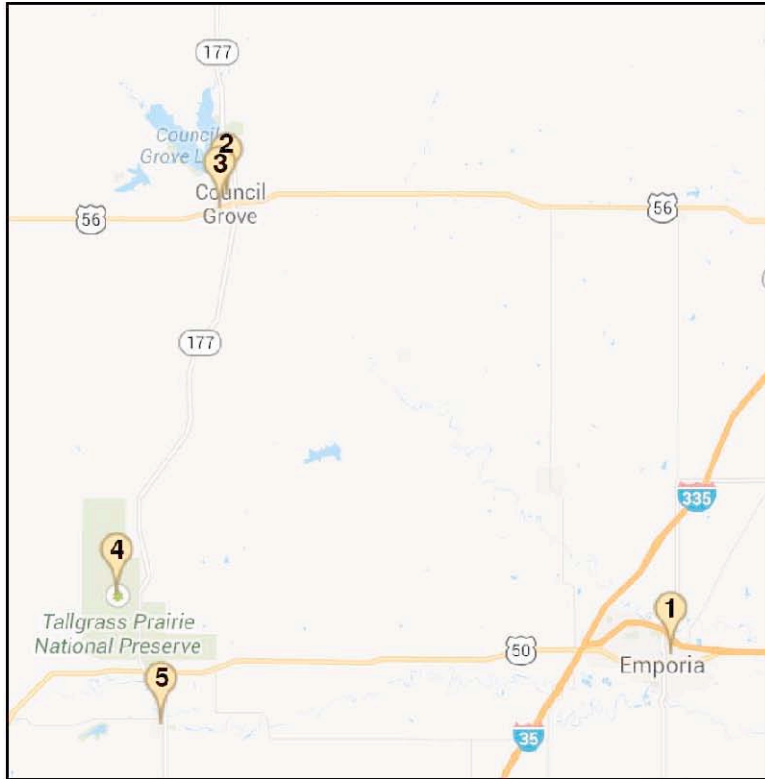




## Region: Flint Hills – South

Note: Attractions marked with an asterisk (\*) were recognized as part of the 8 Wonders of Kansas contests, sponsored by the [Kansas Sampler Foundation](http://www.KansasSamplerFoundation.org). Don't miss them!



**1. Red Rocks State Historic Site\***

[http://www.KSHS.org/Red\\_Rocks](http://www.KSHS.org/Red_Rocks)  
 927 Exchange St, Emporia, KS  
 (620) 342-1803

**2. Kaw Mission State Historic Site\***

[http://www.KSHS.org/Kaw\\_Mission](http://www.KSHS.org/Kaw_Mission)  
 500 N Mission, Council Grove, KS  
 (620) 767-5410

**3. Terwilliger Home Historic Site / Trail Days Café and Museum**

<http://TrailDaysCafeAndMuseum.org/>  
 803 W Main St, Council Grove, KS  
 (620) 767-7986

**4. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve\***

<http://www.NPS.gov/TAPR/index.htm>  
 2480 Hwy 177, Strong City, KS  
 (620) 273-8494

**5. Chase County Courthouse\***

<http://ChaseCountyChamber.org/>  
 300 Pearl, Cottonwood Falls, KS  
 (620) 273-8469



**6. Coutts Memorial Art Museum**

<http://CouttsMuseum.org/>  
 110 N Main St, El Dorado, KS  
 (316) 321-1212

**7. Karg Art Glass Gallery**

<http://RollinKarg.com/>  
 111 N Oliver, Kechi, KS  
 (316) 744-2442



## Region: Flint Hills – South

An itinerary without boundaries; travel outside the lines. Whether it's a breathtaking vista you crave, historical tours, world-class art or Kansas-inspired fine dining, this itinerary has something for you.

### Emporia

#### 1. Red Rocks State Historic Site\*

William Allen White, nationally known newspaperman and author, lived in this house for 45 years. From the 1890s through World War II, White influenced state and national politics through his writings from the heartland town of Emporia, debating the Populists of the 1890s and battling against the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s. In his home, White frequently hosted well-known figures of the day, including five presidents.

#### *Unique Shopping*

##### **Bluestem Farm and Ranch Supply**

<http://BluestemFarmAndRanch.com/>

2611 W Hwy 50, Emporia, KS

(620) 342-5502

Serving the Flint Hills for more than 50 years. Hardware, clothing, sporting goods – you can find it all right here. The “jean wall” sports over 8,000 pairs!

##### **Sweet Granada**

<http://SweetGranada.com/>

803 Commercial St, Emporia, KS

(620) 342-9600

For unforgettable fresh fudge and handmade chocolates, don't miss this award-winning family business.

#### *Unique Dining*

##### **Radius Brewing Company**

<http://RadiusBrewing.com/>

610 Merchant Street, Emporia, KS

(620) 208-4677

Downtown Emporia has brewed up something creative – the Radius Brewing Company. Their “New American” inspired flavor combinations are used with many locally grown products. Top that off with a wood-fired brick oven, fresh local food options, a rotating chef's menu, seasonal flare and many brew-inspired dishes, and you will have a Radius experience.

### Council Grove

#### 2. Kaw Mission State Historic Site\*

The mission, located on the Santa Fe Trail, was home and school to 30 Kaw boys from 1851 to 1854. It is a tribute to the Kaw Indians who gave our state its name.

#### 3. Terwilliger Home Historic Site / Trail Days Café and Museum

This site features the 1861 Terwilliger Home which houses the Trail Days Café and Museum. After sampling from the selection of Native American, old world and early American foods in the café, be sure to visit the cabin, schoolhouse and grocery on the museum grounds.



