



**To Do List:**

- Eat with a Dinosaur*
- Drive 175 MPH*
- Catch a foul ball*
- Indulge at a Chateau*
- Get soaked with H2O*

# WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS



*Dwight D. Eisenhower bronze statue at the Legends at Village West*

hunting, fishing and outdoor gear store in 2002. The store features a Mule Deer Museum with the world's largest collection of life-size trophy mule deer that includes two world records and numerous state and province records. The store also includes an aquarium, laser arcade, archery range, art gallery, furniture



*African Safari Diorama at Cabela's*

Kansas City Kansas, and Wyandotte County is positioned to become the leading tourist location in the state of Kansas and in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Kansas City, Kansas, with a population of a little less than 150,000 is located just across the river from Kansas City, Missouri. Recent new additions to the tourism picture have propelled this metropolitan community into the limelight.

With the success of Kansas Speedway, development began on the new retail and entertainment district, Village West.

Cabela's was the first to open with an 180,000 square ft.

department, gun library, restaurant and gift shop. Over 2 million people visit Cabela's annually making it the #1 attraction in Kansas.



Kansas Speedway opened its doors in 2001. The 1.5-mile oval track hosts NASCAR Nextel Cup, NASCAR Busch Series, NASCAR Craftsman Trucks and Indy Racing each year.

Between races, the track hosts driving schools, custom car shows, barbecue contests and other events.

# SHOPPING



**Nebraska Furniture Mart** is one of many stores located at Village West. This 712,000 sq. ft. home furnishing store features everything you would need for your home and brings visitors from all over the United States.

**The Legends at Village West** is an outdoor retail, dining and entertainment district. Its unique mixture of one-of-a-kind entertainment venues brings more than 20 nationally and internationally known restaurants and specialty stores to the area.

## The Legends is host to the following retail stores and more!

Adidas, Aeropostale, American Eagle Outfitters, Amini's Galleria, Ann Taylor Factory, Banana Republic Factory, BCBGirls, BCBG Max Azria, Books-A-Million, Brooks Brothers The Buckle, Carter's, Cavender's, Converse, Forever 21, GameStop, Gap Outlet, Gymboree, Harry and David, Helzberg Diamonds, Hot Topic, Jockey, Justice, Lane Bryant Outlet, Le Creuset, Levi's & Dockers Outlet by MOST, Maurices, Motherhood Maternity, Nike, Off Broadway Shoe Warehouse, Old Navy, Osh-Kosh, PacSun, Sportz Nutz, TJ Maxx, Tommy Hilfinger, Zales



The Legends uses its various amenities to celebrate famous Kansans in art, history, politics, statesmanship, science and invention, adventurers and explorers, sports and athletics, and the native landscape. In all, there are more than 80 tributes to legendary Kansans in a variety of art forms, including statues, portraits, and medallions, all of which comprise the shopping center's goal to provide "edutainment." A free self-guided audio tour leads visitors through each corridor, providing information about the legends and the artistic representations in which they are depicted.

# DINING

Dining in Wyandotte County is much more than a culinary experience it can become an adventure of a lifetime providing something for every palate in the family.



**T-Rex**, a 20,000-square-foot destination restaurant, is a place where whimsicality and reality meet to entertain and educate all ages. Dinosaurs come to life amongst extravagant theatrical settings including geysers, waterfalls and ice caves. In addition to an eclectic food menu and retail area, children are encouraged to participate in an actual dinosaur dig to uncover dinosaur fossils and artifacts 65-300 million years old. This is the first location in the United States for T-Rex. The second location is located in Orlando Florida.



The Legends is also home to **Cleatz Sports Bar and Chill**, housing three other very unique restaurants: **Flip Flopz**, a beach themed club; **Spurz**, a country club and bar, and **Stellitoz**, a martini lounge.

**Wild Bill's Legendary Steakhouse and Saloon** combines the atmosphere of the Wild West with the personality of a Texas roadhouse. With a theme of "Cowboy-Cool Cuisine" Wild Bill's takes regional All-American dishes and adds authentic flavors out of the old west. The main attraction of Wild Bill's is a mechanical bull named "Bodacious" where riders have 8 seconds to "cowboy-up."



**Dave & Buster's** serves up quality food in big portions in a fun upscale atmosphere. Along with great food, Dave and Buster's presents the latest and greatest electronic interactive entertainment in its famous Million Dollar Midway and traditional games such as billiards and shuffleboard.

**Los Cabos, A Mexican Restaurant** brings the Mexican Baja to Kansas City. Fun. Fresh. Flavorful. Los Cabos also features The Rooftop Fiesta, a casual lounge inspired by the late-night excitement of a Baja beach party!

