

Historic Unique Shopping

CALDWELL

Victorian Rose Antiques & Collectibles • 5 South Main (620) 845-2195 — Antique furniture, linens, depression glass, primitives, wreaths, wall hangings, lace, and garden items.

ELLSWORTH

Drovers Mercantile • 119 N. Douglas • (785) 472-4703 www.droversmercantile.com — 1870 style clothing, Old West books and gifts. Kansas Cattle Town Cd's and cassettes available.
Ellsworth Antique Mall • 210 North Douglas • (785) 472-4659 Located in one of the historic Wellington addition buildings which includes passageways to underground stores.

Johnny Bingo's Hats • 121 N. Douglas • (785) 472-3090 472-1234 — Hat shop, cleaning, blocking, custom shaping, renovation, hat sales for felt and straws.
Robson's Card and Gift Shop • 211 North Douglas (785) 472-3931 — Robson's is a Hallmark Gold Crown, with a large selection of gifts and office supplies.

WICHITA

Sheplers • 6501 W. Kellogg • (316) 946-3600 Shop the worlds largest western stores and catalog or shop our web site at www.sheplers.com

Lodging

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Abilene Super 8 Motel
2207 N. Buckeye
(785) 263-4545
www.super8.com — Easy access to I-70, children stay free, approximately 2 miles to Old Abilene Town, The Heritage Center and The Eisenhower Center. Clean and friendly atmosphere.



Holiday Inn Express • 110 E. Lafayette Ave. • (785) 263-4049 www.hiexpress.com/abileneks — Holiday Inn Express Hotel is Abilene's newest award winning hotel with indoor heated pool, spa, sauna and fitness center and free breakfast bar.
Victorian Reflections Bed & Breakfast Inn • 820 N.W. 3rd (785) 263-7774 • www.victorianreflections.net — Open year round: Marvel in the Victorian splendor of this 6000 sq.ft. historic show place. Former home of Ike's best friend.
Windmill Inn • 1787 Rain Rd., Chapman, KS • (785) 263-8755 www.access-one.com/windmill — Even a Cowboy needs romance in his life. Featuring romanic lodging and candlelight dining for the toughest hombre.

DODGE CITY

Boot Hill Bed & Breakfast • 603 W. Spruce • (620) 225-7600 Visit www.Boothilldodgecity.com for overnight accommodations in 1924 Mansion. Located on historic Boot Hill. Historical theme.

Comfort Inn • 2000 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd. (620) 338-8700 • www.choicehotels.com On Hwy. 50. Indoor pool, jacuzzi, continental breakfast, including waffles. Group discounts available.

Dodge House Hotel & Convention Center • 2408 West Wyatt Earp (620) 225-9900 • www.dodgehousehotel.com
Holiday Inn Express • 2320 West Wyatt Earp • (620) 227-5000.
www.dodgecityks.hiexpress.com — Complimentary breakfast bar, indoor pool and whirlpool, short distance to many Cowtown attractions.
Super 8 Motel • 1708 West Wyatt Earp • (620) 225-3924 www.dodgecitysuper8.com — Free continental breakfast. Children under 12 stay free, short distance to many Cowtown attractions.

ELLSWORTH

Best Western Garden Prairie Inn • Junction Hwy 156 & 140 1-800-234-4240 for reservations www.bwgardenprairieinn.com King/queen size beds, newly renovated rooms, indoor pool & spa. Continental breakfast. All ground floor.
Ira E. Lloyd House Bed & Breakfast • 1575 Ave. JJ (785) 472-5100 — Historical ranch headquarters of Ira E. Lloyd a prominent Ellsworth attorney and state senator. Truly a step back in time to those great cattle drive days at one of the "End of the Trail Towns."

Dining

ABILENE

Kirby House Restaurant • 205 N.E. 3rd St. • (785) 263-7336 www.grtfood@kirby-house.com — Fine dining restaurant specializing in great steaks, espresso, bar and gift shop.
Mr. K's Farmhouse Restaurant • 407 S. Van Buren • (785) 263-7995 www.angelfire.com/ks3/farmhouse — Country atmosphere restaurant-home cooking.

