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Reconnect in
Knox County*

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History of Knox Co.

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. In 1996 Chief Standing Bear Bridge was completed, bridging the shores of Knox County, near Niobrara, with South Dakota across the Missouri River. Knox County contains about 1,050 miles, or 672,000 acres.

Attractions

Explore an area filled with culture, history, recreation and adventure. Disconnect to reconnect at the Niobrara State Park or Lewis & Clark State Recreational Area.

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 or kick it up and make some fun memories here in Knox County.

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 Tatanka Golf Course located near the Ohiya Casino. They were voted the 2015 'Best New U.S. Resort Course' in 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 whitetail and mule 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 are frequently found at Lewis & Clark Lake each year.

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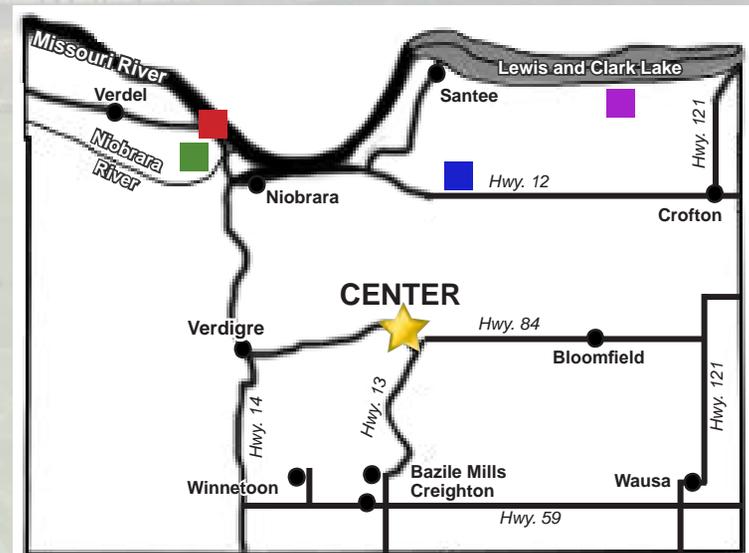
Recreation

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 will 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.



- Niobrara State Park
- Tribal Museum & Educational Trail
- Ohiya Casino/Tatanka Golf Resort
- Lewis & Clark State Recreational Area

County Events

AUGUST:

- 1: Knox County Riders Pre-Fair Horse Show at Harm & Tulleys Event Center, Bloomfield
- 7-8: Bridge Days, Niobrara
- 13-16: Knox County Fair, Bloomfield
- 14-16: Ponca Pow Wow, west of Niobrara, www.poncatribene.org
- 28-30: End of Summer Bash, L&C State Recreational Area
- 29: CCC Cruisin' Day & Grillfest, Crofton
- 29: Kevin J. Murray Memorial Fishing Tournament, L&C State Recreational Area
- 30: Nebraska Walleye Association Tournament, L&C State Recreational Area
- 31-Sept. 1: Wausa Labor Day Celebration

SEPTEMBER

- 12: Girl Scouts Love State Parks, L&C State Recreational Area
- 15: Verdel's Annual Broasted Chicken Supper, 5-7 p.m., Verdel

OCTOBER

- 10: Haymarket Oktoberfest, Crofton
- 17: All Things Pumpkin Festival, Niobrara
- 24: Swedish Smorgasbord, Wausa

