



Historic Weaver Hotel, Opera House and Depot Museum
(photo courtesy City of Waterville)

TOPEKA

...Kansas Begins Here.

Since its inception in 1854, **Topeka** has played a national role in the fight for freedom. From John Brown's battle for the abolition of slavery – a prelude to the Civil War – to the historic 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision that paved the way for desegregation in America's public schools. Come explore the capital city of Kansas, home to 20 first-class attractions, 14 art galleries, five performing arts facilities, established annual events, delectable dining and unique shopping.

Step back in time and experience Kansas history at several first-class attractions, including the Kansas Museum of History, the Kansas State Capitol, *Brown v. Board of Education* National Historic Site & Museum, the Combat Air Museum and **The Great Overland Station**. Old Prairie Town, one of **Topeka's** best kept secrets, features a pioneer village complete with two and a half acres of botanical gardens and a working soda

fountain! Don't miss an evening performance at Topeka Civic Theatre, the oldest continuously-operating dinner theater in the country! Both dinner and non-dinner shows are available.

For the outdoor enthusiast, **Topeka** is home to the Lake Shawnee Recreational Area and Gage Park, featuring Reinisch Rose Garden, a carousel and mini-train, and the Topeka Zoo. For the racing enthusiast, Heartland Park hosts numerous drag, road course, and dirt track and cycling events from March through October.

Topeka hosts many unique annual events featuring entertainment and fun for everyone, including Kansas Lavender, Fiesta Mexicana, the Inter-tribal Powwow, and the Huff-N-Puff Hot Air Balloon Rally.

Topeka, the capital of Kansas, is conveniently located on I-70 and I-35, and only 59 miles from Kansas City International Airport. For information about **Topeka** hotels, attractions and events, log on to www.visitTopeka.travel or phone (800) 235-1030.

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WATERVILLE

Waterville was established in 1867 as a pioneer town at the end of the railroad and beside the Little Blue River. When the railroad decided to extend West exactly 100 miles from Atchinson, KS, the site for the city was determined. It was named by William Osborne, a railroad superintendent, for his hometown of Waterville, New York.

As an "end of the line" town, **Waterville** served as a supply center for the area and as a shipping center for livestock, grain and other local products. It also accommodated travelers in several hotels. As churches and schools were built, this rowdy cowtown took on a more serene and gracious tone. Soon, many new homes and businesses were established.

Through the years, **Waterville** has cherished and cared for many of these features while keeping pace with the times. Today, you will find the Victorian homes, the railroad station and many other historic buildings along tree lined streets. Come discover other secrets of **Waterville**: two museums, a new community center, a nine hole golf course, a public swimming pool, lighted tennis courts, beautiful Lake Idlewild one mile North of town, two lighted ball fields, a modern school system and a relaxed place where friendly people still have time to listen to the serenity.

For more information please contact the **Waterville Chamber of Commerce** at (785) 363-2515 or visit our web site at www.watervillekansas.com

WICHITA

*Choices Make Wichita Great
Place To Live, Work, Play*

The largest city in Kansas offers a myriad of choices – especially if you're looking for a great city to live, work and play. **Wichita** has something for everyone.

The 44-foot-tall "Keeper of the Plains," standing at the confluence of the Big and Little Arkansas Rivers, beckons residents and visitors to learn about **Wichita's** heritage while it pays tribute to the Native

Americans who inhabited the region before the arrival of settlers. Thirty-five museums allow visitors to immerse themselves in all aspects of **Wichita**.

Re-live the city's early days at Old Cowtown Museum, complete with a chuckwagon supper and cowboy songs from the Diamond W Wranglers. Experience modern, hands-on science and national traveling exhibits at Exploration Place. The Kansas Aviation Museum chronicles **Wichita's** evolution into the "Air Capital of the World." Aviation is the area's largest industry; with 42 percent of the general aviation aircraft worldwide manufactured here.

Wichita has entertainment and cultural attractions, shopping, and dining options that rival other metropolitan areas of its size. The Old Town red-brick warehouse district in downtown **Wichita** undergoes a daily metamorphosis. The area full of day jobs transforms into the centerpiece of our city's nightlife. The nightclubs offer a variety of music to please all souls – rock, jazz, country, blues and reggae – within easy walking distances. And it's an area where people want to live in loft apartments and condominiums. The American Planning Association calls Old Town one of the "Top 10 Great Neighborhoods for 2008."

The menus offered by more than 1,000 area restaurants make it possible to take a culinary trip around the world without leaving **Wichita**.

Area shopping choices will please the sophisticate as well as the antique hunter. Regional shopping hot spots, such as Towne East Square, Towne West Square, Bradley Fair and NewMarket Square feature major national retailers and serve as regional shopping destinations. At the other end of the spectrum are distinct areas of eclectic shops holding hidden treasures in off-the-beaten-path locations including Clifton Square and Lincoln Heights Village in the College Hill area.

Great Place

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"The Keeper of the Plains" is a favorite family destination (photo courtesy Steve Crecelius/Go Wichita CVB)

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With 34 golf courses, 35 art galleries and 24 attractions, it's easy to create a vacation without leaving the city limits. Our golf courses host professional and amateur national championships. Cultural offerings run the gamut and include Music Theatre of Wichita, the Wichita Symphony, Wichita Grand Opera and Crown Uptown Professional Dinner Theatre with schedules featuring internationally known

artists and productions.

Take a few minutes and drive around **Wichita**, and you'll see a growing city. The 15,000-seat Intrust Bank Arena is under construction and scheduled to open in early 2010. The next phase of the WaterWalk, next to the Arkansas River, is scheduled to open this year. The Sedgwick County Zoo opened its newest exhibit, the Slawson Family Tiger Trek, featuring Amur and Malayan tigers in a naturalistic habitat.

And living in **Wichita** won't break the bank. The city topped

"Forbes Magazine Online's" list of most affordable cities in the Midwest. It also ranked No. 3 on AAA's list of most affordable cities to visit in the United States. That means your money goes farther and allows you to enjoy more of what our city has to offer.

Take your time and look around. You'll like what you see and you'll find reasons to stay for a lifetime. For more information, go online at www.gowichita.com or call (800) 288-9424.

WINFIELD

Located in the rolling hills of southeast Kansas and edging the Kansas Flint Hills, **Winfield** is home to excellent restaurants, extraordinary outdoor recreation, exciting history, exceptional shopping, fantastic education

including Southwestern College, and the internationally known Walnut Valley Festival. With an inspiring view of the prairie, the natural landscape introduces visitors to the magnificence of the Flint Hills. The Cowley County seat boasts 12,500 residents and during the school year over 1,000 additional students call **Winfield** home. **Winfield** is situated just off Interstate 35, 45 minutes south of Wichita.

If you would like to plan a tour of our city, experience the history of our area or need assistance with planning a meeting, reunion or camping event, contact the **Winfield** Convention and Tourism professionals. We will be glad to assist with your plans! Call (620) 221-2421 or e-mail us at tourism@winfieldpartners.org



The Sedgwick County Zoo's new Asian tiger exhibit opens in 2009 (photo courtesy Sedgwick County Zoo)



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