

RIDING FOR READING TOUR

YOUR MOTORCYCLE ADVENTURE IN TOPEKA

Cruise Topeka for a great cause! For every Riding for Reading Tour completed, books will be donated to school libraries in Shawnee County and throughout the state.

How to earn books for kids: Cruise the Riding for Reading route through Topeka, visiting at least 8 of the 12 locations listed. Take a picture with you and your motorcycle at each location. At the end of your ride, email 8-12 pictures to Photos@VisitTopeka.com with your name and mailing address. You'll receive a Riding for Reading patch and schools across Kansas will get books!



Kansas State Capitol 300 SW 10th St.

Visit the recently renovated Statehouse to view the John Stuart Curry's murals, see the spectacular chambers of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and view the dramatic Capitol dome.

To Combat Air Museum: WEST on 10th St. to Topeka Blvd., Turn LEFT on Topeka Blvd., Turn LEFT on 1st S St., Turn RIGHT on J St., Museum Straight ahead.

Combat Air Museum Forbes Field, "J" St., Hangars 602-604

Step back in time and see more than 30 military aircrafts from WWI to the present day, in addition to aircraft engines, artifacts and dioramas.

To Kansas National Guard Museum: Turn RIGHT on J St., LEFT on 1st N St., Museum will be on your LEFT.

Kansas National Guard Museum 6700 SW Topeka Blvd.

View hundreds of artifacts, equipment and materials from the Kansas National Guard in both outdoor and indoor displays.

To Shawnee Lake: NORTH on Topeka Blvd., Turn RIGHT on SE 53rd, Turn LEFT on Adams, Turn RIGHT on 45th, Turn LEFT on East Edge Rd. Continue on to 37th St.

Ted Ensley Gardens at Lake Shawnee 37th St. and East Edge Rd.

Explore 9.5 acres of gardens surrounded by rock gardens, waterfalls, streams, a covered bridge and gazebo. Drive around the entire lake to enjoy the scenic views.

To Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site: NORTH on East Edge Road to 37th St., Head WEST on 37th St., RIGHT on Adams St., LEFT on 15th St., LEFT on Monroe St.

Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site 1515 SE Monroe St.

Learn about the 1954 case that brought desegregation to schools nationwide through an experiential, self-guided museum located in a historic former school.

To Great Mural Wall: SOUTH on Monroe to 17th St., RIGHT on 17th St., Turn LEFT onto Western Ave

Great Mural Wall 2100 SW Western St.

View the Great Mural Wall of Topeka, a community-based work of art that tells the story of Topeka's past, present and future. This is the largest mural in Kansas, and the second largest in the nation.

DAY ONE



Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site



Great Mural Wall



Ted Ensley Gardens at Lake Shawnee



Combat Air Museum



Kansas State Capitol

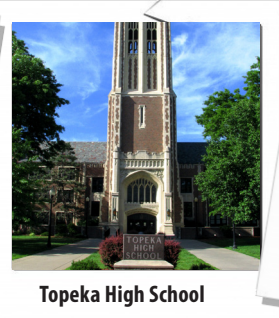
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Scan the QR code with your smart phone for tour map and directions.





Kansas Museum of History



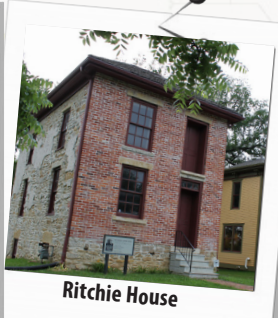
Topeka High School



Great Overland Train Station



Charles Curtis Museum



Ritchie House

DAY TWO

Kansas Museum of History 6420 SE 6th Ave.

Learn about colorful characters and everyday folks from Kansas' past. See a full-sized Cheyenne tipi, covered wagon, 1950s diner and an 1880s locomotive.

To Topeka High School: Head EAST on 6th, at the Roundabout take the second exit and STAY on 6th, Turn RIGHT on Gage Blvd. Turn LEFT on SW 10th.

Topeka High School 800 SW 10th St.

Designed by Topeka architect Thomas W. Williamson, Topeka High School was completed in 1931 at a cost of over \$1 million. Today, it is one of the city's most distinguished landmarks.

To Great Overland Train Station: Head EAST on SW 10th St., Turn LEFT on SW Topeka Blvd., Turn RIGHT onto NW Gordon St., Turn RIGHT onto N Kansas Ave. After railroad tracks, RIGHT into parking lot.

Great Overland Train Station 701 N Kansas Ave.

Formerly home to the Union Pacific Railroad Station, this museum brings Topeka's railroad heritage to life through guided tours, photographs and special exhibits. Don't miss the stunning All Veteran's Memorial and Avenue of Flags outside the station.

To Charles Curtis Museum: Head NORTH on Kansas Ave, Turn LEFT onto NW Gordon, Turn LEFT on NW Topeka Blvd.

Charles Curtis Museum 1101 SW Topeka Blvd.

Tour the former home of Charles Curtis, the only U.S. vice president of Native American decent. Marvel in the intricate decor and memorabilia from Curtis' political career.

To Ritchie House: Head South on Topeka Blvd., Turn left on Huntoon St., Continue on to SW 12th St., Turn Left onto Madison.

Ritchie House 1116 SE Madison St.

The Ritchie House, which was built in 1856 by abolitionist John and Mary Jane Ritchie, is considered Topeka's oldest home and was a stop along the Underground Railroad.

To Constitution Hall: Head North on Madison, Turn Left onto 11th, Turn Right onto Kansas Ave.

Constitution Hall 427-429 S Kansas Ave.

Now under restoration, this "Network to Freedom" site was the Kansas Free State Capitol before the Civil War.

TOUR NOTES

The full two day tour route is 38 miles long.

Some tour locations charge admission.

Look for the motorcycle clings in windows at local restaurants and hotels. Each business will have rags and other biker essentials for you to use at no cost.

Ask for the Riding for Reading discount at participating hotels.

WHERE TO EAT

Enjoy lunch at Henry's Grill BBQ and explore the Harley-Davidson Museum.

Other local favorites: Casa Authentic Mexican Restaurant, Porubsky's Deli in Little Russia, College Hill Pizza Pub, Ice and Olives Deli and Java Bar, and The Pad

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