NOVEMBER

- End of November - December 31: Creighton's SantaLand, Creighton

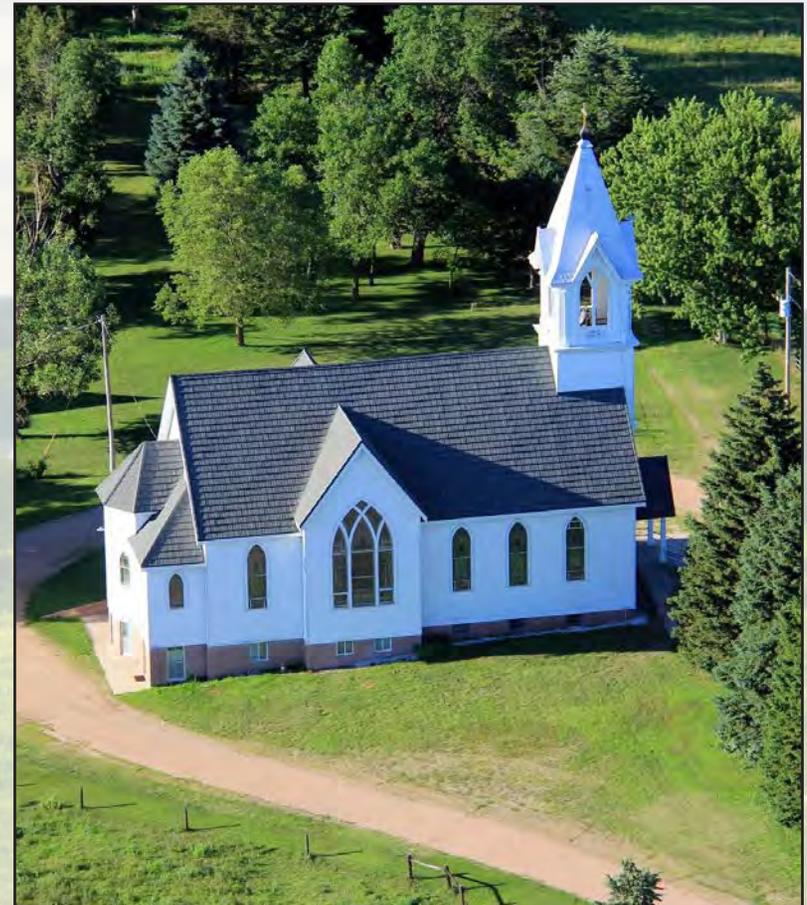
DECEMBER

- 5: Niobrara's Christmas Festival and Santa Day
- 5: Verdigre Vánoce (Czech Hometown Christmas)
- 6: Crofton's Santa Day
- 14: Christmas in Wausa

BAZILE MILLS

History

Bazile Mills was founded in 1882 after the first wooden mill in Nebraska was erected just north of town. There wound up being many mills in the area Bazile Mills served. Today there are only about 30 residents as the townspeople left after the mills closed.

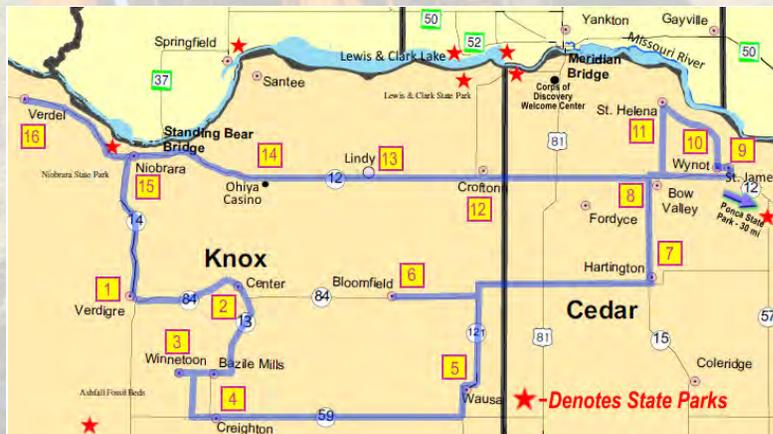


SHANNON TRAIL

Welcome to Private Shannon Country! Shannon Trail invites you to relive the adventure in scenic Northeast Nebraska where in the late summer of 1804 Private George Shannon, the youngest member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, was lost for sixteen days. Take part in the geocaching adventure in Knox and Cedar counties by locating all 16 hand-carved statues in Knox and Cedar counties.



Geocache Map



VERDEL

History

Verdel got its start at its current site circa 1902, when the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad was extended to that point. The name Verdel is derived from the Spanish word "verde," meaning "green."





NIOBRARA

History



Niobrara, Nebraska, is a small, progressive town located in the far northeastern corner of Knox County 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."

