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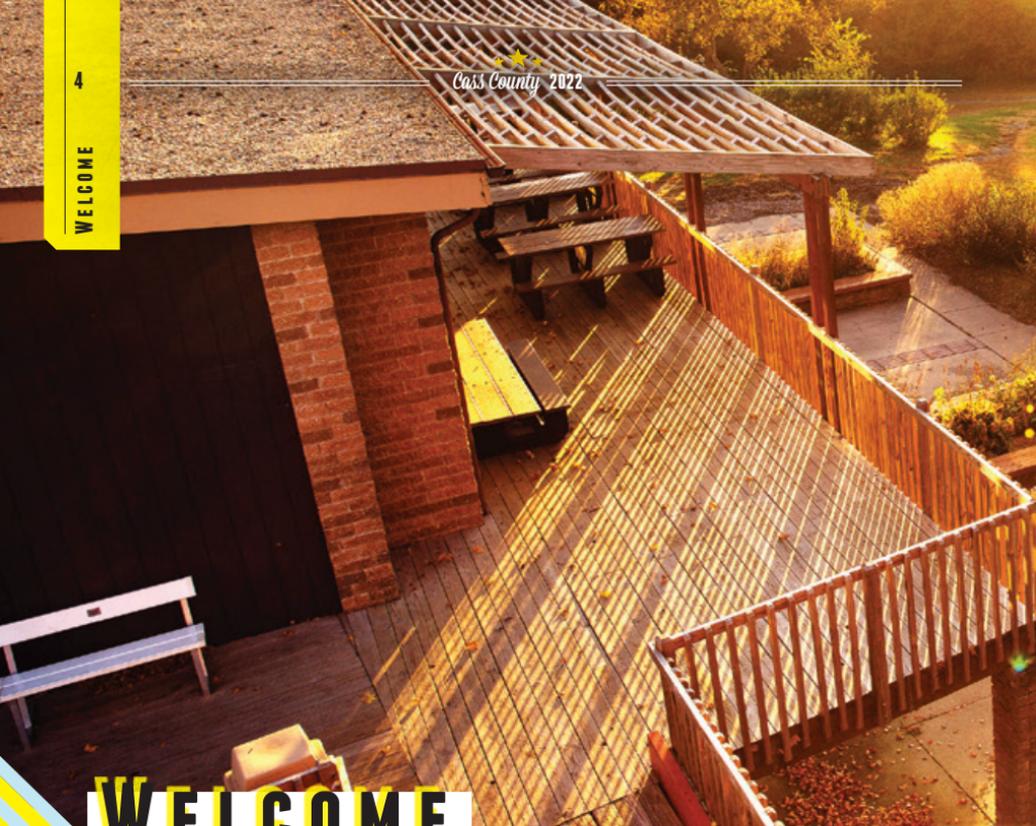
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WELCOME

▲ Scott Lodge Restaurant, Platte River State Park.

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TO CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA!

Cass County offers something for everyone, whether you like to check out the must-see attractions, sample the local eats, or shop for new treasures. We invite you to visit our beautiful county and discover why Cass County is a top destination for events and activities, from golf to agri-tourism. Our recreational areas highlight our wide-open spaces and beautiful views while featuring trails for hiking or mountain biking, all levels of camping, boating, fishing, and other outdoor recreation throughout the year.

Cass County is located approximately halfway between Omaha and Lincoln, with the Platte and Missouri rivers as its north and east borders. Within its 566 square miles are 15 communities and 26,000 people ready to welcome individuals and families looking for a one-of-a-kind getaway.

For a complete listing of attractions and activities, check out our newly updated and expanded website, visitcasscounty.com, to find out more about why Cass County is such a great place to visit!

Carl Reichart

Cass County Tourism Director

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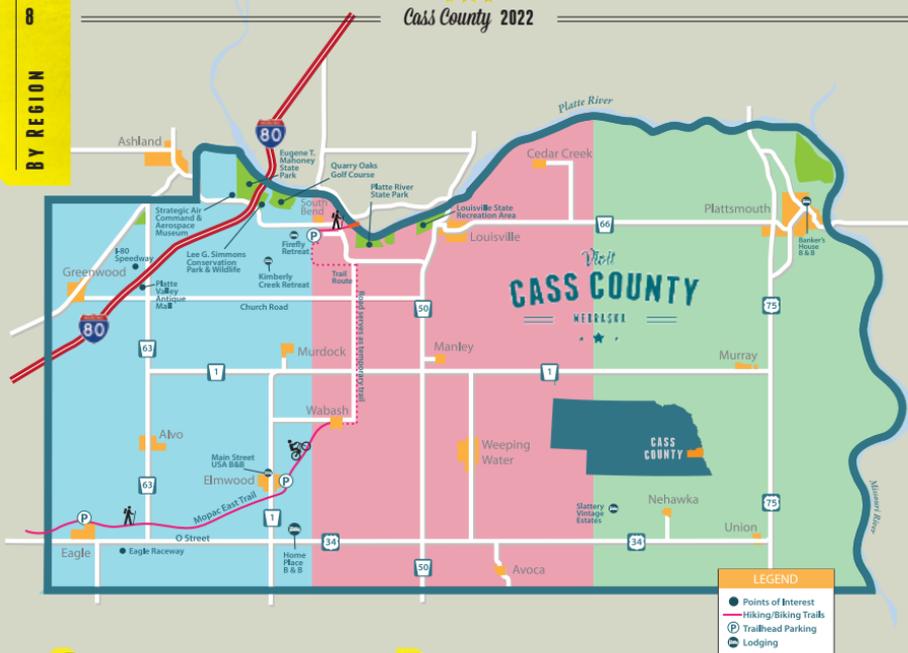
THE DRIVE



DESTINATION TRAVEL TO CASS COUNTY

Cass County is perfectly situated between Omaha and Lincoln, and can easily be accessed from Interstate 80, Interstate 29 and Highway 75.

