

ABOUT MANHATTAN

Manhattan is located in the heart of the scenic Flint Hills in northeast Kansas. Home of Kansas State University, The Little Apple® has approximately 45,000 residents. Manhattan can be described as a college town, with the amenities of a large university ranging from concerts and theatre to Big 12 Conference athletics.

Manhattan serves as a regional center for trade, health care, education, entertainment and communication, and is the Riley County seat.

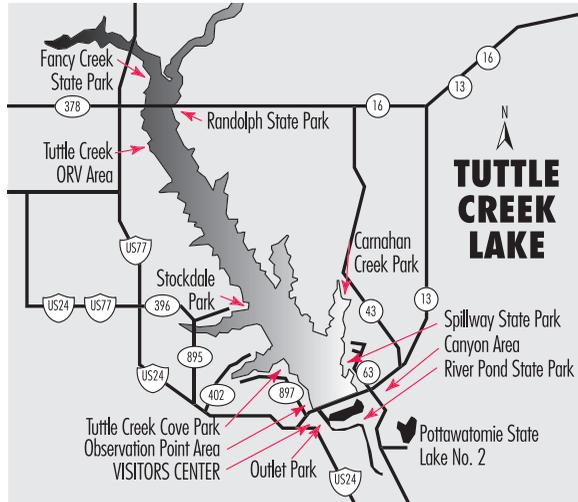
OUTDOOR RECREATION

Tuttle Creek Lake

One of the region's most attractive and largest lakes, Tuttle Creek Lake is just five miles north of Manhattan.

Numerous public sites around the lake are available for fishing, boating, water-skiing, swimming, hunting, picnicking, camping, and outdoor sports. In addition, the Tuttle Creek ORV Area has 310 acres of rough terrain for any vehicle.

For information about facilities or the operation of Tuttle Creek Lake, contact the project manager's office near the west end of the dam, 785-539-8511 or the State Park Office in the River Pond State Park, 785-539-7941. Permits required and user fees charged in certain areas.



Fishing & Hunting

With approximately 350,000 acres of standing and flowing water, and more than 108,000 acres of public hunting land, Kansas is one of the best kept secrets in the country. Please contact the Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau for information.

For free area fishing and hunting information, visit the CVB at 501 Poyntz Ave.

Milford Lake

Milford Reservoir is Kansas' largest lake, with 163 miles of shoreline and over 16,000 surface acres. The lake is a 30-minute drive west of Manhattan.

The Milford Nature Center/Fish Hatchery, located at the base of Milford Dam, is a true state-of-the-art facility, exploring nature and the wonders of aquatic life at its best.

For more information about Milford Lake, contact the U.S. Corps of Engineers Information Center just south of the dam 785-238-3014; or Pleasant View State Park, north of the dam 785-238-5714.

SHOPPING

Aggieville, the first shopping center established in Kansas, was so named for the former K-State Aggies. Today it is still a pre-game and post-game host to Wildcat sporting events.

Manhattan Town Center, a regional mall in the heart of downtown Manhattan, offers a unique selection of fine stores, specialty shops, restaurants and services.

Just west of the mall lies the historic shopping area of the city known as Downtown Manhattan. The area provides an attractive and exciting shopping district with tree-lined boulevards and nostalgic light fixtures. Manhattan's east side shopping centers are located one mile east from downtown.

On the west side of Manhattan, visitors can enjoy Westloop, Candlewood, Plaza West, and Seth Child Commons shopping centers. Nestled in between the major shopping districts, you'll find many unique shops, services and activities sure to make your visit to Manhattan more memorable.

MUSEUMS • HISTORICAL SITES • NATURAL HISTORY

Beach Museum of Art

The Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art at K-State opened in October 1996. This 25,000 sq. ft. facility is home to K-State's permanent art collection. Since its establishment in 1928, this collection has grown to include over 4,000 works of art. Open Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 1-5 p.m. Open until 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings only when public programs are held, 785-532-7718, www.k-state.edu/bma.

K-State Botanical Gardens

The K-State Botanical Gardens are located just north of Claflin Rd. on Denison Ave. You will see a wide variety of plant life from banana and vegetable plants to various species of roses and day lilies. For more information, call 785-532-1397.

Konza Prairie

The Konza Prairie, just outside of Manhattan, is 8,616 acres of untouched native tallgrass prairie. A self-guided walking tour brochure is available at the Konza Prairie entrance. Group tours and activities by special arrangement only.

From K-177, at the east end of Kansas River bridge, turn on McDowell Creek Rd. (County Rd. 901S); entrance on left, approximately 6 miles. From I-70, exit 307; drive northeast on McDowell Creek Rd., entrance on right, approximately 5 miles. Hours: Sunrise to sunset daily. 785-587-0441.

