SALINA

VISITOR GUIDE 2026



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Welcome to Salina

I'm proud of how our community welcomes every visitor with genuine warmth and hospitality. Whether you're exploring vibrant arts and culture, exciting sports, the local food scene, or simply looking to relax and recharge, Salina has something for everyone.

- Tiffany Benien
Director of Visit Salina

WELCOME TO SALINA...the perfect blend of big-city amenities with small-town ambiance. Our location at the crossroads of I-70 and I-135 in central Kansas makes us an easy destination. Whatever brings you here — making family memories, relaxing as a couple, having fun on a friends getaway, attending an event or convention, or conducting business, Salina is well worth the trip. You might be surprised at what you'll discover when you visit Salina. A bustling downtown with classic Midwestern charm and a wide variety of shops, restaurants, and amenities. If the outdoors is more of what you're looking for, then Salina has you covered there too. From parks of all sizes to golf, pickleball, trails and more, Salina will satisfy even the biggest outdoors lover. No matter what brings you to our community, we hope you enjoy your time here and we know you'll discover plenty of reasons to fall in love with our hometown!

This Visit Salina Guide is full of pleasant surprises for your time spent in our community!

Want some assistance in planning your visit?
Let us know at *DiscoverSalina.org* or call **877-SALINAKS**


BOOM! Salina


Prairieland Market

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Family Fun in Salina

Whether you're looking for outdoor adventures or indoor fun, you'll find what you're looking for in Salina.

There is no shortage of things to do when you visit Salina! From wildlife fun at ***Rolling Hills Zoo*** to youth-themed productions at Theatre Salina, there is really something for everyone in the family to enjoy. This Visitors Guide is your roadmap to craft your own family adventure!



La Familia Toys

Midwest Charm Meets Big City Attractions

Located in the heart of Kansas, Salina is a place where convenience, creativity, and community come together in ways that often surprise first-time visitors. With easy access along Interstates 70 and 135 and a welcoming, easy-to-navigate layout, Salina makes the perfect stop, or even better, a destination worth planning around.

What sets Salina apart is its balance. Spend your day exploring a vibrant downtown filled with local shops, restaurants, and public art, then unwind in scenic parks, trails, and wide-open spaces. Families will find plenty to do, from interactive attractions to outdoor adventures.





The Garage Automotive Museum

Visitors of all ages can enjoy a calendar full of events, live music, and community festivals throughout the year.

Salina also offers the kind of authentic hospitality that turns a visit into something more memorable. It's a place where you can slow down, explore at your own pace, and discover something new around every corner. Whether you're here for a weekend getaway, passing through, or planning a longer stay, you'll quickly find that Salina offers more than you might expect — and plenty of reasons to come back!



Stiefel Theatre



Crossroads Marathon

Where the Fun Happens

Entertainment for everyone is what you'll discover in Salina! Individuals, couples, and families will all find events and attractions that exceed expectations.

Salina's calendar is filled with can't-miss experiences that bring the community to life and give visitors something new to discover in every season. Start with the beloved First Friday Art Walk, where downtown galleries, shops, and businesses stay open late to showcase local art, live music, and creative energy. Each spring, the SculptureTour Salina UNwrap Party unveils a new collection of sculptures, transforming the city into an open-air gallery worth exploring.
The arts continue to shine through live performances at Stiefel Theatre and Salina Community Theatre, where concerts, plays, and productions offer something for every interest. Seasonal festivals, family friendly events, and community celebrations fill the calendar year-round, creating a welcoming atmosphere for all ages.
Whether you're planning a visit around a signature event or simply exploring what's happening during your stay, Salina offers a vibrant mix of culture, creativity, and connection that makes every visit feel like something special.



Must-See Attractions & Events

There's always something happening in Salina and that's part of what makes every visit feel fresh. From vibrant monthly traditions to can't-miss annual events, the community offers experiences for every interest and every season.

Start with the popular First Friday Art Walk, where downtown comes alive with local art, live music, and late-night shopping. ***The SculptureTour Salina*** UNwrap Party brings new public art installations to the streets each year, turning the city into an open-air gallery worth exploring.

Live performances, concerts, and theatre productions add even more energy, while festivals, car shows, sporting events, and family friendly activities fill the calendar year-round. Whether you're planning ahead or simply exploring what's happening during your stay, you'll find plenty to experience.

Looking for something specific? Check out our events calendar to browse events by date, venue, or interest and start building your perfect Salina itinerary. Visit ***DiscoverSalina.com/events/***

> ***Salina is a vibrant destination where culture, connection, and discovery come together to create unforgettable experiences. At Rolling Hills Zoo, we invite guests to enter a world of the Wonderfully Wild—encountering incredible wildlife, exploring immersive habitats, and making lasting memories that turn a visit into something truly extraordinary.***

- Linda Henderson
Director of Development & Marketing Rolling Hills Zoo



Rolling Hills Zoo

Smoky Hill River Festival



June 11-14, 2026

There's a lot to do when it's summertime in Salina. Grabbing some burgers from the iconic Cozy Inn, catching a show at the historic Stiefel Theatre, or cooling off in the water at Kenwood Cove are just some of the fun options available. There is, however, one event that takes place every second weekend of June that is 'can't-miss, mark your calendar' and that's the Smoky Hill River Festival!

To make this incredible event even more special, this marks the 50th anniversary for the Smoky Hill River Festival. From June 11-14, everyone is welcome to come celebrate five decades of art, music, food, and community together in one unforgettable weekend at Oakdale Park.

For residents and folks throughout the region, this isn't just an event, it's a tradition, a reunion, and a can't-miss kickoff to summer.

At its heart, the Festival is an "epic arts party," blending creativity with pure fun. The nationally recognized **Fine Art & Craft Show features 130+ artists** from across the country, offering everything from paintings and sculptures to handcrafted jewelry and unique home décor. Whether you're a seasoned collector or just browsing, it's the perfect place to discover something one-of-a-kind and maybe even meet the artist behind it.

Music lovers will feel right at home, too. With three live stages and more than **40 performing groups**, the Festival delivers a nonstop mix of genres. Everything from rock and jazz to bluegrass, hip-hop, and international folk. The weekend kicks off with the high-energy **Festival Jam**, where bands rotate every 15 minutes in a fast-paced, can't-look-away showcase of talent. Add in roving performers popping up throughout the park, think jugglers, puppets, and surprise acts, and there's entertainment around every corner.

