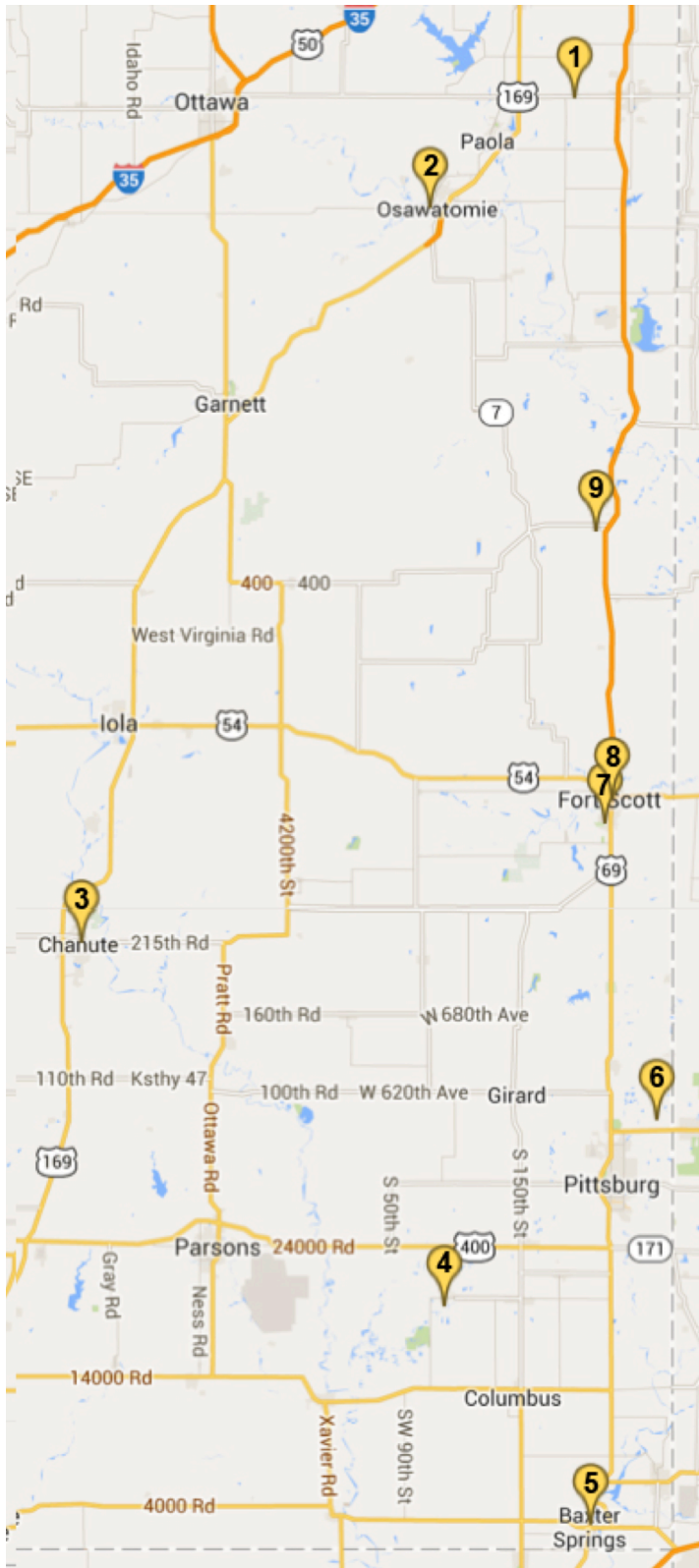




Region: Eastern Wooded Hills - South

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.com). Don't miss them!



1. Louisburg Cider Mill

<http://www.LouisburgCiderMill.com/>
14730 W Hwy 68, Louisburg, KS
(913) 837-5202

2. John Brown Museum*

http://www.KSHS.org/John_Brown
1000 Main St, John Brown Memorial Park
Osawatomie, KS
(913) 755-4384

3. Martin & Osa Johnson Safari Museum*

<http://www.SafariMuseum.com/>
111 N Lincoln Ave, Chanute, KS
(620) 431-2730

4. Big Brutus*

<http://www.BigBrutus.org/>
6509 NW 60th St, West Mineral, KS
(620) 827-6177

5. Baxter Springs Heritage Center & Museum

<http://www.BaxterSpringsMuseum.org>
740 East Ave, Baxter Springs, KS
(620) 856-2385

