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Visit Beautiful
KNOX COUNTY

The Beautiful KNOX COUNTY

*Bloomfield, Center, Creighton, Crofton, Niobrara,
Lindy, Santee, Verdigre & Wausa*

History of Knox County

Knox County was organized by the Territorial Legislature in 1857 and named L'Eau Qui Court, meaning in English, running water. The name was changed to Knox by a statute passed February 21, 1873, which took effect April 1, 1873.

Knox County is bounded on the north by the Niobrara and Missouri rivers, and on the east by Cedar County, on the south by Pierce County and Antelope County, and on the west by Holt County.

In area it contains about one thousand and fifty square miles, or six hundred and seventy-two thousand acres.

*The remains of the day settle
over Lewis and Clark Lake
north of Crofton.*



Attractions

Explore an area filled with history, beauty and adventure. Take an excursion on the Shannon Trail, take a covered wagon tour or try your luck at Ohiya Casino. Of course, if you'd rather pull up your chair and watch the beautiful sunset in Knox County, you won't be disappointed!

Dining

You'll find small town dining at its best in Knox County. You can enjoy famous Nebraska beef at area restaurants and cafes, some even offer buffalo. Area saloons and lounges offer great spots to relax with friends.

Golfing

There are many beautiful and challenging golf courses in the Nebraska Missouri River Area. You'll find courses located near the towns of Creighton, Bloomfield, Wausa, Crofton and Niobrara. Be sure to check out the new Tatanka Golf Course located near the Ohiya Casino. They were voted the 2015 'Best New U.S. Resort Course' in the Golf Magazine. If you're an avid golfer you won't want to miss this course!

Hunting

Your hunting experience in Knox County will be unmatched! You'll find the finest deer hunting in the state of Nebraska. This is coupled with an abundance of other wildlife featuring pheasants, turkey, quail, and rabbits. Thousands of waterfowl frequent Lewis and Clark Lake each year. Specialty hunts for Elk and Buffalo are also available.

Recreation

Knox County provides many beautiful parks where you can play volleyball, have a picnic or walk through an arboretum. Most area towns have community swimming pools as well, so stop and relax poolside.

Water Sports

If you enjoy boating, fishing or swimming, you've found the ultimate play area. Whether you're fishing in the Lewis and Clark Lake, Missouri River, or the Niobrara River you'll find a wide variety of fish including walleye, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, northern pike, catfish, and perch. Boaters will find perfect spots for large boats like pontoons or the area is perfect for motorboats, canoes and kayaks. The Nebraska side of the Missouri River in Knox County offers boat docks, fishing around every bend, and wide open areas for skiing or tubing.



Attractions

NIOBARRA

History of Niobrara

Niobrara, Nebraska is a small, progressive town, located in the far northeastern corner of Nebraska at the confluence of the Niobrara and Missouri Rivers.

It is the headquarters of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and home of Niobrara State Park. Native Americans gave the town its name, which means “running water.”

Situated where the Missouri and Niobrara Rivers meet, Niobrara State Park boasts dramatic landscapes and plenty of opportunities for recreation.



Niobrara State Park

Situated at the confluence of the Niobrara and Missouri Rivers on Nebraska's northeastern border, Niobrara State Park offers visitors an opportunity to sample a wide range of outdoor experiences. Cabins, camping from RVs to tents, picnicking, swimming, boat ramps, Missouri River raft tours, horseback trail rides, hiking, fishing, history or communing with Mother Nature are all available at this exceptional state park. A large population of white-tailed deer call the park home, and wild turkeys roam freely

through the cabin and tent camping areas. Beaver, muskrat and mink prowl the river banks, and the varied bird life ranges from the majestic eagle to the tiny chickadee. The song of the whippoorwill blends with the call of the coyote in a nighttime serenade. For the wildlife enthusiast, Niobrara offers ample photo opportunities or just the chance to observe the many species native to the area. Nature's bounty is readily visible during a drive along the park's seven miles of roads or a stroll along the 14 miles of hiking trails.



