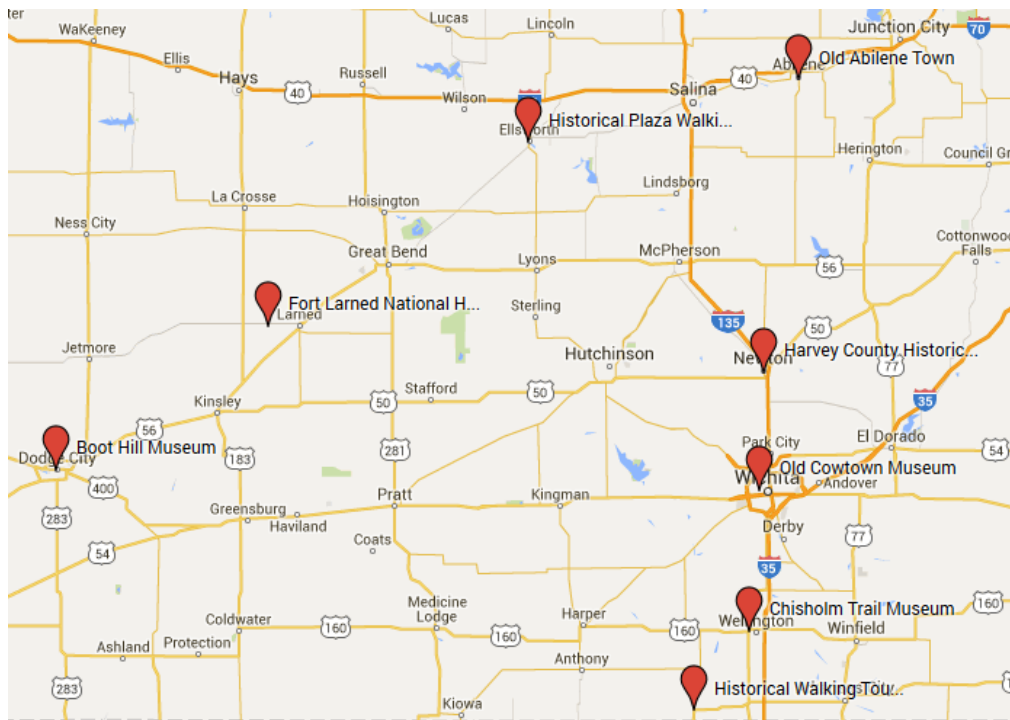




## Hats, Boots & Spurs Yellow Brick Road Trip

The larger-than-life cowboy legends of the Old West were born on the frontier plains and in the cattle towns of Kansas. Wichita grew from a cattle town to the largest city in the state and few towns capture the spirit of the American cowboy like Dodge City. The Old West still lives in Kansas as we keep the cowboy culture alive year-round!

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| <p><b>1. Cattle Drive Historical Walking Tour</b><br/>102 S Main, Caldwell<br/>(620) 845-2145<br/><a href="#">Website</a></p> | <p><b>5. Old Abilene Town</b><br/>100 SE 5<sup>th</sup> St, Abilene<br/>(785) 263-1868<br/><a href="#">Website</a></p>          |
| <p><b>2. Chisholm Trail Museum</b><br/>502 N Washington, Caldwell<br/>(620) 326-3820<br/><a href="#">Website</a></p>          | <p><b>6. Historical Plaza Walking Tour</b><br/>104 SW Main, Ellsworth<br/>(785) 472-3059<br/><a href="#">Website</a></p>        |
| <p><b>3. Old Cowtown Museum</b><br/>1865 W Museum Blvd, Wichita<br/>(316) 219-1871<br/><a href="#">Website</a></p>            | <p><b>7. Fort Larned National Historic Site*</b><br/>1767 KS Hwy 156, Larned<br/>(620) 285-6911<br/><a href="#">Website</a></p> |
| <p><b>4. Harvey County Historical Museum</b><br/>203 N Main, Newton<br/>(316) 283-2221<br/><a href="#">Website</a></p>        | <p><b>8. Boot Hill Museum*</b><br/>500 W Wyatt Earp Blvd, Dodge City<br/>(620) 227-8188<br/><a href="#">Website</a></p>         |



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## Caldwell

### 1. **Cattle Drive Historical Markers**

Relive Cowtown days via 19 historical markers located throughout Caldwell with true stories of the Old West along self-guided walking tour.

