

# KANSAS

## PRAIRIE TRAIL

*Scenic Byway*

We welcome you to the Prairie Trail Scenic Byway and hope you enjoy your stay with us. Please refrain from taking samples of the rock formations because such activities could irreparably damage the geological features. Please help preserve this beautiful land by not picking the wildflowers and native grasses. Enjoy the wildlife by observing proper respect for them.



photo by Richard Kippes

For more information about the  
Prairie Trail Scenic Byway contact:

Maxwell Wildlife Refuge at 620-628-4455,  
Lindsborg Visitors Center at 888-227-2227 or  
cvbdir@visitlindsborg.com

or visit the following websites:

[visitlindsborg.com](http://visitlindsborg.com)

National Scenic Byways website: [www.byways.org](http://www.byways.org)  
Kansas Scenic Byways website: [ksbyways.org](http://ksbyways.org)

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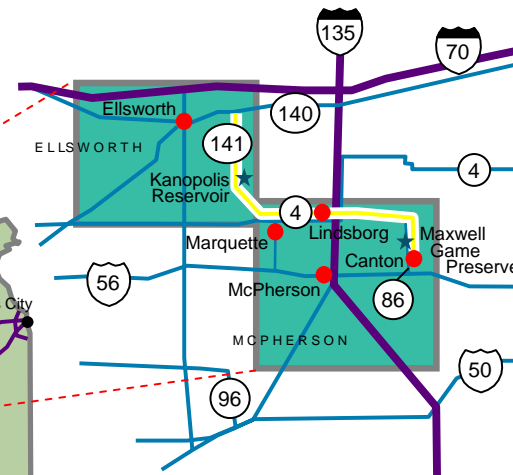
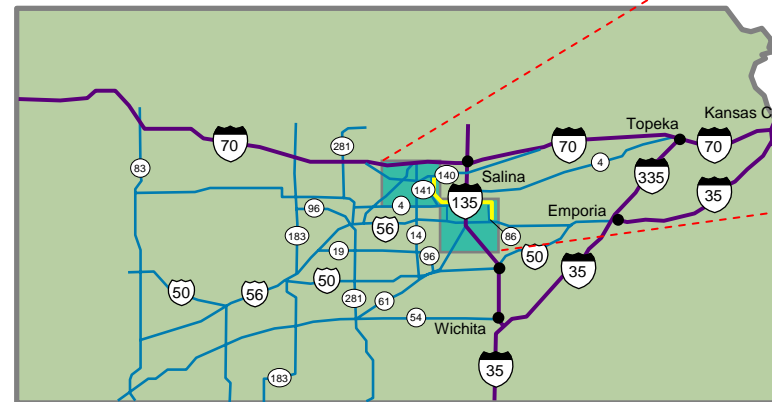
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## PRAIRIE TRAIL AREA MAP



### Points of Interest Near the Byway

#### Scenic Places

- Battle Hill (Maxwell Wildlife Refuge)
- Christian Ridge Cemetery – a Pioneer Cemetery  
(6 miles west of Roxbury)
- Coronado Heights WPA Project (Lindsborg)
- Twin Mounds (seen from Smoky Valley Road)
- Valley View Cemetery (1 mile east of Roxbury)

#### Natural and Recreational Sites

- Carlson Memorial Park (Lindsborg)
- Kanopolis Lake (fishing, boating, camping, hiking, trail riding)
- Lucia Park (Lindsborg)
- McPherson State Lake (Maxwell Wildlife Refuge)
- Riverside (South) Park (Lindsborg)
- Rolling Hills Zoo and Museum (Hedville/Salina)
- Smoky Hill Bison Company (Assaria)
- Swensson (North) Park (Lindsborg)
- Valkommen Walking Trail (Lindsborg)

#### Historic Sites, Museums and Galleries

- Bethany Lutheran Church National Historic Site (Lindsborg)
- Ellsworth, Cattle Drover Town
- Faris Caves (on Legacy Trail)
- Fort Harker (Kanopolis)
- Jones Cemetery, Santa Fe Trail Cemetery (East of Canton)

#### Downtown Murals (Marquette)

- Old Mill Museum (Lindsborg)
- Old Restored Jail (Canton)
- Santa Fe Trail Marker (East of Canton on US 56)
- Stars and Stripes Military Museum (Canton)

