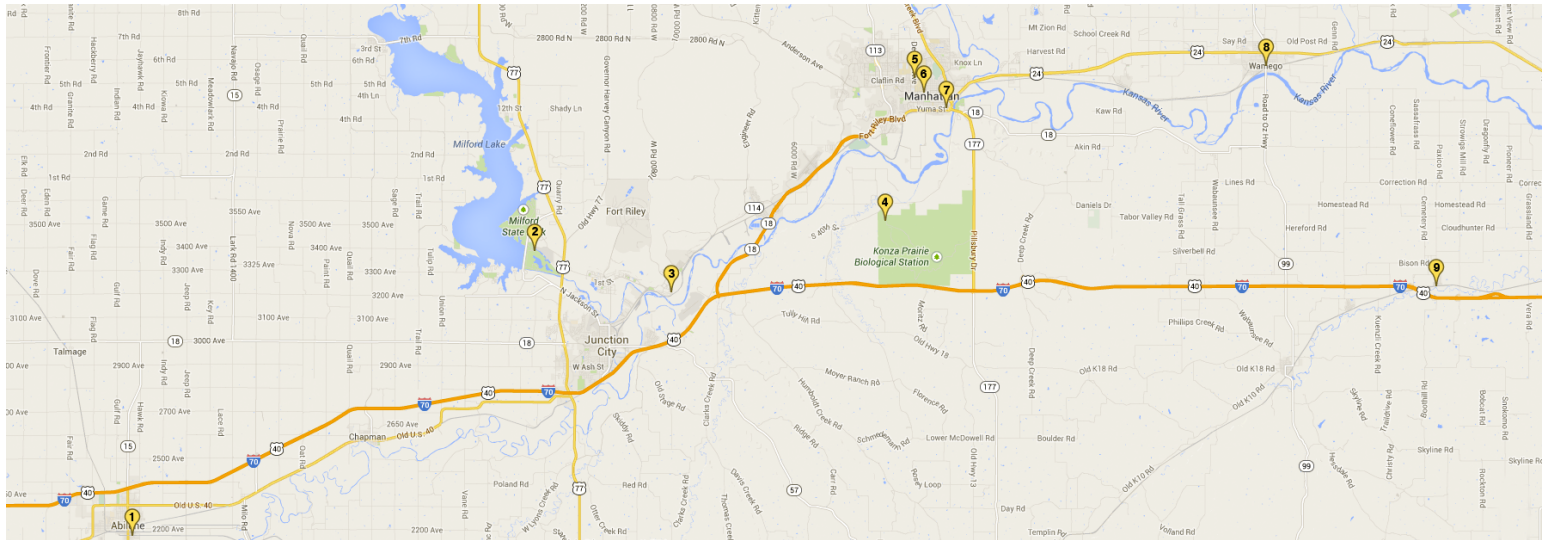




## Region: Flint Hills - North

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. Eisenhower Presidential Library\*

<http://Eisenhower.archives.gov>

200 SE 4<sup>th</sup> St, Abilene, KS  
(785) 263-6700

### 2. Milford Lake – Nature Center and Fish Hatchery

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

3415 Hatchery Dr, Junction City, KS  
(785) 238-5323

### 3. U.S. Cavalry Museum – Fort Riley

<http://www.Riley.Army.Mil/AboutUs/Museums.aspx>

205 Custer Ave, Building 205, Fort Riley, KS  
(785) 239-2737

### 4. Konza Prairie Biological Station\*

<http://www.Konza.KSU.edu/>

100 Konza Prairie Lane, Manhattan, KS  
(785) 539-19614

### 5. KSU Gardens/Insect Zoo

<http://www.Ksre.Ksu.edu/KsuGardens/>

1500 Denison, Kansas State University Manhattan, KS  
(785) 532-2847

### 6. Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art (KSU Campus)\*

<http://Beach.K-State.edu/>

14th St and Anderson Ave, Manhattan, KS  
(785) 532-7718

### 7. Flint Hills Discovery Center

<http://www.FlinthHillsDiscovery.org/>

315 S 3rd St, Manhattan, KS  
(785) 587-2726

### 8. Oz Museum\*

<http://www.OzMuseum.com>

511 Lincoln Ave, Wamego, KS  
(785) 458-8686

### 9. Paxico Antique Shopping\*

<http://PaxicoMerchants.com/>

103 Main St, Paxico, KS



## Region: Flint Hills - North

Green Landscapes rated the Flint Hills as the best place in the United States to watch a sunset. While the views are breathtaking, the Flint Hills offers much more, including a wide variety of unique things to experience, wonderful cuisine to eat and a chance to see history with your own eyes. There is no place like Kansas.

### Abilene

#### 1. **Eisenhower Presidential Library\***

The Eisenhower complex, home of the 34<sup>th</sup> President, includes the family home where the Eisenhowers lived from 1898 to 1946, a museum, library, visitors center and meditation area (the burial site of President and Mrs. Eisenhower and their first-born son).

