

mobile route guide



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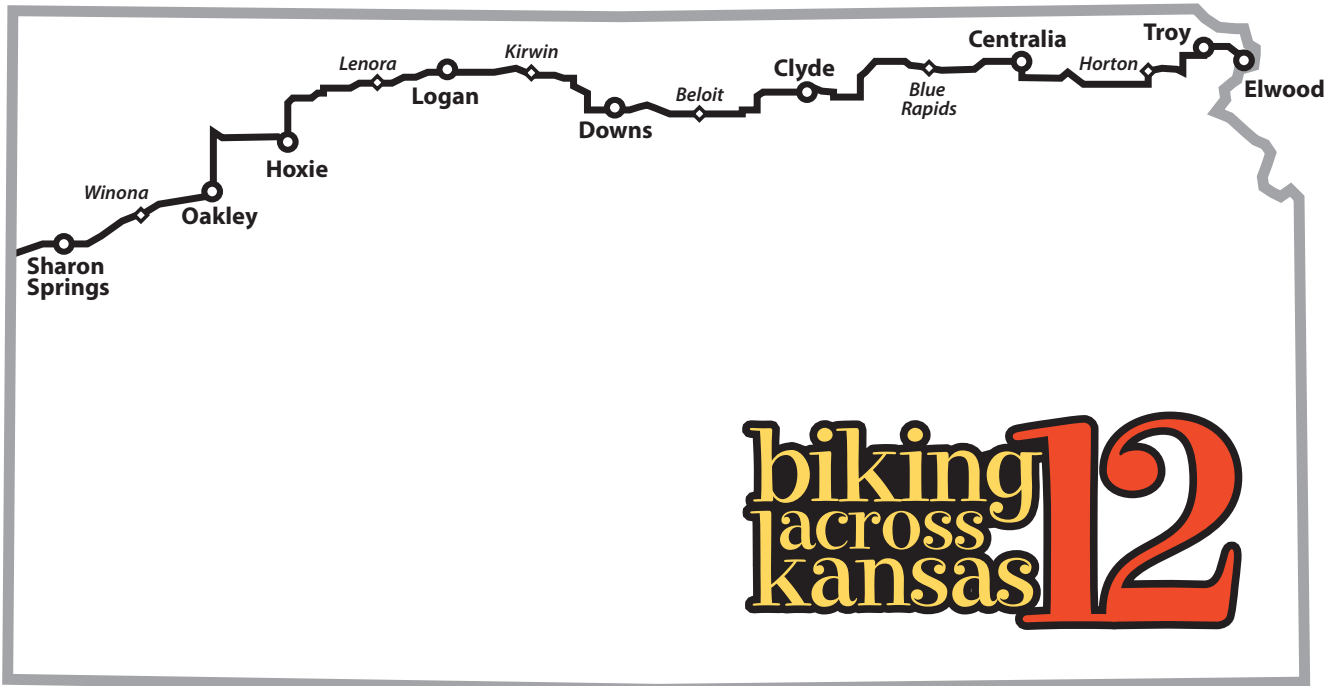
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for bicycles, the bicyclist assumes the risk for his/her own safety when using the routes indicated for use on BAK 2012.

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

316-217-5941

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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
- 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 in Sharon Springs

Friday at 8:00 PM CENTRAL time at the Wallace County 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 AM until 5:00 PM (until 10:00 AM on June 16). 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: Sharon Springs

Overnight Lodging at: High School

Total Mileage: 17

Directions: Begin at Kansas/Colorado border Old US 40—head east to Sharon Springs. Turn right on Main St. to Wallace County High School.

History Notes

Wallace County: Surrounded by the grandeur of the high plains, Wallace County is rich in history and known for its miles and miles of rolling plains and the endless circle of the horizon.

Weskan: unincorporated

Mount Sunflower: 3 miles west of Weskan, then 11 miles north, and 1 mile west. The site was surveyed in 1961 and designated by the US Geological Survey as having the highest elevation in Kansas - 4,039 feet above sea level.

Sharon Springs: pop. 762

Wallace County Courthouse: 313 N. Main.

This Modern Eclecticism courthouse was built in 1915 and occupies a full block square.

Sharon Springs, Supper: Fri. 6/8

Outdoor picnic located in parking lot directly behind the Sharon Springs school.

Erin's Catering

Delicious pulled pork sandwich with the fixings.

Price range \$5-7 depending on sides and drink.

Virginia Renner

Barbecued beef sandwich, beans, pie and potato salad. Price range \$5-7 depending on sides and drink. (The pie alone is worth the \$!!)

Class of 2014

Spaghetti dinner with both ground beef and meatless options.

Price range \$5-7 depending on meat / vegan alternatives and drink. Class fundraiser to support prom and other activities.

Michelle Schemm and Family

A grilled chicken and/or veggie wrap.

Price range is \$5-7 depending on meat / veggie choice and drink. This is a ministry trip fundraiser.

Restaurant Fare

Stephens Restaurant

Located at the junction of highways 27 and 40. Full menu with grill options, hamburgers, steak and sandwiches.

Penny's Diner

Located at the junction of highways 27 and 40
An authentic 50's diner with a full menu including sandwiches, hamburgers and wraps as well as ice cream shakes.

Breakfast: Sat. 6/9

In Commons area of Sharon Springs High School.

4-H Council

Assortment of bagels, fruit, muffins, and breakfast burritos.
Pricing is ala carte and will include drinks and juice.
This a fundraiser to support improvements for the county's active 4-H program.

Cake and Bakes

Pastries and rolls. Definitely worth a taste. Price range \$5-6.

Breakfast Smoothies

Jessica Cox is making delicious, nutritious smoothies for breakfast.

Virginia Renner and Friends

Biscuits and gravy.

Restaurant Fare

Stephens Restaurant

Located at the junction of highways 27 and 40
Hot breakfast items and some of the biggest cinnamon rolls you've ever seen.

Penny's Diner

Located at the junction of highways 27 and 40
Biscuits and gravy in addition to breakfast platters.

Today's Destination City: Oakley

Overnight Lodging at: High School (118 W. 7th St.)

Lunch Stop: Winona (BAK paid lunch)

Total Mileage: 53

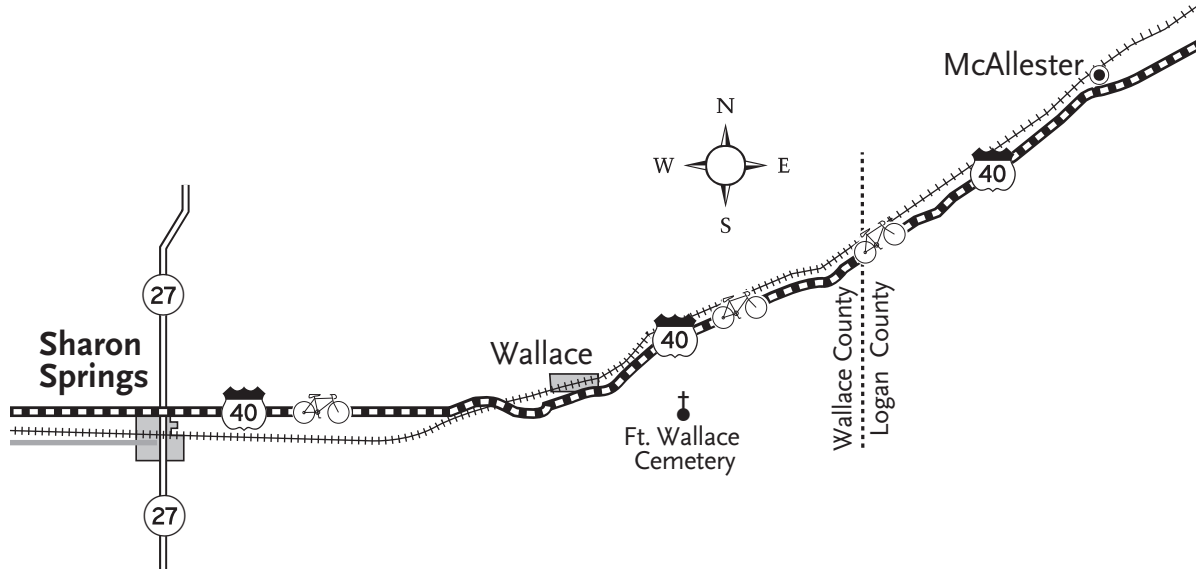
Directions: Leave Wallace County High School, to US 40. Turn right and continue east on US 40 to US 83. Left turn on US 83 to 2nd St. Right turn onto 2nd St., continue to Center Ave. Left turn onto Center to 7th St. Left turn to High School.

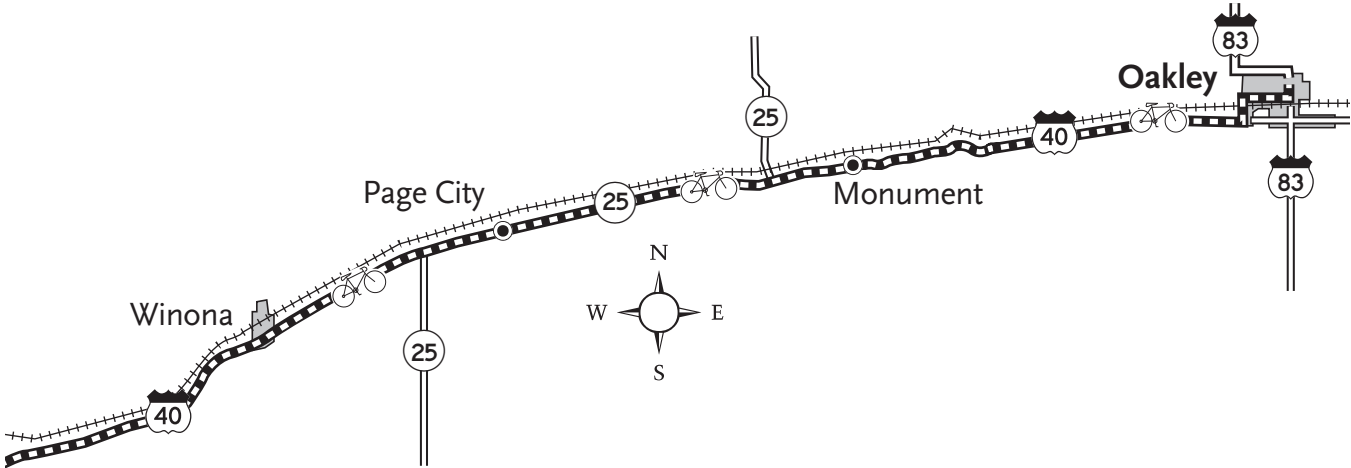
Point to Point Mileage

Sharon Springs to Wallace	9
Wallace to Winona	22
Winona to Page City	5.5
Page City to Monument	7.5
Monument to Oakley	9

