



# KANSAS

## FRONTIER MILITARY

### Scenic Byway

#### The Natural Beauty of the Byway

You'll find beautiful parks and scenic vistas along the Byway including the Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Area and the Frontier Military Scenic Byway Rest Area. Migrating waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds and bald eagles can often be seen without leaving the roadway.



Overland Park Arboretum

This listing includes attractions in the immediate vicinity of the Frontier Military Scenic Byway. Many other attractions are within short driving distances. For more information about the Frontier Military Scenic Byway and area attractions, contact:

- Crawford County Convention & Visitors Bureau 800-879-1112
- Fort Scott Visitor Information Center 800-245-3678
- Leavenworth Convention & Visitors Bureau 800-844-4114
- Lenexa Convention & Visitors Bureau 800-950-7867
- Merriam Visitors Bureau 866-707-6534
- Olathe Convention & Visitors Bureau 800-921-5678
- Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau 800-262-7275
- Ksbyways.org 800-684-6966

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Buffalo Soldier Monument at Fort Leavenworth

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## FRONTIER MILITARY AREA MAP

### Points of Interest Near the Byway

#### Leavenworth County

- Buffalo Soldier Monument
- Carroll Mansion
- C.W. Parker Carousel Museum
- Frontier Army Museum
- Lansing Historical Museum
- Leavenworth County Courthouse
- Veterans' Administration
- National Cemetery

#### Wyandotte County

- National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame
- Wyandotte County Lake Park
- Wyandotte County Museum

#### Johnson County

- Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead
- Grinter Place State Historic Site
- Legler Barn Museum and Lenexa Railroad Depot
- Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm Historic Site
- Merriam Historic Plaza
- Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens
- Pioneer Crossing Park
- Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site
- Shawnee Town

#### Miami County

- Hillsdale State Park
- John Brown State Historic Site and Adair Cabin
- Louisburg-Middle Creek State Fishing Lake
- Miami County Historical Museum
- Miami State Fishing Lake
- Oswatomie History & Missouri-Pacific Railroad Museum

#### Linn County

- LaCygne Lake and Wildlife Area
- Linn County Museum and Genealogy Library
- Marais des Cygnes Massacre State Historic Site
- Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge
- Marais des Cygnes Wildlife Area
- Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site
- Trading Post Museum

#### Bourbon County

- 1872 Congregational Church
- Fort Scott National Historic Site
- Gordon Parks Center at Fort Scott Community College
- Gordon Parks Exhibit at Mercy Hospital
- Old Fort Genealogical Society
- US National Cemetery

#### Crawford County

- Crawford State Park and Civilian Conservation Corps Memorial
- Hotel Stilwell
- Immigrant Park
- Pittsburg State University Veterans Memorial Amphitheater
- Scotty's Classic Car Museum

#### Cherokee County

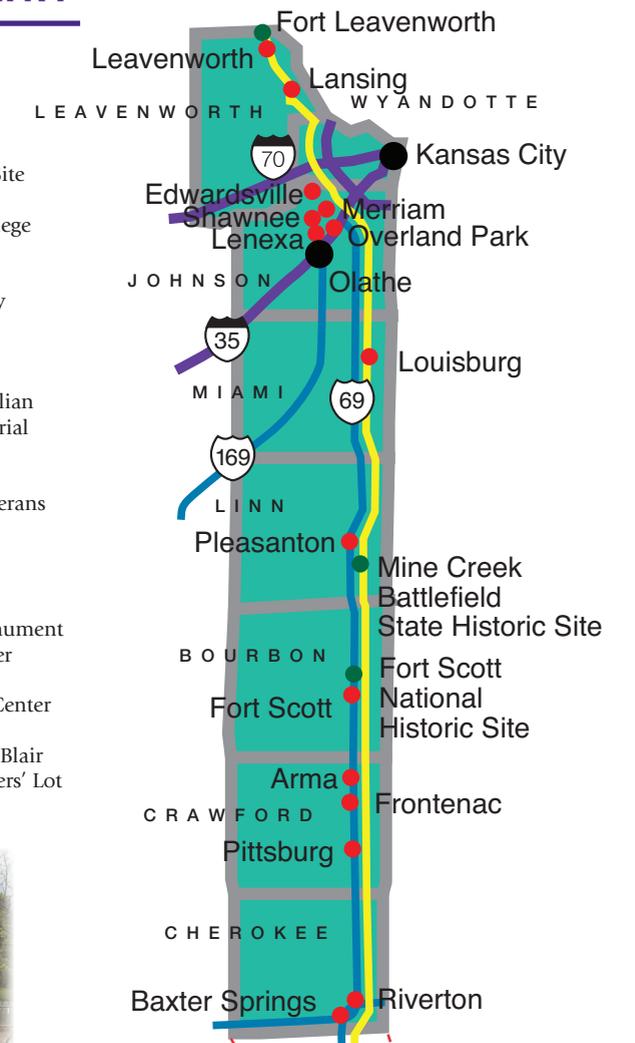
- Baxter Springs Civil War Monument
- Baxter Springs Heritage Center and Museum
- Historic Route 66 Welcome Center
- Mined Land Wildlife Areas
- Reconstructed Civil War Fort Blair
- US National Cemetery, Soldiers' Lot



Shawnee Indian Mission



Adair Cabin





Fort Scott National Historic Site

Pioneer Crossing



# A Way to Inspire Your Imagination

**B**ourbon County is home to one of the 12 original National Cemeteries established by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862. The Fort Scott National Historic Site and the adjoining Fort Scott Historic Downtown sweep you back in time.

Hotel Stilwell, built in 1889-1890, is found in Pittsburg (Crawford County). Guests of the historic Romanesque Revival structure include William Jennings Bryan, Eugene Debs, Susan B. Anthony and Theodore Roosevelt.

Baxter Springs in Cherokee County is the site of a Civil War monument memorializing soldiers killed in the Quantrill Raid on October 6, 1863.

# Travel Fort to Fort, Past to Present



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Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery

**T**he Frontier Military Scenic Byway is a 168-mile ribbon of history across the Kansas landscape within the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. Originally built to move soldiers and supplies, the Military Trail has watched American history unfold.

At the north end, the Byway begins in Leavenworth County near Fort Leavenworth, a National Historic Landmark. Established in 1827, the Fort is the oldest Army fort in continuous commission west of the Mississippi River.

Heading south along the route is Wyandotte County, home to Grinter Place. In 1831, Moses Grinter began operation of the first river ferry on the Kansas River, used by the military and by westward migrants.

**F**urther along you'll find the Johnson County Museum which explores life in Johnson County since the 1820's. Legend has it that the Legler Barn Museum, built in the early 1860's, sheltered Quantrill and Jesse James on their infamous raids.

The Adair Cabin in Miami County was a frequent stop for noted abolitionist John Brown. The cabin now houses the John Brown Museum.

In Linn County the Marais des Cygnes Massacre Park and Mine Creek Battlefield are Kansas Historic Sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places commemorating incidents from the turbulent times of Bleeding Kansas (1855-1860) and the Civil War (1861-1865).



Re-enactors at Fort Scott