Sunset Zoo

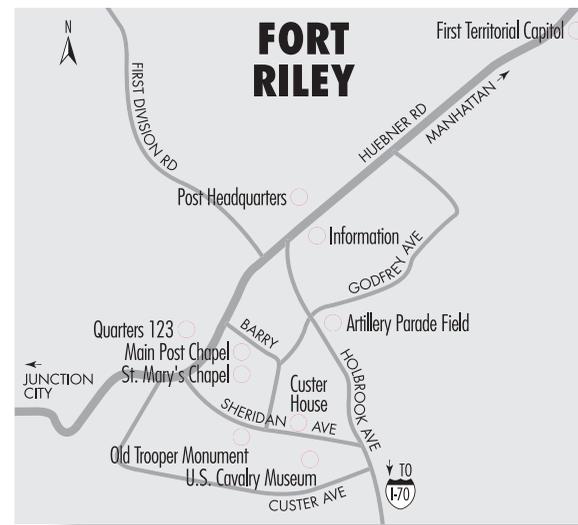
Become immersed in the natural habitats and open spaces as you experience an up-close look at animals from around the world. This AZA-accredited zoo is open 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily April - October and noon - 5p.m. daily November - March. Admission: \$4/adult and \$2/child (ages 3-12 years). Gift Shop and concession stand open seasonally. Group rates and picnic pavilion rental available. 2333 Oak St., 785-587-APES, www.sunsetzoo.com.

Goodnow House/Riley County Historical Museum

This furnished home of a founder of Manhattan and Kansas State University was built in 1861. Call 785-565-6490 for current hours or to schedule a group tour. 2301 Claflin Rd.

Wolf House Museum

Built in 1868, this limestone house was used as a boarding house until 1875 when it became a private residence. Hours: Saturday 1-5 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m., or by appointment. 630 Fremont, 785-565-6490.



Fort Riley

Fort Riley is open to visitors when presenting vehicle registration, proof of insurance and valid driver's license. All adult passengers must present valid photo identification.

Custer House — Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 1-4 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. After Labor Day weekend, open Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays 1-4 p.m., through the end of September. Group tours available by submitting an official request. Bldg. 24, Sheridan Ave., 785-239-6727.

MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

January

- Eagle Day

February

- K-State Annual Rodeo
- Manhattan Area Garden Show

March

- St. Patrick's Celebration

April

- K-State Open House
- Tulip Festival, Wamego
- Manhattan Christian College Open House

May

- National Tourism Week
- ZOObilation

June

- Arts in the Park
- Country Stampede Music & Camping Festival
- Juneteenth Celebration

July

- July 4th Celebrations
- Arts in the Park
- Kaw Valley Rodeo & Riley County Fair

August

- Arts in the Park

September

- Apple Days, Fort Riley
- Purple Power Play on Poyntz

October

- Pumpkin Patch Arts & Crafts Show

- SPOOKtacular at Sunset Zoo
- Flinthills Festival of Wines
- Boo Party at Manhattan Town Center

November

- Buttons & Bows Craft Show
- Homemade for the Holidays Craft Show

December

- Holiday Homes Tour
- Little Apple® New Year's Eve

For the most detailed event calendar, log onto our Web site at www.manhattancvb.org.

U.S. Cavalry Museum — Open Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday noon-4:30 p.m. Bldg. 205, Henry Street, 785-239-2737.

Fort Riley Regimental Museum — Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 1-4 p.m. Bldg. 207, Henry Street, 785-239-2737.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

At the time when Manhattan was on the eastern edge of the western frontier, Kansas State Agricultural College was established as a land-grant institution under the Morrill Act of 1862. In a real sense, Kansas (which became a state in 1861) and Kansas State University grew up together.

The Kansas land-grant school accepted as a gift the land, buildings and library belonging to a private school, Bluemont Central College, and opened its doors in 1863 to 106 students. Since then, enrollment has grown to more than 22,000 students. Students enroll in one of nine colleges: Agriculture; Architecture, Planning and Design; Arts and Sciences; Business Administration; Education; Engineering; Human Ecology; Veterinary Medicine; and Technology (in Salina).

Although the main campus is in Manhattan, the university owns or leases more than 12,000 acres in 19 counties for agricultural and land research. K-State offers many cultural, recreational, educational and athletic attractions. The university provides visitors and residents the opportunity to visit and explore many academic and research facilities.

The University conducts walking tours of the campus daily by appointment. To schedule special tours of any University facilities or departments, call 785-532-6318. For K-State information, visit their Web site at www.k-state.edu.

RESTAURANTS • RELIGIOUS DIRECTORY • SPECIAL EVENTS

A complete listing of restaurants and religious entities can be found in the official Manhattan Visitors Guide. Event information is available on the biannual Manhattan Calendar of Events. Free copies of both are available locally at hotels, Manhattan Town Center and the Convention and Visitors Bureau (501 Poyntz Ave.). Or call 785-776-8829 or 800-759-0134.

Your best source for the latest Manhattan information including music, sports, events, entertainment and more, is always www.manhattancvb.org.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- Convention and Visitors Bureau, 785-776-8829 or 800-759-0134
- Emergency (Police, Fire, and Ambulance), 911
- Hospitals: Mercy Health Center, 785-776-3322
- Highway Patrol Road Information, 785-827-4437 or 1-800-585-ROAD
- K-State Athletic Ticket Office, 785-532-7606, 1-800-221-CATS
- K-State Information, 785-532-6011 (Union Information Desk)
- Manhattan Arts Center, 785-537-4420
- Manhattan City Hall, 785-587-2489
- Manhattan Regional Airport Info Line, 785-587-4567
- Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department, 785-587-2757
- Manhattan Public Library Community Information Center, 785-776-4741
- McCain Auditorium Box Office, 785-532-6428
- Movie Information, 785-776-9886
- Riley County Historical Society/Museums, 785-565-6490
- Time and Temperature, 785-776-3111
- Tuttle Creek Lake Information, 785-539-7941 or 785-539-8511