Parks & 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 RV's to tents, picnicking, swimming pool, horseback trail rides led by wranglers, hiking the 14 miles of trails, fishing, historic landmarks or communing with Mother Nature are all available at this exceptional state park. A large variety of wildlife call the Niobrara State Park home where they roam freely through the cabin and tent camping areas. The song of the Whippoorwill blends with the call of the coyote in the nighttime serenade. Nature's bounty is readily visible during a drive along the park's seven miles of roads. Saturday evenings, Memorial Day through Labor Day, Niobrara State Park offers Buffalo Cookouts. Playground equipment for the youngsters is available. Tent camping area extends along three miles of extreme hilly, winding, on-way road with grills and ground-level fire rings provided. 89261 522 Ave., Niobrara, NE 68760, 402-857-3373 Summer office hours: daily, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Off-season hours: Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - Noon & 12:30 - 4:30. Park permit required. Fees for some activities.



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NIOBRARA ADVENTURES - A new campground overlooking the beautiful Verdigre Valley. All sites are full hook up, electric 30 & 50 amp, water, and sewer. No shower house. All Niobrara Adventures campers will have exclusive access to our private beach area which is a short drive with a parking lot, or short walk from campground. We have one hiking trail that will give you a beautiful view of the Niobrara Valley! \$30/night. We also have monthly and seasonal rates. Call 402-841-4190 for information or reservations.



VERDEL LANDING STATE RECREATION AREA - While staying at the Niobrara State Park with hopes to canoe, kayak or fish, there is a great opportunity with access nearby to the Missouri and Niobrara rivers at nearby Verdel Landing and Niobrara Landing. Search <https://maps.outdoornebraska.gov/MRRecreationGuide/> to show public access sites for fishing, hunting, boating, camping, and more on the Missouri River. This site also serves as a navigation guide.



OHIYA CASINO & RESORT - www.ohiyacasino.com. Ohiya Casino & Resort is 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.

TATANKA GOLF CLUB - www.tatankagolfclub.com. 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. A must-see course. While playing, learn the history and culture of the Sioux Nation as each hole at Tatanka has a cultural story incorporated in the design. Learn about the Peace Pipe at No. 1 or the legend of the white buffalo at No. 18. Enjoy the spectacular views at No. 3, as you can see the Missouri River, South Dakota, and three counties. Other tee boxes that have spectacular views are No.'s 5 & 16.

NIOBRARA VALLEY GOLF COURSE - Par 32, 9-hole 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, 402-857-3711.



NIOBRARA

Museums & More

PONCA TRIBAL MUSEUM & EDUCATIONAL TRAIL - www.poncatrIBE-ne.org/culture/tribal-museum. The Ponca Museum and Library houses artifacts, historical archives, a Tribal Library, 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. A bronze statue of Chief Standing Bear is displayed near the pow-wow grounds as well. 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).



MNISOSE WICOTE PARK - Located in the center of Santee and includes a 40-acre park along the Missouri River with fishing access, camping and a boat basin. There are walking paths along the river, sand volleyball, horseshoe pits, picnic area and basketball courts. Come, join them for the annual tribal powwow at the end of June.



MAIDEN'S LEAP - Rock formation that enhances the legendary tale of an Indian maiden who was in love with one brave, but betrothed to another by her father. In despair, she rode one of her father's finest horses off this rock cliff, located east of Niobrara along Highway 12.

SAGE BROTHERS MEMORIAL - 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.



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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 ½ mile south of Niobrara.



LEWIS & 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 inside the Niobrara State Park



SHANNON TRAIL - www.shannontrail.com. 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. Experience the adventure of Geocaching Private Shannon's Trail at www.geocaching.com.

NIOBRARA MUSEUM - Take a walk through "Memories of the Old Niobrara" as you view displays of days gone by. The town of Niobrara has moved twice and sits in its third location. 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.





NIOBRARA

Unique Shopping



BILLY MAY'S - Repurposed local craftsmen and artists' items. Located at 2549 Park Ave, Niobrara, NE, 402-857-3433.

ELSIE HANNAH BOUTIQUE - A boutique where you can find the inspiration you need to redesign your wardrobe and live your best life! Located in lobby of Moody Motor Company, 251 Spruce Ave., www.elsiehannah.com.



PEASE'S GENERAL STORE - Boutique offering locally-crafted items, unique boutique items created for a special purpose; seasonal, hardware, and hunting supplies stock Pease's store as well. 25410 Park Ave., Niobrara, 402-857-3475.



Dining

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 cafe on our gaming floor to taste one of our many scrumptious treats, plus ICE CREAM! Then, treat yourself to a trip to our fine restaurant, Legends, to sample one of our many fantastic menu items! Hwy. 12, 402-857-3860.