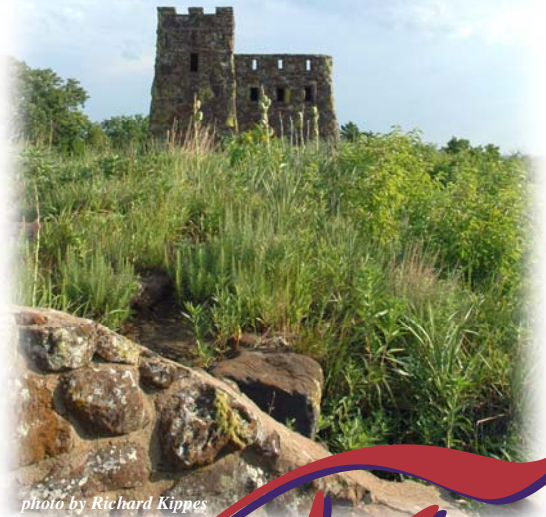
#### Events

- Autumn in the Valley Festival and Chili Cook-off (Marquette)
- Buffalo Auction (Maxwell Wildlife Refuge)
- Christmas in Canton (Canton)
- Svensk Hyllningsfest (Lindsborg)
- Lucia Festival (Lindsborg)
- Marquette Melodrama (Marquette)
- Maxwell Mountain Man Rendezvous (Maxwell Wildlife Refuge)
- McPherson County Fair, Rodeo, Classic Car Show and Demolition Derby (Canton)
- Messiah Festival (Lindsborg)
- Millfest (Lindsborg)
- Midsummer's Day Festival (Lindsborg)
- Old Fashioned Fourth of July Festival (Lindsborg)
- Old Mill Heritage Christmas (Lindsborg)
- Smoky Valley Classic Car Show (Lindsborg)
- Smoky Valley Saddle Club Rodeo (Marquette)
- Spring and Fall Wildflower Tours (Maxwell Wildlife Refuge)
- Three Sisters Spring Fling (Canton)
- Thunder on the Smoky Motorcycle Rally & Festival (Marquette)

Lodging, restaurants and shopping are also in the area.



*Coronado Heights*



*photo by Richard Kippes*

# Paths of Adventure

**A**s you travel the Prairie Trail Scenic Byway, you follow the footsteps of bison, Native Americans, early explorers, pioneers and cowboys as they sought food, shelter and a better life. The Santa Fe Trail, carrying traders to/from New Mexico, and the Chisholm Trail, that carried cattle from Texas to the Kansas railroad towns, are nearby. In addition, people and goods traveled the Smoky Hill Trail, the Overland Despatch Trail and the Fremont Trail in this region. Francisco Coronado is thought to have surveyed the countryside from Coronado Heights just north of the byway. Zebulon Pike, “Wild Bill” Hickok, and “Buffalo Bill” Cody were among the many people who traveled through this Smoky Hills Region.



*photo by Jim Turner*

*Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers*

**C**heck out the last Carnegie Library built in Kansas at Canton and enjoy the “Hot” and “Cold” water towers. Experience Scandinavian culture and tradition at both Lindsborg and Marquette. Lindsborg has Dala horses throughout the downtown celebrating their heritage as “Little Sweden USA.”

**M**any opportunities to enjoy art exist along the byway—Olive Springs Schoolhouse is the gallery of local artist, Maleta Forsberg. Lindsborg is home to numerous art galleries including Lester Raymer’s Red Barn Studio, the Sandzen Memorial Art Gallery, Small World Gallery, Courtyard Gallery and the Mingenback Art Center on the Bethany College Campus. Artspace provides contemporary art experiences in Marquette.

# The byway takes you on a journey of wonder and delight

**B**ison and elk can be enjoyed at Maxwell Wildlife Refuge. The Observation Tower provides a panoramic view of the prairie. Rock mushrooms formed by nature at Mushroom Rock State Park are a unique experience not to be missed. Hike or horseback ride through the Smoky Hills as the Native Americans and early explorers did near present-day Kanopolis Lake Reservoir and State Park. The nearly 25 miles of trails at Kanopolis State Park plus 55 miles around the Park are designated as part of the National Millennium Legacy Trails System. There are 27 historic sites on the driving tour of the Legacy Trails. Bring your fishing pole along to try your luck at McPherson State Lake and Kanopolis State Reservoir. Participate in Mountain Man Days at Maxwell Wildlife Refuge and experience stage coach travel at Goverland Stage Stop.



*Mushroom Rock State Park*

*photo by Richard Kippes*



**M**arquette has restored its downtown to Victorian elegance. It includes the Kansas Motorcycle Museum and the Marquette Historical Society Museum.