Families will find plenty to love in **Artyopolis**, the Festival's vibrant kids' area. Here, creativity takes center stage with hands-on crafts, games, face painting, and interactive performances designed to spark imagination. Kids can even become art collectors through the "**First Treasures**" program, where young buyers pick out their own original artwork, often for just a few dollars.

And let's not forget the food. **Food Row** is a destination all its own, **featuring 30+ vendors** serving everything from funnel cakes and homemade ice cream to global flavors like Asian noodles and Indian tacos. Whether you're craving comfort food or something adventurous, come hungry because you won't leave disappointed.

For those who like to get involved, the Festival offers even more ways to participate. Join the **Smoky Hill River Run**, a community favorite with races for all ages, or take part in the **Festival Medallion Quest**, a citywide scavenger hunt that builds excitement leading up to the weekend.

Best of all, the Festival remains accessible and welcoming. A single wristband gets you in for the entire four-day celebration, and kids 11 and under are free, making it an easy, affordable outing for families, friend groups, and visitors alike. **Learn more at *riverfestival.com*.**

After 50 years, the Smoky Hill River Festival continues to do what it does best: bring people together. Whether you come for the art, the music, the food, or simply the atmosphere, you'll find something that keeps you coming back year after year.

Be sure you don't miss out on the fun next year. Mark your calendars and join us next year for the Smoky Hill River Festival running June 10-13, 2027.



Entertainment

The Smoky Hill River Festival keeps the energy high with an eclectic mix of live performances and roving entertainers around every corner. From mainstage acts to intimate pop-up performances, the festival creates a lively, ever-changing atmosphere throughout the park. With multiple stages and surprise moments woven into the experience, visitors can wander, discover, and be entertained all day long.





Arts

Art is at the heart of the festival, anchored by a nationally recognized Fine Art and Craft Show featuring artists from across the country. Guests can browse and purchase original, high-quality works while enjoying a relaxed, shaded setting. Live demonstrations and interactive opportunities make it easy to engage with the creative process no matter if you're a seasoned collector or simply curious.

Music

Music defines the Smoky Hill River Festival, offering a vibrant soundtrack that spans genres from jazz and blues to folk, rock, and beyond. National touring acts and regional and local favorites perform across multiple stages, creating both high-energy concerts and laid-back listening spaces. No matter your taste, the festival's diverse lineup ensures there's always something worth stopping to hear.

Kids

Families will find plenty to love at the festival, especially in Artyopolis, a creative kids' area filled with hands-on art activities and imaginative play. Children can explore, build, and create while enjoying performances and interactive experiences designed just for them. With engaging programming and a welcoming atmosphere, it's a place where young festivalgoers can fully join in the fun.

Food

Festival food is a highlight in its own right, with more than 30 vendors serving up a wide variety of made-to-order favorites. From classic treats like funnel cakes and homemade ice cream to global flavors like Asian noodles and Indian tacos, there's something for every appetite. Whether you're grabbing a quick bite or savoring a full meal, the options are as diverse as the festival itself.



Find Your Next Outdoor Adventure

Salina is the place to play! More than 1,000 acres of City parks are ready for you to explore.

In Salina, getting outside and staying active comes naturally. With more than 1,000 acres of parks and recreation space, there's plenty of room to explore, play, and unwind no matter if you're here for a day or a weekend tournament.

You'll find everything from playgrounds and picnic shelters to scenic walking trails, fishing spots, and beautifully maintained green spaces. It's easy to spend the day outdoors, whether you're hiking, birdwatching, or simply enjoying time with family.

For sports enthusiasts, Salina offers a wide range of facilities that support youth, adult, and spectator events throughout the year. From local leagues to regional competitions, the city is built to host and play.

Golfers can tee off at public and private courses that offer welcoming, well-maintained settings for all skill levels. And with both indoor and outdoor recreation options available year-round, there's always something to keep you moving.

In Salina, recreation isn't just an activity, it's part of everyday life.



Oakdale Park

Discover Parks, Trails, and Outdoor Recreation

Salina offers numerous options for outdoor adventures. Here's some of our favorites.



Oakdale Park, Right in the heart of the city, Oakdale Park is where community and outdoor fun come together. With wide open green spaces, playgrounds, walking paths, and seasonal events, it's a go-to spot for families and visitors alike. In the summer, the park comes alive with festivals, live music, and local gatherings. It's the perfect place to relax, play, and experience Salina's vibrant community spirit.



Kenwood Cove Aquatic Park, Looking to cool off and make a splash? Kenwood Cove offers a full day of family friendly fun with water slides, a lazy river, wave pool, and plenty of space to relax. It's one of Salina's favorite summer destinations for both locals and visitors. Whether you're chasing thrills or just soaking up the sun, it's easy to spend the whole day here.



Salina Levee Trail, Stretching along the Smoky Hill River, the Salina Levee Trail offers miles of scenic paths perfect for walking, running, or biking. It's a great way to experience the natural beauty of the area while staying close to the city. Along the way, you'll find open views, wildlife, and access points to parks and neighborhoods. Whether you're looking for a quick stroll or a longer ride, this trail invites you to explore at your own pace.



Salina Municipal Golf Course, Tee off at Salina Municipal Golf Course, a well-maintained and welcoming course perfect for golfers of all skill levels. With scenic fairways, mature trees, and a relaxed pace of play, it offers an enjoyable experience for both casual rounds and serious play. The course provides a great way to spend time outdoors while taking in the natural beauty of the area. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just learning the game, it's a great addition to your Salina visit.



Rolling Hills Zoo, Just outside Salina, Rolling Hills Zoo offers a unique outdoor experience that combines wildlife and wide-open spaces. Visitors can explore exhibits featuring animals from around the world, stroll scenic paths, and even take a guided tram tour. It's both fun and educational, making it a perfect destination for families. With its natural setting and engaging exhibits, it's an experience that feels bigger than expected.



Lakewood Park, Lakewood Park is a peaceful retreat where visitors can fish, picnic, and enjoy the outdoors. The lake provides a relaxing backdrop for a quiet afternoon, while walking paths and open spaces make it ideal for families. It's a great place to unwind, watch the water, and take in the slower side of Salina. Simple, scenic, and welcoming, it's a local favorite for a reason.