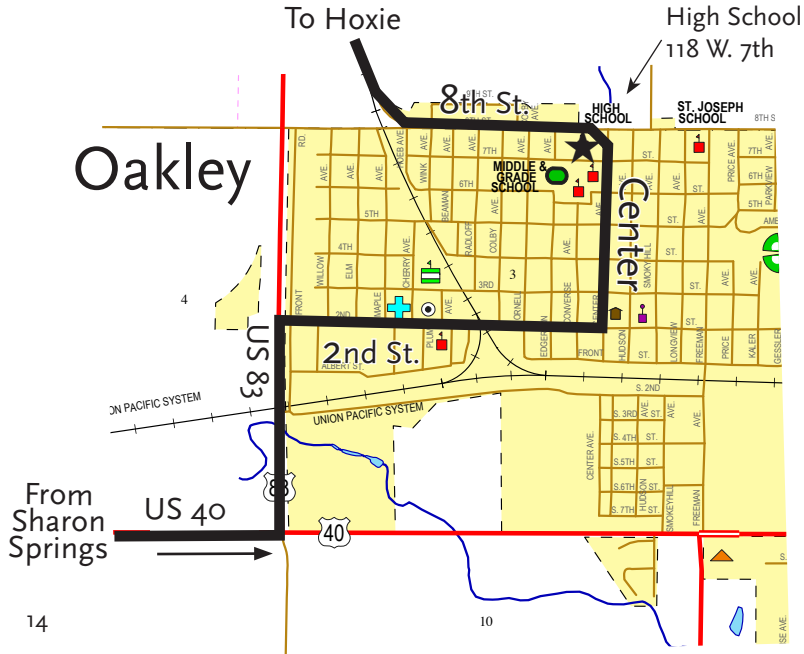
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Saturday, June 9





Oakley Food & Event Notes



- Buffalo Bill Days in Oakley** Hog Roast at the Buffalo Bill Cabin US 83 & Second Street (the site of the 2X life size bronze sculpture of Buffalo Bill in pursuit of a buffalo).
- Knights of Columbus** benefit dinner served at the Buffalo Bill Sculpture between the hours of 4PM and 7PM. Pulled Pork and other assorted smoked BBQ items; various side dishes. Between \$6.00 and \$8.00 dollars.
- Whistlin' Pig Cart** will also be here with lemonade, snow cones, chocolate dipped waffles between noon and 7 PM
- Tri-County Cruisers Car Show** at the Annie Oakley Park – Fifth Street – Car show begins at 10 AM Over 100 new and antique cars will be on display.
- The CYO** will be sponsoring a barbeque at the park. Serving hamburgers and hot dogs, chips and drinks. \$5-\$6.
- The Pool** is also open for free all day so riders can cool off in the pool (if they have their suits). Showers at the pool.
- Courtesy van at the park** will take people wherever they need to go in and around town. Riders can walk over and get a ride back to the school, or out to the Buffalo Bill Cabin.

Arts & Crafts fair at the VFW on Center Avenue.

Begins at 11 AM VFW will be serving food and beverages.

Matinee Movie at the Palace Theater – Center Avenue

Palace Theater will offer a 4 PM matinee and a 7 PM showing.

Price will be \$4.00 - \$6.00. Usual movie concessions plus there will be Subway sandwiches available (cold cut or veggie).

Welcome snacks for riders at school (check in point): Oakley High School Student Council will be on hand welcoming riders and selling water, Gatorade and other snacks from 10 to 3.

Taco Bar at the School Cafeteria: Benefit for the First United Methodist Church of Oakley from 5PM and 8PM. Beef and vegetarian tacos in soft or hard shell served with black beans, refried beans and Mexican rice, beverage and homemade dessert. Complete meal for \$8.00.

Local Restaurants

The Neighborhood Nook on Center Avenue, open until 10 PM Sandwiches, salads, etc. A vegetarian sandwich and salad special for the riders on Saturday. Price range \$6.00 to \$8.00.

Oakley IGA at Second Street and Converse. Sat. until 9:00 PM

Dairy King on S. Freeman. Hamburgers, Chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, soft serve ice cream, sundaes and shakes.

The Bluff Bar & Grill: S. Freeman. American Cuisine.

Pizza Hut on S. Freeman.

Oakley Family Fun Center on US 40

Bowling Alley, arcade, food. Open until 11 PM

Buckhorn Family Restaurant and Subway in Mitten's Travel Plaza at US 40 & I-70 Interchange. Open 24 hours.

Sunday Morning Breakfast at the School

All you can eat buffet In the cafeteria, featuring scrambled eggs, bacon, home fried potatoes, biscuits and gravy, an oatmeal bar, fresh fruit, coffee and juices. \$6.00.

“Oatmeal Bar” in the dining area of the cafeteria: \$4.00

One bowl of oatmeal and a variety of toppings.

“Ala carte” breakfast concession stands Featuring breakfast burritos (including vegetarian), a variety of cold cereals, whole fresh fruit, juices, coffee, protein bars, drinks and fresh baked cinnamon rolls and pastries.

The Colonial Steakhouse – US HWY 83 (on the route out of town)

Open for riders at 5:30 AM on Sunday, offering a full breakfast menu. Wide variety, ranging in price from \$3.00 to \$9.00. Providing free coffee to all BAK riders who stop in for breakfast.

History Notes

Sharon Springs: pop. 762

Wallace County Courthouse: 313 N. Main. This Modern Eclecticism courthouse was built in 1915 and occupies a full block square.

Wallace: pop. 64

Clark-Robidoux House (NRHP): Northwest corner of town. This 1880 house was built in the Gothic Revival style.

Section House: Southwest side of town, north of the grain elevators. Described as the finest superintendent's residence on the railroad, this stone 1879 building is one of only two remaining original Kansas Pacific Railroad structures.

Ft. Wallace

Fort Wallace Museum: On US 40, just east of Wallace. Established in 1865, this fort was founded to protect travelers on the Smokey Hill route and workers on the Union Pacific Railway.

When guarding the High Plains was no longer needed, the Fort was abandoned in 1888, and settlers carried away its remains to use as building materials. The artifacts and photographs in the museum are a must-see. Outbuildings include the 1865 Pond Creek Stagecoach Station (NRHP), and the Weskan depot.

Logan County: On September 17, 1887, Governor John A. Martin, by proclamation, declared the organization of Logan County, Kansas and appointed officers to hold office until the election and qualification of legally elected officers took place. Population of the county at the time was 3,112. Current population of the county is 3,113.

McAllaster: The charter for McAllaster was filed on February 12, 1887. There was much promotion for the town in the local newspaper, "The McAllaster Herald." The newspaper was sent all over the United States claiming this township was a Garden of Eden. Great things were expected of McAllaster as it was on the main line of the Union Pacific Railroad. The original plan was to build North and Second branches, with McAllaster being the Junction. This dream never came to be.

Winona: pop. 212

In May of 1886, Mr. D.D. Hoag, as President of Western Tire Site Company, founded Winona. He named the township after a character in Longfellow's Poem, "The Song of Hiawatha."

Page City: was established by the Swedish Town Site Company in 1884. The original purpose of the town was a station on the Union Pacific Railroad and was considered to be a "Boom Town" in the early 1890s. Novelist George R. Stewart (1895 - 1980) used Page City in his work as an American Toponymist. (A toponymist is one who studies toponymy, which is the scientific study of place names, their origins, meanings, and use.)

Monument: unincorporated

Originally a home station for the Butterfield Overland Dispatch and later became a Fort for soldiers to protect the trail travelers against Cheyenne Indians. In 2000, the population of Monument was 144.

Oakley: pop. 2,033. Nicknamed the "Fossil Capital of Kansas."

Buffalo Bill Statue: 2nd and US 83. This Charlie Norton sculpture is a double-life-sized bronze of this famous western scout, hunter, and showman.

Fick Fossil and History Museum: 700 W. 3rd. Fossils are the features here, even as an art form! Earnest and Vi Fick found thousands of fossils and shark teeth in Logan County and created art so unique it was written up in "Ripley's Believe It or Not!" The oldest documented mosasaur (large extinct marine reptiles) specimen is also here.

Doughboy Statue: 209 Hudson. A World War I charging doughboy stands in front of the Oakley city office.

Logan County Courthouse: 710 W. 2nd. Survivor of the Plains, a Charlie Norton bronze sculpture of a coyote adorns the front of the courthouse.

Today's Destination City: Hoxie

Overnight Lodging at: High School (1625 Queen Ave.)

Lunch Stop: "Super SAG"

Total Mileage: 43

Directions: Leave Oakley High School, north on Center to 8th. Left on 8th, to US 83. Continue on US 83 north to junction of US 24. Right turn onto US 24, continue east to Hoxie. Right turn onto 16th to Queen. Left on Queen to Hoxie High School.

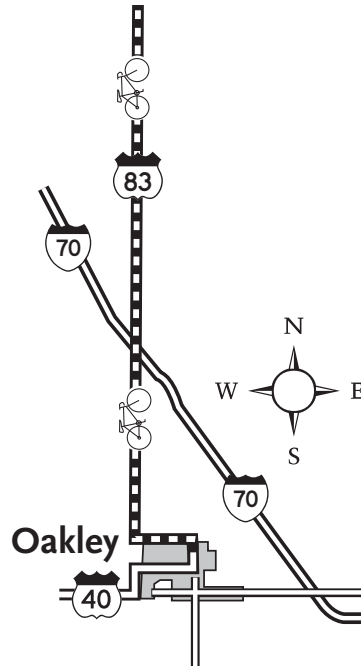
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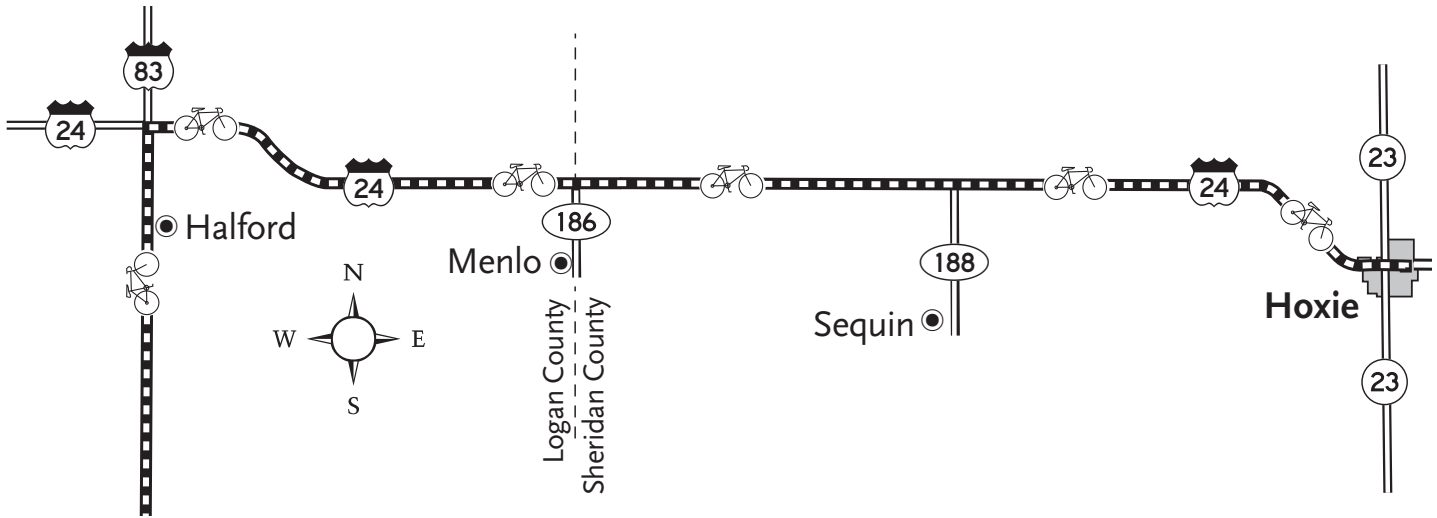
Oakley to US 24

