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Flint Hills Highlights

Flint Hills National Scenic Byway offers incredible views of the native grasses and flowers of the tallgrass prairie - one of the last remaining such landscapes left in America. Much of the land along the Byway looks as it did thousands of years ago when the Kaw, Osage and other native tribes lived here. Early settlers navigated the famous Santa Fe Trail through here, some stopping to build the towns of Council Grove, Cottonwood Falls and Strong City.

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Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience



Konza Prairie

Trip Length: Roughly 190 miles

Best Time To Go: Year round.

Must See Nearby Attractions:

- 1** Flint Hills Discovery Center (Manhattan)
- 2** Fort Riley - west of Manhattan (military installation with historic buildings and museums)
- 3** Kansas State University (Manhattan)

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Traveler's Notes



Cottonwood Falls

Today, the Flint Hills area is home to the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve and such historic venues as the Kaw Nation Heritage Park and Kaw Mission State Historic Site and Museum. You'll also find towns filled with charming shops, restaurants, artwork and antiques.

If you have time, there are roaming bison and trails to walk at the Konza Prairie Biological Station, part of Kansas State University. Those of you who love bugs should investigate the Kansas State Insect Zoo (including an observation beehive) housed in a former dairy barn on campus.

The Flint Hills National Scenic Byway is a two-lane, paved road easily reached from the Kansas Turnpike (I-35), I-70, U.S. 50 and U.S. 56. Tourist amenities are available in the towns along the route including historic restaurants, hotels, antiques, artisans, and other facilities. A scenic overlook site is located just south of Cottonwood Falls with a raised bed of native wildflowers, interpretive signs and a panoramic view of the surrounding area.

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What To See Along the Way



- Hollenberg Pony Express Station
- Tuttle Creek Lake
- Konza Prairie
- Council Grove Lake
- Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve
- Cottonwood Falls
- Cassoday
- El Dorado Lake

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Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Hollenberg Pony Express Station

- Hollenberg Pony Express Station:** Pony Express riders and hundreds of pioneers made a stop at historic Hollenberg Station. In 1857 Gerat H. and Sophia Hollenberg established the station on the Oregon-California Trail, and from 1860 to 1861 they operated a Pony Express station. Discover the stories of the Hollenbergs, pioneer life, and the Pony Express at this National Historic Landmark.
- Tuttle Creek Lake:** A reservoir on the Big Blue River 5 miles north of Manhattan, in the Flint Hills region of northeast Kansas. It was built and is operated by the Army Corps of Engineers for the purpose of flood control.
- Konza Prairie:** Preserve for a native tallgrass prairie ecosystem has a research center & public hiking trails.
- Council Grove Lake:** The lake was named for the nearby town of Council Grove, the birthplace of the Santa Fe Trail and a National Historic District.
- Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve:** The preserve protects a nationally significant example of the once vast tallgrass ecosystem.
- Cottonwood Falls:** North of Cottonwood Falls is the Cottonwood Falls bridge and dam. The 1st dam at this site was constructed of cottonwood logs in 1860, which provided water power for a saw and grist mill. In 1906 the dam was expanded and used to generate electricity. The present dam is constructed from cut limestone which was later covered with concrete.
- Cassoday:** It is known as the "Prairie Chicken Capital of the World."
- El Dorado Lake:** Consists of four primary campgrounds, which are open to a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities.

Ready, set, go!