Homewood Suites

Relax, Recharge, and Discover!

No matter where you plan to stay, you'll find convenience, hospitality, and charm in Salina.

Whether you're looking for a walkable downtown experience or quick access to the open road, Salina offers accommodations to fit every travel style. Stay in the heart of downtown to enjoy local dining, arts, and entertainment just steps from your door, or choose a conveniently located hotel near I-135 for easy arrivals and day trips across the region. With a range of trusted brands and welcoming stays, Salina makes it easy to relax, recharge, and explore.

Check out our amazing Accomodation options!

Salina offers a diverse and welcoming variety of accommodations no matter what your wants and needs are.

Learn more about our accommodation options at *DiscoverSalina.org/visit/stay/*

Bring Your Game to Salina



Excellent sports facilities not only help create a family-centric community in which kids can thrive, they also attract a myriad of competitive youth events in baseball, softball, and volleyball, just to name a few. Great facilities include ***Tony's Pizza Events Center (TPEC)***, ***Salina Fieldhouse***, **multiple golf courses, Salina Soccer Complex, *The Yard*, Dean Evans Baseball Stadium, Salina Football Stadium,** and more!

NEW facilities...the **Salina Tennis Center**, a 12-court outdoor lighted facility with practice wall, pavilion and spectator space is the place for all ages and all levels to play. It is open for private lessons, tournaments and the public. ***Clubhouse Golf Salina, LLC*** is the place to play rain or shine. This indoor bay style facility provides real time golf with accurate feedback. Play over 200 courses or practice putting and driving. Open year around with walk-in and membership options. Also, on the horizon is the exciting Smoky Hill River project, which will provide more outdoor sporting opportunities.





Salina offers a perfect location for our national homeschool tournament. The people are great, the facilities are first-class, and the city offers plenty of options for food and fun. Salina continues to exceed my expectations.

- Doug Longstaff
Chairman National Division II
Christian Homeschool Association



Discover all there is to know about the sports venues in the Visit Salina Sports Facilities Guide.

Interested in hosting a sports event in Salina?
Contact Beau Grant, Sports Event Manager, to get started.
785.827.9301 • BGrant@salinakansas.org



The Market Shop

The Market Shop offers unique lines of home décor, gifts, artwork, food items, and more. This locally owned store is the perfect place to get a gift for someone or to treat yourself!



Red Fern Booksellers

Red Fern Booksellers is the quintessential downtown book shop whether you're looking for your favorite read or looking to discover a new genre. They also offer a variety of responsibly sourced artisanal goods, including candles, greeting cards, puzzles, and more.



Gryphon's Wing Records

Gryphon's Wing Records is a must-visit store for all vinyl enthusiasts. New releases to the classics, this is your one-stop-shop for all you LP wants and needs. They also offer CDs, cassettes, and a variety of turntables and players.



Stroll, Shop & Discover

Explore a vibrant downtown that is second-to-none or shop at familiar national stores, Salina has whatever you're in the mood for.

Salina, Kansas offers a shopping experience that blends local charm with modern convenience, making it easy for visitors to find something unique. Stroll through our vibrant downtown filled with locally owned boutiques, specialty shops, and art galleries where you can discover one-of-a-kind gifts and handcrafted goods.

For those looking for well-known retailers and everyday essentials, Salina also features a variety of national brands and shopping centers just minutes away. Whether you're browsing for home décor, fashion, antiques, or locally made products, shopping in Salina is as much about the experience as it is the find. Welcoming, relaxing, and full of unexpected treasures is what you'll discover in Salina!

Rooted in the Arts

There is a strong arts presence and appreciation throughout Salina. In fact, it is such an integral part of our lifestyle, we have a City department dedicated to it. The Salina Arts & Humanities (SAH), which among many other programs presents the Smoky Hill River Festival annually. Whether it's sculpture, painting, theatre, or music, Salina is well-represented in the arts; there is truly something for everyone.





Our Creative Community

Art is everywhere in Salina and that's exactly how the community likes it. From the moment you arrive, you'll notice creativity woven into everyday spaces, turning a simple stroll into an unexpected gallery experience. In the heart of downtown, the ***SculptureTour Salina*** brings a rotating collection of sculptures from artists around the world, inviting visitors to explore, interact, and even take part in the annual People's Choice selection that helps shape the city's long-term collection.

Murals add even more color and character throughout town, with bold, large-scale works transforming buildings into vibrant works of art. Through the Salina Kanvas Project, internationally recognized artists are turning walls into must-see landmarks—including the iconic Mural at the Mill, a favorite photo spot for visitors and locals alike.

Art in Salina goes beyond what you see and turns into something you can experience. Access to public art, performances, and creative programming continues to expand for the community. Whether you're exploring downtown or discovering something unexpected, Salina's art scene is vibrant, accessible, and always evolving.

BOOM! Salina

Every October, this event brings world-class artists from around the globe here to Salina to create visually stunning work. Debuting in 2022, Boom! brings art, culture, and community to the Salina area and has featured artists from Greece, Spain, England, and across the United States. Focused on a one-of-a-kind, artist-led event, Boom! aims to transform Salina's downtown through visual storytelling and collaboration between residents and artists. The project was born out of a desire to attract tourists, cultivate civic pride, and engage artists, both here locally and from across the globe. What started as a stunning transformation of the silos of the H.D. Lee Flour Mill, has become something that includes dozens of murals that spark conversation and help shape Salina's cultural character. Visit ***boomsalina.art*** to learn more.