Des Moines, IA	2 h 35 min (168.1 mi) via I-80 W
Kansas City, MO	2 h 44 min (177.5 mi) via I-29 N
Denver, CO	7 h 22 min (525.0 mi) via I-76 E and I-80 E
Topeka, KS	2 h 26 min (149.9 mi) via US-75 N
Tulsa, OK	6 h 9 min (368.1 mi) via US-75 N and US-75 N
Minneapolis, MN	6 h 7 min (412.5 mi) via I-35 S and I-80 W



CASS BY REGION

Cass County was formed in 1855 and is uniquely situated midway between Nebraska's largest city and its state capital. Because it's accessible to Omaha, Lincoln, and their surrounding communities, Cass County has a lot to offer its visitors. Whether they're **outdoor enthusiasts** looking for great recreation, **history buffs** interested in military milestones or the growth of small Midwestern towns, or **tourists** wanting to experience the local fare and shop for souvenirs, Cass County has something for everyone. These attractions are described in more detail throughout this guide and on our website, visitcasscounty.com.

WESTERN

The western area of Cass County is bordered by Lancaster County to the west, Saunders and Sarpy counties to the north, and Otoe County to the south side. The communities in this area include Alvo, Ashland, Eagle, Elmwood, Greenwood, Murdock, and South Bend.

Drivers traveling between Omaha and Lincoln will intersect the northwestern part of the county whether they take Highway 6 or I-80, passing major landmarks including Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, Lee G. Simmons Park & Wildlife Safari, and the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum. Highway 63 and Highway 1 are the major north-south thoroughfares in this area, and Highway 34 runs east and west across the southernmost part of the entire county.

The western region of Cass County includes the I-80 Speedway and Eagle Raceway, The Platte Valley Antique Mall, Bakers Candies, several museums and golf courses, and a host of other attractions.



▲ Jenny Newman Lake, Platte River State Park.

Photo by NE Game and Parks

CENTRAL

Central Cass County communities include Avoca, Louisville, Manley and Weeping Water. Bordered by the Platte River to the north, this region features Platte River State Park and Louisville State Recreation Area, both major destinations for camping, fishing, boating and other recreation.

The area is accessible via north-south Highway 50 and major east-west routes include Highway 66, Highway 1 and Highway 34.

Some of the attractions located in the central region of Cass County include Manley's Loft Community Theatre, Bloom Where You're Planted Farm near Avoca, museums in Avoca and Weeping Water, and unique shopping options like the Coop De Ville and Feathers boutiques in Louisville, and Grandpa Snazzy's Victorian Emporium & Theatrical Rentals in Weeping Water. Louisville and Weeping Water both offer a nice selection of places to eat with the family or kick back with a drink.

EASTERN

The eastern region of Cass County is bordered by the Missouri River to the east and the Platte River to the north, with the publicly accessible confluence of the two located in the Schilling Wildlife Management Area. Otoe County abuts the county to the south. Highway 75 intersects the region north-south, and the major east-west thoroughfares are Highways 66, 1 and 34.

The communities in this region are Cedar Creek, Murray, Nehawka, Plattsmouth and Union. Plattsmouth is the county seat and the largest city in the county, and offers a wide variety of shopping, dining and other attractions, from the Cass County Historical Museum to a downtown farmers market to the Wilkerson Art Works. The other communities in the area have much to offer, too, like the viticulture-oriented Slattery Vintage Estates, Vineyard & Tasting Room near Nehawka, Mad Cow Paintball in Cedar Creek, and several beautiful golf courses.



MUST SEES

► Top & Left Photos: Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park & Wildlife Safari.

There's so much to see in Cass County that you will easily fill up your itinerary for a day trip (or several) or even an extended visit. We have beautiful parks for both recreation and sightseeing, a variety of interesting and educational museums highlighting small-town Nebraska life or military history, and several other unique attractions that you can't find anywhere else.



WESTERN

Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari will appeal to families with children and other nature lovers. Wildlife Safari Park is a four-mile, drive-through North American wildlife adventure providing a face-to-face safari experience featuring North American plants and animals like elk, white-tailed deer, bison and waterfowl. The Visitor Center boasts beautiful gardens, small animal exhibits and a gift shop. The park now also features the Bison Overlook and Nature Play Area with a 600-square-foot viewing deck overlooking 40 acres of woodland hills and open grasslands along with a nature-based playground for kids to explore. It's open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from April through October.



SO MUCH TO DO AND SEE! THE AQUATIC PARK IS THE BEST AND THE INDOOR PLAYGROUND IS ALSO AWESOME!

@ Mahoney State Park

Outdoor enthusiasts will love **Eugene T. Mahoney State Park**. Families can visit the aquatic center and indoor playground, explore the park’s hiking and biking trails, adventure through the treetop ropes course, climb the observation tower and, when the weather turns cold, enjoy indoor rock climbing, sledding and ice skating. Camping opportunities are available, but Peter Kiewit Lodge also offers hotel-like lodging with amazing views. Other features include The View restaurant and an arts and crafts center. The park is open year-round. >>>



► Top & Below Photos: Mahoney State Park
Photo by NE Game and Parks



► Top and Below: Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum



THE SR-71 BLACKBIRD ON DISPLAY IS VISIBLE WHEN YOU WALK IN THE DOOR AND IS VERY IMPRESSIVE.

@ Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum

««« The western portion of Cass County boasts quite a few museums, the largest being the **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum**. This stunning facility exists to preserve the history of Strategic Air Command, the Cold War and aerospace artifacts and to inspire learning through imaginative, innovative, and inspirational programs and exhibits. It features 300,000 square feet of exhibit, education and event space to inspire, teach and entertain guests from around the world. Its precursor opened in 1959 with the mission to commemorate the aircraft of the Strategic Air Command headquartered at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. Military buffs will also enjoy the **Elmwood G.A.R.** (Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization) **Veterans Museum** located in Elmwood. This renovated facility is now used to honor local veterans, past and present, and features military artifacts and memorabilia from the Civil War era through modern times.



► G.A.R. Museum



While you're in Elmwood, stop by to visit the **Bess Streeter Aldrich House and Museum**, the home where one of Nebraska's best-loved and best-selling authors lived, worked, and raised a family. The works of Aldrich (who was posthumously inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame) are still in print today, fulfilling her desire that future generations understand the joys, struggles and strengths that were all part of pioneering in the Midwest. In Murdock, the local historical society invites you to visit the **Murdock Museum** on a Sunday afternoon to learn about the history of their small town and also why the community is still thriving after more than 140 years.