#### *Unique Dining*

##### **Brookville Hotel\***

<http://www.BrookvilleHotel.com>

105 E Lafayette, Abilene, KS

(785) 263-2244

Serving up world-famous, family-style fried chicken dinners (with all the trimmings) since 1870. Reservations suggested.

#### *Unique Shopping*

##### **Russell Stover Candies Factory Outlet**

<https://www.RussellStover.com/>

1993 Caramel Blvd, Abilene, KS

(785) 263-0463

Use the convenient drive-thru to sample Russell Stover's delicious candies, cookies, ice cream and gourmet coffee. Candy kitchen tour available to groups.

##### **American Indian Art Center**

206 S Buckeye, Abilene, KS

(785) 263-0090

This American Indian fine art gallery and gift shop features nationally acclaimed artists.

#### *Looking for more to do in Abilene? May we recommend:*

##### **Abilene & Smoky Valley Excursion Train\***

<http://AAVRR.org/>

200 SE 5<sup>th</sup>, PO Box 744, Abilene, KS

(785) 263-1077

Using a vintage diesel-electric locomotive, a century-old wooden sided passenger/diner, open air observation cars and a caboose, the excursion train travels through the Smoky Hill River Valley between historic Abilene and Enterprise, a ten mile round trip. The line also operates a restored #3415 steam engine on a limited basis. Dinner trains and charters available.



### **Seelye Mansion and Patent Medicine Museum\***

<http://SeelyeMansion.org>

1105 N Buckeye Ave, Abilene, KS

(785) 263-1084

Built in 1905, a New York architect designed the new home in Georgian style for Dr. and Mrs. A.B. Seelye at a cost of \$55,000. Tour 25 rooms with original furnishings - including eleven bedrooms, ballroom, bowling alley, and kitchen areas. The Patent Medicine Museum contains many artifacts of the A.B. Seelye Medical Company.

## **Junction City**

### **2. Milford Lake – Nature Center and Fish Hatchery**

Milford Lake, the largest lake in Kansas, features boating, fishing, swimming and camping. At the nature center, learn about the natural communities of Kansas. See and touch native animal furs, print your own animal tracks. Be sure to visit the Milford Fish Hatchery next door.

#### *Unique Dining*

##### **Cox Brothers BBQ**

<http://www.CoxBBQ.com>

812 E. Chestnut St, Junction City, KS

785-579-6606

Cox Bros BBQ features genuine, slow smoked BBQ.

#### *Unique Lodging*

##### **Acorns Resort**

<http://www.AcornsResortKansas.com>

3710 Farnum Creek Rd, Milford, KS

(785) 463-4000

Located in the Flint Hills and on beautiful Milford Lake, you can choose accommodations from log cabins or rustic lodge rooms.

#### *Unique Shopping*

##### **Gatherings on the Prairie**

<http://www.GatheringsOnThePrairie.com>

615 N Washington St, Junction City, KS

(785) 238-7300

This is the home décor store where the inventory is constantly changing. You will find rustic paired with formal, and whimsical next to traditional.

## **Fort Riley**

### **3. U.S. Cavalry Museum**

Housed in the original hospital built in 1855, the U.S. Cavalry Museum exhibits depict the colorful history of the American mounted horse soldier. The art gallery exhibit features 175 years of cavalry history.



## **Manhattan**

### **4. Konza Prairie Biological Station\***

With hiking trails open daily from dawn to dusk, the Konza Prairie offers some of the most breathtaking hikes in the Flint Hills. From the heights of the hills to the riverbeds of the creeks that carved them, visitors can experience the tallgrass prairie firsthand. Self-guided hikes of varying lengths loop through the flint and limestone landscapes. Brochures mark points of interest in the prairie ecosystem including the Hokanson Homestead, built by Swedish settlers in 1878.

### **5. KSU Gardens/Insect Zoo (KSU Campus)**

Ever wonder what insects may lurk quietly in your kitchen? Ever thought a cricket would make a delicious snack? The Insect Zoo (located with the gardens) features fascinating exhibits of live insects and their arthropod relatives in naturalistic settings. The KSU Gardens is a horticulture display garden established as an educational resource and learning laboratory for KSU students and the public. Don't miss the July iris sale.

### **6. Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art (KSU Campus)\***

Housing the KSU permanent art collection, which originated in 1928, the Beach collection has grown to over 7,000 works of art emphasizing Kansas and Midwestern artists. This museum invites exploration: Check out their calendar of public programs, classes and workshops.

### **7. Flint Hills Discovery Center**

Once the tallgrass prairie dominated the heart of North America, but now only three percent remains, most of it in Kansas' own Flint Hills. The Flint Hills Discovery Center is an interactive science, history and cultural museum. In-depth exhibits explore all layers of the prairie and the immersive experience will keep your senses entertained with simulated fire and ice. The sensory experience continues outside at Blue Earth Plaza's outdoor fire pit and fountains.

### *Unique Dining*

#### **The Chef**

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

111 S 4<sup>th</sup> St, Manhattan, KS

(785) 537-1300

Bringing back a Manhattan favorite, *The Chef* serves up a classic breakfast and a whole lot more.

#### **Harry's\***

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

418 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS

(785) 537-1300

Harry's offers distinctive service and dining in historic downtown Manhattan.