Salina Symphony

Art Around Every Corner



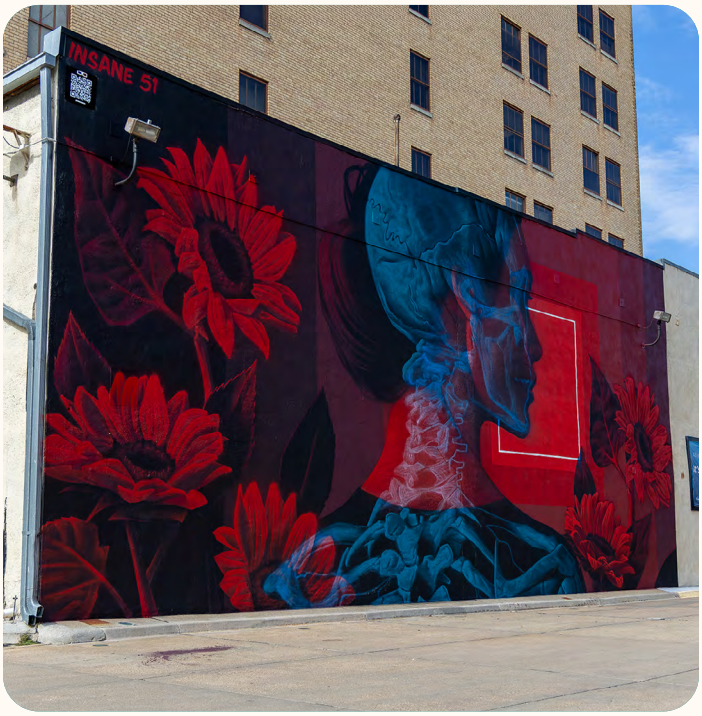
Mural on the Mill, Guido Van Helten, HD Lee Flour Mill at 343 North Santa Fe in Salina, KS.



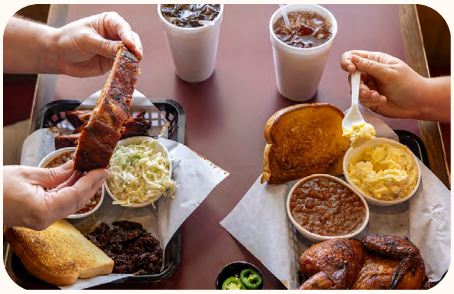
Artwork Alley, Multiple artists, near 140 S. Fifth St. in Salina, KS.



Patches, Dale Lewis, Smokey Hill at 211 W Iron Ave. in Salina, KS.



Untitled, Insane51, UMB Bank at 115 W Iron Ave. in Salina, KS.



Hickory Hut Barbeque

If you're craving some classic barbeque, then Hickory Hut is a must-stop. The menu is loaded with delicious options that include ribs, chicken, sandwiches, and more. You can't go wrong ordering The Slammer with a side of baked beans!



The Cozy Inn

The most iconic food spot in Salina is The Cozy Inn. This joint has been serving burgers to hungry folks since 1922, and it's easy to see why they've been a Salina staple for so long with that distinct grilled flavor. Pull up a stool inside, or grab a table outdoors and enjoy one of the best burgers in the state.



Seraphim Bread

Seraphim Bread is a locally owned gem located in downtown Salina. From breads, pastries, brunch items, and more, you will not leave disappointed. Seraphim takes pride in using local Kansas ingredients in all their products. Be sure to stop in and sample some local Kansas flavor!



Jose Pepper's

Built Up an Appetite?

Salina doesn't lack options when it comes to finding delicious food. From locally owned spots to familiar big-chain stores, there is sure to be something to satisfy all appetites.

Salina's choices for dining are just as exciting, from local favorites to well-known branded restaurants. The pasta and chopped salad at ***Martinelli's Little Italy*** are a tradition. Try a flight of craft beer with your brick oven pizza at ***Blue Skye Brewery & Eats***. Celebrating a special night? Plan dinner at ***YaYa's Euro Bistro*** located at the Homewood Suites by HiltonDowntown, or ***Daimaru Steak House***, known for entertaining grill side service and yummy sushi. Fun stops like ***The Cozy Inn*** and ***Dagney's Ice Cream***, will satisfy your special cravings, or maybe mile-high pie at ***Bayard's Cafe*** or ***Russell's Restaurant***.



Blue Skye Brewery & Eats

What's cookin' in Salina?

AMERICAN/FAMILY

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 2875 S. Ninth	(785) 827-8385
Bayard's Café, 540 S. Broadway Blvd ♥	(785) 285-4351
Chili's Grill & Bar, 2255 S. Ninth	(785) 820-8300
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 3050 Riffel Dr	(785) 404-2150
Russell's Restaurant, 649 Westport Blvd ♥	(785) 825-5733

BARBECUE

Hickory Hut Barbeque *, 1617 W. Crawford ♥	(785) 825-1588

BAKERIES, DELI & COFFEE SHOPS

Ad Astra Books & Coffee House, 141 N. Santa Fe ♥	(785)833-2235
McAlister's Deli *, 2661 Market Place	(785) 201-9638
Mokas Coffee *, 902 E. Crawford ♥	(785)825-6100
Seraphim Bread *, 145 S. Santa Fe ♥	(785)502-5133
Starbucks Salina Downtown, 257 S. Santa Fe	(785) 515-2600
1858 Coffee House, 131 S. Santa Fe ♥	(785) 826-7899
CupKates, 228C S. Santa Fe	(202) 935-4166

FAST FOOD/NOVELTIES

Chick-fil-A *, 2245 S. Ninth	(785) 820-8007
Cozy Inn, 108 N. Seventh ♥	(785) 825-2699
Dagney's Ice Cream, 105 E. Iron ♥	(785) 833-2125
Dairy Queen (Treat), 321 N. Ninth	(785) 823-6109
Five Guys Burgers & Fries, 3015 S. Ninth	(785) 822-0675
Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers	
2420 S. Ninth,	(785) 827-0900
Schlotzsky's, 2480 S Ninth	(785) 823-6526
McDonalds,	
701 S. Broadway	(785) 825-5301
1100 E. Crawford	(785) 825-2511
2236 Planet Ave	(785) 825-6775
701 S. Broadway	(785) 825-5301
Sonic Drive-In,	
310 S. Santa Fe	(785) 825-9614
2615 Market Place	(785) 825-8663
Spangles Restaurant, 1720 W. Crawford	(785) 827-7040

ITALIAN/PIZZA

Blue Skye Brewery & Eats, 116 N. Santa Fe ♥	(785) 404-2159
Gambino's Pizza *, 2000 S. Ninth, Ste A	(785) 557-8440
Martinelli's Little Italy *, 158 S. Santa Fe ♥	(785) 826-9190
Old Chicago Pizza & Taproom, 214 S. Santa Fe	(785) 404-1499
Papa John's Pizza *, 1650 S. Ohio	(785) 827-7575
Papa Murphy's, 2365 S. Ninth	(785) 827-7900

