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Hello and welcome to our community!

On behalf of the Leavenworth Convention & Visitors Bureau we welcome you to Leavenworth and Fort Leavenworth. Leavenworth is the "First City incorporated in the state of Kansas" and Fort Leavenworth is known as the "Post that opened the West".

Whether you're here for business or pleasure we invite you to explore our historical attractions, shop in our historic riverfront downtown & dine in one of our many distinctive restaurants.

We know you'll be delighted with our friendly hometown hospitality and all that our area has to offer. Why not make Leavenworth your next "Great Escape"!



Leavenworth Convention &
 Visitors Bureau
 518 Shawnee
 (913) 682-4113
www.visitleavenworthks.com

Community Information

Leavenworth is located in Leavenworth County, Kansas. Leavenworth's population as of the 2010 US Census is approximately 35,251 and the county's is 76,227. See www.lvcountyed.org for more demographic information.

Important Numbers

Area Code(913)
 Chamber of Commerce.....682-4112
 Convention & Visitors Bureau
682-4113 or 1-800-844-4114
 Emergency Number911
 Fort Leavenworth Tourist Info684-5604
 Leavenworth County Development Corp
727-6111
 Leavenworth City Hall.....682-9201
 Leavenworth Main Street Office ..682-3924
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651-2203
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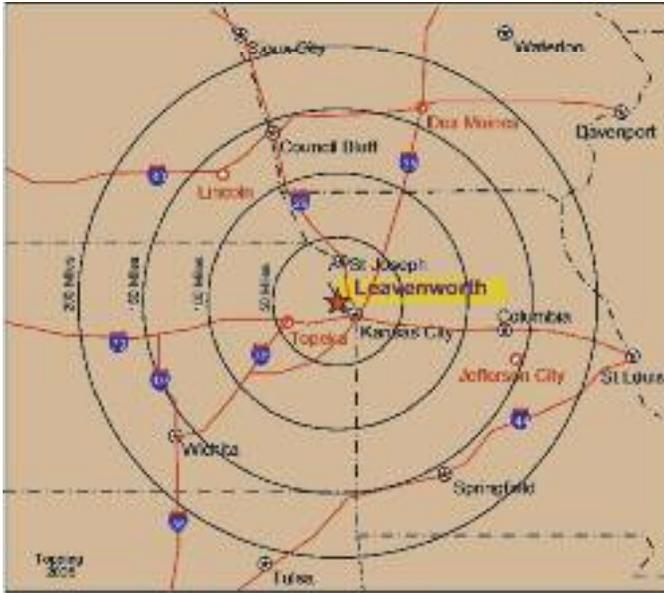
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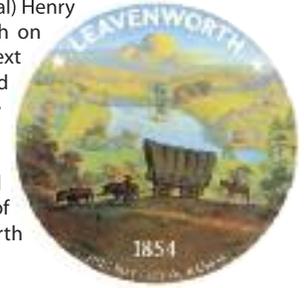


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A Brief History

In 1827, Colonel (later Brigadier General) Henry Leavenworth founded Fort Leavenworth on the bluffs of the Missouri River. For the next several decades Fort Leavenworth played an important role in keeping the peace among the various Indian tribes and the increasing number of settlers heading West. By the 1840's, travel to Oregon and California had begun and thousands of wagons passed through Fort Leavenworth on the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails.



In 1854, the City of Leavenworth was founded as the "First City of Kansas". Leavenworth became nationally known as the "jumping off point" for the opening of the West. Buffalo Bill Cody spent part of his youth here and later worked in the area as a Pony Express rider and Army scout. Cody's parents are buried in Leavenworth.

The land where Leavenworth and Fort Leavenworth are located today was originally inhabited by the Kansa, Osage and Delaware Indians and today some of our streets are named after these and other Native American tribes.

In 1858, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth settled here. In 1864, the Sisters opened St. John Hospital and in 1923 founded the University of Saint Mary.