CALDWELL

Hitchin' Post / Waterin' Hole • 118 S. Main • (620) 845-2360 Featuring: steaks, shrimp, chicken fries, cocktails, home style cookin'. Daily lunch buffet. Breakfast served: Daily 7 a.m.-10 a.m.
Last Chance Bar & Grill • 30 S. Main • (620) 845-2434 Great steaks in Old West atmosphere located in original stone building with vintage tin ceiling.

DODGE CITY

Casey's Cowtown Club • 503 E. Trail • (620) 227-5225 Casey's Cowtown Club specializes in Kansas Steaks and classic American cuisine.
Freight House Restaurant
207 E. Wyatt Earp
(620) 227-6443
Enjoy lunch or fine dining in a restored railroad dining car.



Hitch'n Post
Restaurant • 2524
East Wyatt Earp Blvd.
(620) 338-8888 — Best
breakfast's in town!

ELLSWORTH

Dairy Queen Brazier • Hwy 156 & 140 • (785) 472-4104
Fast food, royal treats, ice cream cakes, blizzards, chicken strip baskets.
Paden's Place Restaurant & Bar • 120 North Douglas (785) 472-3643 — Downtown Ellsworth: Specializing in charbroiled steaks, homemade pies, luncheon specials, cocktails and beer available.

Service

CALDWELL

Kloefkorn's Trailer Park
202 North Main • (620) 845-2708 • www.mfkorn@kanokla.net
Trailer Park - Trailers & RV's welcome. Hookups: water, electricity, sewer.

DODGE CITY

Water Sports Campground & RV Park
500 E. Cherry St. • (620) 225-9003
www.gocampingamerica/watersports. Bed down where the longhorn's did.

Cattle Town Events

For the latest schedule of American Cowboy Events visit our web site at www.kansascattletowns.com

ABILENE
(785) 263-2231 • 800-569-5915
www.heritagecenterdk.com

CALDWELL
(620) 845-2145
www.caldwellkansas.com

DODGE CITY
(620) 225-8186 • 1-800-OLD-WEST
www.visitdodgecity.org

ELLSWORTH
(785) 472-4071
www.cityofellsworth.org

NEWTON
(316) 283-7555 • 800-899-0455
www.infonewtonks.org

WICHITA
(316) 265-2800 • 800-288-9424
www.visitwichita.com

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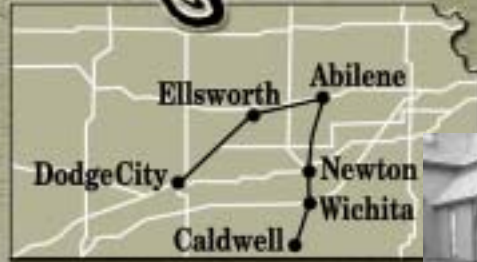
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THE RAIL HEADS
OF THE GREAT
TEXAS CATTLE
TRAILS



TRAVEL GUIDE

A LIVING EXPERIENCE OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY



DAY 1— **Caldwell** was once known as the “Border Queen”. *Historical markers* tell the history of one of the most notorious cowtowns on the Chisholm Trail. Many of the early stone buildings are still in use today. Caldwell’s *Cherokee Strip Museum/Border Queen Museum* features displays depicting pioneer life, the railroad, Cowboys, cattle, and the Cherokee Strip Land Run. South of town, “*Ghost Rider*” silhouettes dramatically mark the Chisholm Trail as it enters Kansas.

Present-day **Wichita** grew from a frontier cattle town to the largest city in Kansas. Celebrate the city’s western heritage at the *Old Cowtown Museum*, an 1870’s living history museum. The *Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum* features a pictorial display of the Chisholm Trail. *Sheplers* is the world’s largest western wear store featuring a vast boot department. An evening of Cowboy entertainment awaits at the *Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Supper*. Enjoy all-you-can-eat barbecue and the songs of the American Cowboy performed by the Prairie Rose Wranglers.

DAY 2 The famous Chisholm Trail leads right into **Newton**. 1871 to 1873 Newton came to be known as “bloody and lawless - the wickedest city in the west”. In 1872, the western terminal for the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway and the railhead for the Chisholm Trail were established in Newton. Western hospitality and the rugged pioneer, spirit live on today... groups can enjoy an authentic western style event, complete with a campfire cooked meal and Cowboy entertainment courtesy of *Country Boys Carriage and Prairie Adventures*. Swales from over a million head of cattle are visible in *Trails Park* at *Kauffman Museum*. The *Warkentin House Museum* and *Harvey County Historical Museum* feature the story of the introduction of wheat to the region, as well as, railroad and Cowboy history. Unique works of Kansas artists can be found at the *Carriage Factory Art Gallery*. Highway 15 leading north from Newton follows the Chisholm Trail.