MEXICAN

Jalisco Mexican Restaurant, 2601 Market Pl.	(785) 833-2388
Candiles Mexican Restaurant, 109 N Santa Fe Ave ♥	(785) 515-2179
Pancho's *, 3029 Riffel Dr. ♥	(785) 309-0909
805 Tacos, 2140 W Crawford	(785) 822-4094
Taco Bell	
1040 E. Iron	(785) 826-9866
1700 W. Crawford	(785) 825-6414
2305 S. Ninth	(785) 823-2854
Jose Pepper's, 123 S Sante Fe	(785) 201-9321
La Nena Ice Cream Shop & Snacks, 1118 W Cloud	(785) 502-5353

ASIAN/INDIAN

Hong Kong Buffet, 2515 Market Place	(785)820-8683
Imperial Garden Express, 844 E. Crawford	(785) 827-8688
Forks & Fingers at the Legends, 2110 W Crawford	(785) 825-6789

NUTRITION

Evolve Nutrition, 2113 E Crawford ♥	(785) 337-3824
PrairieLand Market *, 118 S Santa Fe ♥	(785) 827-5877

SPORTS BARS/CLUBS/LOUNGE

Paramount Bar, 219 N. Santa Fe ♥	(785) 827-0992
The Voo, 249 N. Santa Fe ♥	(785) 833-2006
The Cellar, 134 S. Santa Fe ♥	(785) 404-6000
The Farm and The Odd Fellows, *205 W. 2nd St, Minneapolis, KS* ♥	(785) 392-6614

STEAKS/SEAFOOD/MEDITERRANEAN

Barolo Grille, 112 S. Santa Fe ♥	(785) 827-0992
LongHorn Steakhouse, 2590 S. Ninth	(785) 833-2006
Salina Country Club *, 2101 E. Country Club Rd ♥	(785) 404-6000
The Renaissance Café, *210 N Center St, Assaria, KS* ♥	(785) 392-6614
Tucson's Steakhouse Saloon & Grill *, 2750 S. Ninth ♥	(785) 820-9595
YaYa's Euro Bistro *, 251 S. Santa Fe	(785) 515-2422
Meddys *, 304 S Santa Fe	(785) 502-7200

ENTERTAINMENT & EATS

District Eat & Play, 2259 S. Ninth ♥	(785) 515-2329
The Alley, 115 E. Ash ♥	(785) 515-2565
Kenwood Cove, 701 Kenwood Park Dr	(785) 826-7430
Rolling Hills Zoo, 625 N Hedville Rd	(785) 827-9488
Central Mall, 2259 S. Ninth	(785) 825-7733

Listed Businesses are Members of the Salina Area Chamber

Local Favorites ♥

Businesses Outside of Salina

Dine-in Restaurants that provide off-site catering *

View even more dining options by visiting

DiscoverSalina.org/visit/food-drink/

Plan Your Meeting Here

Visit Salina works with event planners to create customized service packages to address specific needs. The hospitality community understands those needs, and strive to exceed them with comfortable accommodations, great food, and excellent service!
No matter the size of your event, Salina offers venues to accommodate groups from 10 to 5,000 attendees providing choices at varying price points and in diverse environments. What works for you? A retreat setting like that of ***Webster Conference Center***; something unique like the Conference Center at ***Rolling Hills Zoo***; the intimate setting with a 'boutique' vibe at ***Homewood Suites by Hilton Salina Downtown***; the more traditional ambiance of a hotel and meeting space under one roof at the ***Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center*** with 11,000 sq ft of meeting space and 97 rooms; or the versatile Arena and Great Plains Manufacturing Hall at the recently renovated ***Tony's Pizza Events Center***.



Tony's Pizza Event Center



Salina wants to host your meetings and conventions. For a quick list of venues see our Meeting Facilities Guide.

Interested in hosting an event in Salina?
Contact Stephanie Gillig, Sales and Services Manager, to get started.
785.827.9301 • sgillig@salinakansas.org

Your Guide to Getting Around

Getting around Salina is simple, convenient, and built with accessibility in mind, so you can spend less time navigating and more time exploring.

Ground Transportation

Public transportation is easy to use thanks to CityGo, Salina's fixed-route bus system, which serves a large portion of the community with reliable and affordable service. With numerous stops throughout the city, it's a great option for getting where you need to go. Ride share options are also available as well.

Car Rental

Prefer to drive? Car rental options are readily available, making it easy to explore Salina and the surrounding region at your own pace.

For Fun...Bicycle Rental!

For a more active way to get around, Salina is part of the KanCycle Bike Sharing program. Bikes are available throughout the community, and it's easy to get started. Simply download the app, unlock a bike, and start riding



Traveling by Air?

Salina Regional Airport offers convenient access with daily commercial flights and one of the largest airport industrial centers in the country. Whether you're arriving or departing, Salina makes travel easy. Daily direct flights to Chicago, Denver, and Houston, allow convenient travel around the Midwest to Salina without the big airport hassle. Visit ***www.United.com*** for more information about air travel in and out of Salina.



