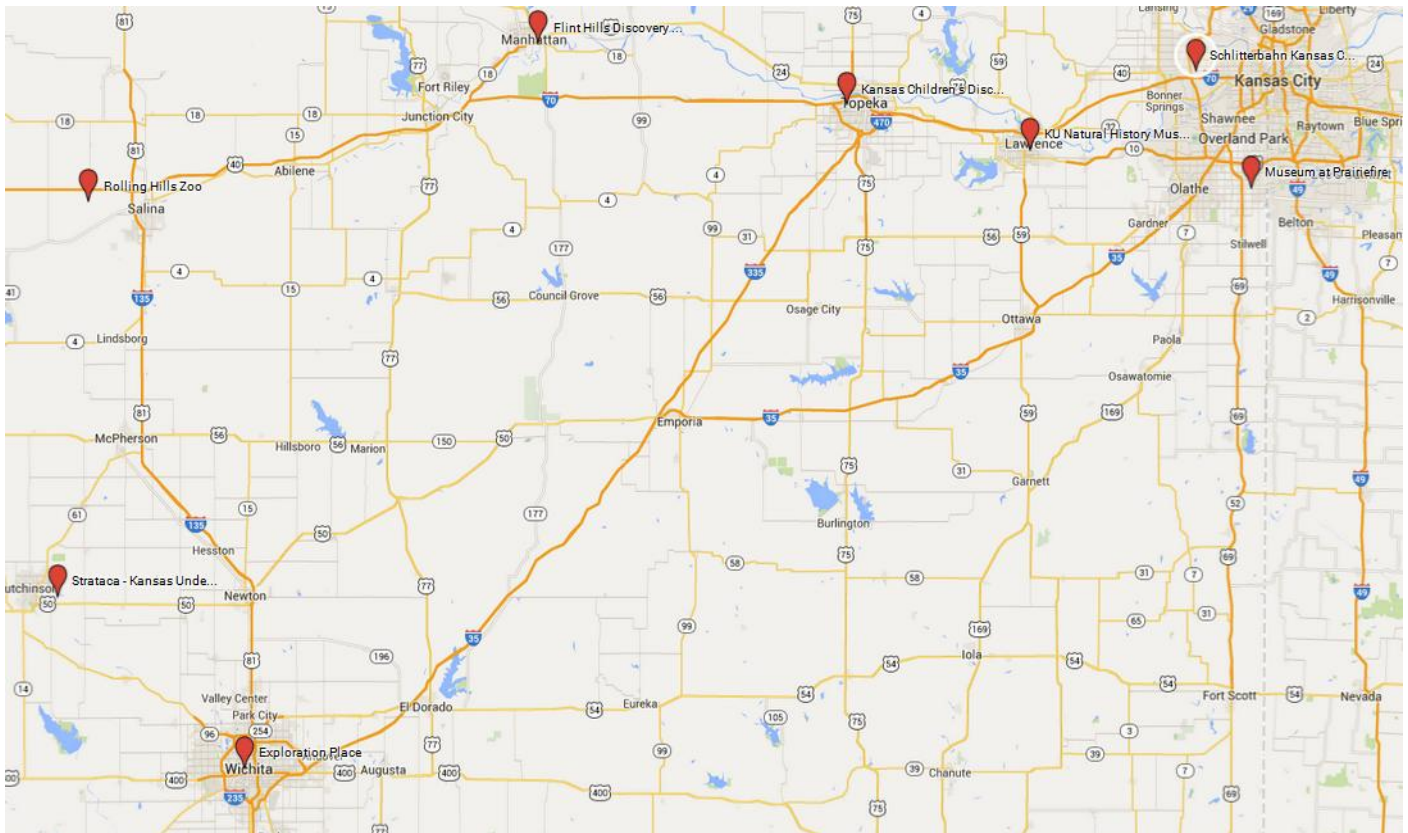




Family Fun Yellow Brick Road Trip

It should come as no surprise to learn that Kansas, a state steeped in family tradition, is a great place to adventure with your loved ones. Take a trip into outer space, back in time, and across the plains of Africa -- all without leaving our borders. If it's fun you're after, you've come to the right place...

1. **Museum at Prairiefire**
5801 W 135th St, Overland Park
(913) 333-3500
[Website](#)
2. **Schlitterbahn Waterpark**
9400 State Ave, Kansas City
(913) 312-3110
[Website](#)
3. **KU Natural History Museum**
1345 Jayhawk Blvd, Lawrence
(785) 864-4450
[Website](#)
4. **Kansas Children's Discovery Center**
4400 SW 10th St, Topeka
(785) 783-8300
[Website](#)
5. **Flint Hills Discovery Center**
315 S 3rd St, Manhattan
(785) 587-2726
[Website](#)
6. **Rolling Hills Zoo**
625 N Hedville Rd, Salina
(785) 827-9488
[Website](#)
7. **Strataca***
3650 E Ave G, Hutchinson
(620) 662-1425
[Website](#)
8. **Exploration Place**
300 N McLean Blvd, Wichita
(316) 660-0600
[Website](#)



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Overland Park

1. Museum at Prairiefire

In the Great Hall, discover everything from who found the very first *Tyrannosaurus rex* to how scientists use technology and scientific method to better understand our surroundings. Children are invited on a completely hands-on journey through six areas of science, from Paleontology to Astronomy, in the Discovery Room. Visitors can also view the latest rotating world-class traveling exhibition from the American Museum of Natural History.