Ohiya Casino & Resort

Ohiya Casino & Resort, located just a few minutes east of Niobrara on scenic Highway 12 in northeast Nebraska. Owned and operated by the Santee Sioux Nation, the casino has the distinction of being Nebraska's first casino and is currently celebrating 20 years in the gaming industry!

Ponca Tribal Museum & Educational Trail

The Ponca Museum and Library houses artifacts, historical archives, a Tribal Library, and a Community Learning Center, and Culture Department offices. The site also features a Ponca Educational Trail, which includes an earth lodge, buffalo outlook, outdoor classroom, educational signs and native plants. The museum and trail are located 1 mile west of Niobrara on Highway 12 (follow the signs across from the entrance to Niobrara State Park).

Elk & Buffalo Tours

Travel in a unique tractor pulled covered wagons and see how elk and buffalo are raised at Kreycik Elk Ranch in Niobrara, Nebraska. You'll ride through the hilly pastures where the elk and buffalo are invited to come and get their ear corn treats that you will be hand feeding them from inside the covered wagons!

Sage Brothers Memorial

Pay your respects at the Sage Brothers Memorial in Niobrara. The sinking of the destroyer USS Frank E. Evans during Vietnam War exercises is one of the lesser-known military tragedies in U.S. history. Seventy-four men died in the South China Sea on June 3, 1969. Among those killed were the Sage brothers – Gary, 22; Gregory, 21; and Kelly, 19 – who were the sons of Ernest and Eunice Sage of Niobrara, Nebraska. A monument was erected in memory of the Sage brothers in 2009.

The Mormon Monument

In 1846 Newell Knight, his family and a company of Mormons left Illinois to make a home in the Rocky Mountains. Due to hardships, the group could not go on and they built a fort of log cabins by the Niobrara River. They became ill and died in 1908. The Mormon Monument serves as a remembrance of this event. It is located 1 mile west and 1/2 mile south of Niobrara.



Attractions

NIOBRARA

Lewis and Clark Trail

On September 4, Lewis and Clark camped just above the mouth of the Niobrara River. The Lewis and Clark Campsite can be viewed from the Old Railroad Bridge Walking Trail from the East side of the Niobrara River or from the lookout at the Niobrara State Park.

Shannon Trail

History comes alive through the Private George Shannon Trail. Private Shannon was the youngest member of the Lewis and Clark expedition who was separated from his party for 16 days in 1804. It was during that time that Shannon was exploring northeast Nebraska. Take a day or two to find the 13 Shannon statues in northeast Nebraska.

Niobrara Museum

Take a walk through “Memories of the Old Niobrara” as you view displays of days gone by. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day – Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Sunday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Other times by appointment.



The Niobrara River winds through an amazingly varied landscape in northern Nebraska, slipping past cliffs, rock formations, waterfalls and diverse plants and animals. ✓



Dining

Jimmy Dean's Lounge

254 Spruce Ave. #1
Niobrara
(402) 857-9928

Ohiya Casino Restaurant

Experience the ultimate taste sensations when you sample our mouthwatering food from our variety of dining options! We offer a large buffet with so many delicious choices you will want to try them all! Take a moment to stop at our snack café on our gaming floor to taste one of our many scrumptious treats. Then, treat yourself to a trip to our fine restaurant, Legends, to sample one of our many fantastic menu items!

Hwy. 12
Niobrara
(402) 857-3860
ohiyacasino.com

Country Café

Breakfast, lunch and dinner is served at different times throughout the day. We have daily lunch specials Monday through Friday starting at 11 am until gone. Soft serve ice cream is available.