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US 24 to Hoxie

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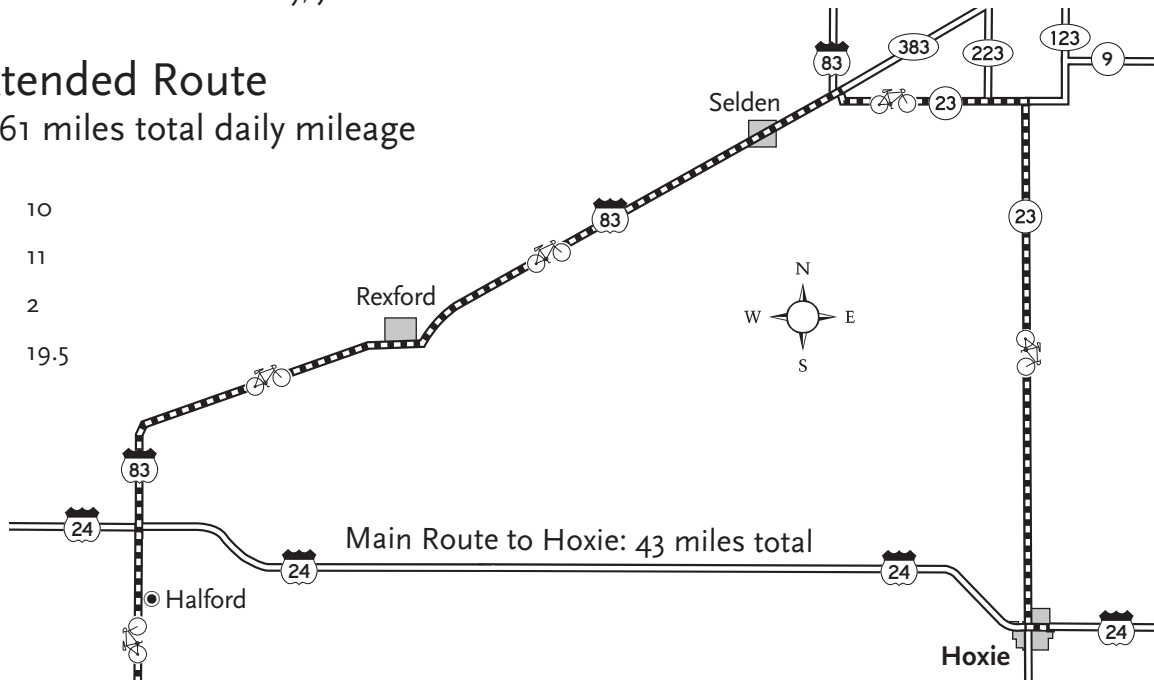


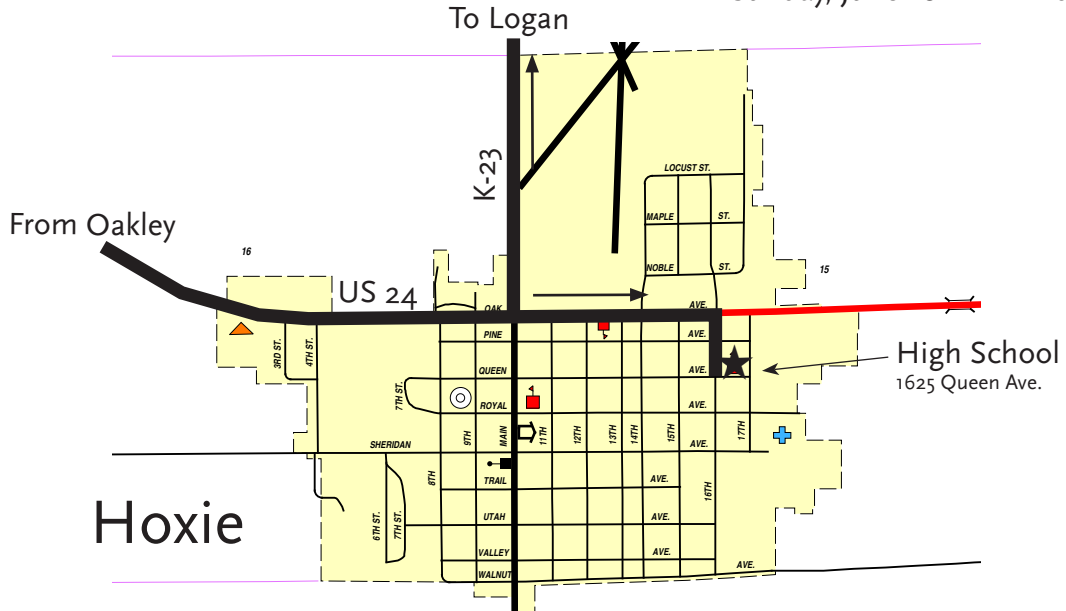


Alternate Extended Route

Adds 18 miles: 61 miles total daily mileage

Jct US 24 to Rexford	10
Rexford to Selden	11
Selden to Jct K-23	2
K-23 to Hoxie	19.5





History Notes

Thomas County was named after General George Henry Thomas, hero of the Battle of Chickamauga (Relatives of General Thomas were in Thomas County when the cornerstone box was opened on October 8th, 1985). The county is home to approximately 5,000 Kansans, and stretches across well over 700 square miles of Kansas prairie.

Sheridan County was named for General Phillip Sheridan of Civil War fame. The county was created by an act of the Kansas Legislature in 1873. Settlements began here in the 1860's, but it was not until the influx of settlers in 1878 and 1879 that events led to official organization.

Hoxie: pop. 1,180

Sheridan County Courthouse: 9th, between Queen and Royal. The beautiful green wall-tile designs are the work of architect Thomas Williamson. This 1918 Classical Eclecticism structure of buff brick occupies a full block, and a war memorial enhances its front lawn. This is the only Kansas courthouse without the county name engraved on the exterior.

Decatur County was organized in 1879 and named in honor of Commodore Stephen Decatur, a distinguished American naval officer. He fell in a duel with Commodore Barron, United States Navy, in 1808.

Hoxie Food Notes

Saturday: Boy Scout Troop 160 & Venture Scouts

Corner of Sheridan and 11th. Mexican Buffet: Build your own Tacos/ Burritos/Taco Salad, Enchiladas, Nachos, Garden Salad Bar, home-made desserts/pies

Saturday: Breakfast 7 AM to 10 AM

Hoxie 4H Building 1 Block north of Hwy 23 and 24 intersection
Continental Breakfast: Cold Cereal Oatmeal, Toast
Cinnamon Rolls, Juice and Coffee. Free Will Donation.

Saturday: Lunch 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Hoxie 4H Building 1 Block north of Hwy 23 and 24 intersection
All you can Eat Pasta Bar: Lasagna, Spaghetti, Vegetarian
Spaghetti, Hot Bread, Salad and Dessert
\$10.00 Children under 10 \$5.00

Saturday: Dinner 4 PM to 7 PM

Hoxie 4H Building 1 Block north of Hwy 23 and 24 intersection
Build your own sandwich bar: Grilled Chicken breast
Gourami Grilled Pork Chop, Vegetarian Burgers, Hot Dogs
Variety of Salads and Desserts \$10.00 Children under 10 \$5.00

Sunday: Breakfast

Hoxie 4H Building 1 Block north of Hwy 23 and 24 intersection
Breakfast Bar 5:30 AM to 8:00 AM. Free Will Donation

Boy Scout Troop 160 & Venture Scouts

Corner of Sheridan and 11th
Continental Breakfast Bar: scrambled eggs, sausage, oatmeal
with selection of toppings, dry cereals and milk, fresh fruit,
cinnamon rolls

Restaurants

JD's restaurant downtown.

Pizza Hut take out.

Stop to Shop Place has pizza.

Today's Destination City: Logan

Overnight Lodging at: Logan High School 305 N. Sherman

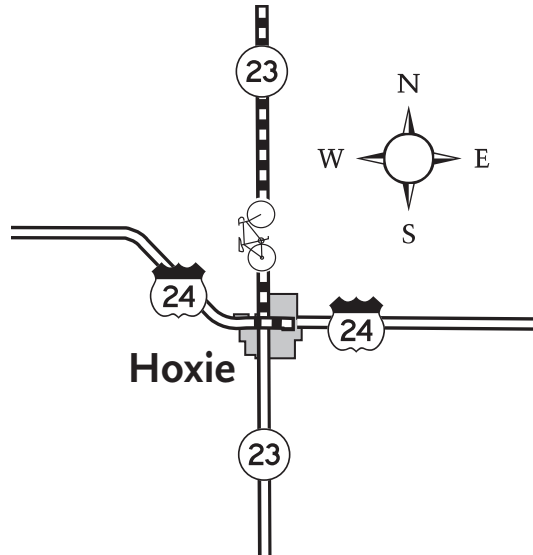
Lunch Stop: Lenora (BAK paid lunch)

Total Mileage: 63

Directions: Leave Hoxie High School north on 16th St. to US 24. Left turn to Jct K-23. Right turn, north to Jct K-123. Right turn, continue to Jct K-9. Right onto K-9. Continue to Logan, right onto Douglas St., right onto North, right onto Washington St., Left onto North St., continue to High School.

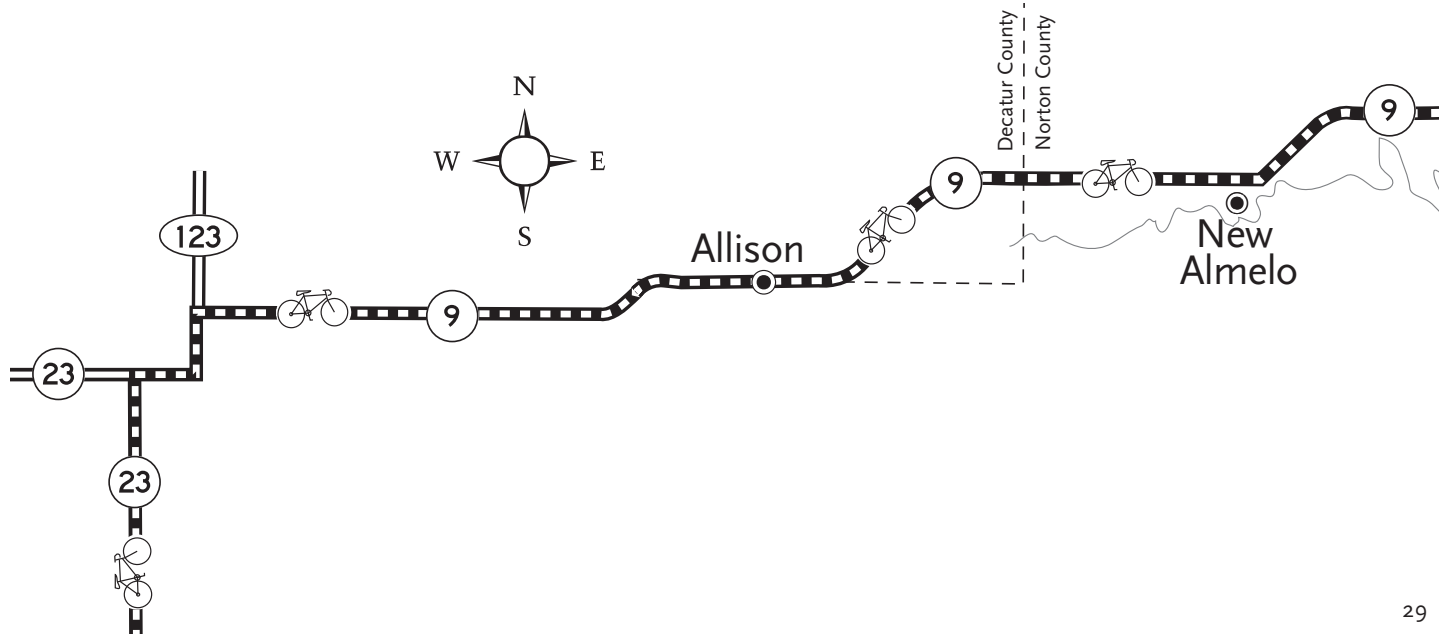
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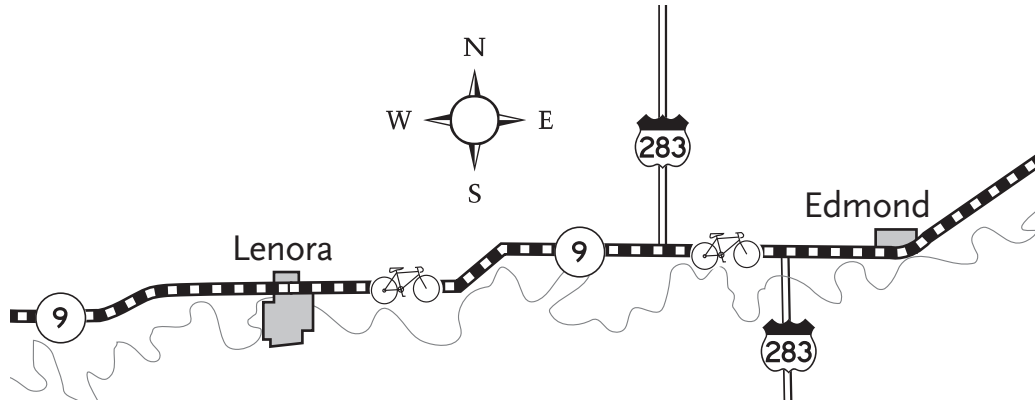
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Jct K-9 to Allison	9
Allison to New Almelo	7
New Almelo to Lenora	7
Lenora to Edmond	9
Edmond to Logan	15

