

# WHAT'S THIS FLAG?

You have likely seen the red, white and blue banner waving around the city – a sense of civic pride in Wichita. Here's a little more about it:

- Alternating red and white rays symbolize the path of freedom to come and go as one pleases
- The blue disc represents happiness and contentment
- Stitched on the blue circle is a Navajo symbol for "hogan" or permanent home
- Wichita's city flag was officially adopted in 1937



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# BEINSPIRED

THE FALL/WINTER 2023-24 OFFICIAL WICHTA VISITORS GUIDE IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE OF VISITOR INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

Wichita is a place where art aficionados, history lovers, selfproclaimed foodies and outdoor adventurers all find a lot to love. From unique experiences with wildlife to endless opportunities to immerse yourself in arts and culture, there is plenty to explore.

There's a ton of great information here - but more than inform you, it's meant to inspire you.

Before you head to Wichita, spend some time on VisitWichita.com to start planning your adventure in the Heart of the Country. You'll find inspiration on things to do and where to eat, sample itineraries, travel tools, guidance on where to stay and more.

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- sample itineraries
- interactive maps
- great hotel options
- blog articles





# COLOR IT!



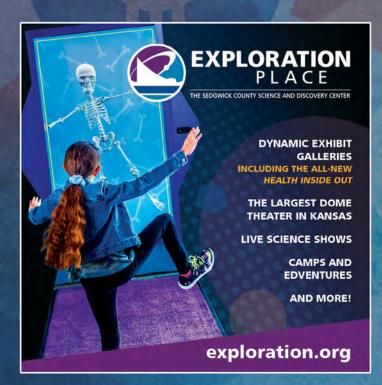
Whether you're a kid or a kid at heart, grab your markers and add color to your life with this Wichita coloring sheet. It's great for kids, or let's face it, a much needed anxiety-reducing coloring session for you.

#### **SHARE IT ON SOCIAL**

We'd love to see your masterpieces, and may share some submissions on our social media stories. Share a photo of your finished coloring page with us by using hashtag **#visitwichita** and tagging us!













ONE DOLLAR OFF

GENERAL ADMISSION MUSEUMS ON THE RIVER/WICHITA

VALID AT: EXPLORATION PLACE OLD COWTOWN MUSEUM MID-AMERICA ALL-INDIAN MUSEUM WICHITA ART MUSEUM



**Meet a Local** Bradley S.E. Dyer Jr. Community Leader Something I've be given credit for, is creating a breakthrough activity taking place many cases speak to the growth and health of the city itself.



# WAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE KEEPER





# CULTURAL CENTER

The American Indian sculpture was created by internationally-acclaimed Native American Artist Blackbear Bosin (1921-1980).

#### The Mid-America All-Indian Museum

houses one of the largest Blackbear Bosin collections, a gallery of nations and a gift shop featuring artists' works.

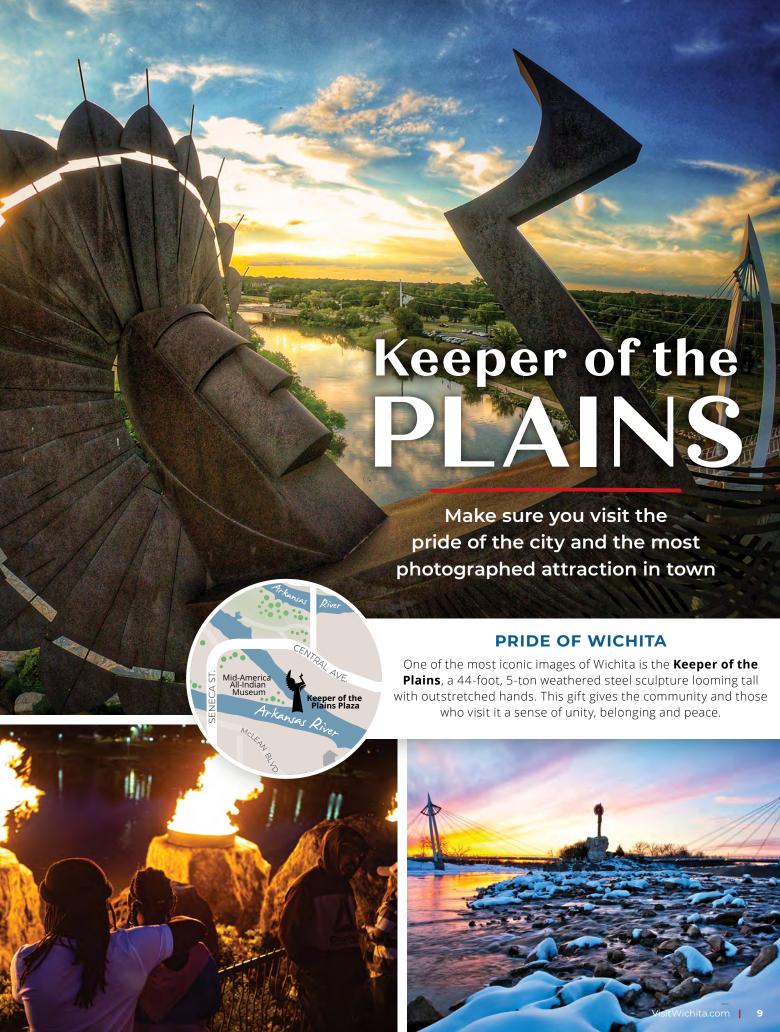


#### **PLAZA AREA**

The sculpture is surrounded by **Keeper of the Plains Plaza**, which features exhibits depicting the Plains Indians' way of life. Access to the plaza area is through the **Mid-America All-Indian Museum** during the day or through two bowand-arrow-inspired cablestay bridges from either the intersection of west Central Avenue and Nims Avenue or on McLean Boulevard.









Advanced Learning Library's STEAM Learning Garden

Kid-approved menu and playground at Stearman Field Bar & Grill

Adaptive and diverse art programming at CityArts

See animals – minus the crowds – at the **Riverside Park's** wildlife exhibits



Discover Ivan's
Playhouse and
treasures galore at
Museum of World
Treasures

Let your imagination soar at Kansas Aviation Museum

> Relax, read and create – for free – at Wichita Art Museum

Free outdoor and indoor fun at Great Plains Nature Center

Topgolf Wichita

Wichita Ice Center





AVIATION MUSEUM Pink Elephant

Games & Cafe



### TOP 10 FREE **ACTIVITIES** FOR FAMILIES

- 1. Ring of Fire at the **Keeper** of the Plains Plaza
- 2. Driving tour of holiday light displays
- 3. Wichita Art Museum, general admission free through 2023
- 4. First Friday gallery crawl, plus murals and public art on display throughout the city's core
- 5. Ulrich Art Museum galleries and 80+ outdoor sculptures
- 6. Great Plains Nature Center exhibits and trails
- 7. STEAM-based fun at the PBS Kansas Children's Education & Discovery Center
- 8. Original Pizza Hut Museum on Wichita State University campus
- 9. Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, Sundays are free through 2023
- 10. Old Cowtown Museum, Sundays are free through Oct. 15

