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POST ROCK *Scenic Byway*

Scenic Byways Etiquette

We welcome you to the Post Rock Scenic Byway and hope you enjoy your stay with us. Please refrain from taking samples of the post rock formations. Such activities could irreparably damage the geological features. In addition, many of the formations are on private property and to remove samples would be trespassing. It is also important that travelers realize that they will be sharing the roadway with large grain and farm trucks.

Lodging is available at both ends of the Byway, and camping accommodations are available through the Wilson Lake Recreation Area.



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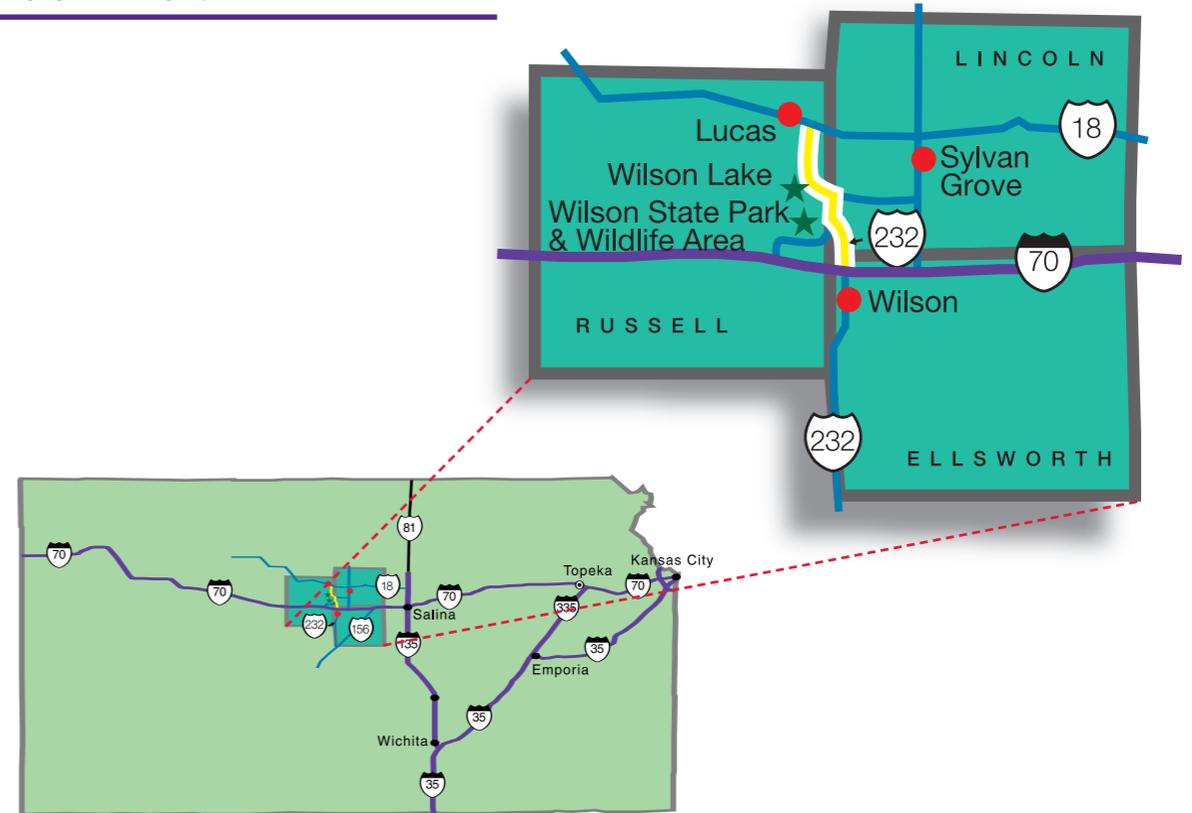
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POST ROCK AREA MAP



Points of Interest Near the Byway

Scenic Places

- Overlook at west end of the Wilson Lake dam mile marker #10
- Hell Creek at mile marker #4
- Lucas Mini Park Mural, Lucas
- Stone Fence Posts along the byway
- Dakota Sandstone Rock formations mile markers 4 & 5
- Wilson Lake Dam

Natural and Recreational Sites

- Wilson Lake-Boating, Swimming, Fishing, Picnicking
- Wilson State Park- Camping, Hiking, Picnicking, Wildlife watching, Interpretive programs, Switchgrass Bike Trail
- Wilson Wildlife Area- Hunting
- Burr Oak Nature Trail- .75 mile trail with 23 interpretive stations
- Dakota Trail- .5 or 1-mile loop with 12 interpretive stations
- Redcedar Trail (.75 mile handicapped trail), Otoe Park
- Rocktown Trail- 3-mile loop