6. Chicken Wars – Chicken Annie’s v. Chicken Mary’s*

1133 E 600th Ave, Pittsburg, KS
(620) 231-9510

7. Gordon Parks Museum/Center for Culture and Diversity*

<http://www.GordonParksCenter.org>
2108 S Horton St, Fort Scott, KS
(620) 223-2700

8. Fort Scott National Historic Site*

<http://www.NPS.gov/fosc>
Old Fort Boulevard, Fort Scott, KS
(620) 223-0310



9. Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site*

http://www.KSHS.org/Mine_Creek

20485 Hwy 52, Pleasanton, KS

(913) 352-8890

Region: Eastern Wooded Hills - South

Conflict over the slavery question defined the relationship between the easternmost counties of Kansas and the western counties of Missouri. The struggle for freedom marks the landscape of this itinerary. Explore the battlefields and hear the voices of these conflicts as you experience some of the landmarks in the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

Louisburg

1. Louisburg Cider Mill

Enjoy world-famous fresh apple cider and donuts, a unique country store and lots more in Louisburg. Tours of the cider mill are available. There's even an apple press in the rustic red barn, great for family photos and family fun. Hayrides are offered in October.

Looking for more to do around Louisburg? May we recommend:

Beethoven's #9 Restaurant

<http://Beethovens-Paola.com/>

110 W. Peoria, Paola, KS

(913) 294-3000

Best place to find some of the most authentic German Food in Eastern Kansas.

Casa Somerset

<http://www.CasaSomerset.com>

16315 W. 287th St, Paola, KS

(913) 557-9288

Nestled on six acres, enjoy a country setting adjacent to the metro Kansas City area.

Somerset Ridge Vineyard & Winery

<http://somersetridge.com/>

29725 Somerset Rd, Paola, KS

(913) 491-0038

Take a walk in the vineyard, enjoy the tasting room and weekend music, food and art events.

Osawatomie

2. John Brown Museum*

Witness pioneer life where Reverend Samuel and Florella Adair struggled to survive on the Kansas frontier while maintaining their Abolitionist principles. The Kansas career of Florella's legendary half- brother, John Brown, and his Abolitionist efforts are featured in an exhibit gallery. Here, John earned the sobriquet "Osawatomie Brown" as he fought for the free-state cause.



Looking for more to do around Osawatomie? May we recommend:

Guy & Mae's Tavern BBQ*

119 W. William, Williamsburg, KS

(785) 746-8830

Famous for their tender ribs served wrapped in foil and newspaper.

Pome on the Range Orchards and Winery

<http://PomeOnTheRange.com/index.php>

2050 Idaho Rd, Williamsburg, KS

(785) 746-5492

Prairie Spirit Trail

Old Santa Fe Railroad, along Main St

Garnett, KS 66032

(785) 448-6767

Grab your bike or take a stroll along the trail, built along 51 miles of the former Leavenworth, Lawrence and Galveston Railroad line.

Chanute

3. Martin & Osa Johnson Safari Museum*

Explorers, photographers, naturalists and authors, the Johnsons were the first to send back photos and film of Africa in the 1920s and 1930s. This museum preserves the achievements of these native Kansans and encourages further research. Check out the masks, headdresses, furnishings, personal accessories, tools, armaments, textiles and musical instruments representing different ethnic groups in west and central Africa.

Unique Lodging

Tioga Suites Hotel

<http://tiogasuites.com/>

12 E Main, Chanute, KS

(620) 431-3343

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this elegantly appointed hotel features "made-to-order" breakfasts.

West Mineral

4. Big Brutus*

Make a stop at Big Brutus and see the world's second largest electric shovel. You'll see the retired giant miles before you reach it, as it stands 16 stories tall (160 feet) and weighs 11 million pounds! Big Brutus remains a symbol of the mining heritage of southeast Kansas.



Looking for more to do around West Mineral? May we recommend:

Josie's Ristorante*

400 Main St., Scammon, KS

(620) 479-8202

Family owned and operated, specializing in homemade Italian dishes.

Baxter Springs

5. Baxter Springs Heritage Center & Museum

Don't miss this highlight of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. Exhibits focus on the area's role in Civil War history, as well as the Picher Oklahoma Mining Field and life in the Midwest.