In 1863, the legislature passed an act to erect the Kansas State Penitentiary on a site which is now located within the city of Lansing. The contract to build the prison was let in 1863 and work started in 1864. However, because of money difficulties connected with the Civil War, work stopped in 1864 and did not resume until 1866. The facility was first occupied in 1868.

In 1881, General William T. Sherman directed the establishment of an Army school at Fort Leavenworth that today is the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Some notable graduates and instructors include George C. Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Omar Bradley, George S. Patton, and Colin Powell.

In 1885, the Wadsworth Old Soldiers Home was built, today known as the Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Medical Center. The Chapel of the Veterans was built in 1893 and was listed in Ripley's "Believe it Or Not" newspaper column throughout the years.

In 1906, the first cellhouse of the Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary was opened. Among the infamous criminals incarcerated here were Bugs Moran, Machine Gun Kelly and Robert Stroud, the "Birdman of Alcatraz". This imposing facility took more than 11 years to complete.

Leavenworth has two Sister Cities: Wagga Wagga, Australia since 1962 and Omi Hachiman, Japan since 1997.

There are a great deal of wonderful sites and experiences waiting just for you and we hope that you will have the opportunity to enjoy some of our renowned Kansas hospitality.

Did You Know...?

The Birdman of Alcatraz, Robert Stroud, actually had his birds while incarcerated in Leavenworth . . .not Alcatraz.



Leavenworth Attractions

Carnegie Arts Center 601 S. 5th

Housed in the oldest library building in Kansas, the Stacks Gallery hosts regional and national artists year-round that are free and open to the public. Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9am-2pm, (913) 651-0765, www.carnegieartscenter.org.

Carroll Mansion 1128 5th Avenue

Victorian home finished in 1882 with elaborate handcrafted woodwork, beautiful stained-glass windows and elegant



antiques from the Victorian age to the early 20th century. Museum includes a Victorian Shoppe within the mansion. Tue-Sat 10:30am-4:30pm, admission charged, (913) 682-7759, www.leavenworthhistory.org.

C.W. Parker Carousel Museum 320 S. Esplanade St.

Ride on a restored 1913 antique carousel made in Leavenworth. The museum is dedicated to telling the remarkable story of the C.W. Parker, the "Carnival King". The carousel has 24 wooden, hand-carved horses, three ponies, two rabbits, "lovers tub" and chariot benches available for the handicapped.

There is also a static display of the oldest operating, hand-cranked, wooden carousel built around 1890 and a 1950's carousel with aluminum horses built by Paul Parker, C.W.'s son.

Special arrangements can be made for parties, birthdays, receptions, weddings, meetings and dinners and a teacher's curriculum is available for school trips. Thurs-Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, (913) 682-1331, www.firstcitymuseums.org.



First City Museum 743 Delaware

Collection of early Leavenworth frontier railroad and manufacturing industries memorabilia and artifacts including buggies and cutters, Great Western stoves, even a large bank safe where Buffalo Bill Cody's father, Isaac, stored his gold dust! The museum also features prison-related memorabilia and two prison mockups. Extensive

displays of Western Union Telegraph Morse code equipment and worker's and handyman's tools. Thurs 1-5pm. Admission charged, (913) 682-1866, www.firstcitymuseums.org.



Leavenworth Attractions

Historical Wayside Tour

The "First City of Kansas", invites you to take a walk back in time and explore the history of "Where the West Began". Waysides are interactive displays with recorded narratives that are located throughout Leavenworth. They feature unique local artwork depicting images of significant historical people, structures or events associated with that site.

Thirteen Waysides located in the riverfront downtown area can be experienced as a walking tour as well as eight additional Waysides as a driving tour. From Abraham Lincoln, to Buffalo Bill Cody, to Susan B. Anthony, to the Star of the West Saloon, to the Underground Railroad, to our African-American "Unsung Heroes", we know you will be captivated by Leavenworth's abundant history. 1-800-844-4114, 518 Shawnee, for brochure. www.lvks.org.