Take the opportunity to see the prairie up close at the *Maxwell Wildlife Refuge* north of Canton. The prairie blossoms in the spring to reveal a spectacular vista. A narrated tram tour through the 2,000 acres of prairie where both bison and elk roam.

Abilene was the first of the great cattle towns on the Chisholm Trail, with dance halls, gaming rooms, and 32 saloons. Abilene’s history is featured at the *Dickinson County Heritage Center*. A six-mile excursion train offered by the *Smoky Valley Railroad Association* presents an Iron Horse view of the area. *Mr. K’s Farm House Restaurant* sits on the Chisholm Trail. It is famous for its warm hospitality and country-style menu.

DAY 3 Head west to **Ellsworth**, a town that was known as the wickedest town in the west. In 1868, Ellsworth “had a man for breakfast every morning”. The *Ellsworth Historical Plaza Walking Tour* consisting of seventeen interpretive signs, provides an overview of daily life in Ellsworth when Texas drovers paraded their wild Texas Longhorns through the streets. The spirit of the Old West is alive at *Drovers Mercantile*. This 1870’s style enterprise features Cowboy clothing, ladies attire, iron cookware, gifts and books about Cowboys. *Johnny Bingo’s Hats* has a wonderful museum-like interior. Buy a new Cowboy hat or get that old hat cleaned and restored.

Prominent cattletown attorney, Ira E. Lloyd built his ranch headquarters east of Ellsworth. Tours can be scheduled at the *Ira E. Lloyd House Bed & Breakfast*. Become a Cowboy for a day at the *JL Canyon Ranch*, a real working ranch with cattle drives, trail rides or just working around the ranch.

DAY 4 From Ellsworth, follow the Santa Fe Trail to **Dodge City**. The longest running cattletown in Kansas. Cattle were shipped from Dodge City as early as 1874 and continued to be shipped until 1885. Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, and Bat Masterson were just a few famous names that formed Dodge City’s reputation. The *Dodge City Trolley* visits the actual sites where history was made. *Boot Hill Museum* features collections gathered from actual Dodge City businesses and personalities. Order a sarsaparilla over the very same Long Branch bar that the Cowboys leaned on. Gunfights occur on Front Street year around. During the summer, demonstrations, stagecoach rides and the famous Long Branch Saloon Variety Show are all a part of the museum atmosphere. The *Marchel Ranch Wild West Show* combines a chuckwagon dinner with unique western entertainment featuring singers, comedy, horses, cattle and buffalo. At the *Moore Ranch* guests experience ranch life, cattle drives, solitude and nature.



Attractions

ABILENE

American Indian Art Center • 206 S. Buckeye • (785) 263-0090
Kansas’ only totally American Indian produced fine art gallery, gift shop, books and jewelry.
Dickinson County Heritage Center • 412 S. Campbell
(785) 263-2681 • www.heritagecenterdk.com
Visit Abilene and see Wild Bill Hickok’s gun, learn of Joseph McCoy’s cattle plan that gave Abilene a place in history.

CALDWELL

Caldwell Historical Museum • 2 N. Main • (620) 845-2795
Cherokee Strip Center & Border Queen Museum
The Screendoor Gallery • 30 1/2 S. Main • (620) 845-2489
Once an old boarding house, this space has been renovated to an art gallery and studios.