250 Reasons to Love Salina

1. ***Big City Attractions with a Small Town Feel***



2. **Rolling Hills Zoo**, and wildlife museum, more than 100 species and fun for the whole family
3. **The Garage Automotive Museum** interactive education with rotating exhibits and fun all ages
4. **Smoky Hill Museum** where you can imagine the hardship and freedom of settling the area
5. **Yesteryear & Scouting Museums** featuring flywheel tractors, a one room school house and agricultural heritage
6. Discover the legacy and stories of generations of students through the **St. John's Military School Museum**
7. **Salina Art Center** with rotating exhibitions of fascinating art from world reknown artists
8. Eating fresh popcorn and watching a movie at the **Salina Art Center Cinema**
9. **Theatre Salina** bringing live performances and local talent to the stage
10. Walking **SculptureTour Salina** and voting for your favorite piece
11. Seeing your favorite performer or attending the **Salina Symphony Concerts** in the beautiful **Stiefel Theatre**
12. The view on Santa Fe cruising north toward the **Mural by the Mill**
13. **Salina Speedway** dirt track racing
14. Floating the lazy river, water walking or going down slides on a hot day at **Kenwood Cove Aquatic Park**
15. Joyful Noise Playhouse bringing imagination, creativity, and laughter to young audiences
16. Socializing at **GreatLIFE Golf and Fitness** center
17. **Salina Country Club** golf, eat and socialize at M1918
18. **Clubhouse Golf** indoor play and virtual practice courses
19. **Smoky Hills Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary** hiking, fishing and birdwatching
20. Explore the **Art Center Warehouse** often with artists workshops and painting parties
21. **Salina Family YMCA** with weights, fitness programs, courts, daycare and play areas
22. Check out the **Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range** providing space, equiment and training to our military
23. Visit the **Salt & Light Homestead and Pumpkin Patch** for fresh produce and seasonal fun activities
24. **The First Tee** youth golf training and practice course at the **Salina Municpal Golf Course**
25. **Children's Theatre** (CTA) season at **Theatre Salina**
26. **Salina Selfie Station** to get your best photos in seasonally changing fun settings
27. **The Gallery in Sam's Hall of Fine Art** at KWU
28. The Kanvas Project **BOOM! Salina Murals**
29. **Artwork Alley** where art is all over the walls
30. **Historic Downtown Walking Tour**
31. **Black History Driving Tour**
32. Community gatherings, livestock shows, expos, and celebrations at the **Saline County Expo Center**
33. **The Salina Public Library** with books, internet access, children's area and technology center
34. **Salina Sliders Summer Baseball** games at Dean Evans
35. **Salina Liberty Indoor Football** game at Tony's Pizza Events Center
36. Jumping at **Sky Trampoline Park** with arcade concessions, pickleball and event space
37. **The Alley** entertainment center with large arcade, laser tag and bowling
38. **The Yard** baseball and softball practice facility with HitTrax Technology and outdoor covered infield
39. **District Eat & Play** featuring Go-karts, arcade & more
40. Creating baseball memories at **Dean Evans Stadium** and **Pestinger Baseball Field**
41. Youth Soccer at the **Salina Soccer Complex**
42. **Gypsum Hill Cemetery** Historical Tour

43. ***BIG Events, Experiences and Memories Waiting To Happen***



44. **The Smoky Hill River Festival** tradition that brings art, music, food and friends together year after year
45. Baseball Enterprises **Grand Slam Baseball Tournament** each Summer
46. Easy access around town with **CityGo** public transportation
47. **Festival Jam** and other Oakdale Park outdoor concerts at **Eric Stein Stage**
48. **Salina Irish Road Bowling** friendly and fun competition in early fall
49. **Holiday Festival & Parade of Lights** in Downtown
50. Have fun on the dance floor at **Outlaws**
51. Kustom Kemps of America (KKOA) **Leadsled Spectacular Car Show** each July
52. Annual **Salina Crossroads Marathon** (a Boston Marathon qualifier) every 1st Saturday in November
53. **Tournament of Champions** and other Kids Wrestling events
54. **Smoky Hill Museum Street Fair** every September
55. **Father's Day Car Show** at Rolling Hills Zoo
56. Finding the perfect gift at the **Girl Scouts See & Sell** market and crafts fair
57. **Juneteenth Celebration** over multiple days of activities and a parade
58. Running in the **Frosty 5K Fun Run** & other **Run Salina Series** events
59. Finding community friendly competition through local groups like the **Salina Dart Association**
60. **Veterans Day Ceremony** at the **War Memorial** in Sunset Park
61. **Mid-America Farm Expo** each March
62. **Christmas by Candlelight** concert at KWU

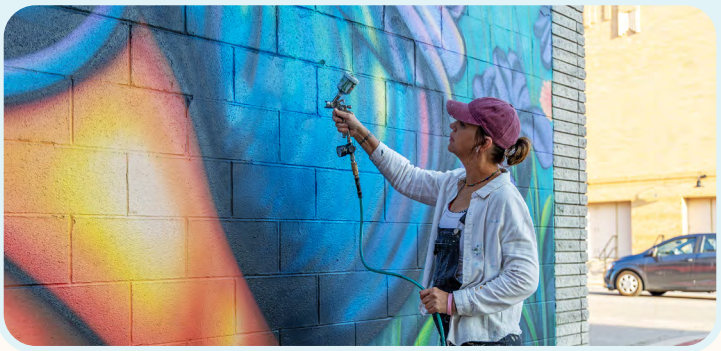
63. **Pumpkin Pazoola** at Rolling Hills Zoo
64. Sipping wine from the local **Smoky Hill Vineyard and Winery**
65. Fall and Spring Music Concerts at the **KWU Music Halls-Sam's Chapel, Bieber Hall,** and the **Applequist Family Music Center**
66. **Kansas Day celebration and Tours** at the Smoky Hill Museum
67. **Vinyl Summit Festival** each October at **Acoustic Sounds**
68. **Holiday Lights in the Museum** at Rolling Hills Zoo-Kansas' only indoor, climate-controlled holiday light show
69. **Redneck Paradise Mud Run** KMRO sanctioned event
70. ***Food & Drink for Every Taste!***