The **Platte Valley Antique Mall & Tourist Information Center** is conveniently located on I-80 at Exit 420 and open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily year-round. Visitors can tap into free wi-fi, pick up brochures highlighting area attractions, and also enjoy a cafe and pub featuring homestyle cooking. The adjacent antique mall specializes in authentic antiques and older collectibles, with 150 dealers displaying quality merchandise.

If you're in or near Greenwood, you'll want to make time for a delicious trip to **Bakers Candies**, with world-renowned chocolate meltaways proudly produced by the Baker family for three generations. You may want to pick up some extras for the road.



▲ Bakers Candies

Fans of racing will be thrilled to discover that Cass County has two race tracks! **Eagle Raceway** in Eagle is a one-third mile dirt track, known locally as the "World's Fastest Third Mile." The family-friendly raceway is open April through September and also offers go-kart racing at the **Mini E Raceway** inside the big ring. **I-80 Speedway** near Greenwood hosts weekly Friday night racing featuring the NASCAR Whelen All American Series, the Silver Dollar Nationals, and has played hosts to numerous touring series. **Little Sunset Speedway**, a 1/8-mile karting facility, is located behind the main grandstand of the speedway.



• Louisville State Recreation Area
Photo by NE Game and Parks



• Platte River State Park
Photo by NE Game and Parks

CENTRAL

The central part of the county features two major recreation areas along the Platte River border. **Platte River State Park** campers can pitch a tent or enjoy cozy accommodations in charming vintage cabins or more luxurious “glamping” cabins. The park also features a beautiful waterfall, spray park, scenic hiking and biking trails, and two observation towers that provide a breathtaking view of the Platte River Basin. Visitors can also enjoy guided horseback rides, fishing and paddleboating, concessions, a covered picnic shelter available for rental, an amphitheater that hosts free naturalist presentations during the summer months, and more. The park is open year-round. Fun fact: Platte River State Park was formerly two separate camps: Harriet Harding Campfire Girls Camp and Camp Esther K Newman. **Louisville State Recreation Area** contains five sandpit lakes for swimming, fishing and non-power boating; provides canoe access to the Platte River; and features a new floating playground. Campers and RVers are welcome, and amenities include picnic sites and a playground, along with upgraded showers and restrooms.



• The Loft

Enjoy the performing arts at **The Loft** theatre in Manly, which began in a hog barn in 1977, but today is a full-fledged performance venue. Housed in a gorgeous post-and-beam facility, it hosts Broadway musicals, children's theater and live concerts year-round. The **Old Schoolhouse** in Avoca is another great source for entertainment, offering concerts, field trips and workshops along with fiddle camps and private music lessons.



▲ Downtown Plattsmouth

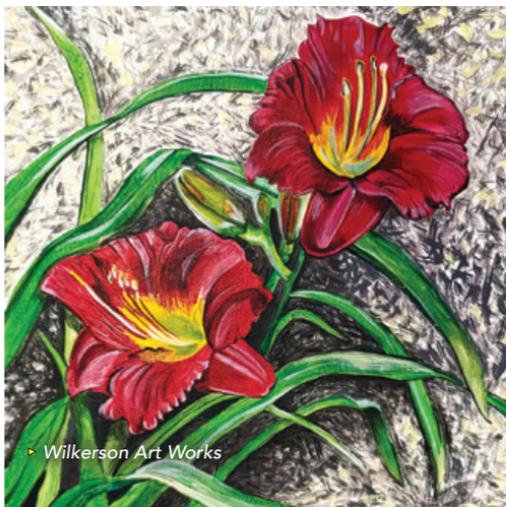
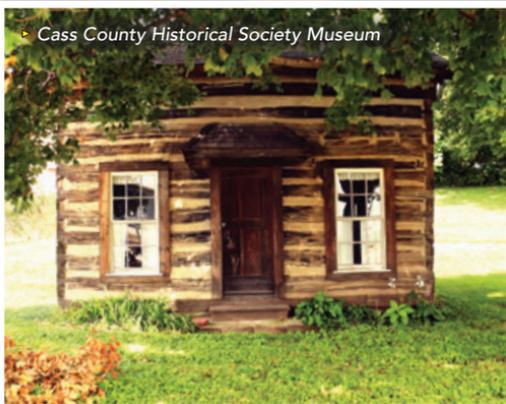
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Society Museum

EASTERN

Plattsmouth not only provides a wonderful historic downtown experience, it also delivers history and culture. **The Cass County Historical Society Museum** tells the history of Cass County since it was opened for settlement in 1854, from the golden age of steamboating on the Missouri River to the pioneer experience, from the arrival of the train to the importance of farm production. The Historical Society also maintains the Joseph and Mary Cook Log Cabin built in 1868 and a Burlington Northern Caboose at Second and Main streets in Plattsmouth, and the Rock Bluffs one-room schoolhouse southeast of Plattsmouth. For a more creative experience, stop in to **Wilkerson Art Works** in historic downtown Plattsmouth. Besides viewing the featured artist's current work, you or a group can take part in a fun, casual class for all ages and skill levels and produce your very own piece of art!

▶ Cass County Historical Society Museum



▶ Wilkerson Art Works



EATS

▲ The View, Mahoney State Park

With nearly every Cass County community featuring food and drink establishments, visitors have a wide variety of dining options to choose from. If you're in the mood to sample homestyle fare from a local small cafe or looking for a full-service fine restaurant you can find that and everything in between. There are plenty of coffeehouses and pubs too and even places that offer ice cream or other treats. For more details and updates, visit our website at visitcasscounty.com.

WESTERN

If you're visiting Mahoney State Park, you'll want to head to the Peter Kiewit Lodge to enjoy lunch or dinner at **The View**. The restaurant offers an array of food from its fine dining and kids' menus. It also will offer catering, to-go purchasing of sandwiches and sodas, and delivery to cabins, lodge rooms, campsites and the Ashland area.

Round the Bend Steakhouse, nestled in the rolling hills of the Platte River Valley, is one of the premier steakhouses in Nebraska and known as much for its excellent service as its great food...and for being home to an annual Testicle Festival held Father's Day Weekend. (If that's not your thing, don't worry—Round the Bend always offers a full menu.)