# Hamily : FUN GUIDE:



#### HISTORY & CULTURE

- Old Cowtown Museum
- Mid-America All-Indian Museum
- The Kansas African American Museum
- Museum of World Treasures
- Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum



#### ARTSY



- CityArts
- Mark Arts
- Wichita Art Museum
- Ulrich Museum of Art
- Paint the Towne
- Rayer's Bearden Stained Glass



Scan here for more family-friendly ideas

# FALL/WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

# PUMPKIN PATCHES

- Applejack
- Cedar Creek Farm
- Klausmeyer Dairy Farm
- Marietta Farm
- Meadowlark Farm
- Mr. Gourdman's

#### HAUNTED HOUSES

- 13 Sinister Souls
- Field of Screams and Clown Town
- Wicked Island atO.J. Watson Park

#### GERMAN HOLIDAY MARKET

 European-style Christmas market at Riverfront Stadium

#### **CARRIAGE RIDES**

- Holiday horse-drawn carriage rides at Bradley Fair
- Old Town Square carriage rides



- Wild Lights at Sedgwick County Zoo (fall)
- Illuminations at Botanica Wichita (holiday)
- Safari of Lights at Tanganyika Wildlife Park (holiday)
- Lights at Ability
   Point (formerly The Arc's Lights; holiday)

For an interactive map of all the best places to see Christmas lights in Wichita, scan here:





One-of-a-kind Asian Lantern sculptures light up the zoo at Wild Lights



# SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO

- One of the Top 10 largest zoos in the U.S. and the state's most-visited outdoor attraction
- Home to more than 3,000 animals
- Named one of the "10 Best Attractions in Kansas" by USA Today
- Try the new Stingray Cove experience April through October





#### THREE GREAT PARKS TO LEARN

#### **McAdams Park**

- See the life-size sculpture of baseball legend Jackie Robinson
- Features hike and bike trails, a playground and football field named after Wichita native Barry Sanders

#### Hattie McDaniel Memorial

A memorial for Wichita-born actress known for her role in "Gone With the Wind" stands across the street from the site of her childhood home

#### **ABOUT LOCAL BLACK HISTORY**

#### **Redbud Trail**

- 11.5 miles of this biking and walking trail fall within the city
  - Three art and historyfilled rest plazas tell the stories of the people who live in those neighborhoods:
    - 9th & Hillside
    - 13th & Roosevelt
    - 17th & Oliver

- Intersects with K-96
   Bicycle Path which links to McAdams
   Bike Path and more
- Memorializes the 1965
   Piatt Street KC-15 plane crash and the success stories of mostly African American local elected officials, famous athletes and business owners

# **OUTDOOR+WILDLIFE**

#### **RIVERSIDE PARK**

Play and explore at the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit in Central Riverside Park, one of three separate park areas in the heart of the city that features more than 25 species in eight naturalistic enclosures

#### **VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

- Features 19 memorials representing six wars and every branch of the military
- This 4.5-acre park is one of just three in the country that houses a **Berlin Airlift** Memorial



#### **GREAT PLAINS NATURE CENTER**

 Investigate native Kansas wildlife while discovering the 240-acre **Chisholm Creek Park** via two miles of trails through wetlands, prairie and riparian habitats



#### TANGANYIKA WILDLIFE PARK

- Touch and feed many of the animals in its collection, including the ring-tailed lemurs, lorikeets and the pygmy hippopotamuses
- Go behind-the-scenes with a rare okapi or swim with African penguins
- Winter season runs through Nov. 12. Check website for fall hours and holiday special events





#### PRO AND SEMI-PRO SPORTS



#### **WICHITA THUNDER**

The Thunder, a minor-league ECHL team that plays at **INTRUST Bank Arena**, has won three championship titles

#### WICHITA REGULATORS

This team brings action-packed arena football to **Hartman Arena** 

#### **COLLEGE SPORTS**

Wichita is home to the Wichita State University Shockers, Friends University Falcons and Newman University Jets

#### **WICHITA WIND SURGE**

- Minor League Baseball is a hit with the Double-A Wichita Wind Surge
- The team plays at the recently built Riverfront Stadium, filled with fan-friendly amenities
- Regular season runs through mid-September the team played for the league title in 2022





Wichita's newest destination for sports lovers with miniature bowling, a children's play area, archery lanes, a golf simulator plus a 16,000-gallon saltwater aquarium with more than 600 different tropical fish, Fuzziwig's Candy Factory and more



#### **EVENTS**

Check VisitWichita.com/ events for the most up-to-date information on sports and other events happening in Wichita

**Prairie Fire Marathon** October 9

NJCAA DI Men's & Women's Soccer Championship November 12–18

NAIA Men's Soccer Championship November 27-December 4

US Figure Skating Midwestern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championship January 24–27

NAIA Wrestling National Championship February 29-March 2

NCAA DII Men's Wrestling Championship March 15-16









#### RECREATION

#### All Star Sports and All Star Adventures

• Family fun with arcade games, bumper cars or laser tag (west location)

#### Aviate Extreme Air Sports

 Trampoline park features a jumbo slide, jungle gym, air dunk, ninja course, dodgeball, and foam pits

#### **Axe Throwing**

Try hands-on fun at Blade & Timber or Axe to Grind

#### Wichita Ice Center

 Grab your ice skates or rent some for skating or hockey

#### Bliss Climbing and Fitness

 Wichita's only full-service, indoor rock climbing gym with 38-foot top-rope and lead climbing area, and a 15-foot bouldering area with top-outs

#### **Golf Courses**

 Try disc golf, FootGolf, neon night golf or stick with traditional golf at one of the municipal courses



#### **Topgolf Wichita**

Sports entertainment complex featuring a high-tech golf game

#### **Blast Off Bay**

Ride the waves on the surf machine at this indoor water park open year-round

#### Bowling

- Bowlero Northrock Lanes, the largest bowling center in the state
- Bowlero Northridge offers both bowling and cosmic bowling
- Bowl or play the arcade at **Bowlero Wichita**

BLAST

#### MUSEUMS ON THE RIVER

Follow the scenic Arkansas River's path through the heart of Wichita and encounter six impressive museums on the river

#### **OLD COWTOWN MUSEUM**

Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and activities common to a Midwestern cattle town like working blacksmiths, an active saloon and reenactments



#### **BOTANICA WICHITA**

Let one million lights and luminaries put you in the holiday spirit with Illuminations, Botanica's sparkling wonderland of synchronized lights set to holiday music

#### **EXPLORATION PLACE**

Inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers, **Exploration Place** is the state's premier science center





#### **WICHITA ART MUSEUM**

Get lost in one of the state's largest art museums housing one of the country's finest collections of American art and three centuries of paintings and sculptures





#### **MID-AMERICA ALL-INDIAN MUSEUM**

See traditional American Indian artifacts, artwork and top-notch exhibits; shop for authentic clothing, jewelry and more

#### **WICHITA BASEBALL MUSEUM**

Uniforms, photos and other artifacts chronicle Wichita's storied baseball history inside this museum at Riverfront Stadium



### **ARCHITECTURAL** WONDER

#### FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S ALLEN HOUSE MUSEUM AND STUDY CENTER

- One of two Wichita masterpieces by iconic architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The second is the Corbin Education Center at Wichita State University.
- This Prairie-Style home is open to the public through regularly offered tours and special events.



