



***No other city in the United States can boast an array of basketball history like Lawrence.***

Although the game was invented in Springfield, Massachusetts, Lawrence, Kansas is where the game of basketball "came of age." That's why we're often called the "Cradle of Basketball."

The University of Kansas has the only college basketball program founded by the inventor of the game, James Naismith. With three NCAA National Championship teams, it's safe to say that Lawrence is embedded in basketball history.

**To include a little Round Ball in your visit, we recommend the following itinerary:**

**An historic marker - Douglas County Bank - 807 Kentucky St**

Commemorates the location of the first KU home basketball game on February 10, 1899.

**"The Basketball Man: James Naismith" - Watkins Museum of History - 1047 Massachusetts St**

An exhibit that recounts Naismith's life in Lawrence.

**James Naismith Memorial - Memorial Park Cemetery - 1517 E 15th St**

**Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen Memorial - Oak Hill Cemetery - 1605 Oak Hill Ave**

**Allen Fieldhouse - 1651 Naismith Dr**

This revered home of Kansas Jayhawks men's and women's basketball has stood at the center of basketball for over 60 years. Allen Fieldhouse is one of college basketball's most historically significant and greatest home-court advantage.

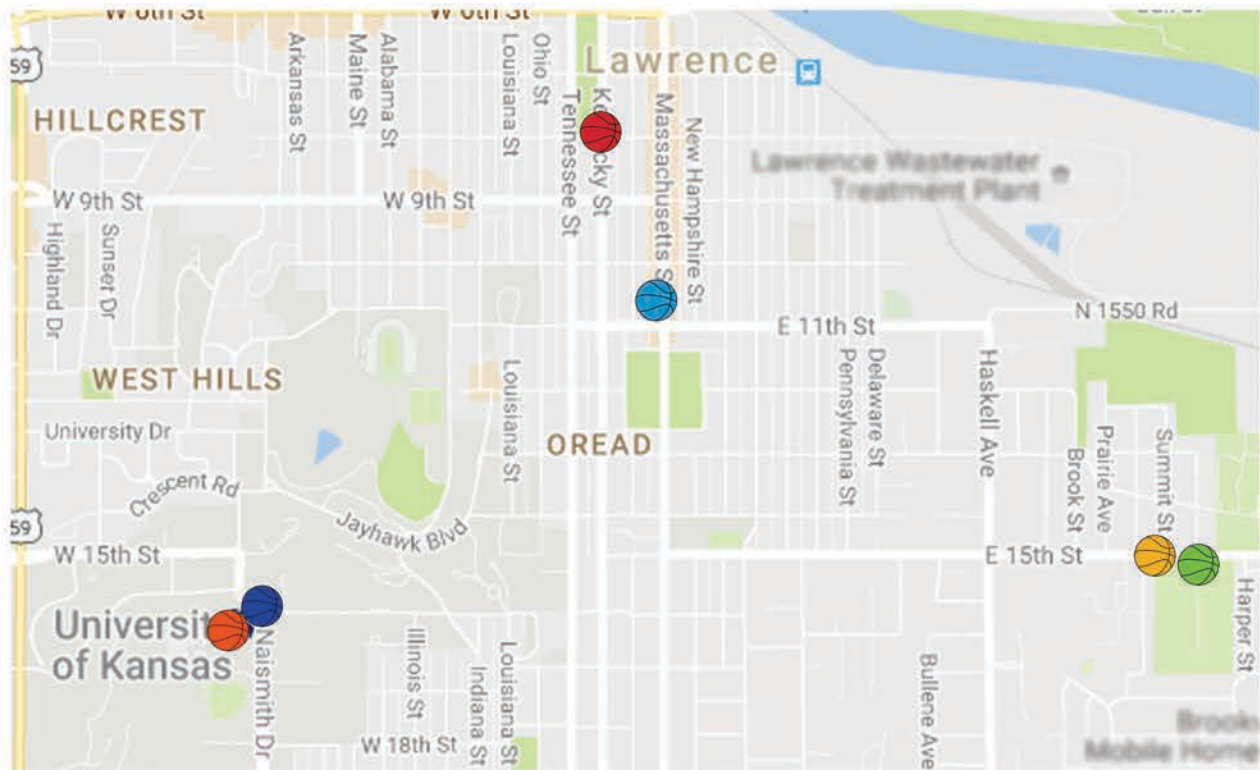
**Booth Family Hall of Athletics - 1651 Naismith Dr**



Booth Family Hall of Athletics provides the rich history and tradition of Kansas athletics and commemorates former KU players and coaches. The Hall of Athletics includes exhibits celebrating the legendary career of iconic KU basketball coach Phog Allen and his relationship with Naismith, along with other notable events in KU's athletic history.

**DeBruce Center - 1647 Naismith Dr**

DeBruce Center is the permanent home to James Naismith's original "Rules of Basket Ball," written in 1891, along with highlights of his contributions to KU and the world through basketball, fitness and character. The center also features displays celebrating Forrest "Phog" Allen, the "Father of Basketball Coaching".





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