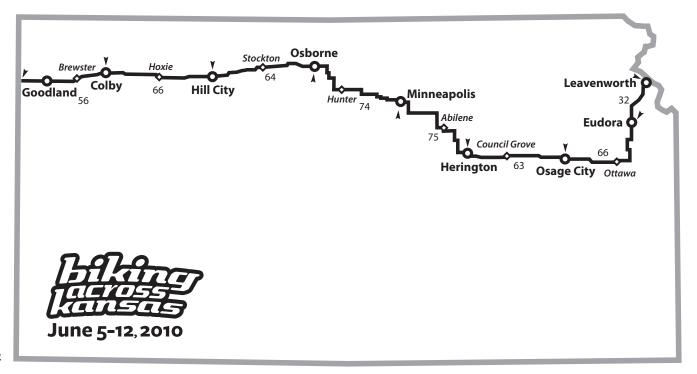




Cycling from Colorado to Missouri via Goodland, Colby, Hill City, Osborne, Minneapolis, Herington, Osage City, Eudora, Leavenworth



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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 be sure to pull completely off the highway
- •Prevent the spread of germs and viruses— USE HAND SANITIZER FREQUENTLY, especially before reaching for food at SAG stops

Use of Gymnasiums & Overnight Facilities

- BICYCLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON GYM
 FLOORS or INSIDE SCHOOL FACILITIES
- COTS or CHAIRS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON GYM FLOORS
- ${\boldsymbol \cdot}$ Clean up all trash before leaving in the morning
- Consideration and respect of others is mandatory. If others are sleeping, please be quiet.
- NO Alcoholic beverages on school property it's against the law
- No smoking in unauthorized areas
- Remember please check in and out each day

Introductory Meeting

Friday at 8:00 pm at the Goodland High School.

Nightly Meetings

BAK Meetings at 8:00 pm each evening.

Sag Support

SAGs are provided by and staffed by volunteers. SAGs will support from 7:00 A.M. until 5:00 PM (until 10:00 am on June 12). 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, eating until you "catch up."

Baggage Truck

You are responsible for loading your own luggage. DO NOT PILE YOUR LUGGAGE OUTSIDE OF THE TRUCK AND EXPECT SOMEONE ELSE TO LOAD IT FOR YOU. Please load as far forward and as high as possible (high and tight). The truck will depart daily at 9:00 am. and arrive at approximately 12:00 pm at the overnight stop each afternoon. Please help unload the truck when you arrive.

Today's Destination City:	Goodland
Overnight Lodging at:	High School
Total Mileage:	18

Supper

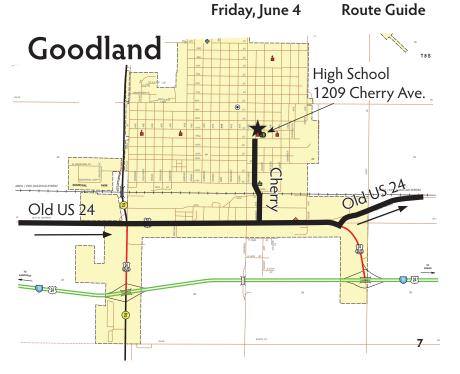
Spaghetti supper (look for signage)

Directions: Begin at Kansas/Colorado border on old U.S. 24—head east to Goodland. Left turn on Cherry Street to Goodland High School at 1209 Cherry (12th and Cherry).

Breakfast

4-H Club Serving 4:30–7:30 am Mountain Time

2 Biscuits with Sausage Gravy 1 Sausage and Egg Burrito Bagel with Cream Cheese Fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) Orange Juice Coffee Gatorade Mix 1 Scoop in your water bottle



Today's Destination City:	Colby
Overnight Lodging at:	Community College 1255 S. Range Ave. (K-25)
Brunch Stop:	Brewster
Total Mileage:	38

Directions: Leave Goodland heading east on Old US 24. WATCH for the left turn to continue on Old US 24. Stay on US 24 to Colby. Right turn onto K-25 (Range Ave). Continue to Community College (left turn).

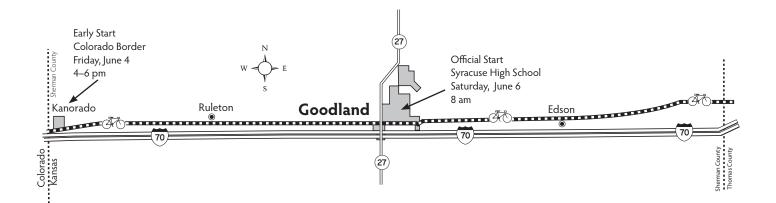
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Point to Point Mileage

Goodland to Edson	9.5
Edson to Brewster	9
Brewster to Levant	10
Levant to Colby	9.5

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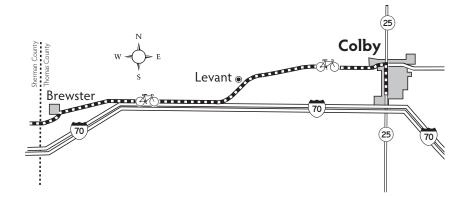




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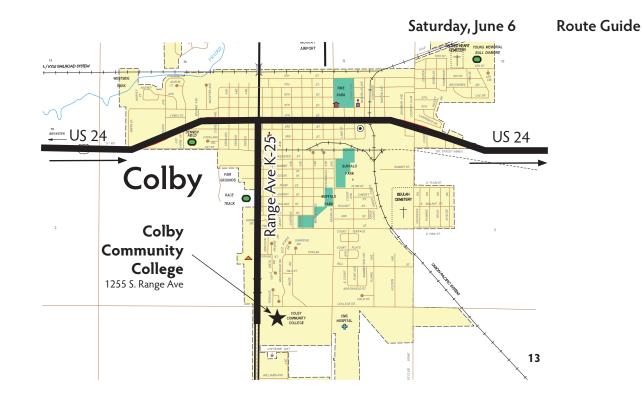
A big tent is set up at Prairie Museum of Art & History. Concessions are available on the grounds from the Colby High plains Lions Club. They will be selling from 5-7:30 PM.