#### **WICHITA-SEDGWICK** COUNTY **HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

See the museum's collection of 70,000 artifacts embodying the area's vibrant history, from its settlement in the 1860s to the era of aviation and electric guitars



# **MUSEUMS**

#### THE KANSAS AFRICAN **AMERICAN MUSEUM**

Displays stories of African Americans in Kansas and the impact of segregation in Wichita



#### KANSAS AVIATION MUSEUM

Preserves the heritage of Kansas aviation, proudly displaying 40 historical planes and a tourable control tower

#### **B-29 DOC HANGAR 8 EDUCATION CENTER**

Wichita is home to Doc, one of only two airworthy Boeing B-29s left in the world





#### **MUSEUM OF WORLD TREASURES**

Explore one of the most complete T.rex fossils in the world, marvel at Egyptian mummies and enter the battlefields of the world wars

#### OFF-THE-BEATEN PATH MUSEUMS WORTH A LOOK

- Kansas Firefighters Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial
- The American **Overseas Schools Historical Society**
- The Original Pizza **Hut Museum**

# PUBLIC ART

#### Keepers on Parade

Ten-foot tall versions of the city's iconic Keeper of the Plains sculpture are placed throughout the city, each adorned by a local artist with a unique design



#### **Douglas Design District**

Art takes many forms around Wichita, but none give the city as urban a feel as the many murals decorating Douglas Design District. From positive messages to a surplus of Wichita pride, the vibrant paintings speak life into old buildings and engage the community in an appreciation for art

#### Gallery Alley

This unique playground for the senses features intersensory art installations created by local artists

#### **Gallery Place Project**

Explore and create at two experiential spaces: Chainlink Gallery Place and Exploration Gallery Place





# In Diversity there is Beauty and there is Strength

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE ON DISPLAY

Discover the city's vibrant, diverse Latino art community in the NoMar District just north of downtown where you can explore murals and snap selfies









#### FIRST FRIDAY ART CRAWL

Celebrate art on the first Friday of each month with special showings and receptions of local artists, all free to the public





#### **CITYARTS**

A community arts center offering classes, workshops, events and gallery exhibitions

#### **ART GALLERIES**

Wichita has dozens of art galleries, including Karg Art **Glass** and **Infinity Art Glass** 



#### **ENVISION ARTS GALLERY AND ENGAGEMENT CENTER**

The nation's first art gallery made by and for artists who are blind or visually impaired



#### **ULRICH MUSEUM OF ART**

The region's source for modern and contemporary art including the Martin H. Bush Outdoor Sculpture Collection spread across Wichita State University

#### **MARK ARTS**

The region's art hub for classes and workshops in a variety of mediums, events and exhibits ranging from local to internationally juried shows

#### Meet a Local **DELILAH REED** Local Artist

There's no shortage of galleries, art shops and museums here in Wichita, there's something for everyone. There's so much diversity in artists and their artistic styles that a collector can easily find something that appeals to their tastes.

#### **MUST-VISIT PERFORMING ARTS**

# **BALLET**WICHITA

Each December the company performs one of the city's treasured cultural events: "The Nutcracker" with a full symphony orchestra and guest artists from premier ballet companies



# AMERICAN THEATRE GUILD

Presents national Broadway touring productions including "SIX," "Annie," "Come From Away" and "Mean Girls"

# THE FORUM THEATRE

A professional, not-for-profit theater company whose 10th season includes "Sweeney Todd," "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Elf, the Musical" plus others September through May



#### MOSLEY STREET MELODRAMA

Boo the villain and cheer the hero at Wichita's only audienceparticipation dinner theater

# ROXY'S DOWNTOWN

Known for comedic, musical shows presented in a cabaret-style theater



#### **CROWN UPTOWN**

The Crown Arts Collaborative
will produce three
show-stopping musicals from
August to December:
"Dreamgirls," "Gunhild Carling with
Big Band" and "Steve Hofstetter"

FORUM

#### **WICHITA GRAND OPERA**

The largest professional opera company in Kansas





#### WICHITA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

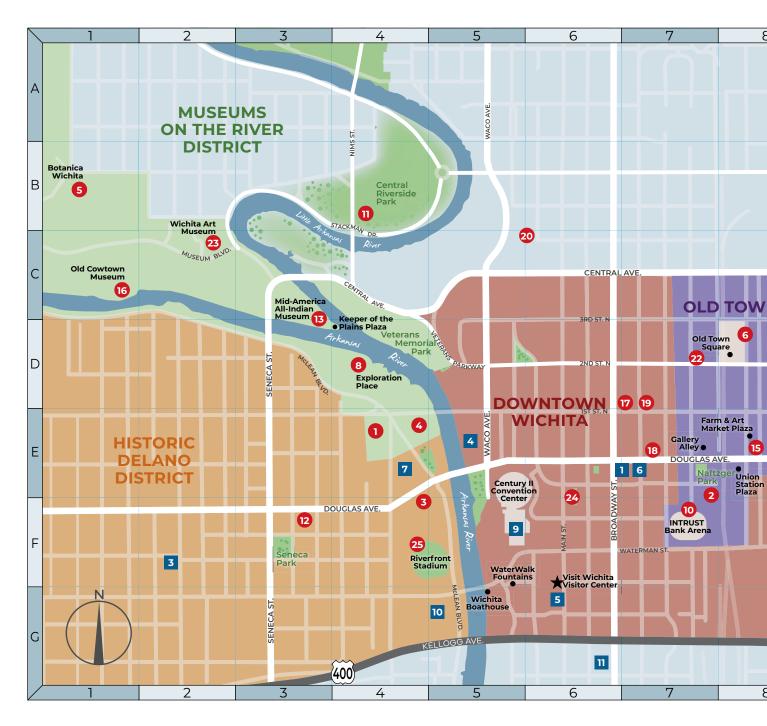
From classical concert weekends to pop concerts, find a WSO event to fit your musical tastes during their fall to spring season

#### Meet a Local BRIAN J. **MARCUM** Artistic Director Music Theatre Wichita

Music Theatre Wichita has been a staple in Wichita for more than 50 years and has witnessed the blossoming of the many performing arts institutions that now makes up Wichita's rich artistic tapestry including various theater and dance companies, orchestras, symphonies and a plethora of live music venues! We are honored to be part of this tapestry.