COUNTRY CAFE - From Farm-to-Fork, homemade goodness is evident in every meal. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at different times throughout the day. We have daily lunch specials Monday through Friday, starting at 11 a.m. until gone. Soft-serve ice cream is available. 89141 Hwy. 14, Niobrara, 402-857-3544.



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SPORTSMEN'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.



BLUE MOON RESORT - Located right off of the Missouri River in between Niobrara and Verdel, serves breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks. 89702 Rayder Swanson Rd, 402-299-3226.



TRADING POST - Family-owned convenience store with awesome food and homemade baked goods! We also sell alcohol, lottery, hunting permits, groceries, toys and more. 248 Walnut St., Niobrara, 402-857-3460.

Hunting & Fishing

SWANSON HUNTING ACRES - Bird hunters will find pheasants, cukar, partridge and quail for a great hunting experience. 402-857-3794



HUNTING SHACK OUTFITTERS, LLC - Hunting, Missouri River fishing, canoe and kayak rentals. Tim Woodrow, owner, 51248 896 Rd, Niobrara, 402-299-3283 or cell 402-302-9095

WHITETAIL RIVER LODGE DEER & TURKEY HUNTS - 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. www.whitetailriverlodge.com.





NIOBRARA

Lodging



TWO RIVERS SALOON HOTEL - 402-857-3340 25411 Park Ave, Niobrara

HILLTOP LODGE MOTEL - 402-857-3611, 2531 Walnut St. (Hwy. 12), Niobrara

SWANSON HUNTING LODGE - 402-857-3794, 89054 519 Ave., Niobrara

WHITETAIL RIVER LODGE - B&B, 402-857-3564, 89140 NE-14, Niobrara

MAH-KO-CHAY CABINS - 402-857-3597, 89115 525 Ave, Niobrara

KINSMEN LODGE - 402-490-9678, 2527 Woodbine St., Niobrara

NIOBRARA TRADING POST LODGE - 402-841-1616, 248 Walnut St., Niobrara

NIOBRARA STATE PARK CABINS AND CAMPING - 402-857-3373, 89261 522 Ave. (Hwy 12), Niobrara

OHIYA CASINO HOTEL - 53142 Hwy. 12, Niobrara, 402-857-3860.



Knox County WATER SPORTS



LEWIS & CLARK LAKE

Located about 7 miles north of Crofton on Nebraska Highway 121, Lewis & Clark Lake stretches for nearly 35 miles with 90 miles of shoreline. Excellent camping facilities are available in the Lewis & Clark State 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 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.

ASHFALL FOSSIL BEDS STATE HISTORICAL PARK

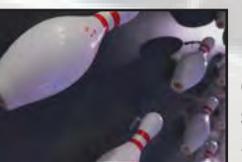
Ashfall Fossil Beds in northeastern Nebraska are rare fossil sites of the type called lagerstätten that, due to extraordinary local conditions, capture a moment in time, an ecological "snapshot" in a range of well-preserved fossilized organisms. Located at 86930 517th Ave., Royal, Nebraska. 402-893-2000, <https://ashfall.unl.edu/>





BLOOMFIELD

History



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 opportunities 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 agricultural and related services area of more than 6,000 people. Businesses draw from a 30-plus mile trade area. Events in Bloomfield: Appreciation Dayz, Knox County Fair and many events take place at the Harm & Tulley's Event Center.

Dining & More

THE HIVE - Quaint little coffee shop with daily lunch specials. Wine and craft beers are also available. 112 E. Main St., 402-373-4746.

THE LEMON DROP BOUTIQUE - A fun boutique shopping adventure, 112 E. Main St., 402-841-4691.

BOTTOM'S UP BAR - 119 N. Broadway, 402-373-4144.

BROADWAY BILLIE'S BOTTLE SHOP - Wine, beer & spirits store. Sandwiches & snacks. 124 S. Broadway, 402-373-4706.

BLOOMFIELD BAKERY - Fresh rolls, bread, homemade packaged noodles and noon lunch available. Pull up a stool at the counter for the best, old-fashioned milk shakes. 104 N. Broadway, 402-373-2343.

CURT'S LANES - Burgers, pizza and daily lunch specials, bowling lanes. 112 W. Grant St., 402-373-4900.