Eagle is home to **Bailey's Local**, which offers breakfast, lunch and dinner with down-home style and professional quality. Patrons can also enjoy daily specials and a regular schedule of fun events, from karaoke to the MoPac Trail Nacho Ride. Just a short drive away is **The Quonset Bar and Grill** in

Elmwood, open daily for lunch and dinner. The Quonset offers hearty pub fare and a great selection of appetizers to accompany your libations, but also has a kids' menu and daily dessert options. A little further north in Murdock, **Blair's Bulldogs Bar & Grill** is known for its sandwiches and burgers and also offers a wide variety of classic lunch and dinner selections plus appetizers and a kids' menu. Ask about the Saturday evening prime rib and the Sunday broasted chicken takeout specials, too. If you're at the Platte Valley Antique Mall in Greenwood, take a break from shopping to enjoy some homestyle cooking at **Plattepus Cafe & Pub**, where the soups and sandwiches are prepared "with love and pride."

Other Eats

- Ashland Country Club, Exit 426 - Ashland
- Casey's, Eagle
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CENTRAL

Louisville is home to several great places to dine and drink. **B's Eats** has great online reviews for its delicious breakfast, brunch and lunch fare and charming atmosphere, and gets extra points for offering gluten-free bread for toast and sandwiches. The **Good Times Saloon** has served up drinks for almost 40 years in a comfortable, unpretentious atmosphere where patrons can relax and enjoy themselves, and the Good Times game room offers shuffleboard, pool, darts, music, and plenty of screens to watch the game. Patio seating is available when the weather is nice. If you're in the Manley area, the **Hideaway Bar & Grill** is a friendly, small-town hangout that's just as cozy as it sounds.

Other Eats

- Dairy Sweet, Weeping Water
- Drue's Kitchen, Weeping Water
- Express Lane, Weeping Water
- The Farmhouse Lounge, Weeping Water
- Mrs. T's Dari Creme, Louisville
- Scott Lodge Restaurant at Platte River State Park, Louisville



▲ Top: Good Times Saloon, Bottom: Herban Coffee

EASTERN

For some amazing chicken or tacos, head to the **Cedar Creek Inn Bar & Grill in Cedar Creek** for lunch or dinner. It's also a great place to enjoy a round of drinks, or just to hang out in the beer garden or play horseshoes when the weather is warm. If you're further south, **Slatery Vintage Estates** in Nehawka has a lovely tasting room where you can experience the ambience of a vineyard surrounding you while you sip award-winning, Nebraska-made wines and beers with chef-inspired appetizers and wood fired pizzas (summer weekends in season).

Plattsmouth, the largest community in Cass County, is home to all kinds of eateries. **DJ's Dugout** is a friendly sports bar with

a full menu of entrees, appetizers, soups, salads and desserts. Whether or not you golf, **Fairways Restaurant at Lake Ridge Golf Course** is a great choice when you're in the mood for excellent casual fine dining, and the restaurant can also accommodate large groups. **The Fork & Hammer** is a steakhouse that also has amazing Southern fare and a laid-back atmosphere. And if you're looking for something a little different, check out **Herban Coffee Lab**, an "eclectic bakery & bistro." In addition to fresh-roasted coffee and fine teas, Herban offers lunch service, gourmet baked goods and desserts, and a large selection of organic herbs and spices. >>>



▲ River House

▲ The Sweet Spot

◀◀◀ When you're in the mood for Mexican, **La Fiesta** offers a large menu of authentic Mexican fare for lunch and dinner, along with a nice selection of drinks and cocktail specials, and be sure to check out the house specialties. **Mom's Café & Catering** boasts a rustic diner atmosphere, and with a name like "Mom's," of course it's homestyle comfort food, from real mashed potatoes to biscuits and gravy.

Plattsmouth is also the place to be when you have a hankering for a delicious treat. **The Sweet Spot** (associated with Fork & Hammer) is a dessert and ice cream store that also offers rolled ice cream. It's a great place to bring the whole family. **River House** is an old-fashioned soda fountain and café in a century-old building with all the charm of the era. It's a great place to enjoy an ice-cream treat by itself or to top off lunch; the café offers 11 different sandwiches along with soup and salads.

Other Eats

- Back Alley Diner, Plattsmouth
- Bay Hills Grill, Plattsmouth
- Beyond BBQ, Plattsmouth
- Country Bar & Grill, Plattsmouth
- Dairy Queen Brazier, Plattsmouth
- D&E's Lakeside Pizza and Subs, Plattsmouth
- Godfather's Pizza, Plattsmouth
- Golden Dragon, Plattsmouth
- Hy-Vee Market Café, Plattsmouth
- JRs Bar & Grill, Murray
- Little Caesars, Plattsmouth
- Nomads Bar & Grill, Nehawka
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SHOPPING

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New businesses open every year, so for the latest updates and additional details on each shop or store, visit our website at visitcasscounty.com.

WESTERN

Find a treasure that brings back fond memories of yesteryear or create new ones at **Bits and Pieces** in Elmwood. Antiques, collectibles, vintage clothing, handmade crafts, and many new gift ideas are available by over 25 vendors. Directly North-West in Greenwood are two popular shopping destinations with very different merchandise. **Platte Valley Antique Mall** is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and its local owners pride themselves in their goal of selling only authentic antiques and older collectibles from 150 dealers. If quality antiques are your passion, a visit to this antique mall is a must. **Bakers Candies**, also in Greenwood, is the home of the brand's world-famous chocolate meltaways, chocolate "so decadent and smooth" that it melts in your mouth. Visit the Bakers retail store to pick up a supply of goodies and gifts (just look for the candy-cane-striped sign visible from the highway).

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Other Shopping

- Dollar General, Eagle
- Meisinger Floral, Elmwood
- Shoppe of Lil Shops, Elmwood
- Yoder's Amish Furniture, Greenwood



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▲ 3 Little Birds (a Hippie Boutique)



CENTRAL

Louisville is home to two co-owned stores called **Coop De Ville** and **Feathers** that carry fun merchandise “for a chick, her home and her garden” from handbags and jewelry to candles and frames to yard stakes and bird feeders. Coop’s displays change frequently and you will find new items at every visit. Feathers occupies a former house, and each room carries a different theme and related merchandise, from the Baby Room to the Cowgirl Room. The shops offer free gift wrapping with every purchase (even if the gift is for yourself), and you can purchase a coffee drink to enjoy while shopping.

