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KEARNEY

NEBRASKA















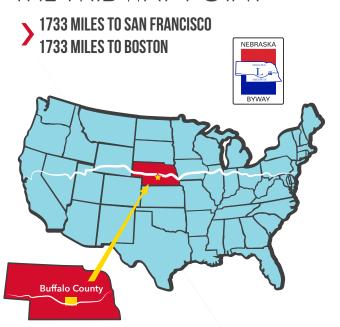
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>>> KEARNEY COMMUNITY

Kearney is home to over 30,000 residents who appreciate the small town lifestyle and urban amenities. It is home to the University of Nebraska at Kearney, several cultural and recreational attractions, unique shopping and dining experiences, exceptional schools, two regional medical centers and numerous corporate headquarters.

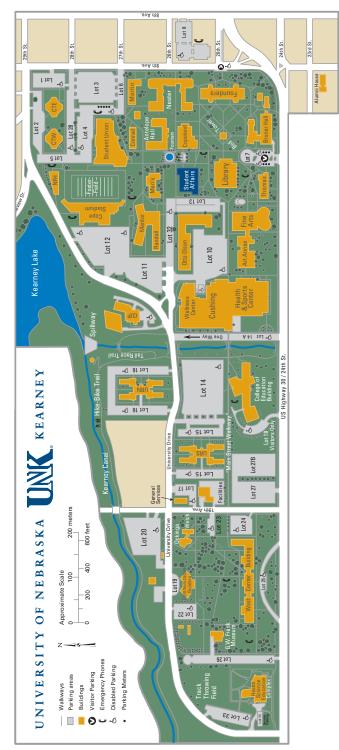
THE MIDWAY POINT



APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIME FROM KEARNEY:

DES MOINES, IA	4.5 HOURS
OMAHA, NE	3 HOURS
LINCOLN, NE	2 HOURS
OGALLALA, NE	2 HOURS

DENVER, CO......5 HOURS
CHEYENNE, WY.........4.5 HOURS
KANSAS CITY, KS......5 HOURS
SALINA, KS......3.5 HOURS



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY——





905 W. 25th Street **f o y n n n** 800-537-7639





unk.edu

The University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) is a student centered regional hub of intellectual, cultural and artistic excellence that has been a prominent part of Nebraska's higher education landscape since 1905.

UNK offers opportunities of a major public university with 7,100 students from across the state, country and world. Over 170 organizations, active performing arts and competitive athletics create an enriching environment. Ranked a "Top 10 Public Regional University" in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report.



UNK Athletics offers you a great opportunity to experience NCAA Division II collegiate athletics at its best. THe Lopers are proud members of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA). For more information visit lopers.com. Be a part of the herd!

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Monday - Friday......8:00am - 5:00pm Saturday......9:00am - 5:00pm (Sundays 1:00pm-4:00pm during crane season)

> visitkearney.org 800-652-9434 / 308-237-3178 1007 2nd Ave / PO BOX 607 Kearney, NE 68848-0607









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*** ATTRACTIONS**

THE ARCHWAY -



3060 E. 1st Street 308-237-1000 877-511-2724 archway.org









The Archway is a unique, award-winning attraction that any age can enjoy. Covering 170 years of history, The Archway immerses you in the stories of millions of Americans and immigrants that traveled along the Great Platte River Road. Don't miss out on the history that shows the creation of a nation in meticulous detail that is sure to create lasting memories!







¥ MINDEN

MINDEN OPERA HOUSE





322 East 5th Street Minden, NE 68959 308-832-0588 mindenoperahouse.com







PIONEER VILLAGE





138 East Hwy 6 Minden, NE 68959 800-445-4447 pioneervillage.com



BUFFALO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



3807 Avenue N 308-236-1201 buffalocountyfairgrounds.com



VIAERO EVENT CENTER





609 Platte Road 308-338-8144 - Box Office: 308-338-8011 kearnevevents.net



Kearney is host to numerous events throughout the year ranging from concerts, USHL Hockey, agricultural and farm shows and much more.

YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER

416 W. Talmadge Road 308-234-7300 younes.com



The Younes Conference Center is the largest conference center between Omaha and Denver.





3600 East Hwy 30 308-234-1964 ccckearney.com













One of the best public car attraction between Chicago and Denver that includes nearly 200 vintage automobiles from the early 1900's to the 1990's. The attraction includes video and multi-media displays throughout. The collection is housed in a 50,000 square foot space on the east side of Cabela's. The Classic Car Collection was created to house automobiles donated by Bernie and Janice Taulborg.