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

BLOOMFIELD VETERAN'S MEMORIAL - Visit the War Memorial of Bloomfield veterans who have or are serving our country in the armed forces. Featuring a life-size bronze statue of a soldier kneeling in front of a battlefield cross, granite stones with 1,450 Bloomfield Veterans' names engraved, shelter house with picnic tables and five benches representing each branch of service. This memorial is located along Highway 84 and built by donations and operated by the city of Bloomfield.

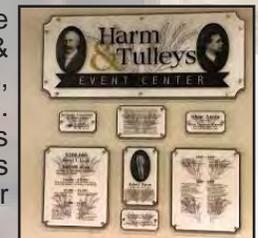


BLOOMFIELD CITY PARK - The park is located in the south central part of Bloomfield. It has picnic shelters, horseshoe pits, basketball hoops and restrooms. A new nature park is located near the city park with 7 camping pads available. These camping pads have electricity, water, sewer and WIFI.

BLOOMFIELD MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL - Features a heated pool with slide and basketball hoop. There is also a picnic shelter nearby.

ROBIN SCHULZ MEMORIAL PARK - The park is located in the north part of Bloomfield. It features softball fields, bleachers, restrooms and a concession stand.

HARM & TULLEY'S EVENT CENTER - We are a great place to host events such as auctions & sales, livestock shows, clinics, youth demo days, graduation parties, equine events and much more. We offer use of the concession stand and restrooms on site. Call Jolene at 402-640-0445 or contact us through Facebook today to reserve the date of your next event!



Lodging/Camping

SPRINGS MOTEL - 407 Main St., 402-373-2441.

KNOX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - 612½ Main St., 402-373-4615.

BLOOMFIELD CITY PARK - Seven camping pads available with electricity, water, sewer and WIFI. 402-373-4396.



CREIGHTON

History

Fortunate beyond its understanding, our community has both a Historical Society and Historical Center to help commemorate Creighton's history and educate others on its past and beginning. The Creighton Historical Center was formed in 1992 to support the historical preservation of the area, promote public utilization and appreciation of historical buildings in the area and to further the economic and social well being of Creighton and the surrounding area.



Events

Berry Pepper Days are held the third weekend in June and are a big hit in Knox County! Although the celebration only lasts a weekend, Berry Peppers are available throughout the summer! The frozen treats can be found at the swimming pool, Grager's Grocery Store, C-Mart or 59 Express!



Parks & Recreation

BRUCE PARK - Bruce Park features tennis and volleyball courts, baseball and softball fields. Located in Creighton, the Bruce Park is home of the famous SantaLand and Mrs. Claus' Gingerbread House where visitors from all over Northeast Nebraska can see Santa's motorized elves hard at work. Children can even visit with Santa himself and enjoy refreshments.



CREIGHTON MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL - Features a heated pool with wading pool, slide and bathhouse. Don't forget to get a yummy frozen "Berry Pepper" to cool you off.



BRUCE PARK ARBORETUM - Located by the Creighton City Park you will 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.

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CREIGHTON GOLF COURSE - 9-hole golf course including Country Club and Bar, 87190 Hwy. 13, 402-358-3565.

SANTALAND - SantaLand is a holiday light display located within Bruce Park in Creighton. Visitors can drive through the display and stop to visit Santa in the fully-animated workshop and gingerbread house. Everything at SantaLand is FREE!



Shopping

A SPECIAL PLACE - A special interest store that offers very unique products, decorating ideas, clothing, purses, floral arrangements, cards for all occasions, unique gift ideas, just to name a few. 710 Main St., 402-358-3888.



MANION'S DRUG STORE - Small town drugstore with boutique and specialty gifts for the whole family. 719 Main St., 402-358-3535.



RENATE'S THRIFT SHOP - If thrift shopping excites you, then Renate's is a place you need to visit! 607 Main St., 402-358-3638.

JANET FRANK'S QUILTS & EMBROIDERY - Longarm quilting, quilt piecing, embroidery, heat transfer apparel, promotional products, quilt classes, barn quilts, etched glassware, seasonal wreaths. 802 Bryant Ave., 402-358-5277.

REFIND VINTAGE SOUL - Repurposed creations. 814 Main St., 402-929-3522.