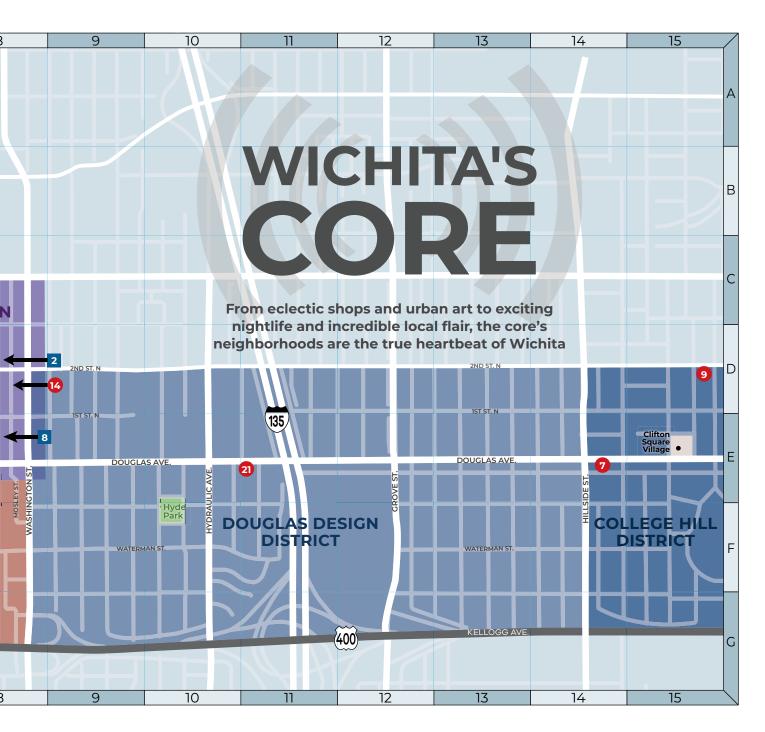
Scan for a full list of performing arts options



#### **THINGS TO DO**

1	Advanced Learning Library	.E4
2	Axe to Grind	.E7
3	Blade & Timber	.F4
4	Boats & Bikes	.E4
5	Botanica Wichita	.B1
6	CityArts	.D7
7	Crown Uptown Theatre	.E14
8	Exploration Place	.D4
9	Frank Lloyd Wright's Allen House Museum and	
	Study Center	.D15
10	INTRUST Bank Arena	.F7
11	Kansas Wildlife Exhibit	.B4
12	Let's Smash	.F3

13	Mid-America All-Indian Museum	D3
14	Mosley Street Melodrama	D8
15	Museum of World Treasures	E8
16	Old Cowtown Museum	C1
17	Orpheum Theatre	D7
18	Roxy's Downtown	E7
19	TempleLive Wichita	D7
20	The Kansas African American Museum	C6
21	The Selfie Spot	D7
22	WAVE	D7
23	Wichita Art Museum	C2
24	Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum	F6
25	Wichita Wind Surge/Wichita Baseball Museum	F4



#### **HOTELS**

1	Ambassador Hotel Autograph Collection	E7
2	Courtyard Wichita at Old Town	D8
3	Delano Bed & Breakfast	F2
4	Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview	E5
5	Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Wichita	
	Downtown	G6
6	Hilton Garden Inn Downtown	E7
7	Home2 Suites by Hilton Wichita	
	Downtown Delano	E4
8	Hotel at Old Town	E8
9	Hyatt Regency Wichita	F5
10	WaterWalk Hotel Apartments	G5
11	Wyndham Garden Wichita Downtown	G6

Scan the following options to discover and explore more of Wichita









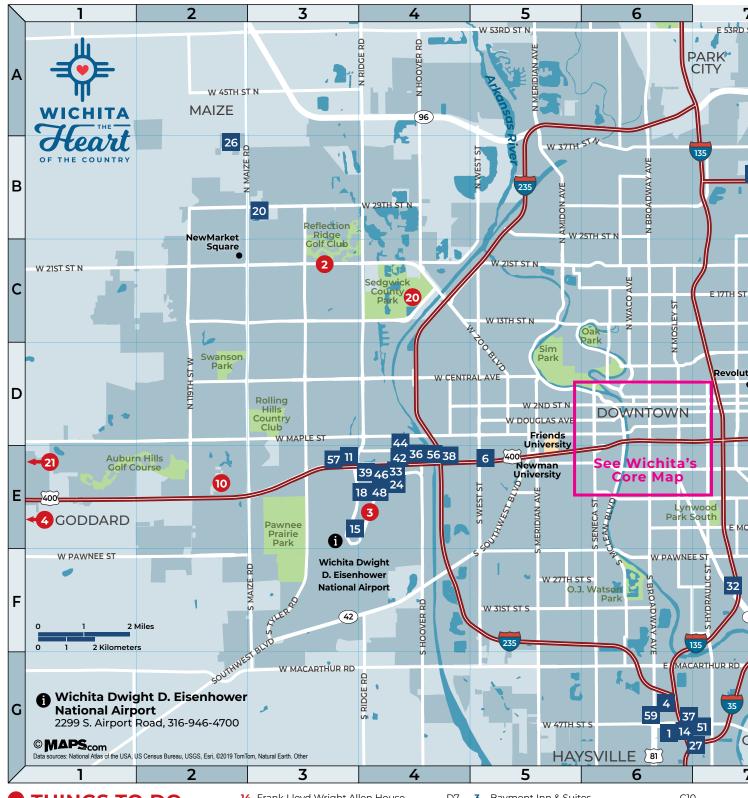
**SHOPPING** 











#### THINGS TO DO

1	All Star Adventures	D9
2	All Star Sports	C3
3	B-29 Doc Hangar & Education Center	E4
4	Blast Off Bay	E1
5	Bliss Climbing & Fitness	B10
6	Bowlero Northrock Lanes	В9
7	Bowlero Wichita	C10
8	Charles Koch Arena	C7
9	Chicken N Pickle	C10
10	The Cotillion	E2
11	Crown Uptown Theatre	D7
12	Dave & Buster's	B10
13	Elderslie Farm	A7

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14	4 Frank Lloyd Wright Allen House	D7
	5 Great Plains Nature Center	
16	6 Kansas Aviation Museum	F8
17	7 Mark Arts	C9
18	8 The Original Pizza Hut Museum	C7
19	9 SCHEELS	D8
20	O Sedgwick County Zoo	C4
21	Tanganyika Wildlife Park	E1
22	2 Topgolf	B10
23	3 Ulrich Museum of Art	C7
24	4 Wichita Hoops	A9
25	25 Wichita Sports Forum	B10
	HOTELS	