*** ATTRACTIONS**

IAIN NICOLSON AUDUBON CENTER AT ROWE SANCTUARY



44450 Elm Island Rd. Gibbon, NE 68840 308-468-5282 rowe.audubon.org









The Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary is known as one of the premier destinations in North America for bird watchers and nature lovers alike. The Audubon Center is a straw bale structure that has a gift shop and educational displays. Guided trips are offered during March and April to view the Sandhill Cranes from observation blinds on the banks of the Platte River.

>>> SANDHILL CRANE MIGRATION



Each spring from late February to early April, the great Sandhill Crane Migration happens in the heart of Nebraska. More than 600,000 Sandhill Cranes converge on Nebraska's Platte River. The Sandhill Cranes fly from southern wintering grounds to northern breeding grounds in Canada, Alaska and Siberia. They stop along the Platte to rest and gain body fat as they prepare for their journey. Fossils dating back to nine million years have been discovered in Nebraska. Other wildlife such as Whooping Cranes, eagles, ducks, geese and shorebirds also migrate through Central Nebraska during this time. It is an enchanting sight and one that can only be truly appreciated in person. Call 800-652-9435 to recieve our annual Crane Watch brochure. /

MERRYMAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



225 West 22nd Street 308-698-8052 merrymancenter.org





THE WORLD THEATRE



2318 Central Ave. 308-234-8046 theworldtheatre.org





*** THEATRES/VENUES**

CRANE RIVER THEATER





2202 Central Avenue Suite 7 (Office) (308) 627-5796 cranerivertheater.org

Crane River Theater Company performs at a multitude of venues around town. Visit their website for scheduled performances.

COMMUNITY THEATRE



83 Plaza Blvd. 308-234-1529 kearneycommunitytheatre.com





▼FORT KEARNY STATE HISTORICAL PARK



1020 V Road (Hwy 50A)
Kearney, NE
308-865-5305
outdoornebraska.gov/fortkearny
Open Memorial Day through Labor Day
8:00am - 5:00pm

FORT KEARNY RECREATION AREA

1020 V Rd. (Hwy 50A) and Road 30, Kearney, NE 308-865-5305 outdoornebraska.gov/fortkearny

The Recreation Area has 152 acres of outdoor beaches and areas for swimming, fishing, camping and picnicking. It also includes a 1.4 mile hike bike trail and bridges. It is also a main viewing site during the annual Crane Watch.



¥ ATTRACTIONS

FORT KEARNEY MUSEUM AND GLASS BOTTOM BOAT RIDES



131 South Central Ave 308-234-5200 Open Memorial Day through Labor Day Thursday - Sunday



G.W. FRANK MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE —







2010 University Drive (West Hwy 30) University of Nebraska at Kearney 308-865-8284 frank.unk.edu

CENTRAL NEBRASKA LAKES & OUTDOOR RECREATION

Central Nebraska's expanse of parks, lakes and reservoirs provide a vast assortment of recreation such as fishing, boating and much more. For more information on area recreation, please contact the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission at 308-865-5310 or visit outdoornebraska.gov.



- CALAMUS RESERVOIR

 STATE RECREATION AREA

 100 miles north of Kearney
- ELWOOD RESERVOIR 50 miles west of Kearney
- HARLAN COUNTY RESERVOIR
 60 miles south of Kearney
- JOHNSON LAKE 45 miles west of Kearney
- SHERMAN RESERVOIR

 STATE RECREATION AREA

 50 miles north of Kearney



§ GOLF COURSES

CHAMPIONSHIP 18-HOLE COURSES

- AWARII DUNES592 S Road, Axtell308-743-1111 awariidunes.com
- KEARNEY COUNTRY CLUB 2800 29th Avenue 308-234-3151 kearneycountryclub.com
- MEADOWLARK HILLS
 3300 30th Avenue
 308-233-3265 meadowlarkhillsgolf.com
- PRAIRIE HILLS
 21400 Clubhouse Drive, Pleasanton
 308-388-5115 prairiehillsgc.com



9-HOLE/PAR 3 EXECUTIVE COURSES

- BUFFALO RIDGE 7335 Avenue N 308-236-5879 buffaloridgegc.com
- ELKS COUNTRY (Foot Golf available)
 2635 E. 103rd Street
 308-238-0760 elkscountrygolf.com
- GIBBON VALLEY VIEW 14155 Pawnee Rd, Gibbon 308-468-5884 cityofgibbon.org
- MINDEN16 street North Hwy 10, Minden308-832-1965 mindennebraska.org
- RAVENNA1117 Alba Ave, Ravenna308-452-3150 myravenna.com

₹MUSEUM OF NEBRASKA ART







2401 Central Avenue 308-865-8559 mona.unk.edu



NEBRASKA FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM

2434 East 1st Street 308-338-FIRE (3473) nebraskafirefightersmuseum.org









*** ATTRACTIONS**

TRAILS AND RAILS MUSEUM BUFFALO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY





710 West 11th St. 308-234-3041 bchs.us





WHILE VISITING KEARNEY, BE SURE TO CHECK OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT VISITKEARNEY.ORG!