*Looking for more unique opportunities in Caldwell? May we recommend:*

#### **Border Queen Museum**

5 S Main, Caldwell  
(620) 845-2975

Features display Caldwell's early days as a "wild and wooly" Cowtown along the Chisholm Trail as well as memorabilia from early day businesses and Caldwell's Czech heritage.

#### **Ghost Riders Silhouettes**

412 N Webb, Caldwell  
(620) 845-6666

[Website](#)

These "Ghosts" will remind you of the great cattle drives from 1866 to 1886, when millions of Texas longhorn cattle were driven through on their way to legendary railheads.

#### **Richards' Last Chance Bar & Grill**

30 S Main, Caldwell  
(620) 845-2434

[Website](#)

Great steaks in an Old West atmosphere located in original stone building with vintage tin ceiling. Voted as Best Saloon in Kansas by TrueWest Magazine.

## Wellington

### 2. **Chisholm Trail Museum**

Across the street from the Sumner County Court House, the Chisholm Trail Museum contains over 40 rooms filled with 20,000 plus artifacts and pictures, which include antique furniture and items brought to the area by early pioneer wagons and cowboys traveling the Chisholm Trail.

*Looking for more unique opportunities in Wellington? May we recommend:*

#### **National Depression Glass Association Museum**

117 S Washington, Wellington  
(620) 524-1553

[Website](#)

Over 18,000 pieces of beautiful American made glassware dating from 1800s to 1970s.

#### **Rocco's Little Italy**

107 W Harvey, Wellington  
(620) 359-1706

[Website](#)

Nestled downtown, Rocco's combines Old World cuisine with simple, straight-forward recipes with a focus on locally grown ingredients.

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## Wichita

### 3. Old Cowtown Museum

Experience what life was like in an evolving cattle town of the 1870s. Take a wagon ride, stop by the Saloon and drink a sarsaparilla, watch a gunfight in the street, hear the ring of the blacksmith anvil, dress up and take old-time photos and visit the humble home of the Wichita's founder, Darius Munger. Be sure to stop at the home of Marshall Murdock, who single-handedly promoted the town through his newspaper.

*Looking for more unique opportunities in or near Wichita? May we recommend:*

#### **Hatman Jack's Hat Works**

601 W Douglass, Wichita  
(316) 264-4881

[Website](#)

Hatman Jack is known by residents and visitors alike as the hat expert. Whether a top hat or 10-gallon Stetson, he can get you the right hat.

#### **Prairie Rose Chuckwagon Supper**

15231 NW Parallel St, Wichita  
(316) 778-2121

[Website](#)

A memorable western experience, the Prairie Rose serves its lip smacking' all-you-can-eat BBQ & topnotch talent on weekends

#### **Sheplers**

6501 W Kellogg, Wichita  
(316) 946-3600

[Website](#)

Try on a pair of boots or get completely outfitted at the world's largest western wear store.

#### **Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum**

204 S Main St, Wichita  
(316) 265-9314

[Website](#)

In the heart of downtown Wichita, exhibits embody the area's vibrant history from its settlement in the 1860s to the era of aviation and electric guitars.

## Newton

### 4. Harvey County Historical Museum

With the railroad came the cowboys...this museum showcases Newton's railroad and cattle town days. Located in Newton's historic Carnegie Library building, the museum offers two floors of exhibits, an extensive research library, an 1873 one-room school house and a gift shop.

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### **Historic Newton Downtown Walking Tour**

[Website](#)

Discover how Newton became one of the most notorious and violent towns from the cattle business in its one-year reign as a prominent cattle town.

### **Kaufmann Museum**

27<sup>th</sup> & North Main, North Newton

(316) 283-1612

[Website](#)

See the swales from more than 1 million head of cattle that are still visible in Trails Park.

### **Prairie Harvest**

601 N. Main, Newton

(316) 283-6623

[Website](#)

Prairie Harvest offers a wide selection of Kansas-made products, healthful whole foods and more in their retail store. They also offer a wonderful bakery and deli with homemade foods perfect for a lunch stop.

## **Abilene**

### **5. Old Abilene Town**

Once known as a “wild and wooly” Cowtown, Abilene as it was in the 1860’s is depicted in this mass of buildings, some dating back to the 1850’s, others reconstructed with a “period” look. During the summer season, you can learn about cowboys, witness gunfights with the infamous Wild Bill Hickok, or watch a performance of the Can-Can girls in the Old Alamo Saloon.