Weeping Water is another fun place to shop. Check out **Grandpa Snazzy’s Victorian Emporium & Theatrical Rentals**, where the owners’ “varied interests have created a varied business.” The front 30 feet of the historically restored Victorian building is a coffee shop and antique/gift shop while the rest of the building is a theatrical rental shop, but it’s all fascinating.

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▲ The Vault Boutique

Other Shopping

- 3 Little Birds, Louisville
- Around the Spool, Louisville
- Dollar General, Weeping Water
- Hope’s Closet, Louisville
- The Market, Louisville
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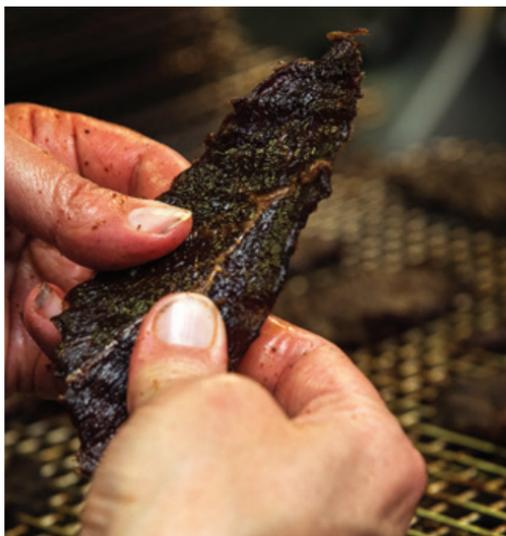
Plattsmouth is the Cass County seat and the largest community in the county, so it boasts plenty of shopping options in a wide variety of categories. **Wild Horse Antiques** offers a selection of antiques, furniture, clothing and textiles, coins, glassware and jewelry; look for original art in its Cameo Art Gallery. **Gene's Service & Sports Center** carries hunting and fishing supplies, so make note of it if you're spending time at one of the nearby recreational areas.

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Family-owned-and-operated **Shaw Hardware** is a full-service home hardware store that has been standing in the same location for more than 100 years and has earned a longstanding reputation for excellent service. Shop a wide selection of the latest fashions at **Jean Marie Boutique** for teens to adult women clothing at affordable prices. You will receive a friendly smile and great service here with the curiosity of "what's coming next" to entice your return. And don't leave Plattsmouth without stopping by **The Jerky Factory**. They use only the finest meats, hand-sliced and seasoned to perfection, to produce a high quality product. No artificial flavors or nitrates and completely hand crafted in small batches from start to finish. You'll agree, "It's All About the Jerky."

Other Shopping

- Bling and Things, Plattsmouth
- Bomgaars, Plattsmouth
- Brown Floral & Creations, Plattsmouth
- Cottage Refunk, Plattsmouth
- Dollar General, Plattsmouth
- Four 30 Salon, Plattsmouth
- The JunKtion, Union
- Main Street Jewelers, Plattsmouth
- Mr. K Guns (inside Main Street Jewelers), Plattsmouth
- Pickers Paradise, Plattsmouth
- Rhinestones & Angels, Plattsmouth
- Under His Wings Thrift Store, Plattsmouth



▲ Top: Perfect Touch Binding
Bottom: The Jerky Factory



TRAILS

▲ Top & Bottom: Platte River Trails Photo by NE Game and Parks

You'll find many miles of trails in Cass County to explore on foot or even by mountain bike, horseback or cross-country skiing, and there are options for everyone from the casual stroller to the most dedicated long-distance runner. Our website visitscasscounty.com contains detailed maps and specs along with more information about what each trail has to offer.

WESTERN

The Mopac (East) Trail Lower Platte South starts in Lincoln and ends near Wabash, passing Eagle and Elmwood on the way. The 25-mile trail offers year-round recreation for hikers, joggers, bicyclists, horseback riders, cross-country skiers and wildlife watchers. A crushed limestone trail highlights some of southeast Nebraska's finest wildlife habitat, and the natural-surfaced Charles L. Warner Equestrian Trail parallels the limestone trail. Continue north for a spectacular view of the Platte River via the **Platte River Connection Trail**, a paved, 1.1-mile connector that includes the Lied Platte River Bridge, a former railroad bridge over the Platte River converted for trail use.

CENTRAL

Platte River State Park near Louisville features a 5.1-mile, heavily trafficked loop trail with a river view. Rated as moderate, the trail offers a number of activity options and you are welcome to take your dogs also. March through October is considered the best period to enjoy it. Nearby Eugene T. Mahoney State Park offers the **Peter Kiewit Lodge to Observation Tower Loop Trail**. All projects on this trail are complete including the tower painting and the Riverview Event Center. Come see the breathtaking view of the Platte River from the 70-foot tower the view is worth it.





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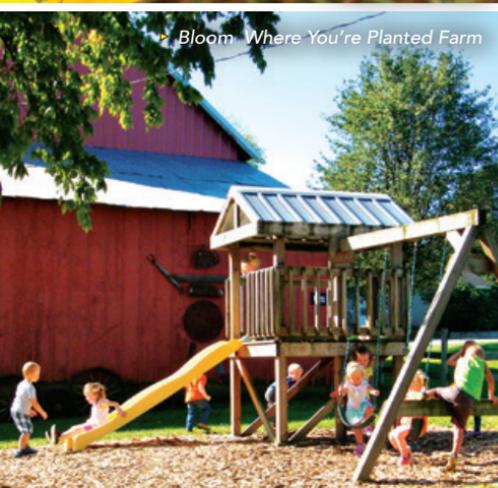
AGRI-TOURISM

▲ Wostrel Family's Union Orchard

Agri-tourism is the intersection of tourism and agriculture, which are important industries in the Midwest and in Cass County in particular. Agri-tourism destinations throughout the county offer visitors a chance to see farms, orchards, or other agricultural business in action and enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of their labors.



