



Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway

Exploring remarkable sites in
three Kansas counties

Funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration through the Kansas Scenic Byways Program.

To experience the Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway to its fullest, we encourage you to download a copy of our 36-page detailed guide or pick up our informative audio tour CD. We hope you enjoy our magnificent Byway.

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Interpretive Panel Locations

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WWNSB Welcome Sign, The Wrath of Nature 2 TNC Cheyenne Bottoms Preserve Entrance - K-4 Highway
WWNSB Welcome Sign, Birds of the Woods and Prairie 3 Cheyenne Bottoms Scenic Overlook - K-4 Highway
Wings Over the Water, Prey and Play 4 Clafin City Park on K-4 Highway
WWNSB Welcome Sign, Settling the Great American Desert 5 Kansas Wetlands Education Center on K-156 Highway
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Cheyenne Bottoms, Magic Muck 7 Cheyenne Bottoms Headquarters
Jackrabbit Run 8 Barton County Historical Museum and Village-Great Bend
Arkansas River's Great Bend, People of the Plains | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 Great Bend Courthouse Square - NW Corner
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American Rubyspot/Ted Lee Eubanks



Whooping Crane/Ryan Hagerty

The endangered Whooping Crane is just one of the more than 330 bird species that visit Byway wetlands.



Wheat and silo/Ted Lee Eubanks

Now a world-class birding destination, Cheyenne Bottoms hosted the first regulated greyhound coursing match in the United States in 1886.



Cheyenne Bottoms/Ted Lee Eubanks



American White Pelicans/Ted Lee Eubanks

Tracing the mile lines of the Great Plains, the Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway connects two of the world's most ecologically important wetlands—Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. More than 60,000 acres of natural wetlands host hundreds of thousands of migrating ducks, geese, gulls, cranes, and shorebirds annually. No wonder this wetland region has been named one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas!

But the Byway offers far more than dazzling wetlands. Along the 77-mile route, you can visit hand-crafted native stone bridges, walk historic underground tunnels, and explore local

museums. You can savor local artwork, follow in the footsteps of early settlers along the Santa Fe Trail, and meet birds of prey at a raptor rehabilitation center.

Linger over the restored grasslands that flourish under the Kansas sky. Taste bread baked with flour from wheat grown in our backyards. Watch for deer, coyotes, and turkeys in rolling croplands along your route.

Discover the landscape and meet the people who call the Byway lands home. Pick up a Byway map, slip in the audio tour CD, and come explore our extraordinary corner of the planet.



Quivira National Wildlife Refuge/Ted Lee Eubanks



Wilson's Phalarope/Ted Lee Eubanks

More than half of all shorebirds that migrate east of the Rockies pass through Cheyenne Bottoms and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge marshes annually.

Motion and Change

Along the Byway, you'll encounter the motion and change that is our history... and our future. You're entering a land of stunning bird migrations, of wild winds and weather, and of dancing prairie grasses—a land richly layered with human history. Welcome!