**STIX Restaurant** Embark on an exciting, authentic pan-Asian adventure at STIX. Be amazed at the quick-handed, knife-wielding chefs; the impeccable mastery and artful presentations of the sushi chefs; the pungent seasonings and spicy flavors of regional Chinese cuisines.



# UNIQUE LODGING



Unique lodging in the Village West area includes The **Great Wolf Lodge**, a family resort and indoor water park with three-story tall waterslides, five pools and a four-story interactive treehouse water fort offering 12 levels of super-soaking fun for the family. There is also a spa made just for kids. Scoops Kid Spa, has services designed exclusively for the 12 and under set. Scoops birthday parties are also available! Keep the family-friendly competition going in our arcade,



jam-packed with over a hundred games. Dance, race, spin, throw -- it's the only "workout" that will let you earn prizes. Unwind in any of the spacious suites, designed to capture the atmosphere of the Northwoods and the amenities of a full-service resort.



**Chateau Avalon** is a bed and breakfast style themed room luxury hotel resembling a French Chateau. Designed for couple's special getaways, each room is uniquely decorated in themes such as Mayan Rainforest, Roman Empire, Camelot and Pirates Cove. Chateau Avalon is situated on twenty-eight wooded acres, and is a retreat from daily stress, and a place where memories are made. Only here, atop a Kansas hillside, will you discover a bed and breakfast-like atmosphere as conducive to small business meetings as it is to romance. From its elaborately-

themed accommodations, to state-of-the-art intimate meeting and event facilities, Chateau Avalon is located in a vacation destination which boasts a diverse array of recreation and attractions.



# WALK THROUGH HISTORY



Kansas City Kansas and Wyandotte County has always been known for its small and unique historical and ethnic museums, such as the **Strawberry Hill Museum and Ethnic Center**. This Queen Anne-style home preserves the diverse ethnic cultures that immigrants from Eastern Europe brought to the city in the early 1900's.

The **Rosedale Memorial Arch**, based on the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, pays tribute to soldiers who served in WWI.



Each fall, **The Kansas City Renaissance Festival** is one of the top 100 events in North America, highlighting full armored jousting, costumed characters and food fit for a king.

You can visit **Kaw Point** and see where Lewis and Clark camped in 1804. This beautiful park setting is located at the point where the Missouri and Kansas (Kaw) Rivers meet and has a wonderful view of downtown Kansas City Missouri.

**Grinter Place** - A trip to Grinter Place isn't just a look inside the oldest home in Wyandotte County, it's a step back to the days of frontier life along the Kansas and Missouri border. Overlooking the historic Delaware Crossing on the Kansas River, Grinter Place was the home to Annie and Moses Grinter. Moses operated a ferry and a trading post, where he traded with the Lenape Indians.



**Old Quindaro Museum** - There was a need to tell the story of the escaped slave families who found freedom in Quindaro, Kansas. These brave "seekers of freedom" lived among the Wyandotte Nation and white abolitionist who founded the old Township of Quindaro in 1856 (now known as the Quindaro Ruins). When the historic John A.Walker residence became available, a bold move was made to acquire it as the home for a "living museum"(a museum that would replicate a home as it would have been in the early 1900s); a museum that would tell the story of those first African-American families who settled in Old Quindaro.

**Quindaro Overlook** - The newly constructed Quindaro Overlook is adorned with inscriptions detailing the history of Kansas slaves using the Underground Railroad to flee captivity. The site is located along the southern bluffs of the Missouri River. A set of walking trails twist through the hill-side, taking visitors from the structure down further to the river, re-tracing routes used by slaves as they came into Kansas.



# ENTERTAINMENT



**The Legends 14 Theatre** at Village West is a 14-screen state-of-the-art complex that features the largest movie screen in the midwest and VIP seating; amenities and services unlike any other area theatre.

**The Kansas City T-Bones**, an independent Northern League baseball team, opened in 2003 at the Community America Ballpark where between-inning antics make this ballgame a family fun and friendly experience.



**Pin-Up Bowl** is a bowling alley that doubles as an upscale trendy lounge. Four screens above the eight bowling lanes pump out MTV music videos as well as cartoons. The full bar boasts a huge selection of signature martinis as well as beer, liquors and wine.

**Capitol Federal Park at Sandstone** is an open-air performance venue located in Bonner Springs, Kansas. Opened in 1984 as Sandstone Amphitheater, it is a place where concert fans have been making memories for over twenty years. Audience capacity at Capitol Federal Park at Sandstone is 18,000 people, including approximately 3,100 box and reserved seats.