Looking for more unique opportunities near Overland Park? May we recommend:

Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead

13800 Switzer, Overland Park
(913) 897-2360

[Website](#)

Bringing the charm of the farm to children living in the city. Children will treasure such memories as bottle feeding baby goats, milking a cow and taking a horse drawn wagon ride through the woods.

Fat Brain Toys

5601 W. 135th St, Overland Park
(913) 305-4894

[Website](#)

Single largest selection of American-made toys found anywhere that educate and entertain!

Fritz Railroad Restaurant*

13803 W 63rd St, Shawnee
(913) 375-1000

[Website](#)

Order your food by telephone and it's brought to your table by an overhead train. Amazing!

Kansas City

2. Schlitterbahn Waterpark

Home to Verrückt, the tallest waterslide in the world! Guests can also enjoy shared experiences on over a mile of interconnected river that goes from mild to wild, challenge themselves on towering waterslides, catch a thrill on water coasters, ride a wave on the Boogie Bahn Surfing Ride, let the kids splash and play on 13 mini slides, or relax on beaches, in private cabanas or a heated pool with a swim-up refreshment bar. FREE parking, tubes and life jackets. Picnics are welcome inside the park.

Looking for more unique opportunities near Kansas City? May we recommend:

Adventure Zip KC

12829 Loring Road, Bonner Springs
(913) 302-8881

[Website](#)

Experience a 300 elevation change, which is almost unheard of in Kansas! From the highest point at the park, the 65 foot tower allows you to see for miles.

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Great Wolf Lodge

10401 Cabela Dr, Kansas City
(913) 299-7001

[Website](#)

Indoor waterpark resort that features 8 water slides, 3 activity pools, a 1,000 gallon tipping bucket and two large whirlpools.

Kansas City T-Bones Baseball

1800 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City
(913) 328-5618

[Website](#)

Minor league professional baseball offering affordable family entertainment. Season runs May-September. Ticket's starting at \$6.50, \$2 hot dogs and parking is always free!

Moon Marble Company*

600 E Front St, Bonner Springs
(913) 441-1432

[Website](#)

Unique store that features handmade art glass marbles, marbles for play and collecting, and specialty toys and games. Marble-making demonstrations occur several days each week.

Sporting KC

One Sporting Way, Kansas City
(913) 387-3400

[Website](#)

Home to MLS team Sporting KC, Sporting Park combines the best attributes of European and South American soccer stadium with amenities that American Sport Fans desire.

T-REX

1847 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City
(913) 334-8888

[Website](#)

A place to eat, shop, explore, and discover. Face-to-face encounters with life-size dinosaurs, geysers, ice caves, hands-on educational activities, delectable food, a waterfall and an actual dinosaur dig.

Lawrence

3. KU Natural History Museum

See wildlife dioramas, dinosaur bones, and Comanche, the preserved 7th Cavalry horse that survived Custer's Last Stand. Be sure to download one of the scavenger hunts from their website so you can explore the galleries with an eye for discovery!

Looking for more unique opportunities near Lawrence? May we recommend:

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**Mass Street Soda**

1103 Massachusetts, Lawrence

(785) 409-1767

[Website](#)

Choose from over 1,300 varieties of craft soda from around the world.

Midland Railway

1515 W High St, Baldwin City

(913) 721-1211

[Website](#)

Scenic train rides feature an 11-mile round trip from Baldwin City to Norwood and a 22 mile round trip from Baldwin City to Ottawa. Be sure to check out the special event excursions as well!

Wheatfields Bakery Café*

904 Vermont St, Lawrence

(785) 841-5553

[Website](#)

Artisan breads handcrafted daily; fine pastries; cafe` menu featuring sandwiches, salads, and soups.

Topeka**4. Kansas Children's Discovery Center**

Located on 9 acres within Gage Park, the Discovery Center provides a wonderful landscape for children to experience SERIOUS FUN! Conduct science experiments, construct amazing towers, take an x-ray, change a tire, create messy, artistic masterpieces, perform, dance, compose musical melodies...and explore the great outdoors!

Looking for more unique opportunities near Topeka? May we recommend:

Gage Park – Mini Train & Carousel

635 SW Gage, Topeka

(785) 368-3838

[Website](#)

Ride the 1908 carousel and then hop aboard the mile-long train ride through the park.

Kansas Museum of History*

6425 SW 6th Ave, Topeka

(785) 272-8681

[Website](#)

Kids will enjoy the children's gallery where they can crawl into a tepee, try on pioneer clothes, and visit a re-created 1950s county fair.

Via's Pizza

738 SW Gage, Topeka

(785) 215-8421

This family-friendly pizza restaurant offers delicious authentic stone-baked pizzas, calzones, soups, salads, and a bar.

