

SCENIC BYWAYS Etiquette

Kansas scenic byways are to be enjoyed by everyone.

Please help us preserve this beautiful land by not picking the flowers and native grasses, and by not straying onto private land.

Of course, please do not litter.

This magnificent scenic land is home to many Kansas residents who welcome you to their communities, shops, and restaurants.

Please respect their privacy by not photographing cowboys or their families.

Stay out of the way of cattle drives.

Do not climb fences or gates.

And please, help keep everyone safe by obeying posted speed limits.

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Enjoy Kansas Scenic Byways!

A bird's-eye view

Birds are so ever-present that we sometime don't notice them! What do they say to each other, why do some sit on power lines, what does the color of a beak tell you, and why do birds have feathers anyway? After you read this fun booklet we hope you'll see all birds differently as you drive Kansas Scenic Byways!

Eagle eye!

On average, a bird's eyesight is two to three times sharper than a human's. In fact, of all the animals with backbones, birds have the best eyesight! Some raptors can even sight small prey more than a mile away. Eagles have an elongated eye shape that increases the sharpness of the images they see. From a mile up, migrating birds can see a radius of 39 miles!



They aren't color blind!

Birds have color vision, even though most mammals (excluding primates) see the world in black and white. It's not surprising that birds tend to be colorful whereas most mammals are not!



Red-tailed hawks have a 48" to 53" wingspan and are one of the larger hawks in Kansas. They soar high in the air watching for prey. They are the large hawks you usually see on telephone poles.

Listen for their two to three second scream when they are soaring.