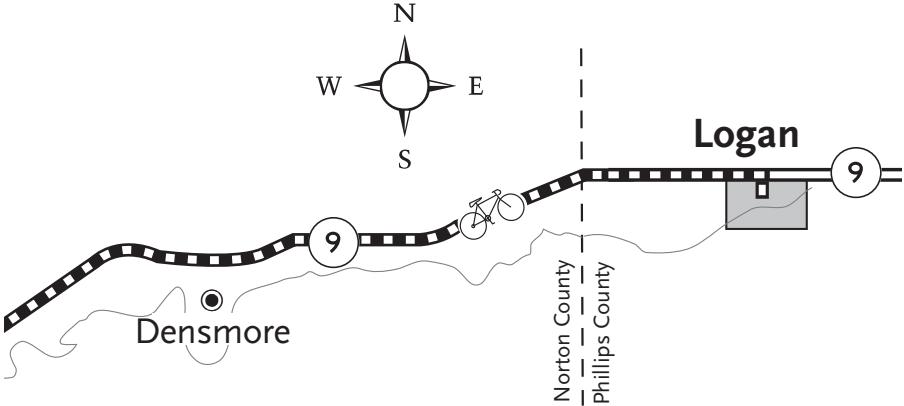


Monday, June 11

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History Notes

Norton County was organized in 1872 and named in memory of Orloff Norton, Captain of Company L, Fifteenth Kansas Cavalry, killed by guerillas at Cane Hill, Ark., October 29, 1865. In 1873 the county was represented by one N. H. Billings, who, in consequence of his peculiarities, 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.

Almena is located in the Prairie Dog Valley of Norton County. The brick Main street was laid in 1926. Sunflower Pioneer Power grounds are located in the block at the north end of town between Ives and Washington Streets. Many antique farm machines are housed there, and a growing number of unique windmill heads are on display.

Lenora - pop. 300.

There's a nice little downtown park & gazebo, and Larrick Park, the town's largest, is down near the river and railroad.

Barbeau House (KBBA): 210 E. Washington. Settling in the area in 1850s, French-Canadian Joseph Barbeau became an early founder and influential businessman in Lenora and built this 1902 Queen Ann Victorian home.

Phillips County is nicknamed the "Hamburger Capital of Kansas." The Phillips County Convention and Visitors Bureau 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.

History Notes (continued)

Logan: pop. 566. 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 Syl!

See the Victorian House of Seven Gables at 201 N. Washington and the small 1890 limestone Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (NRHP) at 210 N. Washington.

Logan Food & Event Notes

Groups selling around the **Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum** beginning at Noon. Located at 110 W. Main St.

Sunny Side 4-H Club - Chocolate Milk

Lone Prairie 4-H Club - Various flavors of Trail Mix

Catholic Youth Group - Frozen fruit cups

North Star FCE - Cookies, brownies, and other sweet treats

Phillips/Rooks County Shooting Sports Club -

Fresh Fruit smoothies

Prairie Duster Drill Team - Lemonade and trail mix

American Legion - Various desserts

Logan Manor - Snow Cones

Logan City swimming pool will be open - Free of charge. The FFA and KAY clubs will be showing "The Blind Side" in the school auditorium starting at 2:30 PM...pop-corn and water will be available.

Live music by “The Three Jacks” will start around 5 PM and end around 9 PM downtown Logan. Shuttle buses in the afternoon and evening from the school to the downtown area. The Logan Historical Museum and Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum will be open for viewing also.

Supper

Trojan Cafe (serving a salad and pasta bar, sandwiches, wraps, and various desserts) Opens at 6 AM

Logan Recreation (Serving bierocks, call drinks, and beer) 11 AM to Midnight

Main Steet Pizza (Serving pizza by the slice, sandwiches, and pastas) 11 AM to 9 PM

Free Meals: Supper and breakfast meals are being funded by a local Foundation and local groups have volunteered to serve - The free meals will be served from 5 PM to 7:00 PM (not including dessert).

Catholic Church will be serving - Baked Potato bar and sloppy joes

The Catholic Ladies will be selling various desserts.

Christian Church will be serving - Hamburger/ Brat / Hotdog with various salads.

Community Building (Logan Chamber of Commerce and Logan Lions Club) will be serving - Taco Salad and Nacho Deluxe

Breakfast

Breakfast will be served at the School - Breakfast sandwich, pancakes, sausage link, fresh fruit, yogurt, juice, and coffee.

Today's Destination City: Downs

Overnight Lodging at: Lakeside High School (1306 N. Morgan, Downs)

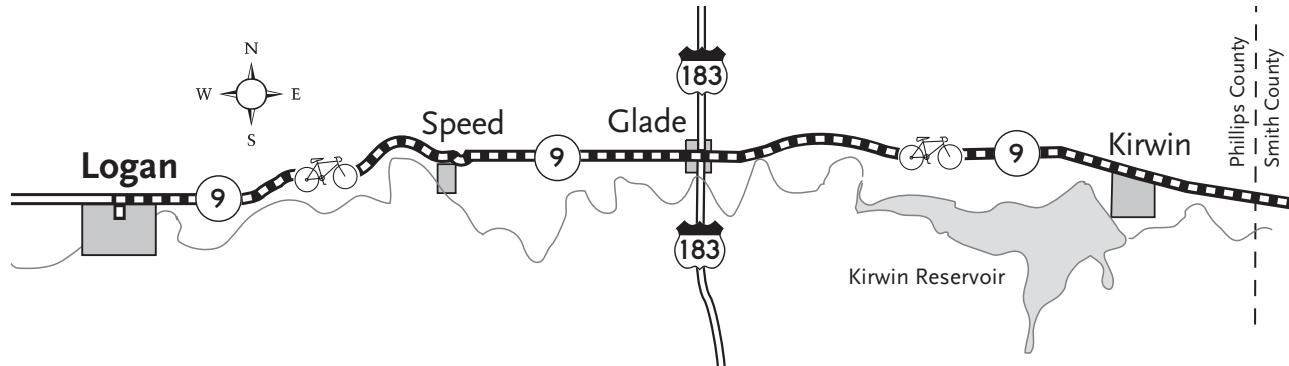
Lunch Stop: Kirwin

Total Mileage: 64

Directions: Leave Logan heading east on K-9. Follow K-9 to Downs. Right turn onto Morgan Ave in Downs, High School is 1 blk on the right.

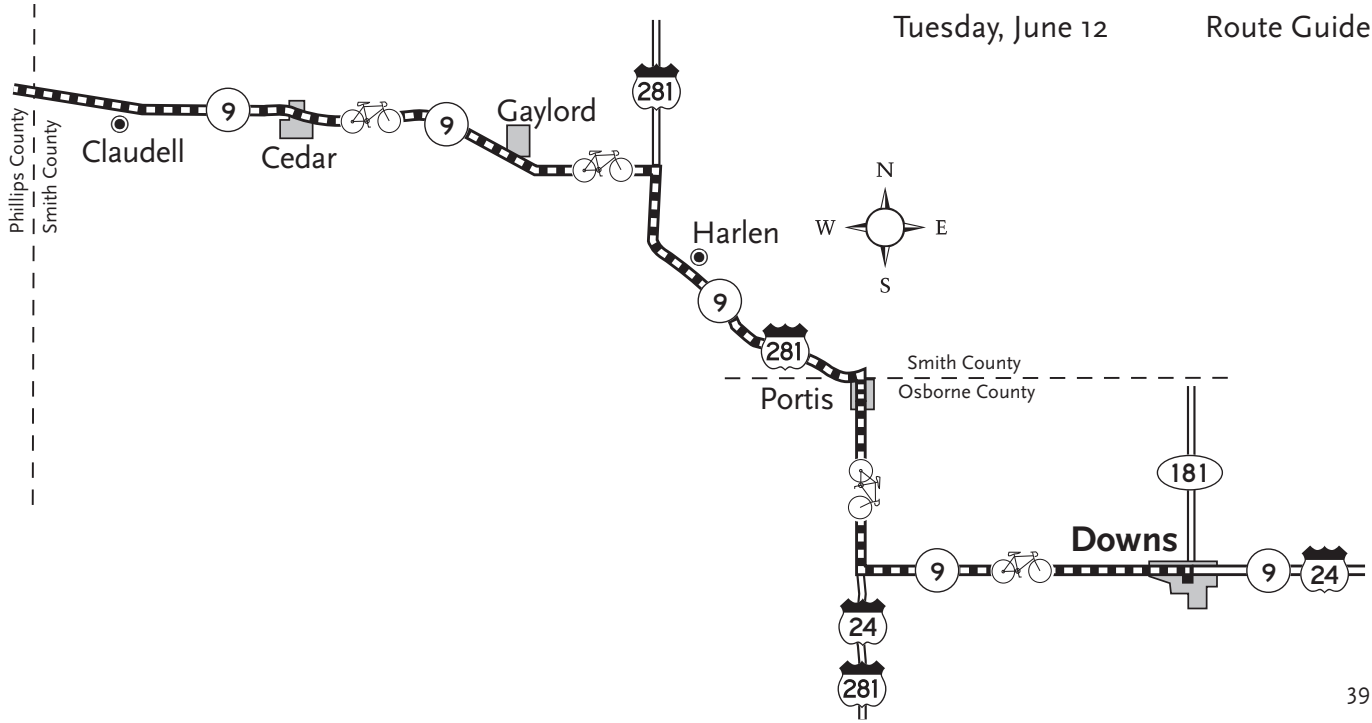
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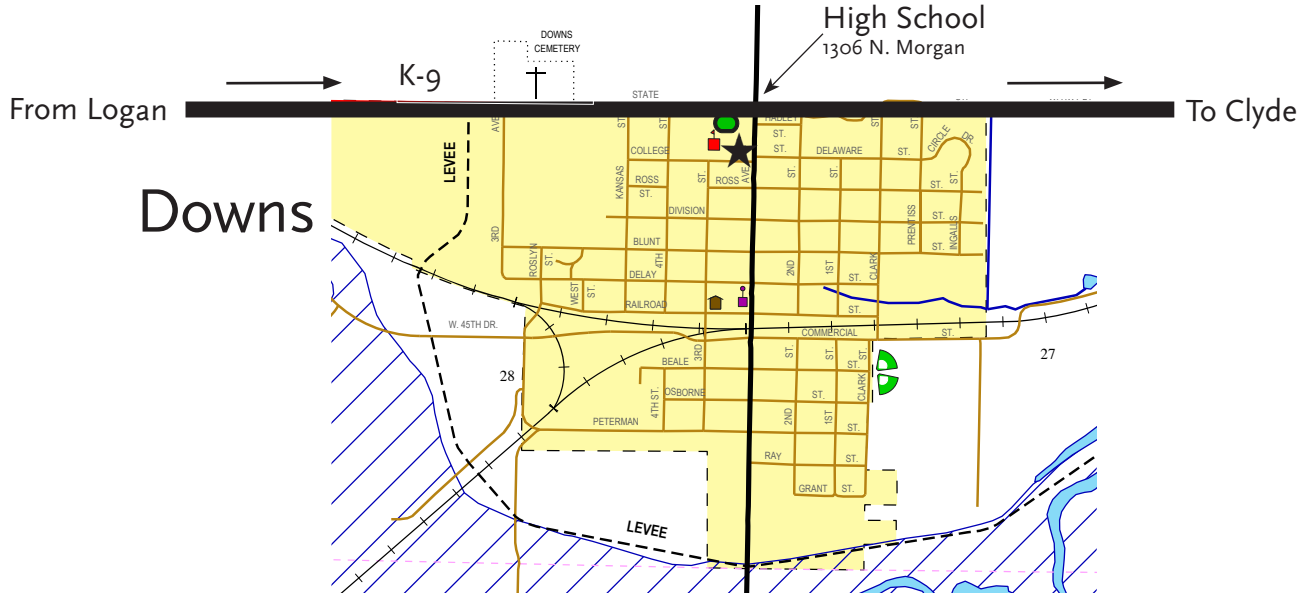
Logan to Speed	9
Speed to Glade	6
Glade to Kirwin	10
Kirwin to Cedar	10
Cedar to Gaylord	6
Gaylord to Portis	11
Portis to Downs	12