Local Restaurants

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Arby's Roast Beef 2005 S Range 462-6460 Bamboo Gardens 1715 W 4th 462-7722 Burger King 1945 S Range 462-2281 Butch's Smoke House 1835 S Range 462-1891 B-Hive 170 W 4th 460-8813 China Buffet 1935 S Range 462-6358 City Limits Grill & Steak House 2225 S Range 462-6565 El Dos De Oros at Quality Inn 1950 S Range 460-5816

Gambino's 1100 W 4th 462-9977 Montana Mike's 1855 S Range 462-7178 McDonalds 2000 S Range 462-8159 Oasis Travel Center 700 Horton Ave. 460-0044 Quizno's 460-0023; Starbuck's Coffee 460-0042: Chester Fried Chicken 460-0041 Hot Stuff Pizza ; Cinnamon Street Bakery 460-0044; Baskin-Robbins 460-0023) Pizza Hut 980 S Range 462-8206 Sonic Drive Inn 1835 S Range 462-7138 Subway 1997 S Range 462-2022 Taco John's 2025 S Range 460-8226 Twisters Bar & Grill 735 E College Dr 460-7888 Village Inn 2215 S Range 460-6683 Wendy's 1100 E. Willow 460-5860



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History Notes

Sherman County is one of only two marketing centers for sunflowers in the U.S. and is the largest producer of commercial sunflowers on the High Plains. Extracting vegetable oil from sunflowers and confectionery sunflower processing are the area's largest industries.

Kanorado (pop. 230)

Aficionados of Drover Rail Cars won't want to miss the Rock Island car number 1776 that's parked outside the museum downtown.

Goodland (pop. 4,589) Sunflower Capital of the Sunflower State. Van Gogh Painting: Cherry & U.S. 24. Canadian artist Cameron Cross painted this enlarged reproduction. The 24x32-foot painting was completed in 2001, weighs 40,000 pounds, and rests on an 80-foothigh easel.

Red-Brick Streets: Jim Brown, a Native American, laid these streets in 1921. He could lay 150 bricks per minute or 36,000 bricks a day! And he did it so accurately that no adjustment was needed! Goodland Carnegie Arts Center (NRHP): 120 W. 12th. Built in 1913.

Post Office Mural (NRHP): E. 11th & Broadway. Rural Free Delivery is a 1937 Section artwork by Kenneth Adams.

Sherman County Courthouse: E. 8th & Broadway. Built in 1931 of blond-brick and art deco tile accents. Greg Todd created the mixed metal sculpture, They Came to Stay, on the courthouse grounds.

Telephone Building: 10th & Main. Lavishly decorated with terra cotta tiles in Indian motifs by architect Charles Shaver.

High Plains Museum: 1717 Cherry. A scythe in a limestone tree marks this museum which includes a full-sized replica of America's first patented helicopter, invented by W.J. Purvis and C.A. Wilson in 1909.

Goodland Public Library: Greg Todd created a bronze, More than Words, depicting a mother reading to her children.

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Brewster (pop. 274)

Bubba's Corner: Serving hungry travelers since 1929, this building includes an ornate back bar and mirror that came from an early 1990s local hotel.

Northwest Kansas Heritage Center: This corner bank building preserves the story of local schools and the area's history.

Colby (pop. 5,244)

Prairie Museum of Art and History: 1905 S. Franklin at I-70 Colby exit 53. Features exhibits about western Kansas and native son opera star Samuel Ramey. This outdoor complex includes the Cooper barn, one of the largest barns in Kansas, built in 1936 to house Hereford show cattle. Thomas County Courthouse (NRHP): 300 N. Court. Spirit of the Prairie, a Charlie Norton bronze of a prairie woman and her baby, welcomes you to the 1906 Romanesque Revival courthouse.

WPA Projects (NRHP): Colby Community High School (750 W. 3rd), a 1935 Eclectic Mediterranean Revival style with art deco influences; Colby City Hall (585 N. Franklin), built in 1936 of native limestone in minimalized art deco style; Colby Municipal Swimming Pool and Bathhouse (200 E. 5th) is designed with art deco features. Biking Across Kansas 2010 Sunday, June 6

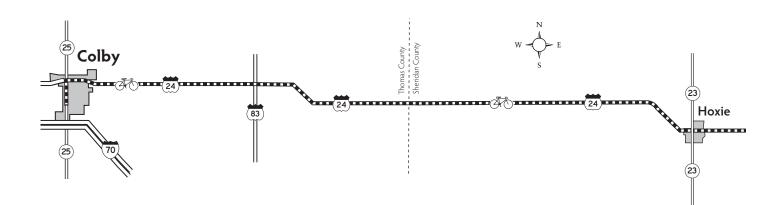
Today's Destination City:	Hill City
Overnight Lodging at:	High School 8th and Hill St.
Lunch Stop:	Hoxie
Total Mileage:	66

Directions: Leaving the Community College head north on Range Ave (K-25) to 4th St. (US 24), turn right. Continue East on US 24 to Hill City. Turn left on 8th Ave, continue to High School.

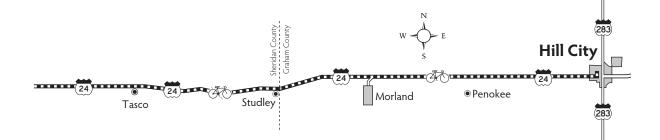
Point to Point Mileage

Colby to Jct. US 83	11
Jct. US 83 to Hoxie	23
Hoxie to Studley	15
Studley to Morland	5
Morland to Penokee	5
Penokee to Hill City	7

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Hoxie (pop. 1,180).