*Looking for more unique opportunities in Abilene? May we recommend:*

### **Abilene & Smoky Valley Excursion Train**

200 SE 5<sup>th</sup>, Abilene

(785) 263-1077

[Website](#)

Historic diesel train and restored #3415 steam engine providing excursion rides, dinner trains, charters, school field trips and Silver Flyer Railbus excursion.

### **Brookville Hotel\***

105 E Lafayette, Abilene

(785) 263-2244

[Website](#)

World Famous Family Style Fried Chicken Dinners with all the trimmings - served since 1870. Brookville Hotel traces its roots back to the 1870s, when the railroad spread its tracks across the prairie to meet the expected rush of longhorn cattle from Texas along the Chisholm Trail.

### **Dickinson County Heritage Center**

412 S Campbell St, Abilene

(785) 263-2681

[Website](#)

Discover the history of the wild frontier, the days of Tom Smith and Wild Bill Hickok, and the wild and woolly days of the cattle drives to Abilene at the end of the Chisholm Trail.

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### **Seelye Mansion & Patent Medicine Museum\***

1105 N Buckeye Ave, Abilene

(785) 263-1084

[Website](#)

This 25 room Georgian mansion, built in 1905 by A.B. Seelye, a patent medicine entrepreneur, contains its original furnishings, purchased by the Seelye's at the 1904 World's Fair.

## **Ellsworth**

### **6. Historical Plaza Walking Tour**

Known as the wickedest town in the west. This walking tour covers the original plaza of this Kansas cattle town known as "End of the Trail." To enable visitors to experience this special western aura, 17 authentic frontier silhouettes and interpretive signs provide an overview of daily life on the Ellsworth Plaza.

*Looking for more unique opportunities in Ellsworth? May we recommend:*

#### **C & R Old West Trading Post**

123 N Douglas Ave, Ellsworth

(785) 472-3919

[Website](#)

Stop by for an authentic shopping experience. From Antiques to Western wear for men, women and children, the Trading Post has it.

#### **Pretty Boy Floyd's Steaks & Shine**

210 N Douglas, Ellsworth

(785) 472-2183

[Website](#)

Enjoy dinner in a unique environment underground in a 30's inspired restaurant. Beef, seafood and so much more.

## **Larned**

### **7. Fort Larned National Historic Site\***

Built in the 1860s to protect travelers on the Santa Fe Trail, Fort Larned is considered one of the best remaining examples of an Indian Wars era frontier military post. The fort has been meticulously restored and consists of nine original buildings and a reconstructed blockhouse. More than 40 interior rooms are restored and furnished in the style of the period. Living history programs in May and September provide a glimpse into life on a frontier fort.

*Looking for more unique opportunities near Larned? May we recommend:*

#### **Santa Fe Trail Center**

1349 K-156 Hwy, Larned

(620) 285-2054

[Website](#)

Nine building complex tells the story of the Santa Fe Trail which blended Indian, Mexican & American cultures & the story of settlement in Central Kansas.

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## Dodge City

### 8. **Boot Hill Museum\***

This must-do experience interprets Dodge City life in 1876 through a variety of exhibits and visual programs. Historic buildings include an 1879 cattleman's home, the jail from Fort Dodge, a one-room school and a church. Daily summer entertainment includes living history presentations, gunfight re-enactments, chuck wagon dinners and the Long Branch Saloon Variety Show.

*Looking for more unique opportunities in Dodge City? May we recommend:*

#### **Casey's Cowtown Club**

503 E Trail, Dodge City, KS  
(620) 227-5225

[Website](#)

Enjoy famous Kansas steaks and classic American cuisine among the stained-glass collection and western décor.

#### **Moore Ranch**

2933 CR E, Bucklin, KS  
(620) 826-3649

[Website](#)

Live the life of an authentic cowboy. Sleep under the stars while getting those doggies along a two-day cattle drive, or spend the night in the comfort of a ranch cabin.

#### **Wild West Buffalo & Longhorn Exhibit**

4000 W Comanche Ave, Dodge City  
(620) 682-0777

[Website](#)

Don't miss your chance to see these beautiful and stately animals that propelled Dodge City's economy and made it thrive.