Tuesday, June 12

Route Guide





Downs Food Notes

4-H Club selling home-made pie, fruit slushes, brewed iced tea and bottled water.

Bob's, Inc. convenience store - sub sandwich shop, fuel sales, vehicle service area. Hours 6 AM - 8 PM. Located East side of Downs and North side of Hwy 24.

Supper Tuesday evening 6/12

Chamber of Commerce/Boy Scouts - Spaghetti meal at school 5-7 PM, vegetarian also.

Downs Super Foods - 8 AM to 8 PM grocery store
fried chicken, ham/chicken salad, etc.

LJ's BBQ restaurant, 818 Morgan - Burgers, BBQ!

Myers Sporting & Supply convenience store

6 AM-9 PM - tacos, pizza, breakfast sandwich, etc.—vegan.

Osborne County Fair Bldg - Catholic Church -
grilled chicken meal.

Senior Class (DC Group) at Gazebo Park
burgers and chips

Tiki Sno 10 AM-8 PM - burgers, hot dogs, fries

Breakfast Wednesday morning 6/13

Junior class - serving breakfast at school.
Lighthouse church- serving breakfast.

History Notes

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. 218. As the site of a US Land Office, Kirwin was a boomtown from 1870s through the 1890s. The town square's brick building was erected in 1916 as a city office and fire department (you can still see the FD above the door) and today houses the city office and library.

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

Smith County was organized in 1872 and named in memory of Nathan Smith, Major of Second Colorado Volunteers, killed October 23, 1864, at the battle of the Little Blue, Mo.

Cedar: pop. 24. Extremely well preserved, the Cedar depot is at home in the city park, which is surrounded by, yes, cedar trees. On one side of the building, a chalkboard provides town announcements.

Gaylord: pop.173. A central location for hunting, fishing and boating, wildlife is abundant in this area and pheasant season brings many hunters from great distances. There's also plenty of deer, quail and turkey. Agriculture is the mainstay of the area's economy with irrigated corn, milo and soybeans as well as wheat the prevalent crops. The Statue of Liberty that watches over the Solomon valley from a hilltop just east of town is a unique and well known landmark.

Osborne County was organized in 1871 and was named in honor of Vincent B. Osborne, Private of Company A, Second Kansas Cavalry, who lost his right leg January 17, 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.

Downs: pop. 978

Sod and Stubble Monument: Rest area east of US 24 and K-181 junction. This monument commemorates a story written about the Ise family who lived near here from 1873 to 1909.

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

Richardson Organs: 1201 N. Morgan. Visitors are welcomed to tour this unique pipe organ factory operated by Old World craftsman, Steve Richardson.

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

Today's Destination City: Clyde

Overnight Lodging at: Clifton-Clyde High School (616 N. High)

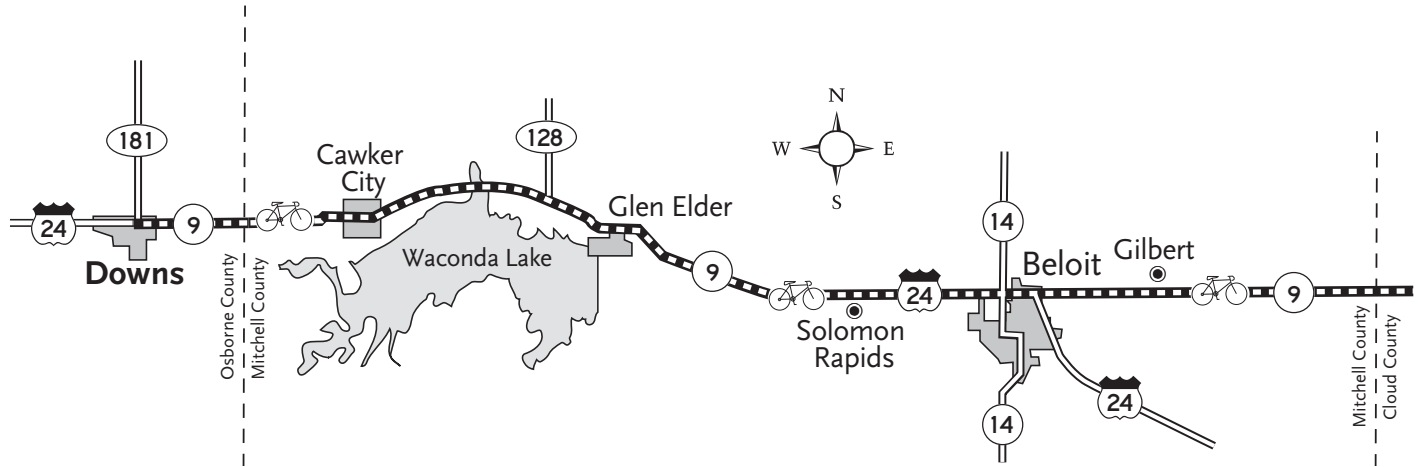
Lunch Stop: Beloit

Total Mileage: 69

Directions: Leave Downs heading east on K-9. Continue through Beloit on K-9 to Concordia. Continue east on K-9 to Clyde. Left turn onto High St., continue 2 blks to Clifton-Clyde High School.

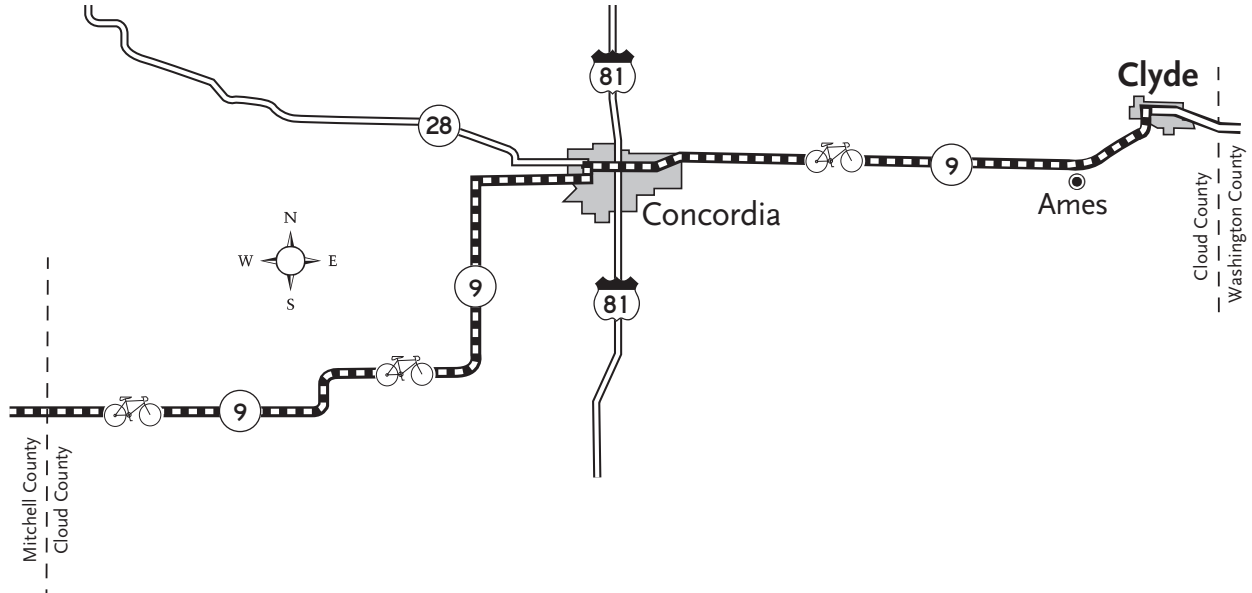
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Downs to Cawker City	6
Cawker City to Glen Elder	7
Glen Elder to Beloit	11
Beloit to Concordia	30
Concordia to Clyde	15



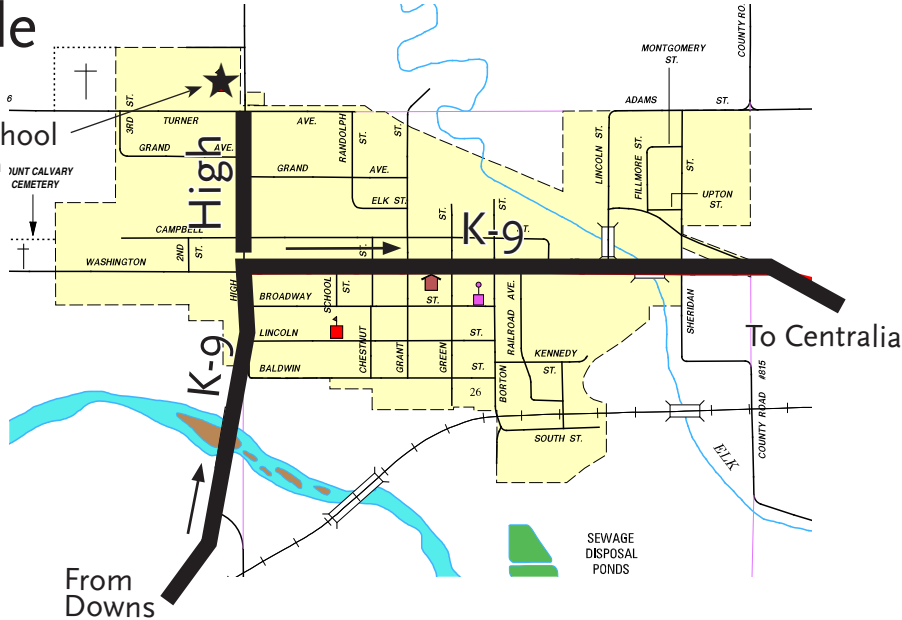
Wednesday, June 13

Route Guide



Clyde

High School
616 N. High



Senior citizens group will be greeting bikers at the school with a FREE iced bottle of water and a goodie bag filled with local businesses information, town's information and a map to give to all bikers.