89141 Hwy. 14
Niobrara
(402) 857-3544

Sportmen's Bar & Two Rivers Hotel

Friday night Fish Fry and Saturday Night Prime Rib Special. Check us out on Facebook at: Sportsmen's Bar & Two Rivers Hotel
25412 Park Ave.
Niobrara
402-857-3340



The rolling, verdant hills of northeast Nebraska create truly stunning vistas. ✓



Recreation

NIOBRARA

Niobrara Valley Golf Course
Par 32, 9 holes golf course over 2,791 yards. Putting Green, Chipping Green, Driving Range, Rental Clubs, Rental Carts, Pull Carts, Snack Bar, Meeting Room, Nebraska Golf Association Member
701 Elm Street • Niobrara, NE • (402) 857-3711

Tatanka Golf Course
Tatanka was ranked 'Top Golf Course in Nebraska' in 2016. This beautiful course features bold movements of rolling hills and ridges with views that stretch for more than 30-40 miles.



Whether you are hosting a charity golf event, or corporate golf retreat, Tatanka Golf Club can accommodate large groups and exceed your expectations. The 18 hole championship golf course designed by Paul Albanese is the perfect choice for golf outings.



Hunting

Bazile Creek State Wildlife Management Area

Campers welcome and boat dock available.
450 acres located 4 miles east of Niobrara.

Swanson Hunting Acres

Bird hunters will find pheasants, checker, partridge and quail for a great hunting experience.
Niobrara, NE • (402) 857-3794

Hunting Shack Outfitters, LLC

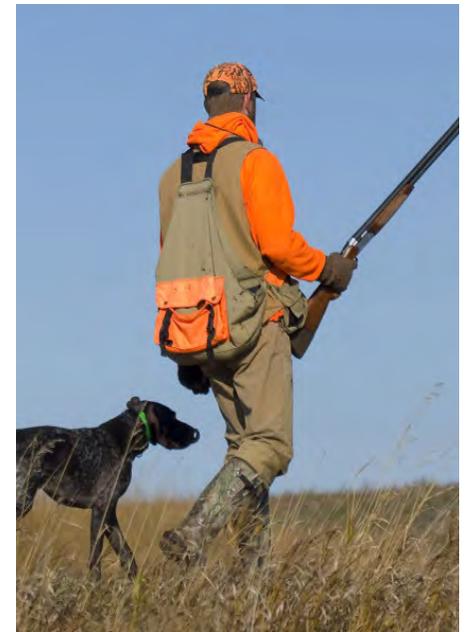
Hunting, Missouri River Fishing, Canoe and Kayak Rentals Tim Woodrow, Owner • 51248 896 Road • Niobrara, NE 402-229-3283 or cell 402-302-9095

KSK Big Game Outfitters

A truly adventurous hunting experience is even more exciting with a number of big game animals, such as majestic buffaloes, elk and turkeys. KSK has splendid property that lies across the Niobrara River, which is renowned globally for its remarkable scenic beauty and exotic opportunities for canoeing.
88971 517th Avenue Niobrara, NE • (402) 394-7532

Ponca Creek Hunting Service

3,000 acres of prime hunting ground. Come hunt the river country of northeast Nebraska, amongst the rolling hills and scenic views. Our Nebraska deer and turkey hunts are exciting and affordable. Nebraska is often the overlooked state for trophy whitetails and Merriam turkeys. Hunting packages available, includes food and lodging at the Whitetail River Lodge. Semi-guided.
Niobrara, NE • (402) 857-3564



Attractions

BLOOMFIELD

History of Bloomfield

Bloomfield's strength lies in the people who have made productivity and quality workmanship trademarks of this area. Bloomfield is a haven for those who prefer small-town life over city living. The community presents opportunity for those who want to develop a business. There aren't many places left where you can work during the day and go fishing and boating in the evening. If you want to mix some fun into your day, Bloomfield is the place for you.

Bloomfield, population 1,126 (2000 Census), is located in the northeast corner of Nebraska, 20 miles from South Dakota and 65 miles from Iowa. Bloomfield serves as a major business center in Knox County. The community's business sector serves an agriculture and related services area of more than 6,000 people.

Businesses draw from a 30-plus-mile trade area.