## WHAT'S NEW?



Opening Summer 2009 is phase one of **Schlitterbahn Vacation Village**. This 300-acre family fun destination, located just east of Kansas Speedway and Village West, will eventually include a year-round River Walk with retail, dining and entertainment, an interactive marine park, and lodging that includes tree house resorts.



# TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

## Kansas City, KS and Wyandotte County



### Go on a reverse safari at Cabela's

10300 Cabela Drive

Phone: 913-328-0322

[www.cabelas.com](http://www.cabelas.com)

See the world's largest collection of life-size trophy mule deer up close in their natural surroundings, including two world record setters. This retail store also includes a laser arcade, archery range, art gallery, gun library, restaurant, general store and gift shop. Cabela's retail showroom features 180,000 square ft. of hunting, fishing, and related outdoor gear.



### Moon Marble Company

600 East Front Street

Phone: 913-441-1432

[www.moonmarble.com](http://www.moonmarble.com)

Machine-made and handmade marbles galore created by various artists. Learn about glass working and marble history as you watch a marble-making demonstration. Peruse the displays of antique marble toys, play marble games and visit the gift shop for unusual, timeless toys. Group tours by appointment.



### Slide down one of eight waterslides at Great Wolf Lodge

10401 Cabela Drive

Phone: 913-299-7001

[www.greatwolfodge.com](http://www.greatwolfodge.com)

Kansas' premier indoor waterpark resort. Over 40,000 spectacular sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor waterpark, a 4 story indoor play area, 8 waterslides, and 5 pools. Luxurious guest suites have a northwoods atmosphere. A northern lights arcade and AVEDA spa complete the experience.



### Shop at Nebraska Furniture Mart

1601 Village West Parkway

Phone: 913-288-6200

[www.nfm.com](http://www.nfm.com)

Nebraska Furniture Mart offers more than 185,000 appliance and electronics items, 85,000 home furnishing items and over a million square yards of carpet. The 80-acre campus is designed to help you get it when you want it. Convenient parking is available along with easy to shop displays.



### Sing "Take me out to the ballgame" at the Kansas City T-Bones

1800 Village West Parkway

Phone: 913-328-2255

[www.tbonesbaseball.com](http://www.tbonesbaseball.com)

"Fun Well Done." Enjoy affordable, family entertainment watching the Northern League's Kansas City T-Bones Baseball at Community America Ballpark. You can be sure T-Bones baseball is one of the best entertainment values in Kansas City with unique fun, between-inning events at this 4,300 seat stadium.



### Experience the ultimate adrenaline rush at Kansas Speedway

400 Speedway Blvd. Phone: 913-328-3300 [www.kansasspeedway.com](http://www.kansasspeedway.com)

Features a 1.5-mile track that hosts 2 major race weekends each year. Year-round events include driving schools, custom car shows, and national barbecue contests. Guided tours include visits to grandstands, infield, garages and victory lane.



### Indulge your fantasies at Chateau Avalon

701 Village West Parkway Phone: 913-596-6000 [www.chateauavalonhotel.com](http://www.chateauavalonhotel.com)

A special place for special times. This themed room hotel blends the charm of a bed and breakfast with the amenities of an upscale resort. Styled after a French chateau, each room is uniquely decorated down to the last detail.



### Get a sweet pedicure at Scoops Kid Spa

10401 Cabela Drive Phone: 913-299-7001 [www.greatwolfodge.com](http://www.greatwolfodge.com)

This Spa for tweens has a sweet theme! Ice cream bath fizz, shower sherbert scrub, sundae topping foot mask and moisturizing body icing are part of the fun at Scoops Kid Spa. Located inside Great Wolf Lodge, kids can get a flavorful manicure and pedicure such as chocolate-covered strawberry and coconut cream pie.



### Shop at The Legends at Village West

1843 Village West Pkwy Phone: 913-788-3700 [www.legendsshopping.com](http://www.legendsshopping.com)

The Legends is a vibrant addition to the Village West retail and entertainment destination development located in Kansas City, Kansas. The Legends offers specialty stores, unique retail, entertainment and dining to support and enhance any visitor's lifestyle.



### Eat dinner with a T-Rex

1847 Village West Pkwy Phone: 913-334-8888 [www.trexcafe.com](http://www.trexcafe.com)

Get a hands-on prehistoric experience with the Discovery Dig at T-Rex Cafe! You can mine for hidden treasures and pan for fossils. After, come face-to-face with life-size, live-action dinosaurs as you sink your teeth into a Bronto Burger. Even your youngest wannabe paleontologist will love it.



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