Sheridan County Courthouse: 9th, between Queen & Royal. Green walltile designs are on this 1918 Classical Eclecticism building of buff brick, designed by architect Thomas Williamson, and occupies a full block square. This is the only courthouse in Kansas without the county name engraved on the courthouse exterior. Sheridan County was named for General Phillip Sheridan of Civil War fame.

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Mickey's Museum: 1224 Oak. The museum replicates a 1920's hardware store, and includes a one-room schoolhouse .

Solomon Valley/Highway 24 Heritage Alliance: Hoxie is the western end of the Alliance that promotes the Solomon River Valley along highway 24. Look for the blue-roofed kiosks along the highway that tell about the rural culture elements of each town.

West of Studley:

collection of comic books.

Largest Cottonwood: ¼ mile north of U.S. 24 sitting in a row of trees, this cottonwood has the largest circumference of any Eastern Cottonwood in the state at 32 feet, 6 inches.

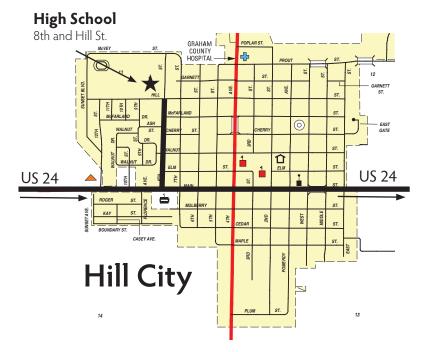
Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site: On U.S. 24 at

the Sheridan & Graham county line. Notice the pink, pale yellow, and gray colored stone blocks on this 1800s historic homestead, patterned after an English sheep ranch, by John Fenton Pratt.

Morland (pop. 157) The Comic Book Capital of Kansas. Citizen's State Bank: A relief on the front reflects the paleontology of the area. Stop in at the bank and see the work of local artists and an unusual

Bison America Institute and Museum: E. Main. The only educational institute in America focusing on bison, this converted school also includes dioramas depicting plains animals.

Old Gas Station: ½ mile east of town, north side of U.S. 24. Multicolored stone, including the natural green from the Ogalla formation, enhance the station's façade.



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Hill City (pop. 1,511)

Two Main Streets: W.R. Hill and J.P. Pomeroy were feuding as the town developed in 1876, which led to the designation of two main streets. Competition was so fierce that when a business opened on one main street a corresponding business would open on the other.

Controversial Post Office: The story goes that an attempt to heal the Pomeroy-Hill feud happened in 1917 when a new post office was built with two separate doors.

Ogallala Quartzite: Unique to this area, the green-gray rock is a tightly cemented sandstone from the Ogallala formation. It can be seen on city hall at Elm and Pomeroy, the middle school at 203 N. 2nd, and the home at 621 N. Pomeroy.

Penokee Man Exhibit: Cherry & West. The Graham County Public Library offers an exhibit, including an aerial view, and info on this phenomenon.

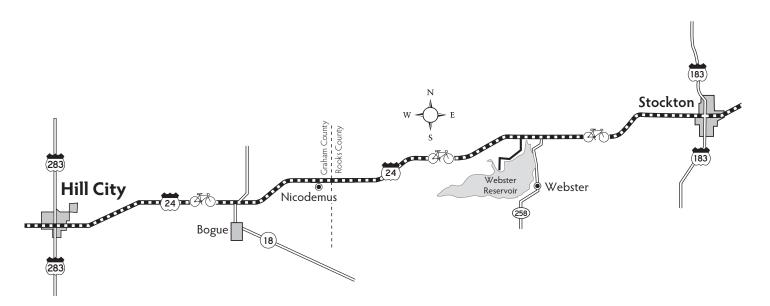
Oil Museum: W. U.S. 24. Look for the tan building sitting below the oil derrick. 21

Today's Destination City:	Osborne
Overnight Lodging at:	High School (219 N. 2nd St.)
Lunch Stop:	Stockton
Total Mileage:	64

Directions: Return to US 24 and continue east to US 281. Right turn on US 281 into Osborne. Right turn on 2nd St, 1 blk to High School.

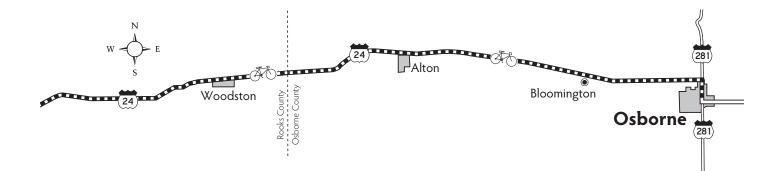
Point to Point Mileage

Hill City to Nicodemus	13
Nicodemus to Webster Reservoir	11
Webster Reservoir to Stockton	8
Stockton to Woodston	9
Woodston to Alton	8.5
Alton to Bloomington	8.5
Bloomington to Oborne	6



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Food Options

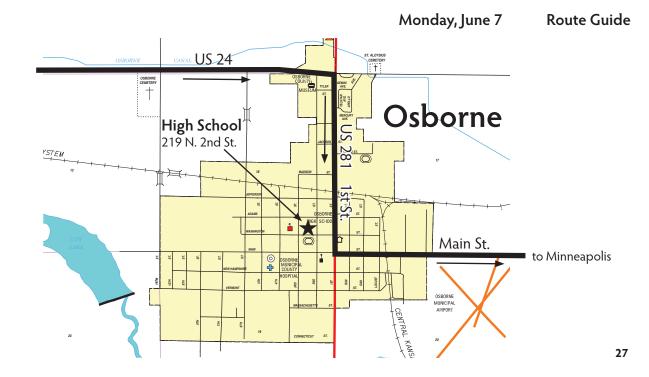
Pizza Hut located on highway 24

The Huddle is located at 119 s 1st street serving hamburgers.