▸ Stock Seed Farm



▸ Bloom Where You're Planted Farm

WESTERN

On Thursday nights during the spring, summer and fall, visit the **Farmers Market at Eagle Community Park in Eagle**. Your purchases of fresh local produce and crafts will support local growers and artisans. If you're a gardener, you'll definitely want to check out **Stock Seed Farm** in nearby Murdock. This family-owned business has been raising native seeds right here in Nebraska for over 60 years. Products include native warm season grasses, wildflowers, lawn seed and fertilizer, as well as seed for CRP (federal Conservation Reserve Program), pasture, habitat and waterway projects, and more.

CENTRAL

Bloom Where You're Planted Farm & Pumpkin Patch in Avoca is a gorgeous destination for fall family fun that's also a great learning experience. There's something for everyone at this family farm: a U-pick patch, nature trails, farm animals, farm-themed play areas, a gourd garden, agricultural exhibits and much more with an emphasis on the agricultural side of autumn.

EASTERN

At **Slattery Vintage Estates, Vineyard & Tasting Room** in Nehawka, visitors learn about the practice of viticulture (grape-growing) in Nebraska, meet growers and see the vineyards close-up. A tasting room features 45 Nebraska wines and 30 other wines from around the world, a variety of beers, and local foods. Slattery is Nebraska's original Glamping destination, and you can catch the summer concert series Memorial Day to Labor Day. If you're in Union, you'll want to spend a day at **Wostrel Family's Union Orchard & Tasting Room**. This historic farm grows fresh produce, like wine grapes, and apples, and also offers regular events and festivals. Visitors can purchase produce, baked goods and other products, or sample a wide variety of Nebraska wines.

Support the farm-to-table movement by visiting the **Plattsmouth Downtown Farmers Market**. Open Saturday mornings July through September, the market offers locally-sourced plants, produce and artisanal goods. The market also operates the first Saturday evening of each month in June through September during live music events on the plaza.



▲ Top: Wostrel Family's Union Orchard
Bottom: Plattsmouth Downtown Farmers Market

▼ Slattery Vintage Estates





RECREATION

▲ Eugene T. Mahoney State Park
Photo by NE Game and Parks

Whatever time of year you visit Cass County, you'll find plenty of recreational activities—from fishing and boating to paintball and ice skating. The county features some attractions where you can spend the entire day, but nearly every town has a community playground and picnic area for families that just want to take a little lunch break or give the kids a chance to stretch their legs. Visit our website at visitcasscounty.com for directions, maps and more details.

WESTERN

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park has it all: an activity center, ice skating, trail rides, paddleboats, tennis courts, softball diamond, hiking and biking trails, observation tower, pool, ziplining, Nebraska's tallest indoor climbing wall, and a driving range. Stay in one of the park's 57 modern cabins or 40 lodge rooms if you're not camping. **Platte River State Park**, nearby in Louisville, also offers a wide array of options from hiking and horse trails to paddleboats and a spray park, and the onsite Outdoor Heritage Education Complex features archery and shooting ranges. Families have multiple lodging options in the summer and there's even a selection of year-round cabins to extend the camping season. The newly open playground is a must visit!

Pine Grove RV Park in Greenwood has extra-long and extra-wide campsites within its 25 acres, and big rigs are welcome. Full hookup sites with 30/50 amp services are available, and the park also offers other services like showers and laundry facilities. Families can also enjoy a pool, recreation room, exercise room and playground.

While you're in the Eagle area, be sure to check out **Eagle Raceway**, "The World's Fastest Third Mile." It's a one-third-mile dirt track with a regular weekly show at the track on Saturday nights from April to September and regular special events. **The Mini E Raceway** inside the high-banked bull ring of Eagle Raceway hosts go-kart racing on Friday nights.

CENTRAL

Louisville State Recreation Area covers 192 acres and contains five sandpit lakes, offering picnicking, swimming, fishing, nonpower boating, canoe access to the Platte River and a new floating playground. The area is popular with RVers and has 223 camping pads with 20-, 30- and 50-amp electrical hookups available along with camping pads and non-pad sites. Upgraded facilities include showers and restrooms, and a playground is onsite for families with children. **Weeping Water Campground** in Weeping Water is perfect for families who prefer smaller sites for their RV or tent, and the lake-surrounding grounds include a picnic shelter, hiking/biking trail, playground area and easy access to a municipal swimming pool.

Platte River Rentals in Louisville will help you get the gear you need for your water adventure, like tubes, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and more. You can also rent bikes and other equipment, and can take advantage of shuttle and delivery service.

Mad Cow Paintball, also in Louisville, offers another kind of adventure with 40 acres of flat land near Turkey Creek for refereed games and tournaments. Their main focus is making paintball fun and safe for everyone.

EASTERN

Plattsmouth has a number of recreation areas including **Indian Springs Recreation Center**, which surrounds a five-acre fishing lake that has a handicap-accessible fishing pier. Indian Springs also provides shelters with picnic tables and grilling areas. Wildlife enthusiasts will enjoy visiting the **Schilling Wildlife Management Area**, which is open April 1 through October 14. Bordered by the Missouri and Platte Rivers, the area provides 25 acres of water for wildlife to rest and feed, and it's open to fishing and hunting with special regulations.

Smaller Plattsmouth parks include **Rhylander Park**, perfect for picnicking with its pavilion and lighted gazebo, and it also has playground equipment and a mile-long walking/biking trail. Families or groups can enjoy a friendly game or two with the park's horse-shoe pits, bocce ball area and sports fields.



▲ Mad Cow Paintball

Other city parks include **Caboose Park**, **Garfield Park** and the **Memorial Park Complex**. Skateboarders can ramp it up at **Plattsmouth Skate Park**, which is open into the evening.

If you're in or near Murray, enjoy a break at **Young Memorial Park**—where you may also catch a local baseball, softball or soccer game.

▼ Platte River State Park Photo by NE Game and Parks





GOLF

▲ Grandpa's Woods Golf Course

Cass County boasts a nice selection of golf courses, from a nine-hole course perfect for novices to Nebraska's only 5-star facility. Visit our website at visitcasscounty.com for more details and driving directions to each course.