Bloomfield is full of family fun with a community celebration each summer >

Bloomfield Community Museum

View the rich history of the Bloomfield community at this local museum managed by the Bloomfield Historical Society.



Bloomfield City Park

The park is located in the south central part of Bloomfield, Nebraska. It has picnic shelters, horseshoe pits, basketball hoops and restrooms. A new nature park is located near the city park with 7 camping pads available. These camping pads have electricity, water, sewer and WIFI.

Robin Schulz Memorial Park

The park is located in the north part of Bloomfield, Nebraska. It features softball fields, bleachers, restrooms, and concession stand.

Bloomfield Municipal Swimming Pool

Features a heated pool with slide and basketball hoop. There is also a picnic shelter nearby. Located in Bloomfield, Nebraska.



Bottom's Up Bar

119 N. Broadway
Bloomfield
402-373-4144

Broadway Billie's Bottle Shop

124 S. Broadway Street
402-373-4706

The Hive

Quaint little coffee shop with daily lunch specials. The Lemon Drop Boutique is located upstairs for a fun boutique shopping adventure.

112 East Main St
402-373-4746

Bloomfield Bakery

Fresh rolls, bread and noon lunch available.
104 N Broadway St
402-373-2343

Curt's Lanes

Burgers, pizza and daily lunch specials.
112 W Grant St
402-373-4900



Water Sports

KNOX COUNTY



Lewis & Clark Lake

Located about 7 miles north of Crofton on Nebraska Highway 121, stretches for nearly 35 miles, with 90 miles of shoreline. Excellent camping facilities are available in the Weigand-Burbach Recreation Area. In addition to summertime fun on the lake, wintertime activities include ice fishing, snowmobiling, skating, sledding and cross-country skiing.

Missouri River

The Niobrara River and Missouri River converge near Niobrara, Nebraska.

Niobrara River

The Niobrara River empties into the Missouri River between the village of Niobrara and Niobrara State Park in Knox County.

Attractions & More

CREIGHTON

History of Creighton

Fortunate beyond its understanding, our community has both a Historical Society and Historical Center to help commemorate our community's history and educate others on Creighton's past and beginnings. The Creighton Historical Center was formed in 1992 to

- 1) support the historical preservation of the area,
- 2) promote public utilization and appreciation of historical buildings in the area,
- and 3) further the economic and social well being of Creighton and the surrounding area.

Currently, the Historical Society boasts more than 60 members.



Jerry's Bar & Lanes

Bowl a strike and have some fun at the lanes.
801-803 Main St.
Creighton
(402) 358-3633



Bruce Park

Features tennis and volleyball courts, baseball and softball fields. Located in Creighton, Nebraska. The Bruce Park is home of the famous SantaLand, a Christmas light display. SantaLand also houses Santa's Workshop, where visitor's from all over Northeast Nebraska can see Santa's motorized elves hard at work. Children can even visit with Santa himself and enjoy refreshments!



Bruce Park Arboretum

Located by the Creighton City Park, you'll find a lush green oasis. It's a perfect spot to relax. There are more than 200 species of woody plants and multiple flower gardens.



Subway

1008 Main St.
Creighton
(402) 358-3281

The Whip

Featuring burgers, shakes, fries and daily lunch specials
602 Main Street
402-358-3431

Creighton Municipal Swimming Pool

Features a heated pool with wading pool, slide, and bathhouse.

Berry Pepper Days is a big hit in Knox County! Although the celebration days only last a weekend, Berry Peppers are available throughout the summer! The frozen treats are available to purchase at the swimming pool, Gragert's Grocery store, C-Mart, or 59 Express.



Attractions & More

CROFTON

History of Crofton

Rich in cultural history, prehistoric remains of the first human inhabitants in the Crofton and Knox County area have been found dating back to 1010 B.C. Modern day records show that there was trade between trappers and the Ponca Indians in 1789. In 1804, Lewis & Clark took five days to traverse the part of the Missouri River that lies just north of Crofton. In 1846, overland travelers, the Mormons, wintered near Crofton along the Missouri River. The passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1865 created the territory of Nebraska and opened the doors for settlement. Today the Crofton area provides outdoor enthusiasts a plethora of recreational activities.