Historic Sites, Museums and Galleries

- Garden of Eden, Lucas
- Grassroots Art Center, Lucas
- Deeble Rock Garden, Lucas
- Wilson Opera House, Wilson
- Round Stone Jail, Wilson
- Midland Hotel, Wilson
- Flying Pig Studio and Gallery, Lucas
- World's Largest Collection of the World's Smallest Versions of the World's Largest Things Roadside Attraction and Museum, Lucas

Events

- Adam's Apple Festival, Lucas, Saturday of Labor Day Weekend
- Czech Festival, Wilson, last weekend in July
- Eagle Days, Wilson Lake, February
- Kansas Strippers Tournament, Wilson Lake, May, June, July, September, October
- Wings Over Wilson, Lucas Park, remote-controlled model glider competition, June
- Oktoberfest, Wilson, first weekend in October
- Area festivals and garage sales, first Saturday in October

Wineries, stone quarry tours, antiques, food and Kansas arts & crafts shops are also in the area.



Wilson is home to many historic limestone buildings, including the Wilson Opera House and Museum.

The Rocktown Cove is accessible by walking trail and by boat.

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An American original.

The Pioneer Spirit

The rolling Post Rock Scenic Byway follows the natural twists and turns of the land winding through crop and pasture land in a section of Kansas with a rich heritage that is uniquely American.

Miles of stone fence posts stand as tribute to the ingenuity of the early settlers. These innovative farmers and ranchers solved their fencing problems on the treeless plains by quarrying rock to use as posts. The stone posts have become a trademark of the Smoky Hills region. The stone used for posts and homestead buildings was quarried from bedrock found

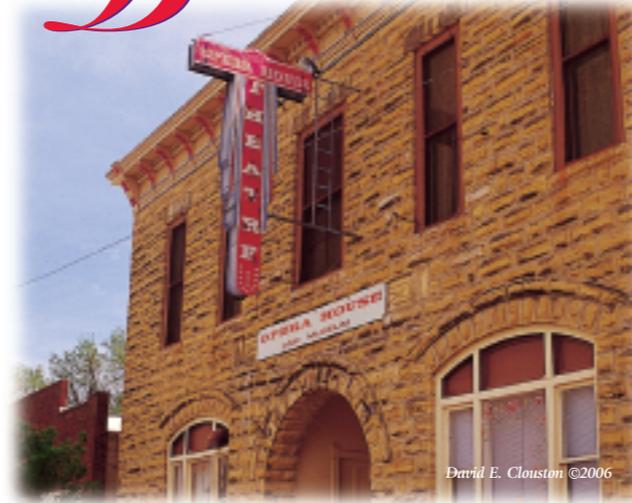


The Garden of Eden in Lucas

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near the earth's surface. This rock is chalky limestone of roughly uniform thickness, approximately eight to nine inches deep. When freshly quarried, it is soft enough to be sawed, notched, drilled or shaped with hand tools. After prolonged exposure to the air, it hardens and becomes weather-resistant.

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Inspiring Faces and Places

The Post Rock region has been a magnet for individuals of talent and vision. The town of Lucas, the Grassroots Art Capital of Kansas, is home of the Garden of Eden, the Grassroots Art Center and Florence Deeble's Rock Garden.

The Garden of Eden sculptures and Cabin Home were built by Samuel Perry Dinsmoor, a retired school teacher and Civil War veteran. This unique garden and home was started in 1907 and was worked on by Mr. Dinsmoor until his death in 1932. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Grassroots Art Center exhibits work by self-taught artists including Inez Marshall's limestone sculpture, Ed Root's glass-embellished concrete monuments, Leroy Wilson's painted mosaic walls as well as M.T. Liggett's metal totems and Herman Divers' pull-tab motorcycle.

The Post Rock Courtyard behind the Grassroots Art Center typifies settlers' use of stone for practical purposes as well as for "ornamentation beyond necessity." The courtyard displays posts, stone blocks, arch construction, and cornerstone and lintel ornamentation.

The town of Wilson is the Czech capital of Kansas. It is the home of the Wilson Czech Opera House and Museum and the Kansas Originals arts and craft market. Each year Wilson hosts the Czech Festival, a tribute in food, song, dance and crafts to the cultural heritage of the Czech pioneers.

Nearby Sylvan Grove houses the Yesterday House Museum. Post rock quarry tours are also available just north of Sylvan Grove.

Nature's Roller Coaster

The Byway sweeps around Wilson Lake over the geological formations of the river valley like a natural roller coaster. The endless sky overhead is a favorite of photographers, especially at sunrise and sunset.

The Post Rock Scenic Byway passes through a variety of wildlife habitats. Over 225 species of birds, including waterfowl and bald eagles, are known to visit the Lake Wilson region in a year's time.

Lake Wilson offers a wide variety of recreational activities including: camping, hunting, nature trails, bicycling, boating, skiing, swimming, fishing, fisheries and Rocktown.



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The Post Rock Courtyard at the Grassroots Art Center