

Flash back eight to 10 million years ago in what would become Northwest Kansas at **Citizens State Bank**, Morland. The bas-relief brick mural commemorates a nearby fossil dig in the 1980s.



THREE RIVERS TOUR

Smoky Hill River, Prairie Dog and Sappa Creeks

Find two state parks, two historic sites — one national, one state — and one scenic byway between the Smoky Hill River Valley and Sappa Creek.

On Interstate 70, **SMOKY VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY** is the byway for all seasons. Visit **CASTLE ROCK** from the Collyer exit and see **WILDCAT CANYON** along the way. Or drive south on Castle Rock Road at the Quinter exit. Visit the beautiful **CATHEDRAL OF THE WEST** in Park and the **GRAINFIELD OPERA HOUSE**.

On Highway 24, learn about African-American history at **NICODEMUS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**, where Exodusters sought freedom. Return to prehistory at **CITIZENS STATE BANK'S** brick mural, Morland. Learn about homesteading at **COTTONWOOD RANCH STATE HISTORIC SITE**.

Along Highway 36, fish for bass at **PRAIRIE DOG STATE PARK** west of Norton. Shop in the **NORTON HISTORIC DISTRICT**. Imagine riding a stagecoach at **STATION 15**.

The **DECATUR COUNTY LAST INDIAN RAID MUSEUM** honors the casualties of the raid in 1878 and preserves county history. Play at 300-acre **SAPPA PARK** east of Oberlin.

Gove County website:

LoveSmallTownAmerica.com/GoveCountyKS.php

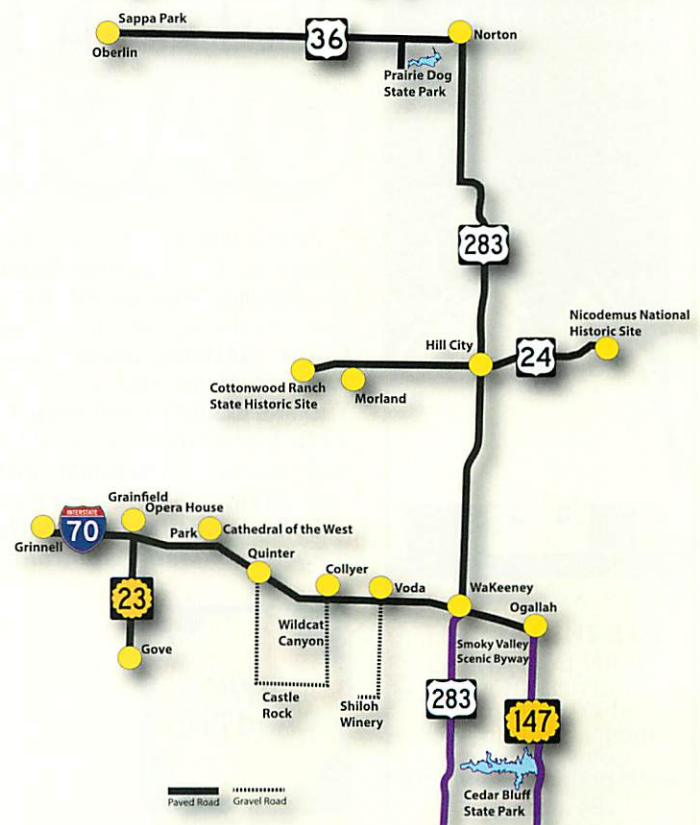
Hill City website: DiscoverHillCity.com

Facebook: [Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

Norton website: TheNortonLocal.com

Facebook: [Norton KS Travel & Tourism](#)

Oberlin website: OberlinKS.com



The beautiful 1907 **Thomas County Courthouse** is a wonderful example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture.

It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places Nov. 21, 1976.



Prairie Museum
of art + history

colby kansas

SEE THE LARGEST BARN IN KANSAS
Prairie Museum of Art & History,
1905 S. Franklin Ave.
Colby, KS 67701
www.prairiemuseum.org
785-460-4590

Refresh body and soul at the OASIS on the PLAINS

Take a trip along Interstate 70 to Colby, the Oasis on the Plains, and see **COOPER BARN**, the largest barn in Kansas, at the **PRAIRIE MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY**. The museum is home to the world-class Kuska Collection. Walk the 2.2-mile **COLBY WALKING TRAILS**. Afterwards, enjoy a dip in **COLBY AQUATIC PARK** and visit the Richardsonian Romanesque **THOMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE**.

On Interstate 70, head 22 miles east to Oakley and start your journey on **WESTERN VISTAS HISTORIC BYWAY**, where legends of the Wild West once walked.

Colby website: OasisonthePlains.com
Facebook and Instagram: [@OasisonthePlains](https://www.instagram.com/OasisonthePlains)