Dining & More

SUBWAY - 1008 Main Street, 402-358-3281.

59 EXPRESS CONVENIENCE STORE - Daily lunch specials and carryout pizza, 409 Main Street, 402-358-5699.

C-MART CONVENIENCE STORE - Daily lunch specials and carryout pizza, 910 Main Street, 402-358-3711.

BULLDOG'S SPORTS LOUNGE - 812 Main St., 402-358-3200.

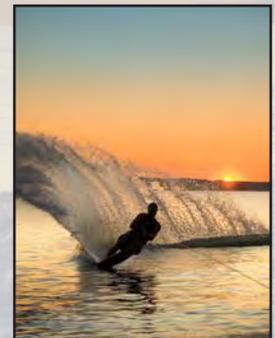




CROFTON

History

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.



Parks & Recreation

CROFTON LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE - The course is located on a bluff overlooking the panoramic Lewis & Clark Lake in Northeast Nebraska. Opened in 1989, the 9-hole regulation public course offers 2,925 yards of golf with a par 36. The course rating is a 34.7 with a slope rating of 115. Crofton, 402-388-4552, clvgolf@gpcom.net.

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 Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Open weekends: May, September, October from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 402-667-2546.

LEWIS & CLARK STATE RECREATION AREA - www.outdoornebraska.gov/lewisandclark. 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.

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CROFTON MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL - Come to Crofton and let the kids swim, burn off energy and cool off under the watchful eye of the Crofton Lifeguards.

CROFTON COURTS ARBORETUM - Featuring an Arbor Walkway and a memorial rose garden in the Northside Park. Here you will find an Avenue of Flags, and more than 59 species of trees and shrubs. Located in Crofton along Highway 12.

THE PULLEY MUSEUM - This unique museum is a collection of barn pulleys, hay trolleys, and other hay equipment dating from 1850-1950. For more information about the Pulley Museum or for a tour, contact Doug DeShazer at 402-510-8845.

SCHIFERL'S WJ RANCH & RIDING ARENA - It is our passion to promote horsemanship to those who wish to have a better partnership with their horse and to host wholesome events that families can enjoy, such as our yearly Cowboy Concert event in September and our annual Cowboy Christmas in November. We hold horsemanship clinics and workshops, along with hosting events for families such as concert events and group tours. We believe God may have created the horse to bring people together and we hope that we can help do that here at the WJ! 55659 892 Rd., Fordyce, Nebraska, 402-357-2102. <https://schiferlswjranch.com>

CROFTON'S HAYMARKET - On Crofton's Main Street, the historic Schwartz Market building (previously Fritz Bar) has been transformed into event space and a Crofton historical center. An extension to the Lewis & Clark Pulley Museum and Catering, this space is ideal for special events, bridal showers, holiday parties and community gatherings. Contact Doug & Juliet DeShazer for more information, 402-510-8845.



CROFTON

Shopping



MAIN STREET TREASURERS - A non-profit thrift store operated by volunteers and stocked by generous people's donations. Profits benefit the Crofton area. 111 West Main St., Crofton, 402-388-4545.



JEANNE'S ANTIQUES - A family owned and operated business for over 50 years. Located 1 mile east of Crofton on Highway 12. Stop on by and reclaim some history. 55296 Hwy. 12, Crofton, 402-388-4631.

Dining



WIEBELHAUS RECREATION/CENTENNIAL LANES (bowling) - Featuring a family atmosphere, a full menu, four-lane bowling center, a fully-stocked bar, two sand volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, catering, and party room. www.wiebelhausrecreation.com, 402-388-4640.



SPORTS STOP BAR & GRILL - 1108 W. 2nd St., Crofton, 402-388-4418.

CJ'S AT THE LAKE - Bait, tackle, beer, pop, ice, snacks, gas, booze, hunting and fishing licenses, and a GREAT place to EAT! Daily and nightly specials. Live music on the deck outside under the stars most weekends from May through September. 54882 897th Rd., Crofton, 402-388-4267, www.cjathelake.com.



DAM FISH SHACK - Food stand/bar & grill serving a wide variety of fish baskets. This seasonal, outdoor-themed restaurant is full of life with a music-filled atmosphere and fun things for the kiddos to do while you dine. 55310 Hwy. 121, Crofton, 402-388-4140.