Historic Argo Hotel

The Historic Argo Hotel is a beautifully restored hotel, built in 1912 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is located in Crofton, Nebraska – near Lewis and Clark Lake on the Missouri River, along Scenic Highway 12, aka- the Outlaw Trail. It serves the area as a Bed & Breakfast and Event Center.

211 W. Kansas
Crofton
(402) 388-2400

Crofton Lakeview Golf Course

The course is located on a bluff overlooking the panoramic Lewis and Clark Lake in northeast Nebraska. Opened in 1989, the 9 hole regulation public course offers 2925 yards of golf with a par 36. The course rating is a 34.7 with a slope rating of 115. Crofton, NE • 402-388-4552
clvgolf@gpcom.net

Corps of Discovery Welcome Center

The Center is located on U.S. Highway 81 in northeast Nebraska, at the scenic overlook above the Missouri River Valley, 2 miles south of Yankton, South Dakota. Free admission. Open Memorial Day – Labor Day 9 am - 6 pm / Labor Day – Memorial Day 10am – 4 pm. Closed Holidays. 402-667-6557.



Wiebelhaus Recreation/ Centennial Lanes (Bowling)

We feature: A Family Atmosphere, A Full Menu, 4-Lane Bowling Center, A Fully Stocked Bar, 2 Sand Volleyball Courts, Horseshoe Pits, Catering, & Party Room. wiebelhausrecreation.com

Crofton Municipal Swimming Pool

Come cool off in Crofton, Nebraska!

Crofton Courts Arboretum

It features an Arbor Walkway and a memorial rose garden in the Northside Park. Featuring an Avenue of Flags, and more than 59 species of trees and shrubs. Located in Crofton, Nebraska.

Lewis & Clark Lake

Located about 7 miles north of Crofton on Nebraska Highway 121, stretches for nearly 35 miles, with 90 miles of shoreline. Excellent camping facilities are available in the Weigand-Burbach Recreation Area. In addition to summertime fun on the lake, wintertime activities include ice fishing, snowmobiling, skating, sledding and cross-country skiing.

The Pulley Museum

The museum is a collection of barn pulleys, hay trolleys and other hay equipment dating from 1850-1950. For more information about the pulley museum, contact: Doug de Shazer at 402-510-8845

Lewis & Clark Visitor Center

Located at the top of Calumet Bluff. Here you can check out the views of Lewis & Clark Lake, Gavins Point Dam and the Missouri River. Open Mon-Fri 8am-4:30 pm Open weekends: May, September, October from 8am-4:30 pm 402-667-2546

Dining

CJ's At The Lake

58842 897 Rd.
Crofton
(402) 388-4267
cjatthelake.com

Sports Stop Bar & Grill

1108 W. 2nd St.
Crofton
(402) 388-4418

Wiebelhaus Recreation/ Centennial Lanes (Bowling)

115 Main St.
Crofton
(402) 388-4640



Attractions WAUSA

History of Wausa

As you enter Wausa, in northeastern Nebraska's Knox County, colorful Swedish figures welcome you from the Broadway lamp post. Venture off main street and classic and modern, well-kept homes greet you. Incidentally, quality housing - available at remarkably affordable cost - could tempt you to make your home with us.

Whether you're passing through or here to stay, Wausa is just the place to have some fun or just relax. We are located near the Lewis and Clark Recreation area in Yankton, SD. There are also many attractions right here in Wausa.

Wausa's economy consists of small retail businesses of goods and services, local medical services, local construction businesses, and agribusinesses supporting the rich agricultural base of cropland.