71. More than 95 dining options year round plus pop up food trucks
72. Legendary specialty pizza at several restaurants throughout the community
73. Savoring the flavor at **Hickory Hut BBQ**
74. Sharing a meal at **Martinelli's Little Italy**
75. Date night at **Barolo Grille**
76. **Carol Lee Donuts** for the office and co-workers you love
77. **Tropical Sno** cones on a hot summer day with friends
78. Dining on the patio at **Meddy's** fresh Mediterranean
79. **Jose Pepper's** and listening to music in the plaza
80. **Bayard's Cafe** with homecooked breakfast or lunch, coffee and conversation
81. **Chuck's Bar & Grill** trash can nachos
82. **AJ's Sports Grill** appetizers before bowling
83. **Bogey's** burgers and more than 101 flavors of shakes
84. **Crispy Donut** decisions-plain, maple, or cream filled
85. **Paramount Bar** with friends and cold drink on the patio
86. Finding a hidden gem food scene like **Janaki Indian Cuisine**
87. Filling and refilling your plate at **Hong Kong Buffet**
88. Street tacos at **Candiles Tacos & Tequila**
89. Authenticity at **La Morenita Mexican Restaurant**
90. **Pancho's Mexican** food and 24/7 drive-thru
91. Homemade pie and fried chicken at **Russell's Restaurant**
92. Healthy and plentiful options at **PrairieLand Market**
93. Simply delicious **Seraphim Bread**
94. **Gourmet Eats** by dine-in or drive-thru
95. Discovering your new favorite drink at **1858 Coffee House**
96. Relaxing with a good book at **Ad Astra Books & Coffee**
97. Selecting the finest for your grill at **Smoky River Meats**
98. **Dagney's Homemade Ice Cream**
99. Cooling down at **La Nena Ice Cream Shop**
100. Indulging without the gluten at **CupKates Cupcakes**
101. Finding just the right amount of energy at **Evolve Nutrition**
102. Steak, salad and potatoes with a date at **Tucson's Steakhouse and Saloon**
103. Sweet treats at **Bibliophiles Bakery**
104. Authentic coastal-mexican cuisine at **805 Tacos**
105. Enjoying a casual night out with friends at **The Library** and bar chips
106. Late night Karaoke at **The Speakeasy**
107. Lunch and conversation at **Mokas**
108. Sunday Brunch and local craft beer at **Blue Skye Brewery**
109. **YaYa's Euro Bistro** dining on the patio and watching passers-by
110. Traditional Mexican food at **Taqueria Fresnillo, LaCurva** or **La Casita**
111. Abundance of favorite food chain options
112. ***Unforgettable Experiences***



113. **Oldtime Gas Station Pump** photo opp - 300 Block of N. 9th and Bishop Street
114. Taking a selfie at the **67401 Plaza** and **City Lights Stage**
115. **BEL Tree Farm** visits where families can make memories chopping their own Christmas tree
116. Driving under **arch lights** at night on Santa Fe Avenue
117. Prom photos in the parks each spring
118. **Cruising Santa Fe** and stopping for treats on hot summer nights
119. Free fishing weekend traditions at **Lakewood Lake**
120. Watching kids run toward Easter joy at Bill Burke Park or Rolling Hills Zoo Eggstravaganza **Egg Hunts**
121. **Farm & Art Market** Downtown on Saturdays in May through October
122. Watching airplanes take off and land at **Fossett Plaza**
123. Viewing beautiful **sunrises and sunsets** over the Smoky Hills
124. Live entertainment and downtown events during **"First Friday"** of each month May through October
125. **Harvest Farmers Market** each Tuesday at 4 PM year round
126. **Downtown Christmas Lights** in the winter
127. **Holiday Open Houses** at local attractions
128. Free admission at the **Central KS Flywheels Museum** and the **Smoky Hill Museum**
129. Hands on creativity and pottery classes at **On The Pot**
130. The ability to enjoy big-city experiences without big-city traffic and crowds
131. ***Unique History and Famous Legends***



132. A global pizza connection — home to **Tony's Pizza** and one of the world's largest frozen pizza manufacturing operations
133. **The Lee Jeans Company** started in Salina and this historical manufacturing building still stands

134. Location for the filming of the movie **Picnic**, and you can picnic in one of our parks
135. Central High School Graduate and NFL star **Terrance Newman** grew up here
136. Birthplace of MLB Player, **Pat Meares** who also grew up here
137. Birthplace of Actor **Steve Murdock**
138. South High Soccer Player and World Cup Player **Adrianna Franch** grew up here
139. Celebrating the legacy of Salina native and **former Kansas Governor Bill Graves**
140. The people who show up when Salina needs them-dedicated Salina **Fire Fighters, emergency responders** and safety teams
141. The **Salina Police** and K-9 Unit
142. Salina Pride throughout the community
143. **Local artists** creating murals, sculptures in unexpected creative spaces throughout town
144. **Historic neighborhoods** with unique homes, architecture and stories
145. **Local businesses** that invest in Salina's future
146. Generations of families who continue to call Salina home
147. **Safe, welcoming spaces** for kids to explore and play
148. Civic engagement opportunities including **AMBUCS, Downtown Lions, United Way and many more**
149. Opportunities to learn about agriculture and history throughout the region

150. ***Nature, Outdoor Adventures and Sports***



151. More than 1,000 acres of **public parks** and open spaces to explore, play, relax and reconnect
152. **Centennial Park** splash pad, playground and skate zone
153. Nature Programs at **Lakewood Discovery Center**
154. Exploring **Indian Rock Park**-nature trails, hiking, and amazing views overlooking Salina
155. **Kenwood Park** and Steam Engine Train Display
156. **Sunset Park** flower gardens, shelter, walking paths and more
157. Four-legged friends enjoying Salina's **dog parks** including Barkley Park, The Barking Lot and Parker Park
158. **KANcycle bike sharing** at several convenient locations including Sunset Plaza, Bill Burke Park and KWU
159. **Bill Burke Park** with ball fields, fishing areas, shelters and playground
160. **Lakewood Park** with playground, shelter, trails and disc golf course
161. **Olivia's Playground** an inclusive for all accessible park, walking path and play area
162. A strong sports and sportsmanship culture
163. Hiking to the top of **Indian Rock** to reach an amazing overlook of the city
164. **Oakdale Park** sunsets, walking paths and one of Salina's favorite gathering places
165. **Hidden nature trails** like Marty Bender, River Woods, Smoky Hill River, Steamboat Stabilization and Levee Trail System
166. **Disc Golf Courses** at Thomas Park, Lakewood Park and Berkley Family Recreation Area
167. **Pickleball** in Oakdale Park
168. Tennis at **Salina Tennis Center**
169. **Berkley Family Recreation Area** with baseball/softball fields and playground
170. **Jerry Ivey Park** with splash pad, playground, sand volleyball courts, tennis and shelter
171. **Youth Baseball and Softball Tournaments** bringing hundreds of teams and visitors each Spring and Summer
172. A lovely place to enjoy a walk-**WalkSalina** and **Mobility Management NCK**
173. Cheering on the KWU Coyotes during **Collegiate Competition**-Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Soccer
174. Youth, high school, collegiate and semi-professional sports tournaments
175. **Smoky Hill River** for kayaking, fishing, walking trails and enjoying nature
176. **Slow Roll Recreation Bike Ride** each Saturday morning April through October
177. **Hawthorne Park** splash pad and playground
178. **Salina Community Garden** spaces where neighbors grow, learn and connect
179. The **Salina Fieldhouse** offering indoor sports and recreation opportunities year-round
180. The **Salina Family YMCA** creating opportunities for fitness, youth programs and community connections
181. Friends of the River and **the River Project** under development
182. Concerts, conferences, trade shows and sporting events at **Tony's Pizza Events Center**
183. A space for your spirit at **Webster Conference Center**