WESTERN

Golfers will love visiting the Ashland area, which offers three great courses within a few miles of town. The **Ashland Golf Club** is an 18-hole, semi-private country club regulation-length golf course and includes a clubhouse available for special events along with family-friendly facilities like a swimming pool complete with wading pool. **Quarry Oaks Golf Club** has been recognized as one of America's 100 Greatest Courses by *Golf Magazine* and has received many other national and local accolades. On the Platte River valley, the course features tree-lined fairways and spectacular elevation changes for a challenging yet enjoyable experience for golfers of all skill levels. A practice range with target greens and an area for bunker shots, chipping, and pitching is also available. **Iron Horse Golf Club** is a beautiful course that opened to the public in 2001. A 40-acre quarry lake and spectacular views enhance its Couples/Bates-designed, par-71 course that plays 6,500 yards from the back tees.

Grandpa's Woods in Murdock is a nine-hole (three par-four holes and six par-three) executive golf course with many challenges.

After play, golfers can relax in the clubhouse or enjoy a beverage or snack, and there's an upstairs party room or picnic area perfect for any group outing. Further south in Eagle is the acclaimed **Woodland Hills Golf Course**, a Jeffrey Brauer-designed 18-hole championship golf course that is also Nebraska's only 5-star facility (*Golf Digest* "Places to Play"). The picturesque course can be played from 4,945 to 6,600 yards.

EASTERN

The eastern part of the county offers two great courses: **Bay Hills at Buccaneer Bay** and **Lake Ridge Golf Course**. Bay Hills is a championship par-72, 18-hole course on a scenic bluff overlooking the Missouri valley. It's considered one of the area's most challenging courses, with beautiful rolling hills and tree-lined fairways, and also features a great restaurant. Lake Ridge is a nine-hole course with gorgeous views of natural prairie-grass roughs lining rolling green fairways that will offer a challenge for the experienced golfer but can be enjoyed by the novice golfer as well. Be sure to check out Fairways Restaurant's casual fine dining and Caddies Lounge.

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Union Omaha at Werner Park, Papillion



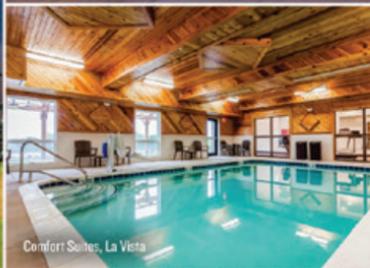
Schramm State Park



Nebraska Crossing, Gretna



Omaha Storm Chasers at Werner Park, Papillion



Comfort Suites, La Vista



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LODGING

▲ Kimberly Creek Retreat

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Our website visitcasscounty.com also includes current Airbnb listings and other private residences available for rental.

If you're looking for a venue to host a special event, there are plenty of options throughout our county. Check out our website for more information.

WESTERN

Carol Joy Holling Center
27416 Ranch Rd.
Ashland
402.944.2544
cjhcenter.org

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park
28500 W. Park Hwy.
Ashland
402.944.2523
outdoornebraska.gov/Mahoney

The Home Place
30504 O St.
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30010 Kimberly Creek Dr.
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Louisville
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outdoornebraska.gov/platteriver

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100 N. Clinton St.
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402.267.5152
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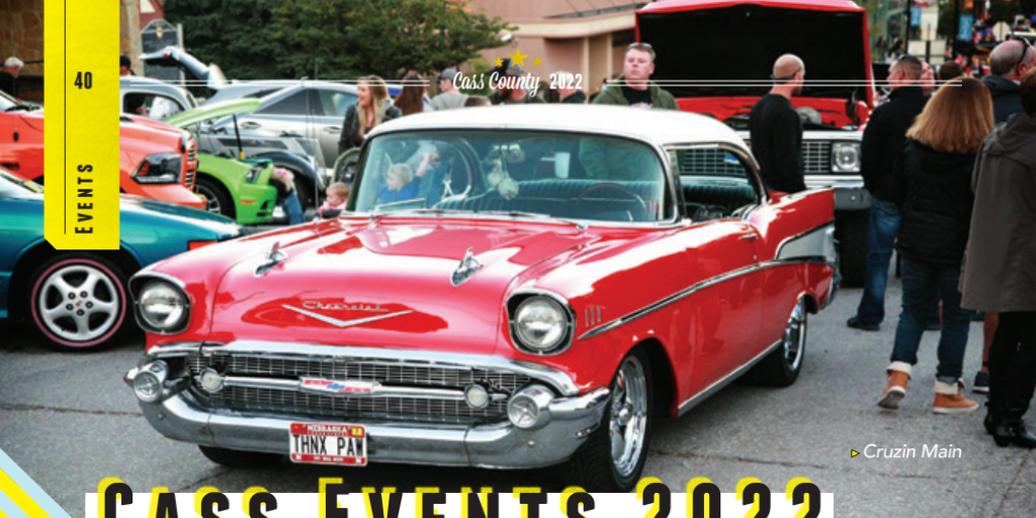
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CASS EVENTS 2022

See our website at visitcasscounty.com for the latest updates to the listings below, to see new listings throughout the year, or to submit your event information.

MARCH 12

Leprechaun Chase 10K

Strategic Air Command
& Aerospace Museum/Eugene
Mahoney State Park, Ashland

APRIL 1-3, 7-10

Harvey

By Mary Chase
Lofte Community Theatre,
Manley

APRIL 22-24, 10AM-4PM

Vintage Garden Market

Rural Route Rust at Bloom
Where You're Planted Farm,
Avoca

APRIL 29 - MAY 1

Platte River Art Show

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park,
Ashland

MAY - SEPTEMBER

Nacho Bicycle Ride

Every Tuesday, Eagle

MAY 12 - OCTOBER 15

Open Glamping

Slattery Vintage Estates,
Nehawka

MAY 21, 2022

Helicopter Day

Strategic Air Command
& Aerospace Museum,
Ashland

MAY 27 - SEPTEMBER 4

Summer Concert Series

Slattery Vintage Estates,
Glamping Bungalows and
Party House – Every Friday &
Saturday night. Nehawka