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5	Best Western PLUS Ea	stgate Inn & Suites D9	
6	Best Western PLUS We	est Wichita Airport Inn E5	
7	Camp the Range R	V ParkB7	
8	Candlewood Suites	WichitaE8	
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20	Hampton Inn by Hilton Northwest	B3
21	Hampton Inn East	D9
22	Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Wichita East	D9
23	Hilton Garden Inn - Bradley Fair	C9
24	Holiday Inn Express & Suites Airport	E4
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35 Mainstay Suites W	ichitaB	9
36 Motel 6-East	D	9
37 Quality Inn South.	G	6
38 Quality Suites Airp	ortE	4
39 Red Roof Inn Airpo	ortE	4
40 Red Roof PLUS+ E	ast D	9
41 Residence Inn by N	Marriott East at Plazzio D	ון
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59 WoodSpring Suites Wichita South	G6

#### Andy's **Frozen Custard**

Fresh chocolate and vanilla custard made every hour

#### Bakesale **Treat Parlor**

Sweet and savory options in a pastry chef-led shop

#### **Cheri's Bakery**

Decorated cookies, specialty cakes and more sweetness



#### **Cocoa Dolce** Chocolates

Small-batch chocolates plus pastries, gelato, coffee and boozy pairings

#### Monica's **Bundt Cake**

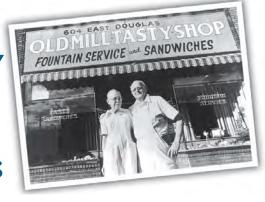
Special occasion cakes and other goodies baked daily

#### Papa's **General Store**

Dessert artisans crafting hot cocoa bombs, over-thetop milkshakes and espresso drinks

# UNIQUELY WICHITA

# Food Experiences





#### HomeGrown Wichita

 Locally-sourced food crafted with generosity and servant leadership

#### Doo-Dah Diner

• A favorite of locals and celebrities that gets national attention serving gourmet comfort food

#### NuWay Cafe

 Famous for its loose-meat sandwiches and root beer

#### Stearman Field Bar & Grill

 Enjoy a meal next to a landing strip and watch planes take off

#### The Kitchen

Chef-run restaurant serving clean comfort food

#### Old Mill **Tasty Shop**

Home to one of the state's most complete soda fountains

#### Jimmie's Diner

 Old-fashioned favorites where the waitresses wear poodle skirts and you can select a song from the jukebox



# **ETHNIC EATS**

#### **Prost**

 Authentic German fare in contemporary urban biergarten

#### Meddy's

Fresh, made-to-order, authentic Mediterranean options that are both healthy and delicious

#### Cafe Bel Ami

 Outstanding French Mediterranean cuisine in the heart of downtown

# **ALSO TRY:**

- Gangnam Korean BBQ
- George's French Bistro
- Bella Luna Cafe
- La Chinita Mexican Restaurant
- linya Ramen Bar



#### Leslie Coffee Co.

Coffeehouse in Historic Delano District with ambitious beverage and food options

#### Aroma Coffeehouse

A non-profit serving locallyroasted kindness in every cup

#### Espresso To Go Go

Wichita's only walk-up coffee shop, known for its not-sosecret secret menu

#### **ALSO TRY:**

Churn & Burn Coffee Daze Fairmount Coffee Co. Il Primo Espresso Mokas Cafe Paradise Donuts Reverie Coffee Roasters Reverie Roasters Express The Donut Whole

### UPSCALE

#### Elderslie Farm

This farm-to-table fine dining provides an opportunity to enjoy the finest and freshest local produce in a lovely country setting

#### Scotch & Sirloin

Known nationally for its prime rib, this fine-dining restaurant has served Wichita for more than 40 years

#### **Newport Grill**

Specializes in fresh seafood, Kansas beef and steaks, cocktails and fine wines







#### OTHER FINE DINING:

- Vora Restaurant European
- Bella Vita Bistro
- YaYa's Eurobistro
- Larkspur Bistro and Bar
- Forge ICT
- DŌMA
- Chester's Chophouse
- 6S Steakhouse
- 1400 by Elderslie

#### **ALSO TRY:**

- Angelo's Italian Restaurant
- Bagatelle Bakery
- Chicken N Pickle
- Deano's Grill and Tapworks
- Emerson Biggins
- Fizz Burgers & Bottles
- Hog Wild Pit Bar-B-O
- Hook & Reel
- Hurricane Sports Grill
- Pizza Ranch
- Public
- Redrock Canyon Grill
- Station 8 BBQ
- Tanya's Soup Kitchen





#### Ziggy's Pizza

Made-from-scratch pizzas with fresh ingredients and a full bar and patio

#### The Monarch

Unique, handcrafted soups and sandwiches in the Historic Delano District

#### **B&C Barbeque Pub & Grill**

Mouth-watering barbecue in a fullyremodeled former garage turned pub



Wichita is a foodie city! Scan for a complete list of where to eat

#### NORTONS BREWING CO.

Downtown brewery known for its open-air patio and addictive appetizer, "Bacon Crack"



#### **CENTRAL** STANDARD BREWING

Relaxed atmosphere, open patio and food trucks



#### WICHITA BREWING CO. & PIZZERIA

Wood-fired pizza and beer concept, multiple locations



# **BREWERIES**

#### **HOPPING GNOME BREWING CO.**

Area's first taproom with a beer-focused atmosphere and "buy local" mission



#### THE LEPRECHAUN'S LAB

New brewery where the relationships of the patrons and ingredients "invent" quality beer and friendships



#### RIVER CITY BREWING CO.

Wichita's first brewery, menu reflects Kansas' heritage with Kansas-raised beef







#### **POURHOUSE**

Full menu and a dozen beers on tap, all brewed at Walnut River Brewing Co.



#### LIMESTONE BEER CO.

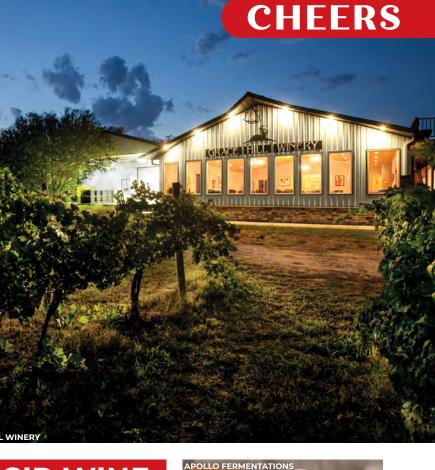
Focused on German and Belgian-style beers; located in Sweet Allie B's



#### TOR BREWING

Fun brewery known for its tasty beer, smash burgers and huge patio





### COCKTAILS

#### **BOTANIC**

Botanical-centered bar within a plant shop offering specialty and sober cocktails

