Kickstands Up!

Some people ride to live. Some people live to ride. Whichever you are, there's a just-right ride waiting for you on a Kansas Byway. Hit the open road and discover the scenic overlooks and quaint stopovers Kansas has to offer.

Flint Hills

Length of route: About 48 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: Riding the Flint Hills is like setting off across the ocean — except you won't get wet. The roads are hilly and have a lot of twists and turns. It's a ribbon of blacktop unraveling across the plains full of scenic

beauty. View this route. Events: Cassoday Bike Run

Frontier Military

Length of route: About 168 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: Follow the old military trail used by the Army to transport troops and supplies between Fort Leavenworth and Fort Scott. This byway follows US-69 highway, which is a four-lane divided, limited-access highway for much of its length. **View this route.**

Events: Turkey Creek Car & Motorcycle Show

Glacial Hills

Length of route: About 63 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: Cruising this ribbon of highway is full of nice twisties and gentle rolling hills. View the giant bluffs on one side of the road

and the Missouri River on the other. View this route. Events: Land of Oz Rally, Wild Dog Motorcycle Ride

Gypsum Hills

Length of route: About 42 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: Enjoy sweeping turns and elevation changes with views of red canyons and soil, flat mesas, soothing valleys and blue watering holes. You'll rollercoaster over ridges and through canyons. Watch for Roadrunners, Tarantulas, and cold nights bring snakes onto the highway for the pavement's warmth. **View this route.**

Native Stone

Length of route: About 48 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: This byway has a ton of curves and hills that follow the contour of the land. Some places you can almost feel natives watching from horseback on the prairie hills. This road through the northern Flint Hills takes you along miles of stone fences and stunning scenery. **View this route.**

Post Rock

Length of route: About 18 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: This scenic stretch only takes about 30 minutes to drive, but it is worth taking your time and enjoying the ride. Hills and rocky terrain skirting the rim of a shallow canyon overlook Wilson Lake's crescent-shaped beach with 3 colorful sandstone sentinels. **View this route.**

Prairie Trail

Length of route: About 80 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: A nice combination of long straight stretches of flat road to hilly with lots of nice curves. The byway follows a nice blacktop road that leads you to the Kansas Motorcycle Museum and by sandstone cliffs and outcrops at the Kanopolis Lake. **View this route.**

Events: Marquette Biker Breakfast, Thunder on the Smoky

Route 66

Length of route: About 13 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: Even though it has the shortest section on the Mother Road, this byway has plenty to see....from villains to a celebrity tow truck. The road is well preserved and worth the time. **View this route.**

Smoky Valley

Length of route: About 60 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: Nice elevation changes highlight this route which starts high at both ends and descends into the Smoky Hill River valley at the west end of Cedar Bluff Reservoir. Fairly straight shot with some minor sweeps, great chalk bluffs and limestone scenery can be found near the Reservoir. **View this route.**

Western Vistas

Length of route: 102 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: A variety of landscapes and seasonal beauty to explore can be found along this byway. The landscape is dotted with yucca, cactus and sage in the High Plains Region. Venture off the highway to view unique rock formations such as Monument Rocks and "Little Jerusalem." **View this route.**

Wetlands & Wildlife

Length of route: About 76 miles

Motorcycle Road Quality: This zig-zagging, north-south byway follows one of the busiest migratory bird flyways on the continent. Spring and fall are the best times to take a drive through this enormous wetland that beacons the birds.

View this route. Events: Big Bend Bike Rally