Pool will have a free swim and local library will be open with a cool space for bikers to cool down and use the wireless Internet.

Clyde Food Notes

Supper Wednesday evening 6/13

Meal at the school

Pulled BBQ pork, chips, baked beans,
cookie and drink, \$6. Serving 5:30-7:00PM

Ice cream social served after the meal in the evening.

Breakfast Thursday morning 6/14

Breakfast at the school

Scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit and cinnamon rolls
are serving at 5:30 AM to 8 AM

History Notes

Mitchell County was 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, N. C.

Cawker City: pop. 504

Big Ball of Twine: Downtown on the 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 1,327 miles long, and weights almost 9 tons.

Hesperian Library (NRHP): 7th and Lake. Built in 1885 and is one of the oldest libraries in the state that is still being used.

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.

History Notes

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)

This lake was completed in 1968 for flood control and recreational purposes and is one of the largest lakes in Kansas.

Glen Elder: pop. 422

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

Downtown Square: This old-time square includes a Statue of Liberty replica and a tiny chapel.

Beloit: pop. 3,869

Mitchell County Courthouse (NRHP): Main and Hersey. Known as Queen Mary of Kansas, this beautiful structure is of the Romanesque Revival design, post-rock walls and sandstone trim. Notice the screen-door entrances.

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 served as a home for nurses at the community hospital.

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

Little Red Schoolhouse: US 24. Location of the Solomon Valley Heritage Alliance kiosk.

Cloud County was organized as Shirley in 1860. The county was originally named for Governor William Shirley, colonial Governor of Massachusetts from 1741 to 1756. The name was changed to Cloud in 1867 in honor of Colonel William F. Cloud, of the Second Regiment, Kansas Volunteers.

Concordia: pop. 5,459

Brown Grand Theatre (NRHP): 310 W. 6th. Restored to its 1907 glory, this 650-seat theatre features gold decorative molding and lights around the proscenium arch and brass rails in front of the box seats.

Cloud County Historical Museum: 7th and Broadway. Housed in a 1908 Carnegie Library, the museum features exhibits on the POW World War II camp, the Nazareth Convent and Academy, orphan trains, a 1928 Lincoln Page biplane, and agricultural equipment.

Nazareth Motherhouse (NRHP): 13th and Washington. This mammoth architectural landmark is a Gothic-style Motherhouse, built in the early 1900s.

Orphan Train Heritage Society of America (NRHP): 3rd and Washington. From 1854 to 1929 more than 200,000 orphans traveled west on “orphan trains” to relocate from overcrowded cities in the East. This 1917 Union Pacific depot is the centerpiece for the National Orphan Train Complex, a historical research facility.

In front of the courthouse, 8th and Washington, you’ll find an 1,800-pound granite sphere cradled in a water fountain. Look closely, this giant ball is moving!

Clyde: pop. 746

Clyde Historical Museum Square: Green and Campbell. The complex includes a small museum about Clyde life, a jail, a schoolhouse, and the Presbyterian church. The first pipe organ in Cloud County is found in this church.

Burr Oak: Turn north off Washington onto Campbell. At the northeast corner of Clyde you’ll find the start of an arboretum anchored by a big burr oak. The trees are labeled, and a comfortable little sitting area is provided.

Today's Destination City: Centralia

Overnight Lodging at: Centralia High School (507 John Riggins Ave.)

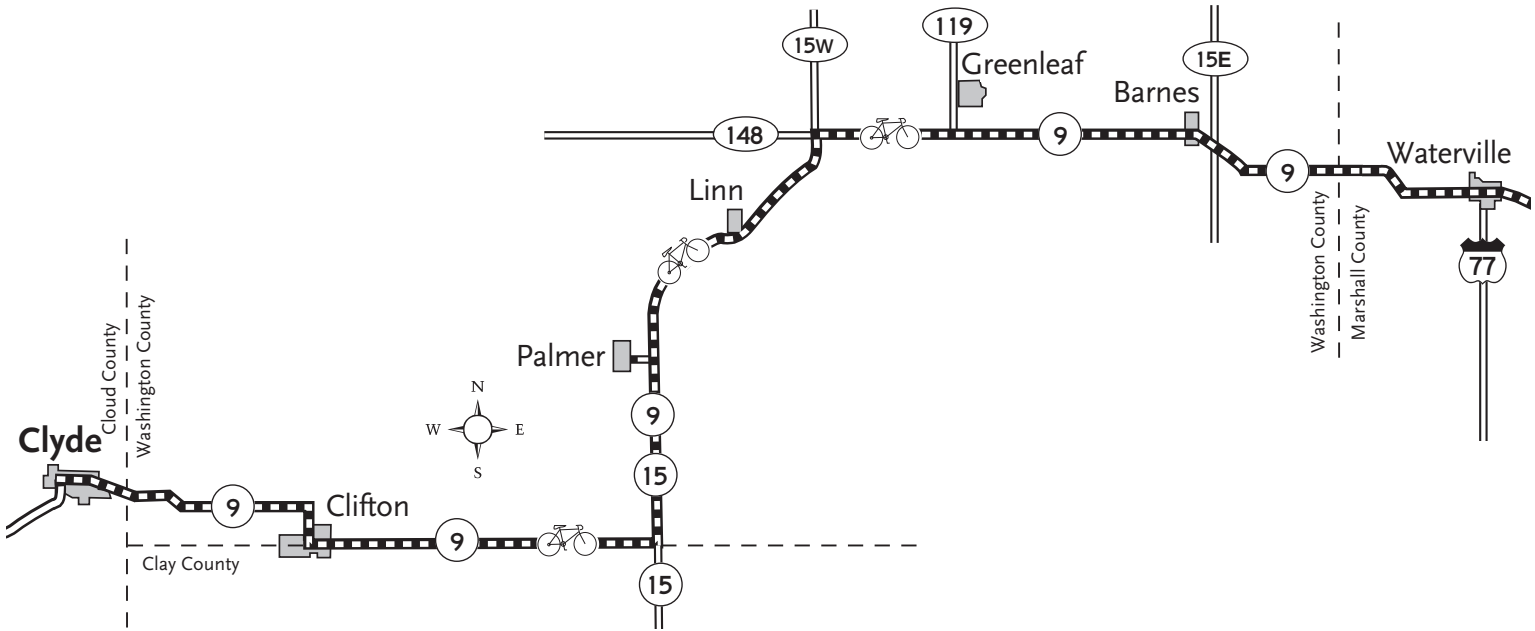
Lunch Stop: Blue Rapids

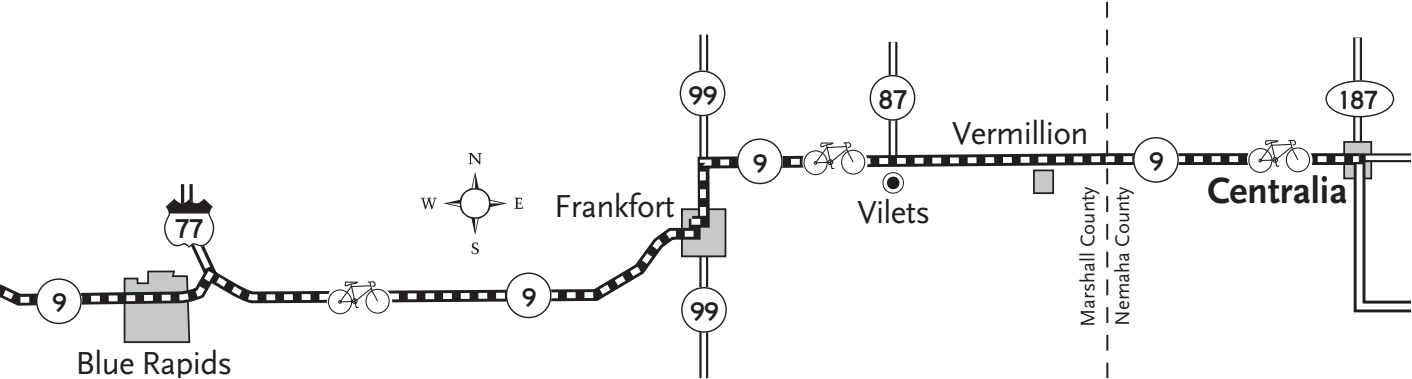
Total Mileage: 80

Directions: Leave Clyde heading east on K-9. Continue to Jct of K-15, left turn onto K-15 / K-9. Continue north to Jct with K-148. Right turn, continuing east on K-9. East on K-9 through Blue Rapids, and into Frankfort. Left turn onto K-99 / K-9, continue 2 miles north. Right turn onto K-9, continue east to Centralia. Right turn onto 7th St and High School.

Point to Point Mileage

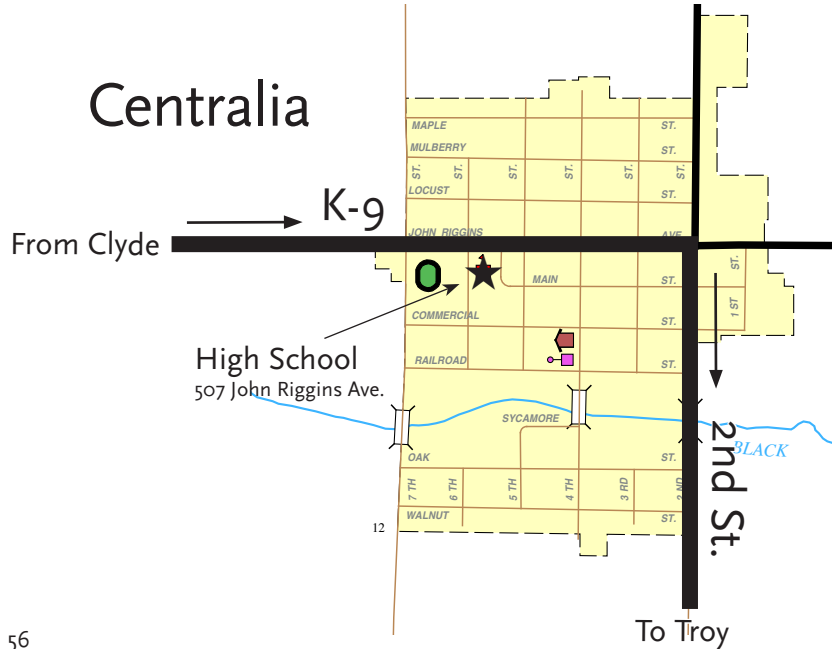
Clyde to Clifton	8	Barnes to Waterville	7
Clifton to Palmer	13	Waterville to Blue Rapids	5
Palmer to Linn	4	Blue Rapids to Frankfort	14
Linn to K-119	7.5	Frankfort to Centralia	16
K-119 to Barnes	5.5		





Biking Across Kansas 2012

Thursday, June 14



Centralia Food & Event Notes

Supper Thursday evening 6/14

Evening meal at the school

Pulled BBQ pork, chips, baked beans,
cookie and drink - \$6

Junior Boosters - serving baked potato bar

EMTs - serving Mexican Food Bar

4-H - serving dessert and drinks

Breakfast Friday morning 6/15

Breakfast at the school

CHS Students - serving breakfast burritos, juice
and coffee

History Notes

Washington County was organized in 1873 and named in honor of George Washington, the first president of the United States. 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.