184. ***Learning, Growing & Creating the Future***



185. **Kansas Wesleyan University** (KWU) creating opportunities for learning, career advancement and community
186. **Kansas State University Polytechnic** campus bringing aviation, technology, career advancement and innovation
187. **KU School of Medicine** expanding healthcare education and helping prepare the next generation of medical professionals
188. **Salina Technical College** preparing students with skilled trades, technology and centered education
189. **The Academy of Hair Design** with hands-on training, creativity and opportunities for future beauty professionals
190. **Sacred Heart High School** building character through faith and generating academic excellence in education
191. **Central High School** inspiring students through learning, competing and leading
192. **South High School** creating paths for learning, competing and opportunities
193. **Salina Adult Education Center** helping people learn and achieve their goals for lifelong career advancement
194. **Little Free Library** Book Sharing Boxes at over 25 locations throughout the community
195. Explore options for the right **early education paths** with public USD#305, private, faith-based, and early learning schools for every age

196. Watching future Kansas Highway Patrol troopers train at the **Highway Patrol Training Center** as they prepare to serve Kansas communities
197. Opportunities to **build a career** and join the workforce in healthcare, manufacturing, education, aviation, agriculture, and more

198. ***Memorable Moments & Discovery***



199. Hearing lions roar while walking through beautiful landscape paths at **Rolling Hills Zoo**
200. Winning at the Mario Kart virtual game at **The Garage Car Museum**
201. Imagining what it would be like as a settler to Kansas by walking into the sod house at the **Smoky Hill or Yesteryear Museums**
202. Seeing new sculptures each May during **SculptureTour** Unwrap
203. Reading, relaxing or finding the perfect gift at **Red Fern Booksellers**
204. Enjoying live entertainment and productions at **Theatre Salina, Stiefel Theatre**, event facilities, and outdoor parks and plazas
205. Thursday night **Cruisers** of Salina each April through October
206. **Shopping** with friends for antiques, trendy finds or the latest retail discounts
207. **Georgetown Santas** Tradition popcorn, candy, elves and Santas
208. Gatherings, Galas and Parties at **The Temple**
209. Remember a time with records, cassettes and 8 tracks tapes at **Gryphon's Wing Records**
210. Grabbing a bite at **Cozy Inn** featuring the aroma of onion sliders and nostalgia of glass bottle soda
211. Eating the best corn dog ever at the **Smoky Hill River Festival** while sitting on a blanket listening to live music

212. ***Aviation, Innovation & Reaching New Heights***



213. The **Salina Airport Industrial Area** has one of the longest runways in the world
214. **Salina's runway** is an alternate site to land the space shuttle
215. Home of Steve Fossett's take-off and landing **non-stop flight around the world**
216. **Convenient air service** connecting Salina to the world through direct flights to Denver, Chicago and Houston
217. Home to **1 Vision Aviation** a major regional employer
218. Home to the nation's largest enclosed **Unmanned Aerial (drone) testing facility** at K-State Salina
219. Free parking at the **Salina Regional Airport (SLN)** connecting the community to the world
220. Birthplace of **Astronaut Steve Hawley**
221. The new site of **Pure Imagination**, an advanced spatial computing studio and learning center

222. ***Salina's In the Middle of it All!***



223. Accessibility via the **crossroads of Interstate 70 and Interstate 135**
224. A welcoming place to stay with more than **2,200 diverse lodging rooms** ready for visitors, teams and gatherings
225. **Population 49,000**: A community big enough to offer opportunity, but small enough to feel connected
226. Right in the geographical **middle of the United States**
227. Front-line friendly **Mid-West hospitality** at its best
228. **Salina Regional Health Center** and professional providers yielding advanced healthcare close to home
229. BIG skies and rolling hills
230. **Family friendly affordable fun** and educational experiences for enthusiasts of sports, art, history, and food
231. Fresh air and space to breathe
232. Support for **local businesses** and a love for Salina
233. Vibrant with unavoidable art
234. Throughout Salina **historic buildings, local businesses and community events**
235. Thousands of **volunteers and organizations working together** to make Salina stronger
236. Something of Interest for Everyone
237. The feeling of **finding something unexpected** around every corner
238. Salina memories that stay with you long after you leave
239. Quiet Moments
240. **Farmers, makers and growers** sharing their local products at community markets
241. **Friendliness** of Salina residents
242. A central location that makes Salina **a convenient place** to meet and gather
243. A fantastic destination for the game, the day, a weekend or even a lifetime
244. **Hundreds of local businesses** creating the places, services and experiences that make Salina unique
245. A place where you can connect to start your Salina adventure at **the Salina Visitor Center**
246. People who take pride in making Salina a better place
247. A community that celebrates creativity, competition, history and connection
248. **All-American Play Day** in the Park every July 4th in Oakdale Park
249. **Skyfire 4th of July fireworks** at Berkley Family Recreation Area
250. Discovering your next favority Salina Experience

And More!! We invite you to explore these reasons—and discover a few of your own at... DiscoverSalina.org

Where Salina Started



Salina's story begins where rivers meet opportunity. Settled near the Smoky Hill, Saline, and Solomon Rivers, the area quickly became a natural hub for trade and connection in the mid-1800s. Early commerce, including H.D. Lee's wholesale operations, helped shape a growing downtown that still reflects that legacy today, where historic buildings now house modern shops, restaurants, and living spaces.

As the railroad arrived, Salina evolved into a center for industry, with manufacturing and agriculture driving early growth. That spirit of innovation and hard work continues to define the community.

In the mid-20th century, the reopening of Smoky Hill Air Force Base brought new energy and population growth. Even after its closure, Salina adapted by leveraging its central location at the crossroads of I-70 and I-135 to build a strong, diverse economy.

Today, Salina continues to grow with industries ranging from advanced manufacturing to aviation and logistics. With a rich history and forward momentum, it remains a place built on resilience, connection, and opportunity.