Several concessions around the high school. Foods will include hamburgers, hotdogs, pulled pork sandwiches, walking taco's, smoked chops, grilled chicken breast and sandwiches. Drink stand consist of water, powerade, pop, Concessions open11a.m. til 7p.m.

Breakfast

Serving breakfast in the grade school Pancakes and eggs



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Bogue (pop. 173) Wildhorse Township Hall: Built in 1936 of sandstone and is a WPA project.

High Tower Park: The 1940 concrete water tower is a WPA project and is still being used.

Nicodemus (Unincorporated)

A national historic site since 1996 and the oldest surviving town west of the Mississippi established by African Americans following the Civil War. Originally founded in 1877, it soon was home to 300 black settlers. By the mid-1880's it was a prosperous town with two newspapers, three general stores, three churches, small hotels, schools, a literary society, bank, and many homes.

Township Hall: A 1939 WPA project, this is a good place to learn about this historic town and the people who lived here. Pick up a brochure describing the 1878 St. Francis Hotel, the 1907 First Baptist Church, the 1907 A.M.E. Church, and the 1918 school district building. Each building has an identification sign.

Stockton (pop. 1,477)

Frank Walker Museum: S. U.S. 183. A Pete Felton limestone sculpture of a draft horse marks this museum operated by the Rooks County Historical Society. Featured is the Zelma Rader Atherton doll collection and the musical instruments of Stockton native Lorenzo Fuller, a 1947 African American graduate of Julliard, Broadway performer, and early television pioneer.

Rooks County Courthouse (NRHP): N. 1st & Walnut. Finished in 1924, this Modern Eclecticism building has a beautiful white marble third-floor courtroom and murals on the second floor.

Stockton Heritage Walking-Tour: Pick up a brochure at the courthouse and discover a log hotel replica, the first funeral home in northwest Kansas, the limestone WPA grade school, and the Waller-Coolbaugh residence at 421 N. Walnut (High Classical Revival architecture built in 1905).

Nova Theater: 517 Main. The community has made great effort to reopen this 1932 art deco theater.

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Rooks County Fairgrounds: S. U.S. 183. The fairgrounds comprise a complex of native limestone buildings erected in 1936-1937 as a WPA project and include a grandstand, race track fence, horse barn, racehorse stables, and three livestock pavilions.

Carnegie Library: 1st & U.S. 183. This Eclectic Classical Revival building was built in 1911 and still serves the town.

Osborne (pop. 1,497)

Look for the blue-gray outcroppings of Carlile Shale, formed during the Cretaceous Period. Osborne County is the Homestead Literature Capital of Kansas.

Osborne County Courthouse (NRHP): 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!

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.

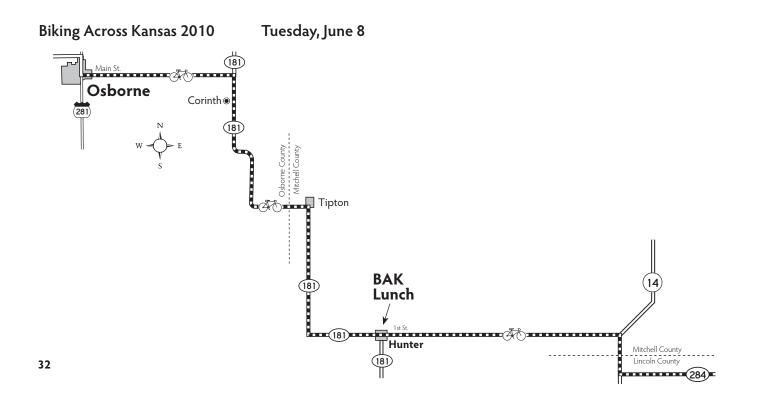
Geodetic Center (NRHP): Rest area just east of U.S. 281 & U.S. 24 junction. The historical marker explains that a site near here (18 miles south-east on private property) is the Geodetic Center of North America. Biking Across Kansas 2010 Tuesday, June 8

Today's Destination City:	Minneapolis
Overnight Lodging at:	High School 602 Woodland Ave.
Lunch Stop(s):	Hunter
Total Mileage:	74

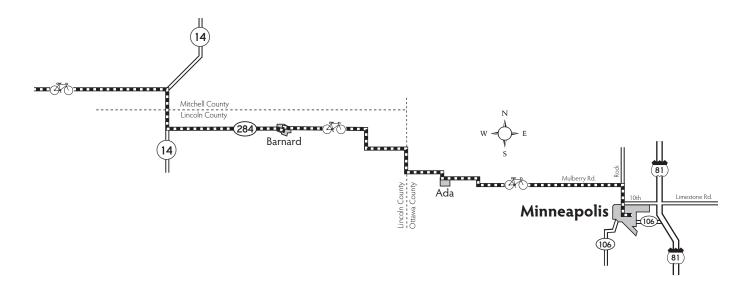
Route Notes: Leave High School on 2nd St., head south to Main St., turn left. Continue on Main St east to Jct K-181. Right turn onto K-181, continue to Hunter. At Hunter, head east through town (on 1st St) and continue on to Jct K-14. Turn right on K-14 for 3 miles to Jct K-284. Left turn on K-284, contine east through Barnard and follow pavement through Ada to N. 120th Rd. (Rock St.). Right turn into Minneapolis, left turn onto 6th, continue 6 blks to High School

Point to Point Mileage

Osborne to Corinth	9.5
Corinth to Tipton	9.5
Tipton to Hunter	11
Hunter to Jct. K-14	13
K-14 to Barnard	9
Barnard to Ada	10.5
Ada to Minneapolis	12.5



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History Notes

Tipton (pop. 243)

The plat for this city was filed May 5, 1877 and covered 160 acres. By 1882 there were thirty or forty houses on the townsite with a wealthy German settlement around it. In 1934 a Grotto was constructed by the Parochial church members in honor of "Our Lady of Lourdes." A German subscription school with thirty-five scholars and a regular district school of about thirty scholars were maintained in the town by 1882.