Kansas Byways

Leavenworth is the only city in Kansas that is located on two byways: The Frontier Military Historic Byway and the Glacial Hills Scenic Byway. www.kansasbyways.org, 1-800-844-4114.

The Frontier Military Historic Byway extends roughly 167 miles tying Fort Leavenworth at the north to Fort Scott at the south, and then onward to the Oklahoma border. It follows K-5 east out of Leavenworth to I-435, then follows US 69 and Alternate US 69 south to the state line. The route approximates the old military trail used by the Army to transport troops and supplies between the frontier forts.

The Glacial Hills Scenic Byway begins at the intersection of K-7 and K-92 in Leavenworth and extends 63 miles north through the Glacial Hills of northeast Kansas. Glaciers once covered the NE corner of Kansas and when they receded north, they left behind a unique, scenic landscape of rolling, wooded hills, rock-strewn soil and valleys with clear, running streams. The byway traverses Atchison, Doniphan and Leavenworth Counties and visits the communities of Atchison, Leavenworth, Troy and White Cloud, representing the earliest days of pioneer settlement of Kansas along the Missouri River.

Landing Park/3-Mile Creek Walking/Biking Trail Cherokee & Esplanade Sts.

Revises one of the major river landing sites where boats loaded and unloaded travelers and freight from the Missouri River. The Park focuses on the role of Leavenworth as the "Gateway to the West" with emphasis on the various modes of transportation that led to the growth of Leavenworth as a major jumping-off point for settlers heading west.

3-Mile Creek Trail adjoins



Landing Park on the southern end and runs to Haymarket Square at 7th & Cherokee Sts. Open daily.

Did You Know...?

Buffalo Bill Cody lived in Leavenworth in his youth.



Leavenworth Attractions

Leavenworth County Courthouse, 300 Walnut Street

1911-1913 Classical Revival style Court-
house, includes
three murals
painted by local
artists. Murals
tell the story of
"Bleeding
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enduring strug-
gle for freedom
and Kansas agri-
culture. Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm, (913) 684-
1031.



Lewis & Clark In Kansas

The area of Kansas directly influenced
by the Missouri River encompasses the
eastern borders of four counties in the
northeastern corner of the state. In 1804,
while traveling up the Missouri River,
Lewis & Clark encountered their first
Kansa village near Leavenworth on July
2. They also noted seeing the remains of
Fort de Cavignial about a mile behind the



village as they traveled north to Atchison where they celebrated the first 4th of July in the new frontier. On the return of the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1806, Meriwether Lewis collected his final botanical specimen near the confluence of Three-Mile Creek and the Missouri River. Lewis & Clark Commemoratives in Leavenworth County are:

- Historical Lewis & Clark wayside marker #3 at Fort Leavenworth overlooking the Missouri River and the exhibit "Beyond Lewis & Clark" the Military Exploration of the American West at the Frontier Army Museum at Fort Leavenworth.
- Five commemorative signs located in Leavenworth and the Kickapoo Cemetery in Leavenworth County. www.lewisandclarkinkansas.com, 1-800-844-4114 for brochure.

National Fred Harvey Museum (in renovation) 624 Olive St.

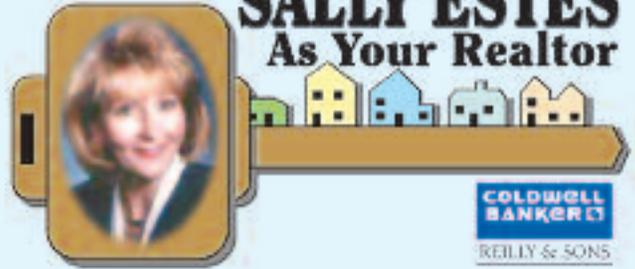
This house was built in 1869 and was purchased by Fred Harvey in 1883. The property was home to the Harvey family until 1943. Fred Harvey was known for opening restaurants and hotels along the Santa Fe Railroad in the primitive Southwest. His company was the first to have women food servers, "Harvey Girls", who were glamorized in MGM's 1946 movie, "The Harvey Girls", starring Judy Garland. The mansion is currently undergoing extensive restoration and is not open. Tours are available by appt., (913) 682-1023, www.firstcitymuseums.org.