Visit the Lewis and Clark markers while in Wausa for a taste of history >

Rolling Hills Golf Course

Par 36, 9 hole golf course
Putting Green, Chipping Green, Driving Range, Rental Clubs, Rental Carts, Pull Carts, Locker Room, Showers, Snack Bar, Bar, Nebraska Golf Association Member, Pro Shop
87414 544th Avenue • Wausa, NE • (402) 586-2507



Wausa Municipal Park
Enjoy all 28 acres of this park. It features volleyball courts, free campsites, playground, arboretum, tennis courts and swimming.

Wausa Municipal Swimming Pool
Located in the Wausa City Park, Wausa, Nebraska

Dining

Bill's Place
Bases Loaded pizza, hamburgers & sub sandwiches
501 East Broadway
Wausa
(402) 586-2544

Pinky's Lounge
Sports bar with fast food and daily lunch specials.
511 E. Broadway
Wausa
(402) 586-2630

Wausa Café
Daily lunch specials.
518 E Broadway Street
402-586-2866

Big Red Mini Mart
Daily lunch specials Monday through Friday & carryout pizza.
407 E Broadway Street
402-586-2859



< *Wausa's Annual Swedish Smorgasbord is held every year in October. The event features Swedish dances and a huge assortment of Swedish food! Come celebrate with us!*

Attractions & More

VERDIGRE

History of Verdigre

Located in Knox County in northeast Nebraska, Verdigre was established by Bohemian settlers in the beautiful Verdigris Valley. Verdigre was platted on July 12, 1887 by George Quimby. Some of the first establishments included two saloons, a post office, and a hotel or restaurant. Among the first settlers was "Old Jules" Sandoz, father of the famous author Mari Sandoz. The first school was reported to have operated during the year of 1888-89, and in 1889 a schoolhouse was put up.



Wildwood Acres Park

Located on the southeast edge of Verdigre. It features heated swimming pool, tennis courts, basketball hoops, volleyball courts, bandstand, playground, picnic shelter and large stone fireplace. Softball and baseball fields are nearby. A camping area is also available with cabins available to rent.

Chalupnik Park

Located on the north end of Verdigre, it features a stage and shelter, memorial to military service men and women, playground and pavilion.

Wildwood Acres Swimming Pool

Features a heated pool, diving boards, wading area and bathhouse.

Verdigre is home of the annual Kolach Days celebration every June.

Dinning



Check out the spring and fall vendor shows held annually at the ZCJH Hall in Verdigre.

Visit the Verdigre bakery for authentic kolaches, homemade rolls, donuts and bread.



Cozy Corner Cafe

Lunch specials offered daily. Stop by for a piece of delicious homemade pie!
223 S. Main
P.O. Box 143
Verdigre
(402) 668-2313

Misty's Saloon

309 S Main St.
Verdigre
(402) 668-2814

Bohemian Lounge.

300 N Main St
Verdigre, NE 68783

Bohemian One Stop

Offers daily lunch specials, gas and bait
88799 NE-14
402-668-7259



Attractions

LINDY, WINNETOON, CENTER



Winnetoon — Center

Lindy

The Devils Nest

North of the tiny town of Lindy, Nebraska, in northern Knox County, the terrain drops sharply to form a deep hollow of wooded creeks and rolling grassland. Approximately 27,000 acres of hilly, rugged prairie form what both the white man and Indian have named the “Devils Nest.” It is also rumored that Jesse James used the area as a hideout. Sightseeing from this area is breathtaking.

Z’s Lindy Country Club

53891 890 Way S
Lindy, Nebraska
402-373-2440



Legend has it that a young American Indian maiden, in love with one man but betrothed to another, decided to end her life by riding her horse off
Maiden’s Leap East of Niobrara.

History of Lindy

Lindy is an unincorporated community located on the Santee Sioux Reservation in Knox County, in the northeastern part of the state of Nebraska in the Midwestern United States. It has a population of 13.



Elaine’s Tavern & Cafe
Daily lunch and evening specials.
305 Main Ave
402-847-3321



Cattails Saloon & Eatery
P.O. Box 44
Center
(402) 288-4200

Knox County Courthouse
206 Main Street
402-288-5600