#### **LAVA & TONIC**

Wichita's first immersive tiki bar

#### **DOCKUM**

A subterranean, upscale speakeasy

#### **MORT'S MARTINI & CIGAR BAR**

All-seasons patio, offers over 160 martinis

#### THE MONARCH

An urban escape recognized among top whiskey bar rankings

#### DŌMA

Fun energy + cool spaces + New American food and cocktails inspired by Latin flavors and Japanese training

#### Find a great beer at one of these popular dining spots:

- Bricktown **Brewery**
- Deano's Grill & Tapworks
- Emerson **Biggins**
- The Hill Bar & Grill
- The Monarch
- Prost
- Public
- Pumphouse
- The Rusty Nail

#### SIP WINE

#### **GRACE HILL WINERY**

An authentic vineyard experience offering wine tasting tours

#### **ALZAVINO WINE TAVERN**

A modern wine bar with self-serve machines dispensing 1-to-6 ounce pours

#### SIMPLY SANGRIA

Try a free sample at this family-owned business that specializes in the blending and bottling of premium sangrias



#### **APOLLO FERMENTATIONS**

Brews kombucha with local, organic ingredients to provide the best quality and support to the community

#### WHITE CROW CIDER COMPANY

Crafting modern hard cider in a variety of flavors and seasonal offerings

#### **WICHITA RESTAURANTS THAT EARNED 2023** WINE SPECTATOR AWARDS



- Chester's Chophouse
- Newport Grill
- Scotch & Sirloin
- Vora Restaurant European
- Wine Dive + Kitchen
- 6S Steakhouse



# OLD TOWN

• The heartbeat of downtown, Old Town is a district sought out for its restaurants, shops, clubs, theaters, galleries and museums

Brick-lined streets, native limestone and historic lamp posts

 Converted brick warehouses hold more than 100 diverse businesses and happening nightlife, including:

- Brickyard
- Barleycorns
- Pumphouse
- The Arcade
- Mort's Martini & Cigar Bar



#### **ALL HEART, ALL WELCOME**

Wondering what visiting the Heart of the Country is like for diverse cultures of the Hispanic, Asian,



African American and LGBTQ communities. Hear from people in the know.

# **NIGHTLIFE**





# **Performances** & LIVE **MUSIC**

Wichita's music venues host national tours, regional acts and local favorites

- Brickyard
- Century II Performing Arts & Convention Center
- The Cotillion
- Crown Uptown Theatre
- Hartman Arena
- INTRUST Bank Arena
- Roxy's Downtown
- TempleLive Wichita
  - WAVE
    - Orpheum Theatre



# LOCALBARS

#### **ARTICHOKE SANDWICHBAR**

This Irish dive is a Wichita icon and the place to go for great live music, delicious sandwiches and a cold Guinness

#### **KIRBY'S BEER STORE**

Share a drink, enjoy live music on the patio and play pinball with your friends or family

#### **LUCKY'S EVERYDAY**

A favorite dive bar with a cozy, dark, cool vibe and a heated patio

#### **OASIS LOUNGE**

Enjoy daily happy hours, hearty burgers, friendly service plus free shuffleboard and quarter pool

#### **HEADSHOTS BAR & GRILL**

Video game cocktail bar with seasonal, themed pop-up bars



# **UNIQUE SPECIALTY SHOPS**

- Browse the unexpected, eclectic lifestyle goods at Bungalow 26
- Find repurposed and whimsical treasures at Generations
   Antiques & Artisans or
   Paramount Antique Mall
- Write a handwritten letter at the Confetti Bar and Card Station at
   The Loud Cicada or shop for prints, stickers, jewelry and more
- Lucinda's has cheeky, off-the-wall gifts, clothing, shoes and jewelry



- Aspen Boutique carries high quality clothing, shoes, fashion jewelry, fine estate jewelry and handbags from over 100 designers
- Wheat State Distillery is Wichita's first original Spirits Distillery established in 2013
- The Workroom is the place for local art and artisan accessories
- Dead Center Vintage curates clothing, shoes and accessories
- Everyday by Elderslie carries specialty foods and other items made on the Elderslie farm, such as live edge walnut boards

Experience Wichita's boutique plant shop, GROW
 Giesen Plant
 Shop

Clifton
Collective/
Mini Co. is an
assembly of
Midwest makers
stocking apparel,
jewelry, home goods
and kids items



- Sweet 'n Saucy carries bottled pops and sauces, plus candies and novelty socks
- Stock up on grilling supplies and outdoor living items at All Things Barbecue
- Book-A-Holic stores buy, sell and trade books, vinyl, DVDs and games
- Shop the collection of estate home furnishings from around the world at The Vault Collection
- The Cornhole Cave features a wide selection of quality, locally made cornhole and yard game products
- Shop for running gear and order a fresh smoothie at Fartleks
- Create the perfect custom hat at Hatman Jack's





#### PAMPER YOURSELF

- A. Jay Health & Wellness
- Bohemia Healing Spa
- The Health Connection
- Healing Waters



#### **SHOP LOCAL**

The Kansas Grown
Farmers Markets in west
Wichita and Derby and
the Old Town Farm & Art
Market bring local vendors
together on Saturdays
April-October

# **SHOPPING**





- Some of the city's most popular outdoor shopping comprised of trendy boutiques, a top-of-the-line spa, exclusive dining and favorite fashion stores
- Enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides during the holiday season



- See why Food Network's Alton Brown called **Nifty Nut House** a "National Treasure"
- Local Roasters roasts coffee in small batches
- Get your handcrafted, gourmet popcorn from The Popcorner or **Kernel's Popcorn Express**
- Viva La Olive sources the finest olive oils, vinegars and more



Wichita's original gourmet coffee roaster, The Spice Merchant & Co., offers fresh coffee beans, teas and spices



#### **FLAG SWAG**

Don't leave Wichita without flag swag or an iconic Keeper statue. Shop here:



- Bungalow 26
- Generations Antiques & Artisans
- Lucinda's
- The Health Connection
- The Marketplace at Clifton Square
- The Workroom
- Wichita Screen Printing
- Wichita-Sedgwick Co. Historical Museum
- Mid-America All-Indian Museum
- Wichita Art Museum

#### **SHOPPING DISTRICTS**

- Bradley Fair
- Revolutsia
- Old Town Square
- NewMarket Square
- Delano District
- Douglas Design District
- Greenwich Place
- Towne East Square
- Clifton Square



Scan for a map of Wichita shops

#### **DOWNTOWN HOTELS**

#### AMBASSADOR HOTEL AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

Wichita's only AAA Four Diamond property and home to Dockum, a speakeasy-style bar





# COURTYARD WICHITA AT OLD TOWN

Just steps from some of the finest restaurants, entertainment, theaters and museums



Within walking distance of INTRUST Bank Arena and convention center





### HOTEL AT OLD TOWN

This historic brick warehouse near Old Town attractions now boasts lavishly decorated suites, a beautiful atrium lobby and a classic piano bar



One of downtown's newest hotels within easy walking access to Old Town entertainment district