JUNE 3-4

Cattleman's Ball

Cass County Fairgrounds,
Weeping Water

JUNE 17-19, 7PM

Remembering Carol Burnett

Lofte Community Theatre,
Manley

JUNE 18

Annual Testicle Festival,

Round the Bend Steakhouse,
Ashland

JUNE 18-19

Father's Day Car Show

Strategic Air Command
& Aerospace Museum,
Ashland

JULY 2

Freedom Fest

Eagle Raceway, Eagle

JULY 4

Murray Freedom Festival

Murray

JULY 4

Murdock 4th of July Celebration – all day

Murdock

JULY 17, 2-4PM

Rock Bluffs School Open House

Cass County Historical Society
Museum, Plattsmouth

JULY 20-23

12th Annual Silver Dollar Nationals

I-80 Speedway, Greenwood

JULY 24, 11AM-3PM

Hot Sunday in July

Main Street, Louisville

JULY 30

Quilt Auction

Carol Joy Holling Retreat
Center, Ashland

AUGUST 6

Family Fun Carnival

Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum, Ashland

AUGUST 10-13

2022 Cass County Fair

Cass County Fairgrounds, Weeping Water

AUGUST 20

Pillage the Village, Manley

AUGUST 21, 6:30-8:00PM

Ice Cream Social

Elmwood G.A.R. Hall Veterans Museum, Elmwood

SEPTEMBER 1-4

IMCA Sprint Nationals

Eagle Raceway, Eagle

SEPTEMBER 2-4, 8-11

The Diary of Anne Frank

By Frances Goodrich & Albert Hackett
Loft Community Theatre, Manley

SEPTEMBER 2-4, 10AM-4PM

Vintage Market & Fall Kickoff

Rural Route Rust at Bloom Where You're Planted Farm, Avoca

SEPTEMBER 8-11

Plattsmouth Harvest Festival

Main Street, Plattsmouth

SEPTEMBER 9-10, 10AM-4PM

Annual Pie Sale during Plattsmouth Harvest Festival

Cass County Historical Society Museum, Plattsmouth

SEPTEMBER 17, 5-9PM

19th Annual "Cruizin' Main" Car Show Plattsmouth Chamber

Plattsmouth

SEPTEMBER 24

Fall Festival

Weeping Water

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCT 30

FRI., SAT. & SUN. 10AM-6PM

Pumpkin Patch & Vintage Marketplace

Bloom Where You're Planted Farm, Avoca

OCTOBER 15

Halloween's Brewing

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, Ashland

OCTOBER 16, 2-4PM

Rock Bluffs School Open House

Cass County Historical Society Museum, Plattsmouth

OCTOBER 28

Halloween-On-Main,

Plattsmouth Historic Downtown Plattsmouth Association

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day

Observance – Elmwood
G.A.R. Hall Veterans Museum
Luncheon - Community Center

NOVEMBER 26

Elmwood Holiday Extravaganza

Elmwood

NOVEMBER 26

Small Business Saturday

Plattsmouth Historic Downtown Plattsmouth Association

NOVEMBER 26-17 & DECEMBER 2-4, 10-11, & 17-18: 1-4PM

Journey Into Christmas

Bess Streever Aldrich House, Elmwood

DECEMBER 2-4, 9-11, 15-18

Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)

by Jim Fitzgerald, John K. Alvarez & Michael Carleton
Loft Community Theatre, Manley

DECEMBER 3

Santa Goes to Space

Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum, Ashland

DECEMBER 3

Annual Victorian Christmas-On-Main,

Plattsmouth
Historic Downtown Plattsmouth Association

DECEMBER 3

Home for the Holidays

Weeping Water

DECEMBER 10

Classic Christmas

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, Ashland

▼ *Quilt Auction at Carol Joy Holling Retreat Center*





Ashland

Iron Horse Golf Club

Cellar 426

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park

Ashland Golf Club

Carol Joy Holling Camp, Conference & Retreat Center

Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum

EXIT 426

Quarry Oaks Golf Course

South Bend

Firefly Retreat

Kimberly Creek Retreat

Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park & Wildlife Safari

Greenwood

I-80 Speedway

Pine Grove RV Park

Platte Valley Antique Mall

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Murdock Museum

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Bloom Where You're Planted Farm

The Old Avoca Schoolhouse

Lied Bridge over the Platte River

Barn Quilt Tour

Church Road

Trail Route

Road serves as temporary trail

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Trail Route



Barn Quilt Tour



Road serves as temporary trail



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Murray

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Lake Ridge Golf Course

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Weeping Water Rd

Slattery Vintage Estates

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Union

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One Room Jailhouse

Union Orchard

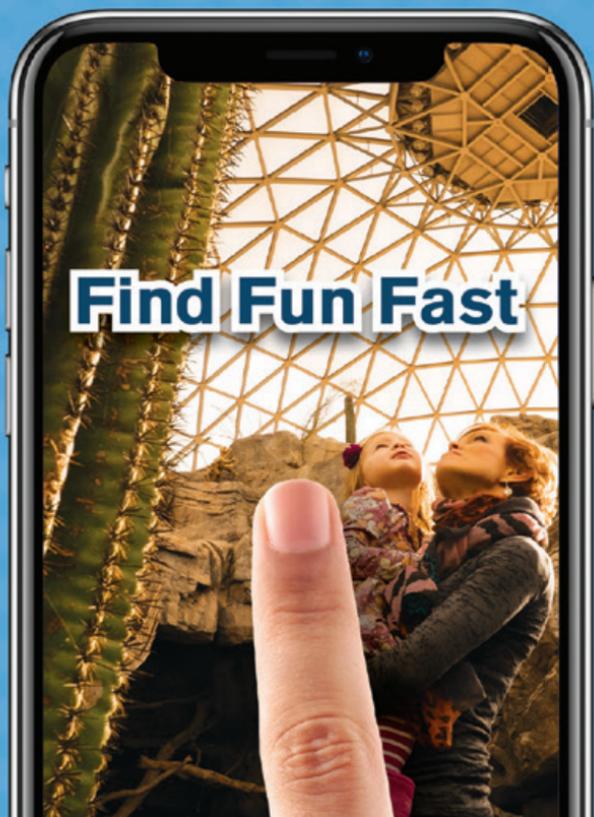
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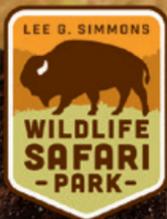
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