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KEARNEY VISITORS BUREAU

You KEARNEY VISITORS BUREAU

KEARNEY PARK & RECREATION

Kearney has 18 parks with beautiful amenities including: lakes, trails, athletic fields and courts, amphitheaters, picnic shelters, two public swimming pools, disc golf courses and flower gardens.

2005 1st Avenue 308-237-4644 cityofkearney.org



- CENTENNIAL PARK & POOL 700 W. 11th Street
- COTTONMILL PARK 2797 Cottonmill Avenue
- HARMON PARK & POOL 3100 5th Avenue
- PATRIOT PARK (Baseball/Softball complex) 5500 Cherry Avenue
- YANNEY PARK 2020 W. 11th Street





KEARNEY WATER TRAIL

kearneywhitewater.org

The Kearney Water Trail is an easy float of 2.3 miles with public access points at the northeast corner of Yanney Park off 11th Street and along Central Avenue behind Midway Auto.

HIKE/BIKE TRAIL

The Kearney Hike/Bike Trail extends over 24 miles throughout Kearney. The trail connects parks, schools, attractions and businesses.

⊗ CAMPGROUNDS



- BUFFALO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 3807 Ave. N, Kearney, NE 68847 308-236-1201 -50 units, pull through site, 20/30 amps available, water, dump/sewer
- FORT KEARNY STATE RECREATION AREA 1020 V Road (Hwy 50 A) Kearney, NE 68847 308-865-5305
 - -110 units, pull through site, 20/30/50 amps available, water, dump/sewer, showers, playground
- KEARNEY RV PARK & CAMPGROUND 1140 E. 1st Street, Kearney, NE 68847 308-237-7275 kearneyrv.com -75 units, pull through site, 20/30/50 amps available,
- SUNNY MEADOWS CAMPGROUND 2005 US Hwy 183, Elm Creek, NE 68836 308-440-4541
 - -43 units, pull through site, 20/30/50 amps available, laundry, water, dump/sewer, showers, wi-fi, playground

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- WINDMILL STATE RECREATION ARFA I-80 Exit 285, Gibbon, NE 68840 308-468-5700
 - -70 units, pull through site, 20/30/50 amps available, water, dump/sewer, showers, playground
- UNION PACIFIC STATE RECREATION AREA I-80 Exit 263, Odessa, NE 68840

FAMILY FUN



BIG APPLE FUN CENTER

500 West 4th Street 308-234-4545 bigapplefuncenter.com





KEARNEY AREA -CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

5827 4th Avenue 308-698-2228 kearneychildrensmuseum.org









SHOPPING SHOPPING

CABELA'S



3600 East Hwy 30 308-234-3933 cabelas.com/kearney





DOWNTOWN KEARNEY "THE BRICKS"



Central Avenue, Downtown Kearney 308-708-9004 downtownkearney.com

HILLTOP MALL



5011 North 2nd Avenue 308-236-9798 shophilltopmall.com

AREA LODGING





- ROYAL INN
 I-80 Exit 257 and Hwy 183, Elm Creek
 308-856-4652, 49 Rooms
- COUNTRY CABIN
 Southeast of Kearney 7 miles
 308-440-1045, cabin and guesthouse available
 vacationhomerentals.com
- COUNTRY INN & ANTIQUES I-80 Exit 285, Gibbon 308-468-5256, 20 rooms
- CEDAR HILLS GUESTHOUSE (Bed & Breakfast)48970 375th Rd., Ravenna, NE 68869 308-452-3181
- BURCHELL'S WHITE HILL FARMHOUSE (Bed & Breakfast)
 1578 30th Rd., Minden, NE 68959
 308-832-1323, burchellfarmhouseinn.com
- OLDFATHER GUESTHOUSE (Bed & Breakfast)
 V RD. and 22 RD., Kearney, NE 68847 308-237-2896, oldfatherquesthouse.com