#### DRURY PLAZA HOTEL BROADVIEW

This remodeled historic Wichita landmark offers stunning views overlooking the Arkansas River



The city's
largest hotel
is surrounded
by fountains
and walking
paths along the
Arkansas River





# HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON WICHITA DOWNTOWN DELANO

Downtown's newest hotel with a firepit and sitting area with barbecue grills



**AVI Seabar & Chophouse**Drury Plaza Hotel
Broadview

Chisholm's American Beef and Ale House DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport The Greatroom
Wichita Marriott Hotel

**Harvest Kitchen | Bar** Hyatt Regency Wichita

Hilton Garden Grille Hilton Garden Inn Downtown The Green Mill Restaurant & Bar Holiday Inn Wichita East I-35

Siena Tuscan Steakhouse Ambassador Hotel Autograph Collection



THE GREATROOM



# **HOTELS**

#### WICHITA MARRIOTT HOTEL

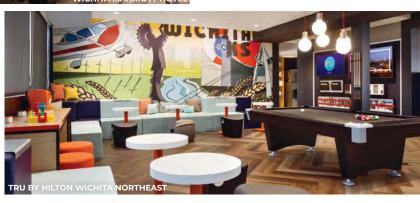
Delight in luxury in a newly redesigned room and explore great shopping within five miles

#### TRU BY HILTON WICHITA NORTHEAST

A contemporary, colorful hotel embracing simplicity and efficient rooms







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8,100
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for every
type of
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# Wichita ALOFT WICHITA

One of Wichita's modernly hip hotels, offering local art, live music and pet-friendly accommodations

#### HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON AT THE WATERFRONT

Lakeside all-suite extendedstay hotel with full kitchens near **Chicken N Pickle** 

# HILTON GARDEN INN WICHITA

Beautiful lakeside setting within walking distance of upscale dining and shopping at **Bradley Fair** outdoor shopping center

## DOUBLETREE BY HILTON WICHITA AIRPORT

Near Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport (ICT) with premier amenities in modern, relaxed settings

# HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON WICHITA NORTHEAST

All-suite hotel within 5 miles of Wichita State University, Wichita Sports Forum and Greenwich Place

# HYATT PLACE AT WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY<sup>1</sup>

New hotel at Innovation Campus within walking distance to Braeburn Square



# HOLIDAY INN WICHITA EAST 1-35

Completely renovated, this full-service hotel is an excellent choice in east Wichita



Scan for a full list of hotels

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# **Best Annual** ESIS



#### **ILLUMINATIONS**

Stroll through an enchanted Christmas forest, where more than 2 million lights are strung atop trees in more than 30 themed gardens at Botanica Wichita. Illuminations is the region's premier Christmas light display













#### **AUTUMN & ART**

The juried art exhibit and sale welcoming 100 national artists is free to attend, staged around a serene lake and offers art demonstrations, live entertainment and hands-on activities for children each September





## **TALLGRASS FILM FESTIVAL**

The largest independent film festival in Kansas happens in downtown Wichita each October



### ANGELA **MARTINEZ** Director Latinfest-ICT

#### Latinfest-ICT is a unique cultural experience authentic foods, shopping, music, live performances and more. It's a celebration of Hispanic/Latino culture you won't want to miss!



These are some of the great events that happen every year. For current dates, times and locations scan here

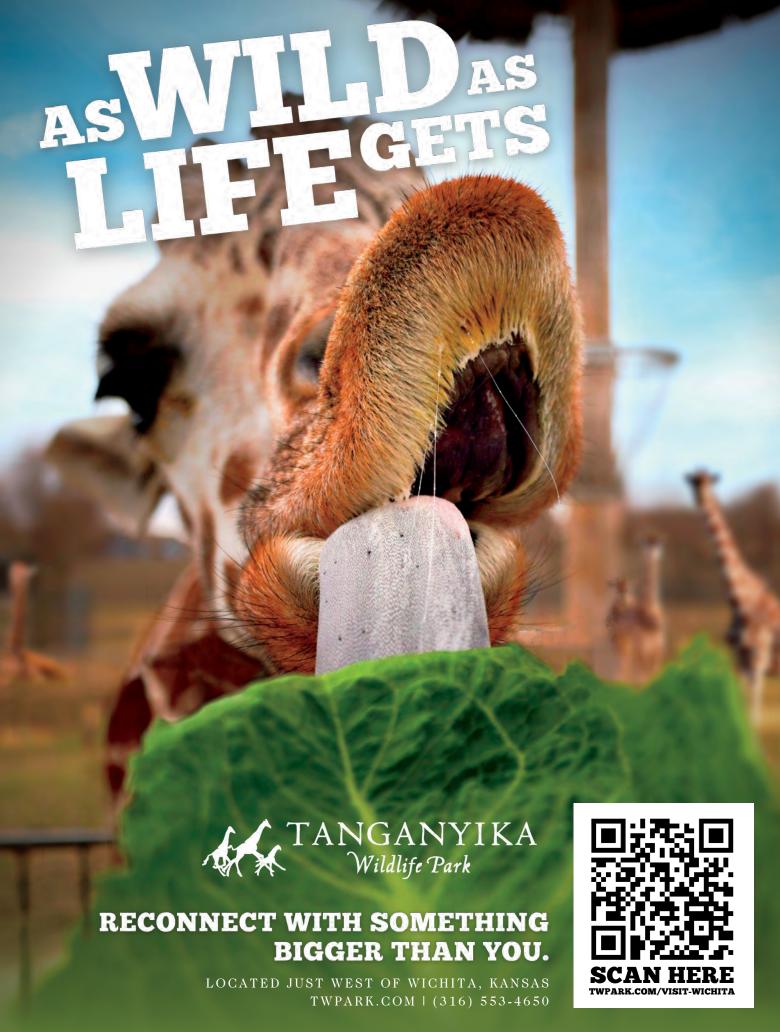


#### **Ongoing Events**

Wichita is the place to be for ongoing events like First Friday Art Crawl, Farm and Art Markets, 2nd Saturday, live music and more



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History & Heritage







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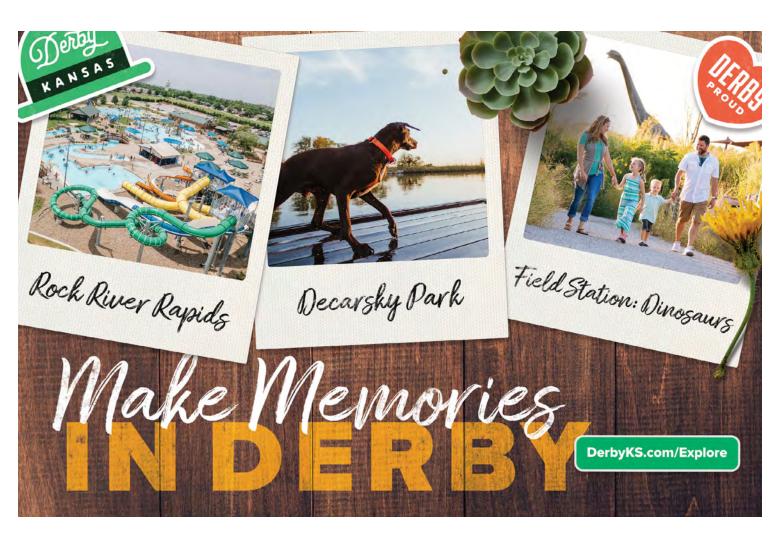
#### **MUSEUM HOURS**