Hunter (pop. 75)

The town got its official start in 1915. Hunter was named for Al Hunter, one of the early residents of the community. He was born in Virginia, moving to lowa with his parents in 1856. Hunter resided in a sod house for 15 years before hauling lumber from Sylvan Grove to build a frame house in the community which was to be named after him.

Barnard (pop. 122)

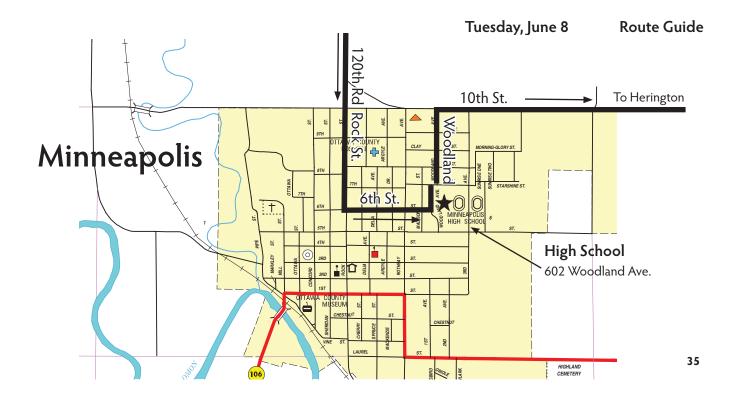
Water Tower: Barnard's concrete octagonal water tower was built by the WPA in 1937.

Minneapolis (pop. 2,044)

George Washington Carver Marker: A half block north of 2nd on Sheridan, next to the police station, is a marker at the site where Carver attended school. Minneapolis is the hometown of this famous black agricultural scientist.

Rock City: Cross the Solomon River on K-106 and go about 3 miles south. Follow signs and a sandy road west for a short distance. In this flat, fertile valley are 200 ancient and giant Dakota sandstone creations.

Ottawa County Museum: 110 S. Concord. Find out about Kate Richards (Socialist party leader), Jagger Wheat, and the Silvisaurus Condrayi dinosaur.



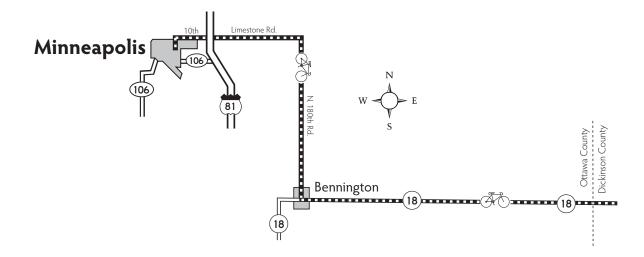
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Today's Destination City:	Herington
Overnight Lodging at:	High School 815 N Jefferson St
Lunch Stop:	Abilene
Total Mileage:	75

Route Notes: Leave High School north on Woodland to 10th, turn right. Continue east, 10th turns into Limestone Road. At junction with North 180th Rd., turn right, continue to Bennington on K-18. Left turn onto K-18. Take K-18 to Fair Road, turn right. Head south on Fair Road to 14th St. in Abilene. Left on 14th St. to Buckeye. Right turn onto Buckeye, continue to 1st St. Left turn onto 1st St, east to K-43 at Enterprise. Right turn onto K-43, head south to Hope. At Hope, south on Oat Road, left onto 500 Ave. Head east on 500 Ave. to Union Ave. Left onto Union Ave to Walnut. Right on Walnut, continue to Broadway, left turn. North on Broadway to Logan, right turn to D. St. Left turn on D. St to High School on the left.

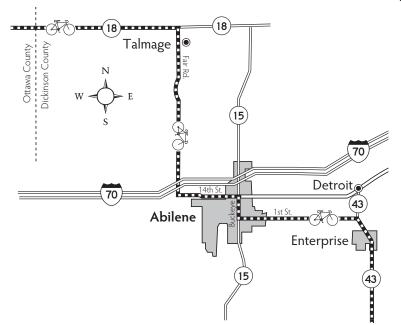
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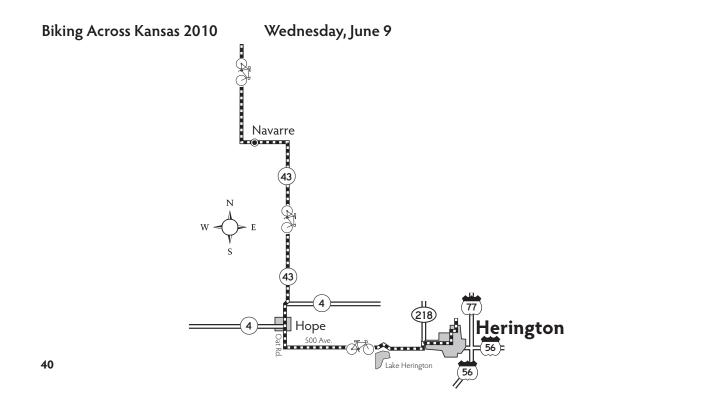
Minneapolis to Bennington	15	Enterprise to Navarre	7
Bennington to Talmage	18	Navarre to Hope	8.5
Talmage to Abilene	10	Hope to Herington	10
Abilene to Enterprise	6.5		

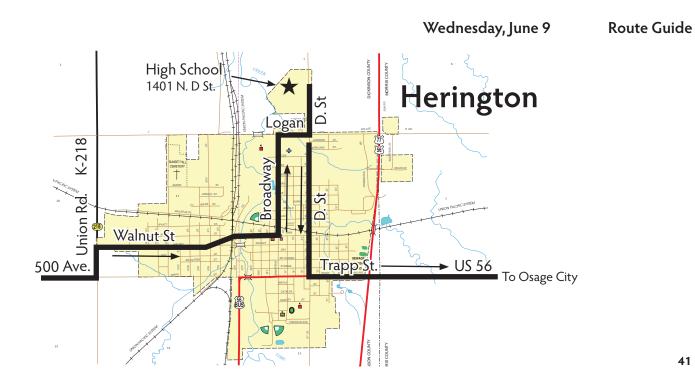


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Bennington (pop 622)

Our Old House was built in the early 1870's by one of the town's founders, George Parker, who opened the first business in Bennington and was the first Postmaster. Later it was the residence of H. Reinhardt who ran a family trading store on the corner west of his home.