Clifton: pop. 298

One of the curiosities about Clifton is that Parallel, the main street, divides the town (and neighboring Vining) between two counties. The south side of the street is in Clay County, the north side in Washington County.

The Clifton Community Historical Museum, Clifton and Railroad, is in a 1877 Missouri Pacific depot.

Palmer: pop. 103. The 1920s jail is located east of the post office.

Linn: pop. 401. Look for the mural at 4th and Main depicting clothes hanging on a clothesline.

Greenleaf: pop. 337. Find the words “Community Clubhouse” on one of the limestone buildings on 4th. This building and the jail next door are 1939 WPA projects.

Barnes: pop. 144

Barnes Mercantile: 10 N. Center. Clara Dearborn opened the original Barnes Mercantile in 1895 and operated the Dearborn Opera House on the second floor. You can still see the carcass carrier from the early meat locker, now incorporated with the new Barnes Mercantile décor.

Barnes Shell and Fountain: 1st and Center. This 1940 WPA band shell might be the smallest in the state.

History Notes (continued)

Marshall County was organized in 1855 and named after General Frank J. Marshall, who established a ferry on the Big Blue at the crossing of the old Independence-California road in 1849. He was a prominent member of the first Legislature, and had his own name applied to the county.

Waterville: pop. 646

Weaver Hotel (NRHP): 118 S. Kansas.
Beginning in 1905, this hotel was the hub of activity for the railroad and is now undergoing restoration.

Opera House: 205 E. Front.
This grand 1903 limestone building seats 300.

Waterville Railroad Depot Museum: Kansas Street.
Kenny Winkenwader has painted several murals dedicated to area railroad history.

Victorian Homes: Samuel Powell House (NRPH) at 108 W. Commercial and on Banker's Row (three Victorian houses in the 200 block of E. Hazelwood built in the late 1880's and 1903).
Caboose Museum: on the tracks near the Weaver Hotel. Preserves county railroad history with potbelly stove and bunk beds.

Blue Rapids: pop. 1,061. One of two remaining gypsum mines in the states is located north on K-77. In 1858 Frank Marshall, for whom the county is named, recognized the rock as gypsum. He burned it and produced plaster from the powder, which he used to build his house.

Round Square: The only one in the state. High school kids that drag the square call it the "squircle." It acts as the town hub with streets projecting from it like wheel spokes.

Holm Cabin: South side of the square. Built elsewhere in 1876 by Swedish emigrants, was later moved to this site.

Oldest Library (NRHP): 14 Public Square. A two-story limestone structure built in 1876, this is the oldest public library west of the Mississippi in continuous operation in the same building.

Outdoor Murals: North side of the square. Two Winkenwader murals.

Round Barn: East of town on K-9, just east of the Big Blue River bridge. Built in 1913, it measures 92 feet in diameter and is approximately 60 feet tall with a large cupola on top.

Frankfort: pop. 817

Dating back to 1922, K-9 has been known as the “Great White Way.” A marketing plan was developed to promote businesses along what was then a gravel route. Every other telephone pole from Chicago to Colorado Springs, 1,161 miles, was painted white to draw attention to the highway. A few of the poles remain.

The restored 1890 stone jail (NRHP) stands at E. 1st and Locust.

The 1903 Renaissance-style grade school (NRHP) at 4th and Locas was last used for classes in 1998.

Nemaha County was organized in 1873 and named for a river in Nebraska--the Nemaha, one of whose branches drains the northern half of the county.

Centralia: pop. 600

Rex Maneval was born here in 1890 and dreamed of becoming a mechanical engineer, but his parents preferred a business career and enrolled him in a banking school. Among Maneval’s projects was a helicopter which he designed in 1939, the same year Sikorsky designed the VS-300 which eventually became the first successful commercial helicopter. Maneval’s helicopter was completed in 1941, but there were a couple of problems (among them excessive vibration) which he could not resolve to his satisfaction. Although he occasionally flew his helicopter tethered to the ground, he never attempted a free flight.

Today's Destination City: Troy

Overnight Lodging at: Troy High School (319 S. Park St.)

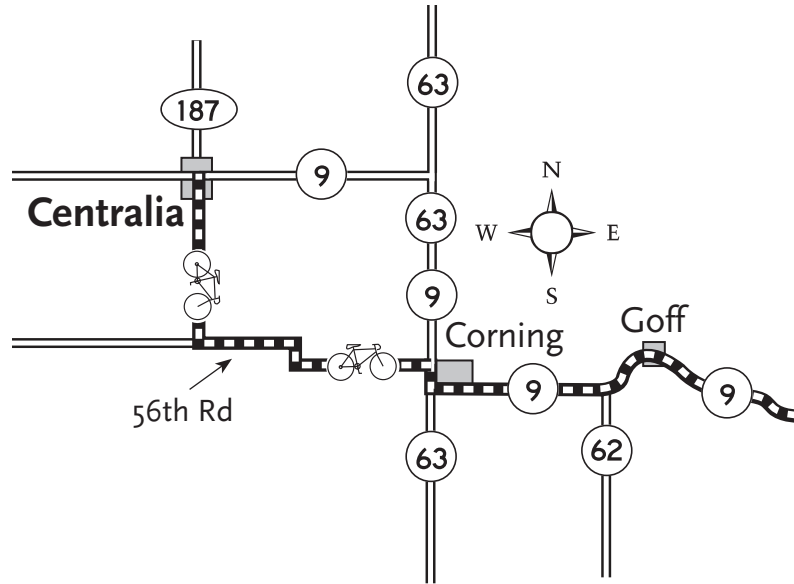
Lunch Stop: Horton

Total Mileage: 76

Directions: East on K-9, continue 3 blks. Right turn onto 2nd St. (Old K-9) and continue south to Jct with 56th Rd. Left turn onto 56th Rd to Jct with K-9 at Corning. Continue east on K-9 to Jct with US 159. Left turn onto US 159 and head north. Right turn onto US 73 in Horton, continue east to Jct K-20. Left turn onto K-20 through Everest. Continue to Jct with K-7. Left turn onto K-7, continue 1.25 miles north to Jct with Old K-7. Right turn and continue to Last Chance Rd. (190th). Left turn onto Last Chance and continue north to State St. Right turn on State, go 1 blk and left turn onto Park St. and Troy. High School.

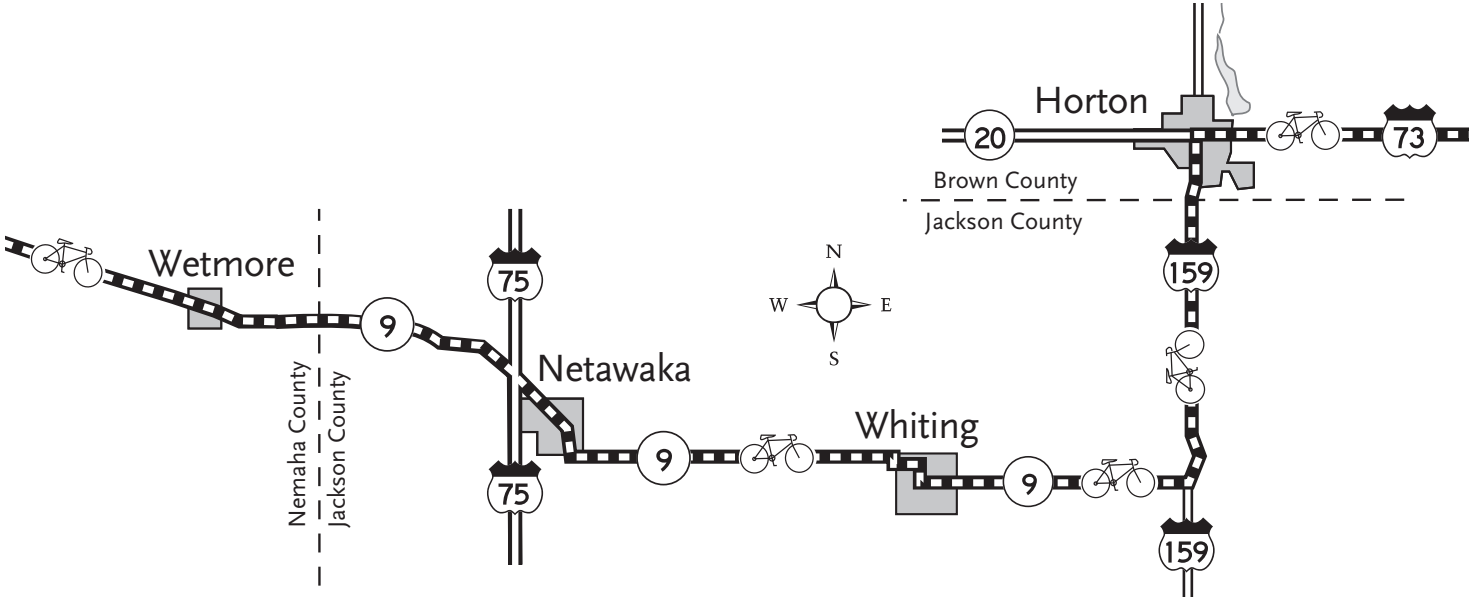
Point to Point Mileage

Centralia to Corning	10	Whiting to Horton	10
Corning to Goff	6	Horton to Everest	6
Goff to Wetmore	6.5	Everest to Denton	13
Wetmore to Netawaka	5	Denton to Jct K-7	7
Netawaka to Whiting	7	Jct K-7 to Troy	5.5



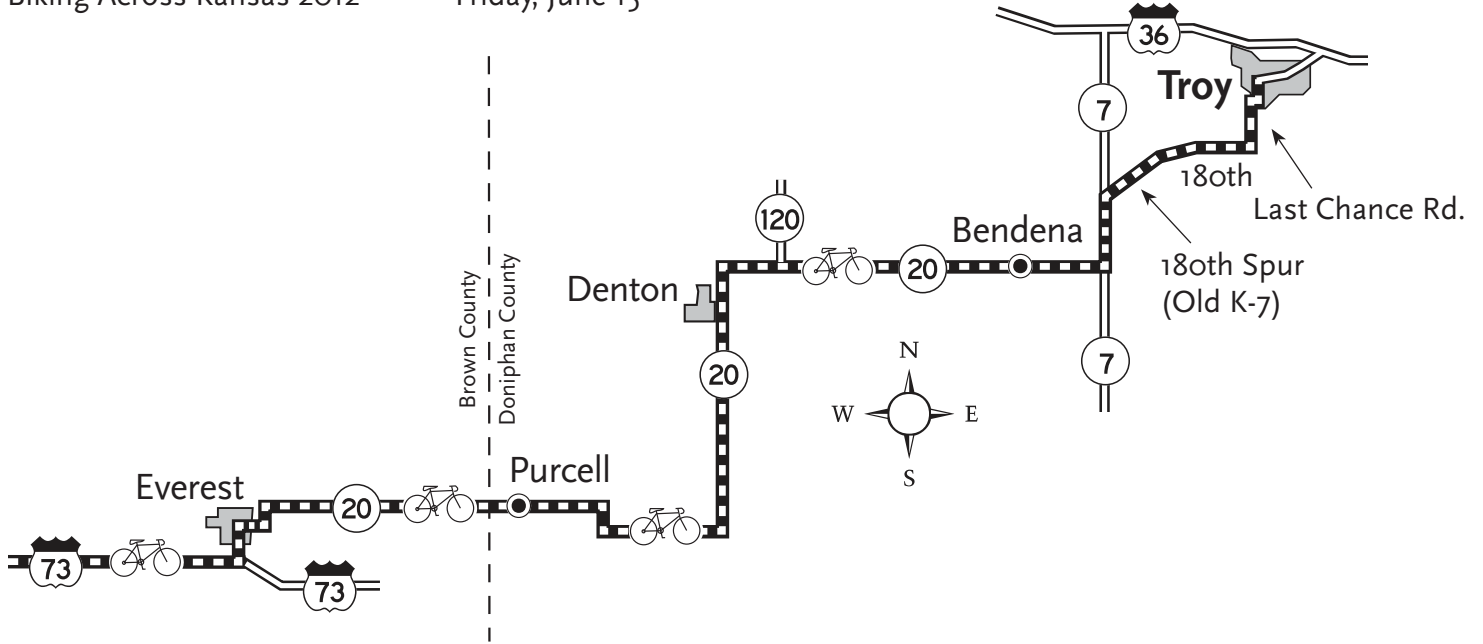
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Route Guide



