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Western Trails Byways

Travel through history along the Western Trails Historic and Scenic Byway. Drawn by the forgiving terrain and fertile land along the Platte River, tens of thousands of the nation's pioneers traveled through this valley on their way West. The Oregon and Mormon Trails, the Pony Express, stagecoaches and steam locomotives, outlaws and immigrants all followed, making this passage the Main Street of America in the 1800s.

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Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience



Jailhouse Rock And Courthouse Rock

Trip Length: Roughly 215 miles

Best Time To Go: May - October

What to Watch Out For: Roads can be hazardous in bad weather. Many state parks require a Nebraska State Park entry permit.

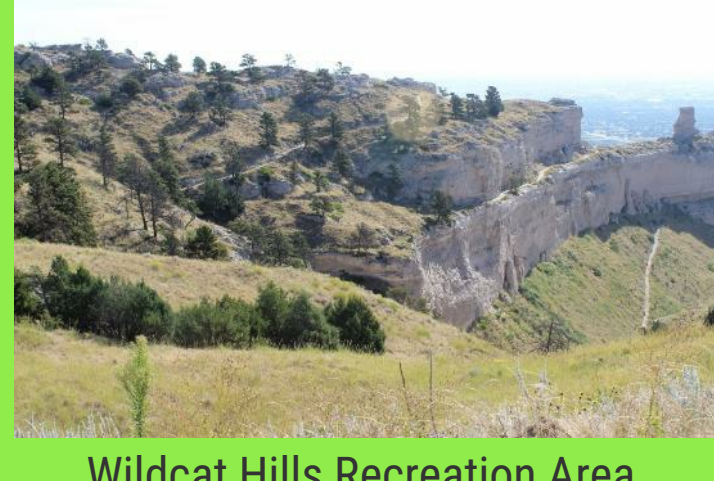
Must See Nearby Attractions:

1 Agate Fossil Beds National Monument (34 miles north of Mitchell on Rte. 29)

2 Oregon Trail Days (a four day festival held at Gering in mid-July)

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Traveler's Notes



Wildcat Hills Recreation Area

Losing track of time is easy to do among the history of the Western Trails Byway, but for some, Chimney Rock marked the end of traveling over the plains and the beginning of the Rockies. "Towering to the Heavens," as one early pioneer described it, Chimney Rock was the most recognized road sign along the trail west and one you could not miss.

Another road sign along the trail west is Scott's Bluff. Rising 800 feet above the valley floor, Scott's Bluff is named for a fur trapper who died there in 1828, and is the site of many impressive geologic formations.

At Ash Hollow State Historical Park near Lewellen, prehistoric Nebraska comes to life through the many fossils displayed on-site. If bird and wildlife watching interest you, plan a scenic drive to Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, a half hour north of Oshkosh. The refuge has the third-most-documented number of bird species in the country.

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What To See Along the Way



- Ogalalla
- Lake McConaughy
- Ash Hollow State Historical Park
- North Platte River
- Crescent Lake Wildlife Refuge
- Courthouse Rock and Jail Rock
- Chimney Rock Historic Site
- Lake Minatare
- Wildcat Hills Rec Area
- Scotts Bluff National Monument

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Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Ash Hollow State Historic Park

- Ogalalla:** Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogalalla rank as the number three spot for bird watching in the nation. More than 320 species of birds have been identified on or near the shores of Lake McConaughy/Lake Ogalalla.
- Lake McConaughy:** Nebraska's largest lake with over 100 miles of shoreline and great fishing.
- Ash Hollow State Historical Park:** The park comprises two attractions located 2.5 miles from each other: Ash Hollow Cave and Windlass Hill.
- North Platte River:** A major tributary of the Platte River and is approximately 716 miles long counting its many curves.
- Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** As many as twenty Bald eagle pairs have been known to spend part of the year within the refuge, and along another 200 observed bird species, the refuge is considered one of the finest in the U.S. for birders.
- Courthouse Rock and Jail Rock:** The Oregon-California Trail, the Mormon Trail, the Pony Express Trail and the Sidney-Deadwood Trail all ran near the rocks.
- Chimney Rock National Historic Site:** A prominent geological rock formation.
- Lake Minatare:** Home of Nebraska's only lighthouse and a federal waterfowl refuge.
- Wildcat Hills Rec Area:** A treat for backpackers, hikers, campers and shutterbugs.
- Scotts Bluff National Monument:** plan a stay for a minimum of two hours to fully enjoy the park.

Ready, set, go!