north on Park St to Chestnut, right on Chestnut to Main St. Left on Main St to Locust. Right on Locust and continue to US 36. Right onto US 36. CAUTION: be aware of higher traffic on US 36. Continue on Hwy 36 to Wathena. Turn left at St. Joseph St.

Head east on St. Joseph, which becomes 170th and then Vermont in Elwood. Straight on Vermont to 9th, turn left to City Park and BAK Celebration.

Route to Missouri River: Right turn at 15th St in Elwood, continue to Oak and turn left. Follow Oak to Vermont, right turn to Roseport then left on Roseport to sign for St. Joseph, MO exit. Right turn here, under Pony Express bridge. After passing under bridge, turn left on the pedestrian path for access to Missouri River. No motor vehicle access to river. CAUTION: Do not wade in river, current is strong. Return to BAK Celebration event on Vermont St. Continue to 9th. Right on 9th to Massachusetts and Elwood City Park.

BAK 2025 Jersey/Shirt Day

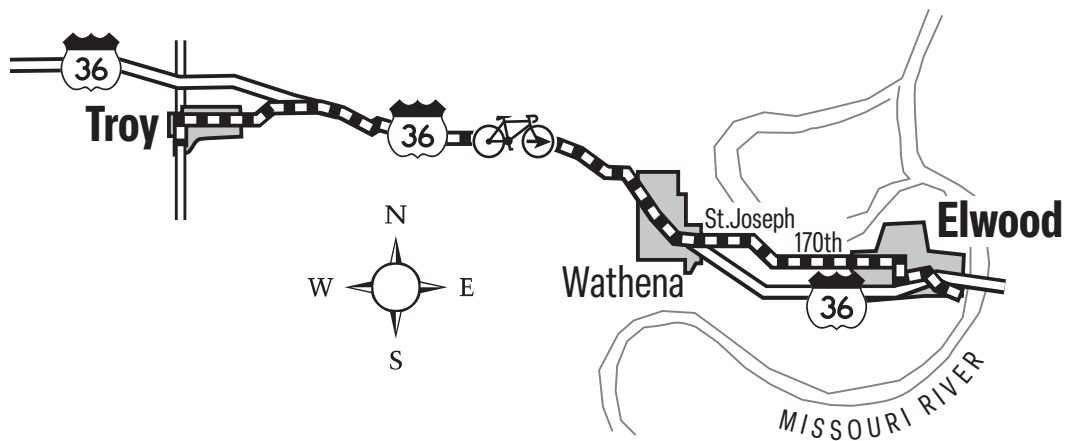
Wear your BAK jersey or BAK 2025 t-shirt!

Celebrate National Flag Day Today!

Ride with your American flag flying!

Point-to-Point Mileage

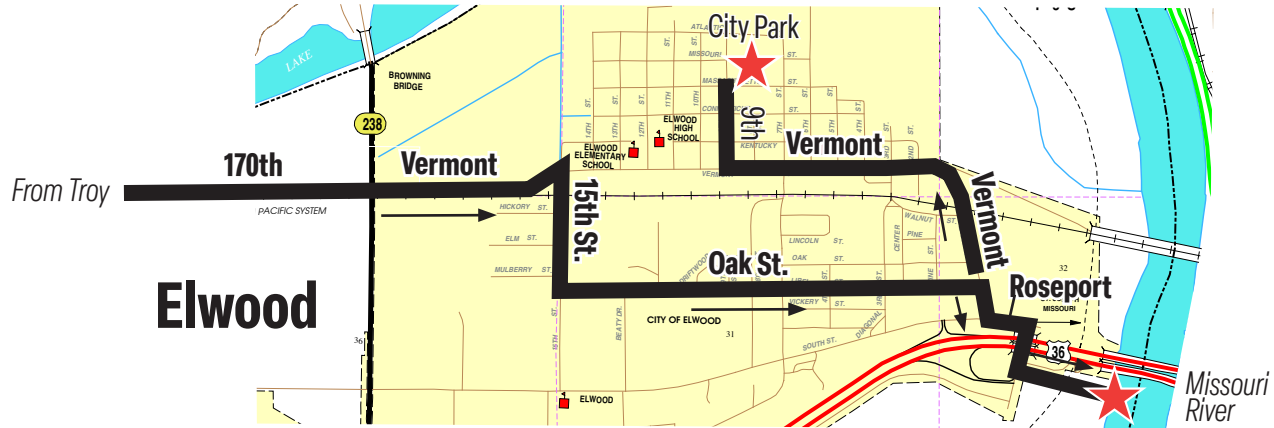
Troy to Wathena	9
Wathena to Elwood (15th St)	3
15th St to Roseport Landing on the Missouri River	2
Missouri River to Elwood City Park	2
Total Mileage from Colorado Border to Missouri River:	483



BAK Celebration Festivities:

City Park. Chris Cakes will be serving all you can eat pancakes, sausage, Tang, and water from 9-11 am.