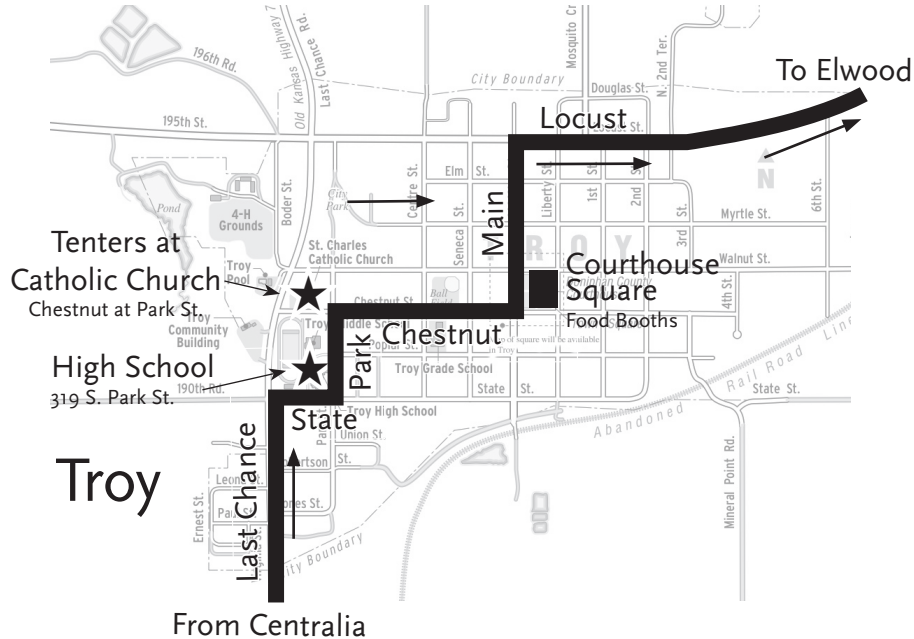
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Troy Food Notes

Enjoy Food Booths on the historic Courthouse Square (Liberty & Walnut) starting at 4 PM. Menu will consist of BBQ meats, chicken, salads, beans, brats, burgers, hot dogs, grilled veggies, deep fried fish, homemade ice cream, pies, lemonade and other drinks, kettle corn and a beer garden.

A street dance will start at 7:00 PM on Main Street opposite the square with music provided by a DJ.

Shuttle service will be provided for the food festival from the high school and the Catholic Church to the courthouse square, courtesy of Farm Bureau and private individuals.

There will be a concession stand operating at the Troy High School all day. Snacks and drinks will be available at the Catholic Church (tent site).

At the fair grounds, a professional rodeo will be underway from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

History Notes

Corning: pop. 167

WPA projects: 7th and Atlantic. Originally the shop building for Corning High School, this structure now serves as the library. The limestone gymnasium on Franklin was built in 1938.

Goff: pop. 178

Across from the bank, 2nd and Stahl, is a historic 1930 drinking fountain covered with a little roof and frame walls.

Wetmore: pop. 357

Wetmore Calaboose: 2nd and Nebraska. This 1883 jail has stood empty since 1942.

Wetmore Cemetery: 7th and Nebraska. Pony Express rider Don Clarence Rising (1844-1909), is buried here. His grave is at the south end, about 8 stones north on the first row on the east side. See the etching of an Express rider on his headstone.

Jackson County was organized in 1873. Originally Calhoun, in honor of John C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, changed in 1859 to Jackson after Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the United States.

Netawaka: pop. 169. Netawaka is the Kickapoo word for “high view.” You will find one of the highest points in the vicinity at US 75 and K-9 junction.

Brown County was 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, probably. All later statues present the name without the final e. The Kickapoo Nation Indian Reservation in Brown County is the second largest Indian reservation in Kansas.

Horton: pop. 1,883

Post Office Murals (NRHP): 825 1st Avenue.

Kenneth Evett is the artist for two pieces of Section artwork installed in 1939.

Everest: pop. 309. You'll find a founders plaque secured to a large red glacial rock in the park by the old caboose.

Doniphan County was organized in 1855, was the first named county in the state and was named in honor of Col. A. W. Doniphan, of Missouri. He commanded cavalry during the Mexican War, and taking a prominent part in the conquest of New Mexico.

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. It's apple country with thousands of acres of orchards.

Denton: pop. 185

The Denton post office is a classic. And don't run into the pump in the middle of town! The flagpole is the warning sign that you're at the pump.

Troy:

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 memorial on the courthouse lawn.

Tall Oak: 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).

Abraham Lincoln Memorial: 138 E. Walnut and the Nelson Rogers House ADD. 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.

Today's Destination: Elwood & Missouri River

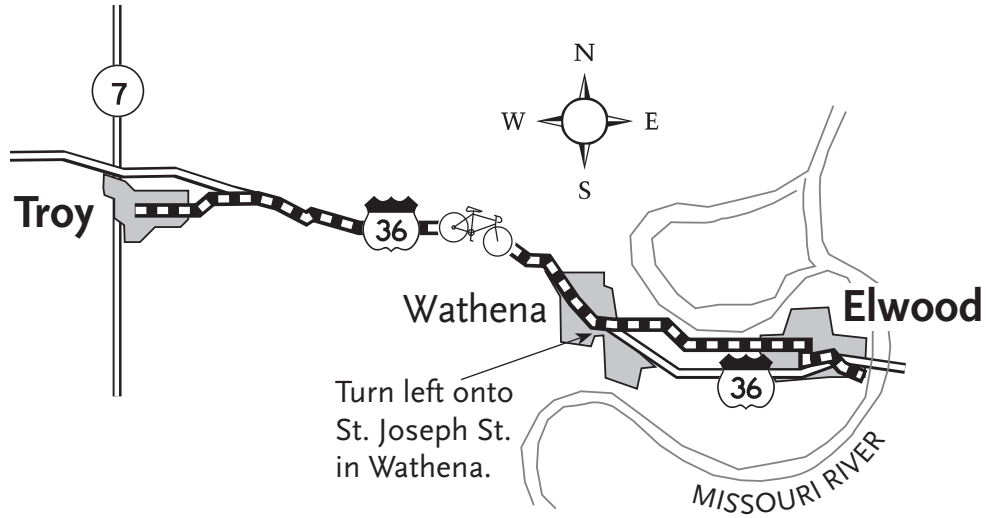
Lunch: Elwood City Park (9th & Massachusetts)

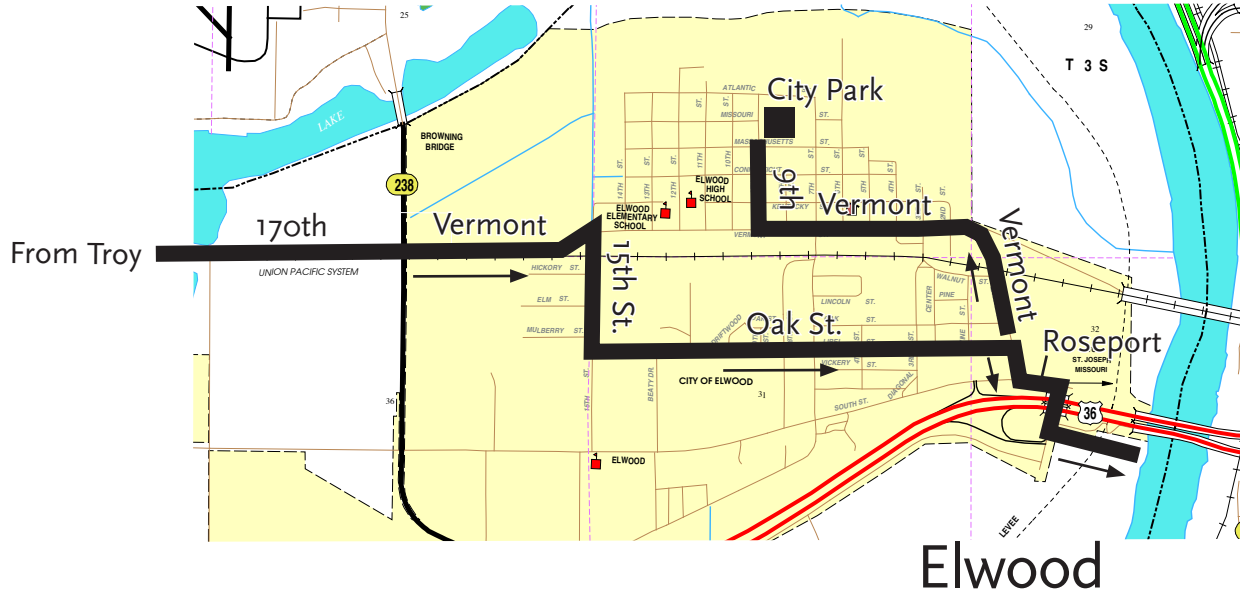
Total Mileage: 16

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 at Elwood. Right turn at 15th St, 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: No wading in river, current is strong. Return on Vermont St. to 9th. Right on 9th to Massachusetts and Elwood City Park.

Point to Point Mileage

Troy to Wathena	9
Wathena to Elwood	3
Elwood to Missouri River	2
Return to Elwood City Park	2
Total BAK Mileage	481





End of the Ride Breakfast in Elwood

Chris Cakes will be serving a BAK pancake breakfast in the Elwood City Park starting at 8:00 AM. It is free for BAK participants—just show your BAK nametag. Tickets for family and friends will be on sale through Wednesday, June 13 for \$5.00 each. There will be no ticket sales on site in Elwood.

Breakfast Options in Troy

If you can't wait for pancakes in Elwood, a concession stand at the Troy high school will be open. Also Troy Fast Lane (various breakfast items) and Home Place Restaurant (homemade cinnamon rolls, coffee and orange juice).

History Notes

Wathena: pop. 1,331

City Hall: 206 St. Joseph. Wathena's city offices are at home in this 1942 WPA stone building.

Elwood: pop. 1,169

Fort Luxembourg Visitor Center: 203 Roseport Road (US 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.

Historical Marker: 203 Roseport Road.

The marker relates that in 1856 Elwood (first called Roseport) prospered with steamboat and ferryboat business. However, floods are part of the story of this town, and eventually washed much of the old town away. While in this area, look for the Pony Express plaque on a glacial stone.



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