#### **Varsity Donuts**

<http://www.VarsityDonuts.blog.com>

704 N. Manhattan Ave, Manhattan, KS

(785) 539-7654

An Aggieville favorite any time of the day. Try the Maple Bacon Bar for a truly unique treat.





**Little Apple Brewing Co.\***

<http://www.LittleAppleBrewery.com>

1110 Westloop Pl, Manhattan, KS

(785) 539-5500

This award-winning restaurant serves up Certified Angus Beef steaks paired with unique hand-crafted ales.

*Unique Shopping*

**Aggieville Historic District**

Manhattan Avenue and Moro Street

Manhattan, KS

(785) 776-8050

The oldest shopping district of its kind in Kansas, Aggieville features more than 100 shops, restaurants and bars. Established in 1889, Aggieville is home to many KSU Wildcat events.

**Strecker-Nelson Gallery**

<http://www.Strecker-NelsonGallery.com>

406 1/2 Poyntz Ave, Manhattan, KS

(785) 537-2099

The oldest art gallery in Kansas, the gallery specializes in Kansas and regional fine art.

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

**KSU Dairy Bar**

<http://www.K-State.edu/maps/buildings/CL/>

144 Call Hall

Manhattan, KS 66506

785-532-1292

Made onsite by KSU student, the Dairy Bar serves up 30 kinds of ice cream every day in flavors like "Purple Pride." Be sure to sample their homemade cheeses.

**Colbert Hills**

<http://www.ColbertHills.com>

5200 Colbert Hills Dr, Manhattan, KS

(785) 776-6475

Situated in the beautiful Flint Hills, Colbert Hills was designed by KSU graduate Jim Colbert. Since its opening in 2000, it has been ranked by *Golfweek* as the best public golf course in Kansas. The course is used by KSU as an environmental and turf management research facility.

**Pillsbury Crossing Wildlife Area\***

<http://www.NaturalKansas.org/Pillsbur.htm>

Southeast of Manhattan, KS

This natural flat-rock river crossing spanning Deep Creek was named for pioneer J.H. Pillsbury, who settled here in 1855. The shallow flowing water and flat limestone ledges make this a perfect place for picnicking and sunbathing. Other popular activities include boating, camping, hiking, bird-watching and fishing. During normal stream flow, it's possible to canoe or kayak upstream as far as half a mile. Primitive camping is available with special permits.



## Wamego

### **8. Oz Museum\***

See one of the world's broadest collections of Oz artifacts from 1900 to present. The museum features more than just memorabilia from the famous 1939 musical – it also showcases earlier silent films as well as “The Wiz” starring Diana Ross and Michael Jackson.

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

#### **Historic Columbian Theatre\***

<http://www.ColumbianTheatre.com>

521 Lincoln Ave, Wamego, KS  
(785) 456-2029

The Columbian Theatre is a restored 1890's theatre and a venue for the exhibition of rare paintings from the 1893 Chicago World's Fair known as the “Columbian Exhibition.” The theatre holds six live productions each year in the Peddicord Playhouse and hosts changing art exhibits in the Swogger Gallery.

#### *Unique Dining*

##### **Toto's TacoZ**

<http://TotosTacoZ.com>

517 Lincoln, Wamego, KS  
(785) 456-8090

Fresh Mexican food meets *The Wizard of Oz*. Enjoy favorites like Yellow Brick Buro'd.

##### **Friendship House Bakery and Restaurant**

<http://FriendshipHouseWamegoKS.com>

507 Ash St, Wamego, KS  
(785) 456-9616

Come sample daily soup specials and bread from their in-house bakery.

#### *Unique Shopping*

##### **Oz Winery**

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

417 Lincoln, Wamego, KS  
(785) 456-7417

Located in downtown historic Wamego, all wines are made on site. Don't miss popular varieties like “A Witch Gone Good” or “The Drunken Munchkin.”

## Paxico

### **9. Paxico Antique Shopping\***

Nestled in the Mill Valley along the picturesque Kansas Flint Hills, Paxico dates back to the mid-1800s and was part of the Pottawatomie Indian Reservation. Currently, the historic buildings house a variety of unique antique shops and a café.



### *Unique Shopping*

#### **Prairie Fire Winery**

<http://www.PrairieFireWinery.com>

20250 Hudson Ranch Rd, Paxico, KS

(785) 636-5533

Located in the beautiful Flint Hills and surrounded by its breathtaking beauty, Prairie Fire Winery produces the first and only Methode Champenoise sparkling wine in the state.

### **Other Flint Hills North Side Trips**

#### **Native Stone Scenic Byway\***

<http://www.TravelKS.com/KSByways/Native-Stone>

Get a glimpse of the rural life along the Native Stone Scenic Byway, which winds through the glorious Flint Hills for 48 miles on K-4 and K-99. The byway takes its name from the limestone slabs that are the Flint Hills' foundation. You'll see shelves of limestone interrupting the vast prairie of big bluestem and other grasses. Look for vintage bridges, walls, homes and even fences made of the durable, honey-colored rock.