Abilene (pop. 6, 456) The Greyhound Capital of Kansas and The Museum Capital of Kansas.

Abilene Visitor Center (NRHP): 201 NW 2nd. The visitor center (Civic Center) is in the 1928 Union Pacific depot, built in the Mission style with terra cotta design.

Eisenhower Museum Complex: 4th & Buckeye. Includes the Eisenhower Museum, Eisenhower's boyhood home (NRHP), the research library, and an 11-foot statue of Ike as a World War II general.

Heritage Center of Dickenson County: 412 S. Campbell. Includes the Museum of Independent Telephony, which shares the amazing evolution of the telephone and the story of Abilene entrepreneur C.L. Brown, whose 1899 start-up company is known today as Sprint. Greyhound Hall of Fame: 409 S. Buckeye. The story of early race tracks and the mechanical rabbit are included in this museum.

Old Abilene Town: 6th & S. Campbell. See the 1887 Rock Island depot, which currently operates a 100-year-old coach powered by a 1945 diesel-electric locomotive.

World's Largest Spur: (NW 8th St.) Directions: S. of I-70. Pine St. and NW 8th St/7th. On the north side of the arena adjacent to a dirt road. The 27 foot high, 2,000 lb spur frames the entry into the arena of the Fairgrounds. The spur is large enough for a semi-truck and trailer to pass through to enter the arena.

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Enterprise (pop. 823)

"Factory" is the main street founded on the industries of milling and manufacturing. Hall-of-famer Zack Wheat played on the Enterprise Mill baseball team. The baseball field (3rd Street) is named for Wheat. The first public kindergarten is Kansas started here in 1903 (see the sign, north end of town).

Public Library: 123 S. Factory. See the historic photos that document Carry Nation smashing the bar in Enterprise in 1901.

Hope (pop. 367)

Hope is famous for it's Ladies Lounge; since 1952 it's been a quiet spot for visiting ladies to retire to while their husbands did business. Once common, facilites like this are rare today, but the one in Hope is still used for meetings.

Hope Community Historical Museum: Broadway and Main. A young museum, it's gathering and preserving the history of the community.

Herington (pop. 2,491)

Outdoor Murals: Broadway & Day. The railroad heritage of Herington is featured in the Milton Fleming train mural. See his Coca Cola mural at 1st & Main.

Post Office Mural (NRHP): A and Main. Arrival of the First Train in Herington -1885 is the title of this 1937 Section artwork by H. Louis Freund.

Tri-County Museum: 800 S. Broadway. Displays emphasize the tri-county's railroad history.

Father Padilla Park: N. Broadway. A memorial to Father Padilla, a martyr killed in Kansas in 1542, stands in the southwest corner of the park.

Carnegie Library (NRHP): 1st & Broadway. Built in 1915, this library is still in use.

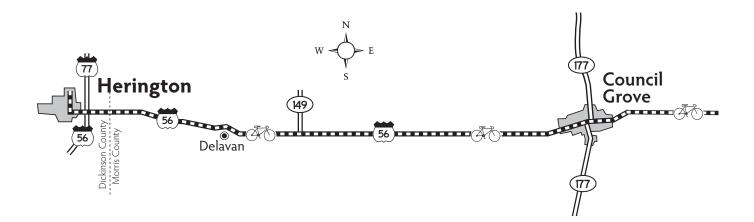
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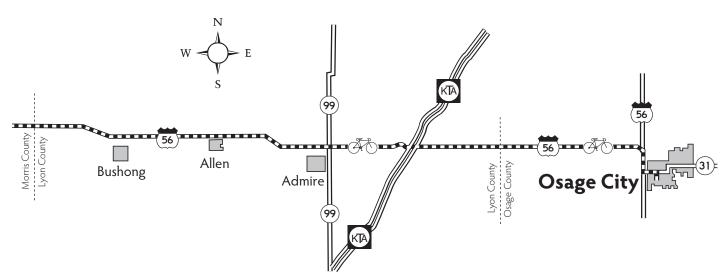
Today's Destination City:	Osage City
Overnight Lodging at:	High School 515 Ellinwood St.
Lunch Stop:	Council Grove
Total Mileage:	63

Route Notes: Leave High School south on D Street to Trapp St (US 56), turn left. Continue east on US 56 to Council Grove. Leaving Council Grove, head east on US 56 to Jct K-31, right turn. Follow K-31 turning left into Osage City (Market St.). Right turn on 5th St. to Ellinwood St and High School.