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Manhattan

5. Flint Hills Discovery Center

The Flint Hills Discovery Center explores the geology, biology and cultural history of the Flint Hills – the last remaining tallgrass prairie in North America. This is a must see attraction that will educate and entertain visitors of every age, with our multi-media, interactive exhibits, outdoor terrace, gift store and traveling exhibits that change throughout the year.

Looking for more unique opportunities near Manhattan? May we recommend:

Cox Bros BBQ

223 McCall Rd, Manhattan
(785) 539-0770

Choose from four delicious choices of BBQ: KC, Texas, Memphis and Carolina on a variety of meats.

KSU Dairy Bar

144 Call Hall, Manhattan
(785) 532-1292

[Website](#)

Choose from over 35 favors of ice cream produced by KSU students. Purple Pride is a local favorite!

KSU Insect Zoo

1500 Denison, Manhattan
(785) 532-2847

[Website](#)

Experience the sights, sounds, and smells of live creepy crawlies, including giant cockroaches, beetles, centipedes, scorpions, tarantulas, walking sticks, and praying mantises.

Sunset Zoo

2333 Oak St, Manhattan
(785) 587-APES

[Website](#)

Open 360 days a year, Sunset Zoo's 26-acre park is your passport to over 200 amazing animal species from anteater to zebu.

Salina

6. Rolling Hills Zoo

Both a world-class zoo with over 300 animals and an immersive museum with seven world regions from the tropical rainforest to the polar regions. Children can even crawl through a tunnel and into a dome-covered observation room that puts them right in the middle of the bobcat exhibit.

Looking for more unique opportunities near Salina? May we recommend:

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Kenwood Cove

701 W Kenwood Park Dr, Salina
(785) 309-5765

[Website](#)

Plunge 35 feet from one of the park's four adventure slides. Drop 12 feet then swirl around the tornado slide before falling into a pool below. Hop on an inner tube and glide 275 feet down the river slide into the Lil' Smoky Lazy River.

Martinelli's Little Italy

158 S Santa Fe, Salina
(785) 826-9190

[Website](#)

Located in the heart of downtown, Martinelli's has some of the best Italian cuisine to offer. All sauces are handmade!

Rock City Park

1051 Ivy Rd, Minneapolis
(785) 392-2092

[Website](#)

A national natural landmark comprised of over 200 huge concretions. Kids (and parents!) can climb on the rocks the size of houses.

Salina Art Center

242 S Santa Fe, Salina
(785) 827-0686

[Website](#)

Choose from a menu of guided art making exercises, including activities related to the current exhibition, or simply explore on your own.

Hutchinson

7. Strataca*

Hutchinson sits atop one of the world's largest salt deposits, which still is being mined. At the Kansas Underground Salt Museum, the first stop on your tour will be at the above ground visitor's center, then you will descend 650 feet into a mineshaft. Exhibits will tell the story of salt, touching history, mining, science, geology, and business.

Looking for more unique opportunities near Hutchinson? May we recommend:

Airport Steakhouse

1100 Airport Rd, Hutchinson
(620) 662-4281

[Website](#)

Watch aircraft take off and land while devouring the lunch buffet or the best homemade onion rings in town.

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Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center*

1100 N Plum St, Hutchinson

(620) 662-2305

[Website](#)

Experience and learn the drama and suspense, the tragedies and triumphs of the most important scientific events in human history – the race to the moon through the Hall of Space Museum.

Toy Depot

127 S. Main, Hutchinson

(620) 259-8284

[Website](#)

Filled with over 40,000 vintage toys from the 1940's to the 1990's. Toys that have withstood the test of time and technology and appeal to every generation.

Wichita

8. Exploration Place

Experience your world in a new and fun way at Exploration Place. Discover extraordinary hands-on experiences. Immerse yourself in 4 exhibit areas focusing on flight, health, Kansas, and imaginative spaces for young children. Travel to faraway destinations in the CyberDome Theater.

Looking for more unique opportunities near Wichita? May we recommend:

Flying Stove – Food Truck

Wichita Area

(316) 609-9016

[Website](#)

A nationally recognized food truck serving high-end street cuisine since 2011.

Museum of World Treasures

835 E 1st St, Wichita

(316) 263-1311

[Website](#)

Find surprises around every corner, including Ivan the T.Rex, two Egyptian mummies, and an expansive military history exhibit.

Nifty Nut House

537 N St Francis, Wichita

(316) 265-0571

[Website](#)

Who doesn't love a candy store? Choose from over 3,000 items including: fresh Nuts roasted daily, Dried Fruit, Chocolate Covered Nuts, Gourmet Chocolates, Fresh Fudge, and Candies.

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Old Cowtown Museum

1865 W Museum Blvd, Wichita

(316) 219-1871

[Website](#)

Watch presses turn at the printer's shop and a blacksmith hammer red-hot iron. Take a covered wagon ride to the farm where you can visit with costumed interpreters that bring the rural 1880s to life.

Tanganyika Wildlife Park

1000 S. Hawkins Lane, Goddard

(316) 794-8954

[Website](#)

Voted "Best Place to Take the Family" three times, TWP is one of the most interactive zoos in US. See the new Pygmy Hippos! #WildlyDifferent

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