LEWIS & CLARK MINI MART - Locally-owned convenience store offering fuel, snacks, bait, beverages, movies, beer, liquor. Subway restaurant can be found inside as well. 89001 Hwy. 121, Crofton, 402-388-4181.

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MURDOS ATEN RESORT - Located on the Nebraska Bank of the Missouri River, with riverside views of Gavin's Point Dam, Yankton and the Missouri River. We serve fish, seafood, steaks, burgers, chicken, salads and desserts! 55421 Highway 121, Crofton, 402-388-4455.



Lodging

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 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



LEWIS & CLARK LODGE MOTEL - The motel provides quick, easy access on Highway 121, Highway 12, or Highway 81 to Lewis and Clark Lake on the Missouri River. This is a destination area for camping, boating and fishing, as well as deer and pheasant hunting. NE-121 & Harold St., Crofton, 402-388-2630.



LEWIS & CLARK STATE RECREATION AREA - www.outdoornebraska.gov/lewisandclark. 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.





WAUSA

History

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 a 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. Wausa celebrates their Swedish heritage with annual events of: Pork Chop Barbeque, Labor Day Weekend Celebration, and Swedish Smorgasbord.



Parks & Recreation

ROLLING HILLS GOLF COURSE - Par 36, 9 hole golf course with a 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 Ave., Wausa, 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.

PRIVATE GEORGE SHANNON TRAIL - Northeast Nebraska is considered Private George Shannon Country. It was here in the late summer of 1804 when Private Shannon, the youngest member of the Corps of Discovery, was lost for 16 days. The adventure of Geocaching the unique trail of chainsaw carvings in memory of Private Shannon throughout Knox County awaits you!



Knox County

Shopping

BROADWAY MERCANTILE - Shop furniture, home decor, vintage items and antiques. 602 Broadway, Wausa, 402-358-1405.



Dining

BILL'S PLACE - Bases Loaded pizza, hamburgers & sub sandwiches along with a fully-stocked bar. 501 E. Broadway, Wausa, 402-586-2544.



PINKY'S LOUNGE - Sports bar with fast food and daily lunch specials, 511 E. Broadway, 402-586-2630.

BIG RED MINI MART - Daily lunch specials Monday through Friday and carryout pizza. 407 E. Broadway, 402-586-2859.



MAIN STREET GROCERY - Daily take-out specials from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 600 E. Broadway.

WAUSA LOCKERS - 516 E. Broadway, Open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. 402-586-2882.



Heritage

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!





VERDIGRE

History

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.



Celebrations

KOLACH DAYS - A festive celebration of Verdigre's Czech heritage was conceived in 1939 and sponsored by the Czech Federation. It became an annual event in the 1950s. Past festivities have included a carnival, bands, dancing, kolach-baking contest, kolach-eating contest, turtle races, kiddie parade, grand parade, flea markets, stage productions, basketball tournament, mud volleyball, various shows and demonstrations, tractor pull, Bull-O-Rama, alumni banquet and crowning of the new Kolach King and Queen. It continues as an annual event held in June.



Parks & Recreation

WILDWOOD ACRES PARK - Located on the southeast edge of Verdigre, this park features a heated swimming pool, tennis courts, basketball hoops, volleyball courts, bandstand, playground, picnic shelter and a large stone fireplace. Softball and baseball fields are nearby. A camping area is also available with cabins available to rent. Bring your pole and fish in the Verdigris Creek.



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. Here is where the traditional Doc Walstrom Memorial Turtle Races happen during Kolach Days.



Knox County

VERDIGRE HERITAGE MUSEUM - Take a trip back in time at the museum and learn how the Village of Verdigre was built and thrived.



Shopping

COUNTRY CREATIONS - Owner Delores Ruzicka started this business in 1972 and has expanded from ceramics to fresh flowers, balloons, specialty gifts and vinyl graphics. 313 S. Main St., Verdigre, 402-668-7271.



THE VERDIGRE CAROUSEL THRIFT SHOP - This is a not-for-profit thrift store. All of the items are donated, the store is run by volunteers and the money is donated back to the community. 314 N. Main St., Verdigre, 402-518-0962.



GRANNY'S PLACE - For all your quilting supplies and gifts. 215 Main St., Verdigre, 402-358-0311.