Looking for more to do around Baxter Springs? May we recommend:

Cars on the Route

<http://CarsOnTheRoute.com/>

119 N Main St, Galena, KS

(620) 783-1366

Take your picture with the truck that was the inspiration for the character "Tow Mater" from the "Cars" movie.

Old Riverton Store

7109 Se Oriole Ln, Riverton, KS

(620) 848-3330

Serving customers along Route 66 since 1925, stop in for route souvenirs or craft the perfect deli sandwich.

Southeast Kansas Nature Center, Schermerhorn Park*

KSOutdoors.com

3501 S Main St, Galena, KS

(620) 783-5207

Located on a hill overlooking a park and Shoal Creek, visitors can enjoy live animals, artifacts, and educational programs. Pack a picnic and be sure and save time to explore the park's cave and the creek's pebbly banks.

Pittsburg

6. Chicken Wars – Chicken Annie's v. Chicken Mary's*

In Crawford County, there are six "chicken houses." They each serve fried chicken dinners and all offer different side dishes. While it's best to try all six, the strongest "rivalry" exists between Chicken Mary's and Chicken Annie's, located on the same street.

Unique Lodging

Himmel House Bed & Breakfast

<http://HimmelHouse.com/>

402 W Euclid, Pittsburg, KS

(620) 232-9497

Built in Greek Revival style, this historic home is crafted from Pittsburg brick and Carthage limestone.



Unique Shopping

Frontenac Bakery*

221 N Crawford, Frontenac, KS
(620) 231-7980

The bakery was established in 1904 by Italian immigrant George Vacca, and his original recipe is still used today. The bread is served at all chicken restaurants in Crawford County and can be purchased at the local market.

Fort Scott

7. Gordon Parks Museum/Center for Culture and Diversity*

Gordon Parks (1912-2006) was born and raised in Fort Scott and became the first African-American photojournalist for both *Life* and *Vogue* magazines. He was also the first African-American to direct a major Hollywood production. The center's various programs and collections include photographs, displays, personal items and research materials.

8. Fort Scott National Historic Site*

Visit this restored frontier military fort which was in operation in the mid 1800s. Each of the site's 20 historic structures, furnished rooms, exhibits, costumed interpreters and special event weekends help you experience Kansas' role in this historical period.

Unique Lodging

Courtland Hotel & Day Spa

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

121 E 1st St, Fort Scott, KS
(620) 223-0098

Originally constructed during Fort Scott's railroad heyday, visitors can be pampered in the beautifully restored Spa Salon.

Lyons Twin Mansions – Bed, Breakfast and Full-service Spa

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

742 S National Ave, Fort Scott, KS
(620) 223-3644

Enjoy fine dining and tastefully furnished rooms at one of three landmark mansions.

Looking for more to do around Fort Scott? May we recommend:

Crawford State Park

<http://kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/State-Parks/Locations/Crawford>

1 Lake Rd, Farlington, KS 66734
(620) 362-3671

500-acre park featuring six campgrounds, rental cabins, four hiking and biking trails and a swimming beach.

Pleasanton

9. Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site*

Stroll back through time and walk the battlefield. Spend time on the prairie loop and the timber loop trails, and



visit the newly-constructed visitor center which houses displays on the Battle at Mine Creek, the Price Campaign of 1864 and other aspects of the Civil War.

Other Eastern Wooded Hills - South Side Trips

Frontier Military Historic Byway

<http://www.TravelKS.com/KSByways/Frontier-Military/>

Journey through Kansas' pre-Civil War history. The byway links Fort Leavenworth in the north to Fort Scott and, finally, former cowtown Baxter Springs in the south. Drive along traces of the 1800s military trail used to transport troops and supplies during the turbulent times of "Bleeding Kansas" and the Civil War. Also along the route, hear legends and see monuments that memorialize history across the Kansas landscape.

Kansas' Historic Route 66 Byway

<http://www.TravelKS.com/KSByways/Route66/>

Route 66 is still going places. While only 13.2 miles of the Mother Road pass through the Southeast corner of Kansas, the sights and attractions along the way remain as remarkable as they were in their heyday. Expect to be in and out of the car a lot during this trip down memory lane.