Point to Point Mileage	
Herington to Delavan	8
Delvan to Council Grove	18
Council Grove to Allen	17
Allen to Jct. K-99	4
Jct. K-99 to Osage City	16

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Food Options Whiskey Ribber BBQ & Catering – Osage City School Pulled Pork Sandwich & 2 Sides -- \$6

Lady Liberties Youth Softball Team Osage City School Sno-Cones -- \$1 Baked Goods – Cookies, Brownies, etc

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Caffe Thyme – 609 Market All You Can Eat Soup & Salad -- \$6.99 Dinner Buffet -- \$7.75 Includes – Herb Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Taco Bar, Enchiladas, Water, Iced Tea or Coffee The Sportsman's Club – 611 Market

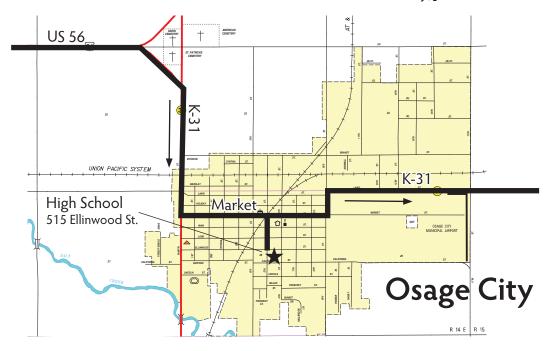
Buzzards Pizza – 511 Market Pizza, Sandwiches, and Salads

The Muffin Top Bakery – 501 Market Sandwiches and Pasta Salads

The Osage City Youth Wrestling Club Bottled Water -- \$1 Pop (Coca-Cola Products) \$1.50 Powerade

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History Notes

Council Grove (pop. 2,275)

A treaty signed in 1825 with the Osage Nation allowed for overland wagon traffic through this area on the Santa Fe Trail. This "council" met under a large "grove" of trees, thus the town's name. For a time Council Grove was the last outpost on the trail where travelers could obtain supplies on their way to Santa Fe. The Santa Fe Trail was used until 1866, when the railroad reached Junction City. In 1846 the area became a Kaw Indian Reservation.

Kaw Mission State Historic Site (NRHP): 500 N. Mission. Thirty Kaw Indian boys lived in this historic stone mission and studied here from 1851 to 1854. Exhibits explain this longtime home of the Kaws.

Neosho Riverwalk: Turn into the driveway just west of the river off Main to view one of the most documented crossings on the Santa Fe Trail. Madonna of the Trail: NE side of U.S. 56 & K-177 junction. This is one of 12 statues depicting a pioneer mother and her two children that have been placed across the nation and was sculpted by August Leimach in 1928.

Council Oak: 3rd & Main. Weather destroyed it in 1958, but was the site of an 1825 treaty signed to give Americans and Mexicans passage through Osage territory.

Post Office Oak & Museum: East of K-177 & Main. Although the 270-yearold bur oak died in 1990, this tree served as the unofficial post office on the Santa Fe Trail. From 1825 to 1847 travelers would leave and retrieve mail from a cache in the tree's base.

Last Chance Store: Main & Chautauqua. Built in 1857 and provided the last opportunity for trade wagons bound for Santa Fe to pick up supplies.

Post Office Mural (NRHP): Main & Wood. Autumn Colors is the title of this 1941 Section artwork by Charles B. Rogers.

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Heritage Plaques: The Philomathian Club has preserved the history of 30 structures in town by marking each with a Heritage Plaque. Pick up a brochure at the chamber office, 212 W. Main.

Big John Farm Limestone Bank Barn (NRHP): one mile east of town on north side of the road. Built in 1871 and was used as the Morris County Poor Farm from 1889 to 1945.

Osage County Line: Begin looking for the red-brick 1929 Rapp School (NRHP). Osage County is the Water Sports Capital of Kansas.

Osage City (pop. 2,954)

Osage County Railroad and Mining Museum (NRHP): 507 Market. By 1871 the coalfields of Osage County had become a prime spot for mining and for employment west of the Mississippi. This restored 1912 Mission-style Santa Fe depot preserves the story of coal mining, the railroad, and local history. Biking Across Kansas 2010 Friday, June 11

Today's Destination City:	Eudora
Overnight Lodging at:	Middle School 2635 Church St.
Lunch Stop:	Ottawa
Total Mileage:	66

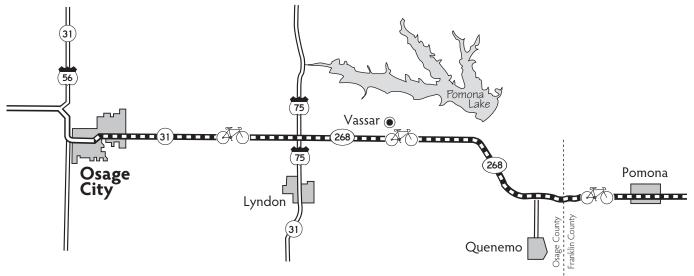
Route Notes: Leave High School north on 5th Street to Market St. (K-31). Right turn on K-31, continue east to Jct US 75. Straight onto K-268, which turns into K-68. At Ottawa, exit onto 7th St. and go to Main St. Left on Main St. to K-68, right turn. East on K-68 to Tennessee Road. Left turn, continue to Le Loup. Left turn on Shawnee Road then right onto Ohio. Continue north through Baldwin City. Leave Baldwin City north to Vinland. Right turn onto North 700 Rd. East to 2200 Road. Left turn and north to Eudora.

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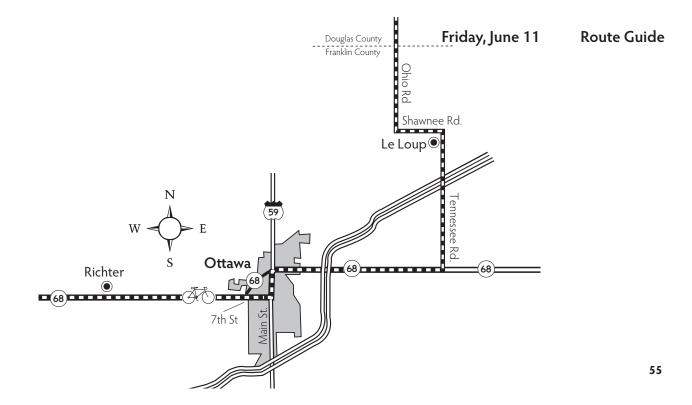
Point to Point Mileage