## *Unique Lodging*

### **Cottage House Hotel**

<http://www.CottageHouseHotel.com/>

25 N Neosho St, Council Grove, KS

(620) 767-5911

Victorian furnishings coupled with local wine tastings – an ideal honeymoon destination.

## *Unique Dining*

### **Hays House 1857 Restaurant & Tavern\***

<http://HaysHouse.com/>

112 W Main St, Council Grove, KS

(620) 767-5911

One taste of the strawberry pie and you'll understand why Hays House remains the longest continuously operating restaurant west of the Mississippi.

## *Unique Shopping*

### **Aldrich Apothecary**

<http://www.AldrichApothecary.com/>

115 W Main St, Council Grove, KS

(620) 767-6731

Don't miss the unique collectibles, décor and old-fashioned soda fountain in this pharmacy that has served the area since 1892.

## *Unique Destinations*

### **Allegawaho Heritage Memorial Park**

<http://www.TravelKS.com/listings/Allegawaho-Heritage-Memorial-Park/38/>

Dunlap Road and X Avenue, Council Grove, KS

(620) 767-5140

Visit this 168-acre area that includes both a monument and three of the Kaw villages that were occupied from the 1840s to 1872. The Kansas chose not to live in these structures, using them as stables for their horses instead. Allegawaho was chief to the Kaw people when the last of their land in Kansas was relinquished and they were moved to Indian Territory, which is present-day Oklahoma.

### **Flint Hills Nature Trail**

<http://KanzaTrails.org/>

From Osawatomie in the east to Herington in the west The beautiful Flint Hills Nature Trail, which is the seventh-longest rail-trail in America and the largest in Kansas, stretches for 117 miles across east-central Kansas. It passes through five counties: Miami, Franklin, Osage, Lyon and Morris.

## **Cottonwood Falls / Strong City**

### **4. Chase County Courthouse\***

The oldest working courthouse in Kansas, Chase County Courthouse was built of native limestone in 1873, and was entered in the National Registry of Historic Places and the Kansas Historical Site register in 1971. Unmatched in durability and design, the Courthouse remains a living tribute to its builders and the spirit of the Flint Hills pioneers.



## 5. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve\*

This 10,894-acre prairie preserve protects a nationally significant example of the once vast tallgrass ecosystem. Visit the unspoiled prairie to see rare wildflowers or view some of the resident bird species. Take a self-guided or cellphone tour through the limestone barn, the prairie mansion and the icehouse -or take a group tour on the Prairie Bus. And don't forget your hiking boots: Two hiking trails traverse the area's sparkling creeks and wide stretches of prairies

### *Unique Lodging*

#### **Grand Central Hotel**

<http://GrandCentralHotel.com/>

215 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, KS

(620) 273-6763

An elegant hotel with a "western flair," each one of their ten rooms is "branded" with a historic brand of a local ranching family.

#### **Flying W Ranch**

<http://www.FlintHillsFlyingW.com/>

Rt 1 Box 11, Cedar Point, KS

(620) 274-4357

Enjoy an authentic cowboy experience in the heart of the Flint Hills. This 7,000 acre working ranch offers refined lodge accommodations, fine dining and special events to meet your needs.

#### **Matfield Station**

<http://MatfieldStation.com/>

620 Hwy 177, Matfield Green, KS

(620) 953-2035

Experience breathtaking views of the South Fork Valley from one of three Santa Fe bunkhouses or "casitas."

### *Unique Dining*

#### **Grand Central Hotel & Grill\***

<http://GrandCentralHotel.com/>

215 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, KS

(620) 273-6763

The state's only AAA Four Diamond Historic Country Inn/Restaurant, Grand Central earns its reputation for serving some of Kansas' best steaks.

### *Unique Shopping*

#### **Jim Bell and Son**

<http://www.JimBellAndSon.com/>

322 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, KS

(620) 273-6381

This one of a kind store is the place to shop for the latest trends in Western wear. They are located in the heart of the beautiful Flint Hills, in historic Cottonwood Falls.





## **El Dorado**

### **6. Coutts Memorial Art Museum**

This fine gallery features more than 2,000 original paintings, sculptures, prints and drawings by such celebrated artists as Renoir, Thomas Hart Benton and Frederic Remington. Tasteful antique furnishings from antique Persian rugs and artful arrangements set the mood for leisurely, relaxed browsing. Tours available.

*Looking for more to do in El Dorado? May we recommend:*

#### **El Dorado Lake State Park**

<http://KDWPT.State.KS.US/news/State-Parks/Locations/El-Dorado>

2710 NE Bluestem Rd, El Dorado, KS

(316) 321-7180

From camping to boating to hiking and swimming, El Dorado Lake offers so many ways to enjoy the great outdoors. Other facilities include two swimming beaches, the Shady Creek Marina, a large amphitheater with indoor and outdoor stages, ten boat ramps and a horse-friendly campground.

#### **Butler County History Center and Kansas Oil Museum**

<http://KansasOilMuseum.org/>

388 E Central, PO Box 696, El Dorado, KS

(316) 321-7180

Learn about Kansas' farming and ranching history and stroll through the days of Kansas' early oil boom days. Special exhibits demonstrate the oil extraction process.

## **Kechi**

### **7. Karg Art Glass**

Watch hand blown art glass being created in a cedar and stone building right in the heart of Kechi. Browse the gift gallery for unique gifts by artists from across the state. Tours available.

## **Other Flint Hills South Side Trips**

#### **Flint Hills National Scenic Byway**

<http://www.TravelKS.com/KSByways/Flint-Hills/>

The Flint Hills Scenic Byway winds 48 miles from Council Grove south to Cassoday along K-177. This Byway twists and soars through the heart of the Flint Hills and the nation's largest remaining tallgrass prairie.