DODGE CITY

Boot Hill Museum Inc.
Front Street • (620) 227-8188 • www.boothill.org
Relive the legend of the Old West at Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City, Kansas.
Dodge City Roundup Rodeo
608 S. 14th Ave. • 1-866-DCRODEO • www.dodgecityroundup.com
Dodge City Roundup PRCA Rodeo, a 2004 ProRodeo Tour rodeo - the Greatest Show on Dirt!
Fort Dodge Museum
E. Hwy 400 • Fort Dodge, KS • (620) 227-2121
Fort Dodge served as a supply depot and operations base against warring Indians from 1865-1882.
Gunfighter’s Wax Museum • 603 5th Avenue • (620) 225-7311
See life size wax figures of famous western personalities.
Home of Stone-Mueller/Schmidt House (1881)
112 E. Vine • (620)-227-6791 • www.wkans.edu/kansas/ford
3-story native limestone house museum. First cattle baron’s mansion in Dodge City.
Kansas Heritage Center
1000 2nd Ave. • (620) 227-1616 • www.ksheritage.org
Resource center for Kansas, Great Plains, Santa Fe Trail, Cattle Trails, and Old West history.
Longhorn Park • US Hwy. 50/56 • (620) 225-8186
www.visitdodgecity.org
The park features a small herd of longhorn cattle commemorating cattle drives of yesteryear.
Marchel Ranch
10873 W. Hwy 50 By Pass • (620) 227-7307 • www.marchelranch.com
The Marchel Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner and Show – “Where the West is Fun”
Moore Ranch
R.R.1 Box 17 • Bucklin, KS • (620) 826-3649 • www.longhorn-cattle.com
A working Longhorn Ranch. Guests experience rigors of ranch life, cattle drives, solitude and nature.
Santa Fe Track Site
W. Hwy. 50/400 • (620) 225-8186 • www.visitdodgecity.org
Tracks of the original wagon trail used by pioneers from 1821-1872

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Historical Plaza Walking Tour
South Main & North Main Streets
(785) 472-4071 • www.cityofellsworth.org
Tour original cattletown business district along Kansas’ first railroad. Tour consists of 17 interpretive signs.

Hodgden House Museum Complex
104 W. South Main • (785) 472-3059
Exhibits of early Ellsworth County history. Starting point for historic walking tour.
J.L. Canyon Ranch
746 28th Road • Brookville, KS • (785) 225-6782
jlcanyonranch@aol.com
Working ranch events; round ups; cattle drivers; hay rack rides; pack trips; trail rides and ranch days.

NEWTON

Carriage Factory Art Gallery & Museum
128 E. 6th • (316) 284-2749 • www.carriagefactoryartgallery.com
This gallery features exhibitions and artworks by Kansas artists...displayed in an 1883 restored “carriage factory” rediscovered by the Newton Fine Arts Association.
Country Boys Carriage and Prairie Adventures
1504 S. Rock Road • (316) 283-2636 • www.kscoveredwagon.com
Provide covered wagon trips, group meals and entertainment. Will host school programs and offer mini-pioneer adventures.
Harvey County Historical Library & Museum
203 N. Main • (316) 283-2221 • www.hchm.org
With the railroad came the cowboys...this museum showcases Newton’s railroad and cattle town days.
Kauffman Museum
27th & N. Main • (316) 283-1612 • www.bethelks.edu/kauffman
A cattleman’s prairie. Chisholm Trail swales, plus indoor exhibits on American Indians and immigrant settlers.
Warkentin House
211 E. 1st • (316) 283-3113 • www.infonewtonks.org/tourism/warkentin.htm
The Victorian home of Bernhard Warkentin, who introduced the hard winter wheat to the area. This was made possible by the arrival of cattle and railroad grants for immigrants.
Maxwell Wildlife Refuge
2565 Pueblo Rd., Canton, KS • (620) 628-4455
www.cyberkraft.com/maxwell
See bison up close (elk in Winter) guided tours, mixed grass prairie dotted with wildflowers.

WICHITA

Old Cowtown Museum
1871 Sim Park Drive • (316) 264-6398 • www.old-cowtown.org
Living history museum depicting life in a Kansas cattletown from 1865 to 1880.
Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Supper & Hopalong Cassidy Museum
15231 SW Parallel Rd. • Benton, KS • (316) 778-2121
• www.prairierosechuckwagon.com
State of Kansas’ largest all Cowboy Chuckwagon supper, Western stage show and tourist attraction. Includes wagon and train rides, (3) Western movie theaters, (4) mercantiles, RV park, recreational area, Chapel and more.
Wichita Art Museum
1400 West Museum Boulevard • (316) 268-4921
www.wichitaartmuseum.org
Among the Museums 6,000 works of art are paintings, drawings and sculpture by famous cowboy artist Charles M. Russell.
Wichita/Sedgwick County Historical Museum
204 South Main St. • (316) 265-9314 • www.wichitahistory.org
A museum of Wichita and Sedgwick County history located in Wichita’s 1892 City Hall.