Osage City to Jct. US 75	7.5	Le Loup to Baldwin City	7
Jct. US 75 to Pomona	13.5	Baldwin City to Vinland	4
Pomona to Ottawa (Jct K-68)	11	Vinland to Eudora	12
Ottawa to Le Loup	11		

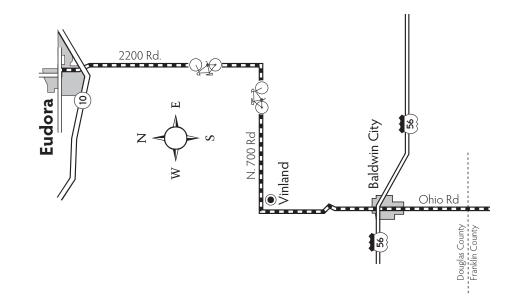
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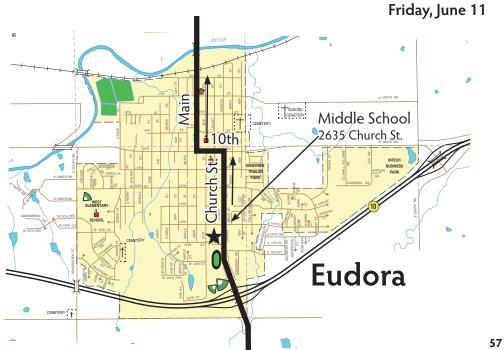


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Food Options

Supper - Food booths with the locals celebrating "Summer in the Park" 5:30-9:00 pm west of Middle School

Breakfast - Traditional Chris Cakes BAK Breakfast at school

History Notes

Ottawa (pop. 12,031)

Old Depot Museum: 135 W. Tecumseh (1 block west & 1 south of K-68 & U.S. 59 junction). Inside this restored 1888 two-story, limestone railroad depot learn about local history and view the humorous photos by William Martin, whose trick photography superimposed larger-than-life images of people, produce, and animals.

Prairie Spirit Trail: West side of the Old Depot Museum. This is the trail head of the state's first major hiking and biking rail trail opened in 1996.

Franklin County Courthouse: 315 S. Main. Designed by Ottawa resident George Washburn and completed in 1893, this Romanesque Revival structure is the oldest Washburn-designed courthouse in Kansas (there are 12 others).

Dietrich Cabin: 500 S. Main. This historic cabin was built in 1859 and moved into City Park in 1960.

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Baldwin City (pop. 3,637)

Oneida Indian Jim Garfield Brown could lay bricks faster than eight men could bring them to him. He completed laying bricks for High Street and around the Baker campus in 1926. (This is the same man who laid the brick streets in Goodland.)

Baker University: Founded in 1858, this is the oldest four-year college in the state.

Vinland (Unincorporated)

The stone Grange Hall (NRHP) at Oak and Main dates to 1884. The Coal Creek Library Association was founded in 1859, and the library has been located in the historic building (NRHP) at 698 E1719 Road since 1900.

Eudora (pop. 4,963)

Located between the lush river valleys of the Wakarusa (an Indian word meaning "Hip-deep") River to the west and north, and the mighty Kaw River to its north, look for the historic Victorian homes on the older tree-lined streets seemingly out of a Norman Rockwell painting,

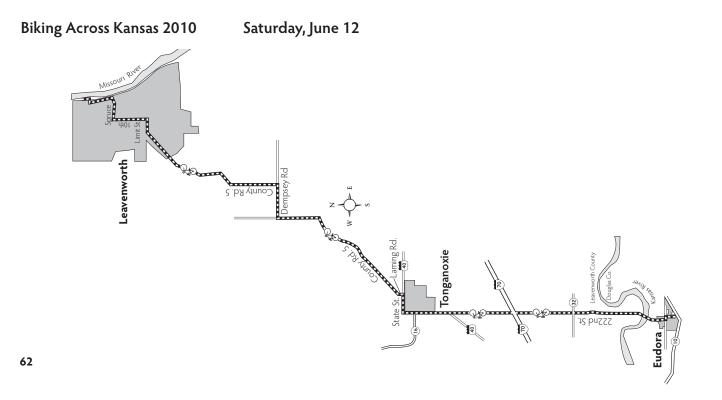
Today's Destination City:	Leavenworth
Total Mileage:	32
BAK TOTAL MILEAGE:	496

Route Notes: Leave Middle School north on Church St. to 10th. Left on 10th two blks to Main. Right turn onto Main and head north to Tonganoxie. At Tonganoxie, follow the curve right onto State St. Left turn onto Laming Road to Leavenworth County Road 5. Follow Road 5 to Leavenworth. Right turn on Limit St., left onto 10th Ave, right onto Spruce. Left onto 2nd St., right on Dakota to Riverfront Park Road and Missouri River. Return on Dakota to 2nd St., to Ottawa. Right turn onto Ottawa, continue to David Brewer Park at 18th St.

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Point to Point Mileage

Eudora to Tonganoxie	12
Tonganoxie to Leavenworth (city limits)	16
Leavenworth to Missouri River	4
Missouri River to David Brewer Park	2



History Notes

Tonganoxie (3,317)

Tonganoxie was named after a Delaware Indian, Chief Tonganoxie. The Chief Tonganoxie Lodge, built in 1835, was a stop over for mail and passengers traveling through the area. Eventually the Government took over the land and sold it to the Union Pacific Railroad. The town was actually established in 1866 after Magdalena Bury bought 40 acres from the Union Pacific Railroad and had it platted. Several of the town's early settlers wanted to name the City Buryville, but Mrs. Bury convinced them to use Chief Tonganoxie's name. According to the County Courthouse records, Tonganoxie was established officially on July 26, 1866.

Leavenworth (35,211)

Leavenworth is the "First City incorporated in the state of Kansas" and Fort Leavenworth is known as the "Post that opened the West" and is the oldest fort in continuous use west of the Mississippi River.