Your BAK name badge is your ticket to lunch. Everyone must show their name badge. Yellow name badge needed for vegan/vegetarian meal. Guest tickets can be purchased at the BAK Info Desk for \$12 or \$15 at the picnic.



History Notes: June 14

Glaciers: Glaciers once stretched over Doniphan County, leaving a beautiful landscape of steep, wooded river bluffs, and sprawling hills. The county thrived in early days because of prevalent steamboat travel on the Missouri River. Immigrants from Switzerland, France, and Germany settled the area, and due to the hills and valleys, it was nicknamed Little Switzerland.

WATHENA (pop. 1,246) Named after the chief of the Kickapoo Indians who settled on this land in 1852, Wathena means “sun shining over moose horns.” In 1861, Abraham Lincoln signed the town’s charter. Later, the community was incorporated as a city in 1873.

City Hall: 206 St Joseph. Wathena’s city offices are housed inside this 1942 WPA stone building.

Civil War Monument: 2 miles north on N 9th. A 1915 bronze statue at the Belmont Cemetery honors those who lost their lives in the Civil War.

ELWOOD (pop. 1,1245) The first post office was established in June 1857, then incorporated in 1860. It is named for the pioneer settler John B. Elwood.

Historical Marker: 203 Roseport Rd (Hwy 36). The marker is placed as a reminder that in 1856 Elwood, originally named Roseport, prospered with steamboats and ferryboats business. Much of the old town was eventually washed away by floods. Look for the Pony Express plaque on a glacial stone in this area.

Fort Luxembourg Visitor Center: 203 Roseport Road (Hwy 36).

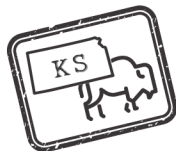
The country of Luxembourg was so taken by the devastation that occurred in Elwood after the flood of 1993 that its residents sent relief money.

The result is this log cabin building named for its benefactor.



Passport & Activity Book

June 7 - 14, 2025



BAK'25 Passport

Keep a record of all the BAK SAG stops you encounter! When you pull up to a SAG stop, ask a volunteer about stamping your passport. Each stop will have a stamp or a sticker for you to add to your collection. You might even get one from Drippy!



Spirit Days

Monday, June 9 - College/Alma Mater

Wednesday, June 11 - Patriotic Day

Thursday, June 12 - Throwback Thursday

Saturday, June 14 - BAK 2025 Jersey/Shirt

Created by Lydia Byers & Jenniffer Kliever
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Selfie Scavenger Hunt

Take part in a selfie scavenger hunt to capture your BAK memories! Each day, there is a list of photos you can take while learning about the communities and their histories as we travel across Kansas.

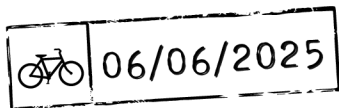
You can post your pictures to social media with the tag: **#bak2025**



BAK'25 BINGO

Meet people on BAK! Throughout these pages, you'll find prompts that will help you meet other cyclists. When you meet someone new who fits, write their name on the blank! Each prompt has a 2-character code that matches a square on the bingo card on the next page. Mark the squares you complete to get a BINGO!

CO Border - St. Francis



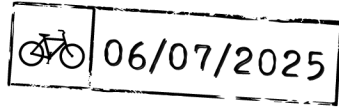
Selfie Scavenger Hunt

- Welcome Sign - Colorado
- Welcome Sign - Kansas
- Cherry Creek Encampment - St Francis
- Historical Marker Signs - How many can you get?

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N	BN	AN	Free	2N	5N
G	BG	AG	KG	2G	5G
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BAK'25 BINGO Card

St Francis - Oberlin



Selfie Scavenger Hunt

- Cheyenne County Courthouse - St Francis
- Antique Engine and Threshers - Bird City
- Rawlins County Courthouse - Atwood
- Decatur County Courthouse - Oberlin
- Last Indian Raid Museum - Oberlin
- Feedlot - must be a selfie!