JEDLICKA'S HARDWARE HANK - Family-owned hardware store that offers appliances sales and service as well as hardware products. Also, a wide variety of gifts, toys, and seasonal products. 319 Main St., Verdigre, 402-668-2616.

Dining

COZY CORNER CAFE - Homemade lunch specials offered daily. Stop by for a piece of delicious homemade pie! 223 Main St., 402-668-2313.



MISTY'S SALOON - Fully-stocked bar, pizza, pub-style menu to order with beer garden and occasional polka bands, karaoke and one-man band entertainment. 309 S. Main St., 402-668-2814.

BOHEMIAN ONE STOP - Mini-mart convenience store, daily lunch specials, hot sandwiches, packaged liquor, beer cave, gas, diesel, and bait. 88199 NE-14, Verdigre, 402-668-7259.

VERDIGRE BAKERY - Authentic kolaches, homemade rolls, donuts & bread. 402-668-2233.

REIMAN COFFEE COMPANY - (OPENING SOON!) Kava brewed right here in the heart of downtown Verdigre! Locally roasted and brewed coffee, espressos, lattes, cappuccinos, iced coffee, cold brew, tea, spirits, liquor license, wine, tap beer, drive thru & daily deliveries. 200 Main St.



VERDIGRE

Lodging



THE VERDIGRE INN BED & BREAKFAST - Renovated turn-of-the-century Victorian home in a quiet, small-town setting. Family atmosphere. 305 3rd Ave., Verdigre, 402-668-2277.



COMMERCIAL HOTEL - Historic Commercial Hotel has seven rooms available seven nights a week. Each room has a private bath. Hot breakfast included with each night's stay. Casual and homey setting - great for family gatherings. Large, two-level deck and fenced-in yard available for outdoor parties! 117 N. Main St., Verdigre, 402-841-2574.



SLINGER FARM CABINS - Cabins for your family escape, spring turkey or fishing. 88017 521 Dr., Verdigre, 402-358-1317.

WILDWOOD ACRES - Two cabins are available at Wildwood Acres Park. Call the Village Office, 402-668-2621. There are also camping pads with electricity.



HILLSIDE SPORTSMAN LODGE - Located along Highway 14, Verdigre, 402-668-2896.



LINDY

History

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

Parks & Recreation

THE DEVIL'S NEST - North of the tiny town of Lindy 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 Native Americans have named the "Devil's 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 - Z's Lindy Country Club in Lindy is looking to provide amazing food, smiles and, of course, COLD BEER! It is always a good time at Z's. 53891 890 Way S., Lindy, 402-373-2440.

Dining

Z'S LINDY COUNTRY CLUB - 53891 890 Way S., Lindy, 402-373-2440.



WINNETOON

History

Winnetoon was founded in about 1892 and was incorporated as a village in 1900. It was named after the Wisconsin farm of an acquaintance of a railroad official. A post office has been in operation in Winnetoon since 1891.

Parks & Recreation

WINNETOON MALL & POST OFFICE - Antiques, woodworking, furniture refinishing & repair. Natural Food Coop also. Visit Privy Path and the garden areas. Go back in time!

BOARDWALK BACK-IN-TIME - Get a glimpse of Old West. This unique attraction in Winnetoon includes a 1907 jail, outhouse collection, replicas of 1910 business fronts, 1888 schoolhouse, 1871 trading post, wildflower and prairie gardens and chainsaw carvings. Open year round, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. plus Saturdays, Memorial Day - Labor Day. Winnetoon, 402-847-3368.

WINNETOON PARK - Located on the north end of Winnetoon, this park has many activities for youth.

Dining

ELAINE'S TAVERN & CAFE - Daily lunch and evening specials. Get a cold beverage after walking the Boardwalk. 305 Main Ave., 402-847-3321.



CENTER

History

Center was platted in 1901. It was named for its location near the geographical center of Knox County. Center was incorporated as a village in 1904 and is the county seat of Knox County, Nebraska.

Parks & Recreation

CENTER PARK - A quaint, little park with a playground, picnic shelter and restroom in the middle of Center is available for visitors to stop and enjoy.

Dining

HIDE OUT BAR & GRILL - Full menu, fully-stocked bar and beer garden. 201 Main St., Center, 402-288-4345.