Tues - Fri: 10am - 5pm Saturday: 12pm - 4pm Closed: Sunday, Monday and Major Holidays



**Future Location** 







## **WELCOME TO WICHITA**



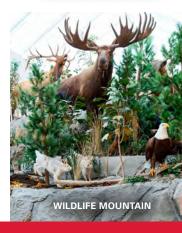










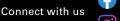


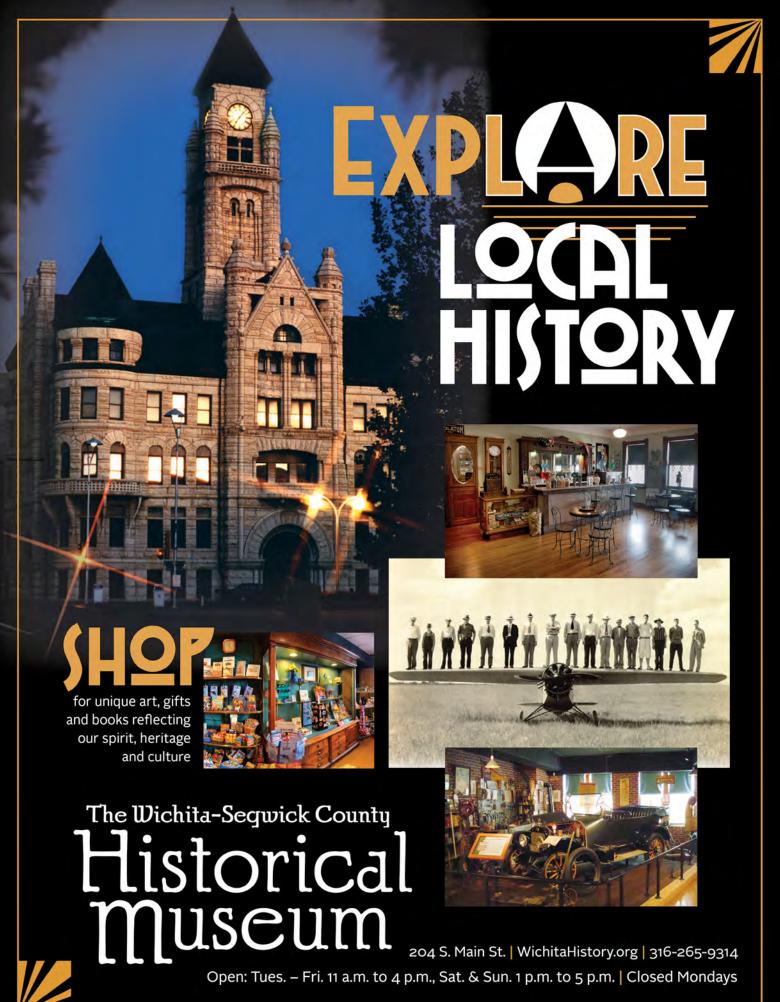
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# 48 HOURS

## IN THE Heart OF THE COUNTRY

A guide to getting the most out of your visit to Wichita. Check VisitWichita.com for hours and locations.

#### **DAY 1 - ITINERARY**

- Try a classic old school variety or a quirky creation at The Donut Whole.
- Pair it with a locally roasted coffee from favorites like Reverie Coffee Roasters or Espresso To Go Go.
- Walk off breakfast at the Sedgwick **County Zoo**, the top outdoor attraction in Kansas, or head indoor to discover the wonders of **Exploration Place** or Wichita Art Museum.



- Explore the Historic Delano District, where you can have lunch, get a beverage and shop eclectic local boutiques.
- Take time to visit other **Museums on the River**, or search for murals and other public art along Douglas Avenue.
- End your afternoon at the **Museum of World Treasures** and then stroll **Old Town**, downtown's brick-lined warehouse district.
- After dining at one of the district's 30+ restaurants, check out a performance at Music Theatre Wichita or INTRUST Bank Arena.

## DAY 2 - ITINERARY

- Have breakfast at Doo-Dah Diner or one of the three HomeGrown Wichita eateries.
- Spend time exploring one of Wichita's various shopping districts, from NewMarket Square to Clifton Square or Towne East Square.
- With 11 eateries to choose from, you'll find something delicious for lunch at **Bradley Fair**. Save room for dessert at **Cocoa Dolce** Artisan Chocolates or Bakesale Treat Parlor.
- Enjoy the outdoor shopping and dining destination's more than 40 stores or slip into a spa or salon for services.
- Finish the afternoon by soaking up Wichita history at museums such as Old Cowtown Museum, Kansas Aviation Museum or The Original Pizza Hut Museum.
- Play retro arcade games at The Arcade, opt for a friendly game of pickleball at Chicken N Pickle or test your swing at Topgolf.
- No visit to Wichita is complete without experiencing the lighting of the fire pots at the 44-foot-tall Keeper of the Plains sculpture on the Arkansas River. See the city's most iconic structure before calling it a night.





MY WICHITA, KS

# BUCKET LIST

We'll help you get started with a must-do. After that, your bucket list is yours to personalize.

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# LOCAL LINGO



You may hear locals saying "ICT," or see it on signs and billboards around the city. So what on earth is this acronym Wichitans are so fond of? ICT is the airport's call letters, and it's also the most popular nickname and term of endearment for our great city.

Plus, when you learn Wichita is the Air Capital of the World, it's no surprise those who call the city home are so fond of their airport's call letters.



You may hear Wichitans talking a lot about Kellogg. They're not obsessed with cereals and snacks, they're referring to Kellogg Avenue, the name of the portion of U.S. Highway 54 that runs east and west through the city.

Speaking of east and west, any part of the city west of the Arkansas River is considered west side and anything east of the river is considered Wichita's east side.

# >>> THE TROLL

You never know what kind of hidden gems you can find in new cities. Everyone knows the Keeper of the Plains is the most iconic Wichita attraction, but around this magnificent monument lies a hidden treasure. See if you can find the Troll located somewhere along the river, nearby the Keeper of the Plains Plaza. The sculpture showed up in May 2007 hiding inside a huge grate by the Arkansas River.

A sleeping troll, created by local artist Connie Ernatt, can be found near the Koch Carousel Gardens at Botanica Wichita, too.



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