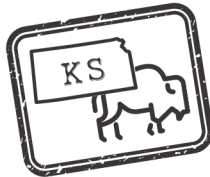
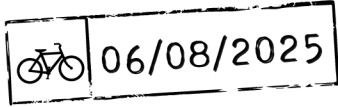
BAK'25 BINGO

2B. Doesn't drink coffee

KB. Rides the same type of bike as you

KI. Rode on BAK before 1990

Oberlin - Logan



Selfie Scavenger Hunt

- Prairie Dog State Park Sign - Norton
- Stagecoach Station 15 - Norton
- Hansen Museum - Logan
- Logan Area Historical Museum - Logan
- Detour sign
- Cattle truck with cattle

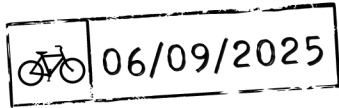
BAK'25 BINGO

BG. Speaks multiple languages

5O. Has the most relatives who have done BAK

5B. Is from Kansas

Logan - Osborne



Selfie Scavenger Hunt

- Kirwin Town Square - Kirwin
- "Bull City" Welcome Sign - Alton
- Osborne County Museum - Osborne
- Osborne County Courthouse - Osborne
- Grain Elevator
- Tractor working in a field

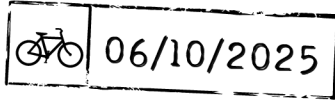
BAK'25 BINGO

AG. Had their picture printed in a newspaper

KO. Rides a recumbent

KG. Went to the same school as you

Osborne - Mankato



Selfie Scavenger Hunt

- World's Largest Ball of Twine - Cawker City
- Waconda Springs - Cawker City
- Castle Lodge - Glen Elder
- Mitchell County Courthouse - Beloit
- Jewell County Post Rock Jail - Mankato
- Working circle irrigation unit

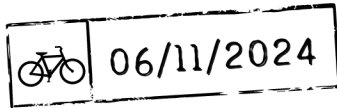
BAK'25 BINGO

2O. Has introduced a person by the wrong name

5G. Has broken a bone during a ride

2N. Rode their first BAK in the 90s

Mankato - Washington



Selfie Scavenger Hunt

- New Scandinavia Memorial - Scandia
- Republic County Courthouse - Belleville
- Post Office Mural - Belleville
- Washington County Courthouse - Washington
- With a flag or in your flag day jersey
- Large rotary hay bales

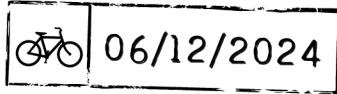
BAK'25 BINGO

2G. Has milked a cow by hand

2I. Rides an electric bike

BO. Has been to the most states

Washington - Sabetha



Selfie Scavenger Hunt

- Marshall County Courthouse - Marysville
- Pony Express Home Station #1 - Marysville
- There's No Place Like Home Sign - Home
- Post Office Mural - Sabetha
- Cow with a yellow ear tag
- Pie - you eating one

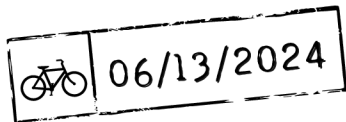
BAK'25 BINGO

BB. Shares a birthday with you

AO. Has ridden another state's ride

AI. Has participated in BAK for more than 10 years

Sabetha - Troy



Selfie Scavenger Hunt

- Clock Tower Building - Hiawatha
- Brown County Courthouse - Hiawatha
- Peter Toth Indian Monument - Troy
- Doniphan County Courthouse - Troy
- Gravestone from the 1800s
- Adopt a highway sign

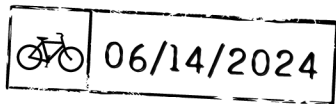
BAK'25 BINGO

AB. Plays a musical instrument

5N. Has ridden a bicycle tour in another country

BI. Participated in BAK 2014 on the diagonal route

Troy - Elwood



Selfie Scavenger Hunt

- Elwood Historical Marker - Elwood
- Tire in the Missouri River / Welcome sign - MO
- Church with a stained glass window
- Unusual mailbox
- Roadside Picnic area - Picnic Table
- Wildflowers

BAK'25 BINGO

BN. Has the most letters in their middle name

AN. Rides a tandem

5I. Is wearing this year's BAK shirt or jersey

U	X	Y	W	C	H	E	Y	E	N	N	E	K	R	M
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BAK'25 Word Search

Kansas Counties

Find each of the counties we'll be riding through this year!

- Brown
- Cheyenne
- Decatur
- Doniphan
- Jewell
- Marshall
- Mitchell
- Nemaha
- Norton
- Osborne
- Phillips
- Rawlins
- Republic
- Rooks
- Washington



This certifies that

Successfully crossed the
State of Kansas by bicycle
on Biking Across Kansas,
the week of June 7-14, 2025

_____ miles completed.