Did You Know...?

Wild Bill Hickcock lived in Leavenworth for a short time and rode a horse up to the second floor pool hall on a bet.

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Leavenworth Attractions



Performing Arts Center 500 Delaware

Placed on the National Register of Historic Places, this 1938 theatre features the later phase of the Art Deco movement. Formally the Hollywood Theater, this structure entertained the public on its silver screen for nearly forty years. In 1977 it was donated to the City by Durwood, Inc., former owners. This theater now hosts live performances by the River City Community Players. Call (913) 682-7557 or visit www.rccplv.com.

Richard Allen Cultural, Center & Museum, 412 Kiowa

Created to ensure that the rich heritage of African-Americans and their profound effect on American society would not be lost. View memorabilia from General Colin Powell, Buffalo Soldiers, uniforms, former slaves' freedom papers, sports memorabilia and more.

Mon-Sat 10am-5pm or by appt., (913) 682-8772, <http://richardallenculturalcenter.info>.



"Ripley's Believe It or Not" Chapel of the Veterans 4010 S. 4th St.

Located on the grounds of the Veterans Administration Center, the chapel was built in 1893 featuring architecture reminiscent of the early European cathedrals. In 1921, the chapel was listed in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" as the only church that simultaneously held Protestant and

Catholic services. Open year round to the public 8am-5pm, except during weddings or funeral. 800-574-8387 to rent.



Trolley City Tours Rides 743 Delaware

Ride on a trolley while enjoying a one hour narrated tour of Leavenworth, the "First City of Kansas"! The trolley departs from the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum at 320 S. Esplanade every Sat. at 11am, admission charged. The trolley seats 28, so first come, first serve. Reservations accepted, (913) 682-1023.



Leavenworth Attractions

University of Saint Mary 4100 S. 4th St.

Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, this property was originally a boarding school for young women (1859), then a women's junior college (1923), and today, a fully accredited co-ed university. Visitors are welcome to visit the DePaul Library's Special Collections: Sacred Scripture Collection; Abraham Lincoln Collection and Heritage Collection of English and American Literature, (913)758-6306, www.stmary.edu.



Fort Leavenworth Attractions



Fort Leavenworth

Fort Leavenworth was established in 1827, making it the third oldest active military installation in the nation.

Some of its sights include a national cemetery, one of the first ten national

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cemeteries established by President Abraham Lincoln; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; Memorial Chapel, one of the oldest chapels in the Army; a swale of the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails, and many historic 19th century buildings. Among these is the Rookery, the oldest house in Kansas, built in 1834. NOTE: A government-issued photo ID card is required to enter the fort.



Berlin Wall Monument Grant & Stimson Aves, Fort Leavenworth

This monument memorializes the historic barrier that separated West and East Berlin during the Cold War. After the destruction of the Berlin Wall in 1989, concrete sections were given to President Ronald Reagan by the U.S. commander of the Berlin Brigade. Three sections were subsequently donated to Fort Leavenworth because of the worldwide influence of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

The design of the memorial expresses three themes: a "falling position" representing the crumbling of the Wall; a horizontal position representing the Wall's destruction; and a vertical position representing that democracy stands. NOTE: A government-issued photo ID is required to enter the fort.



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Did You Know...?

Rocky Graziano got his start in boxing while incarcerated at the prison at Ft. Leavenworth.



Fort Leavenworth Attractions



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Buffalo Soldier Monument

This monument, initiated by General Colin Powell, was dedicated in 1992 to the memory of the 9th & 10th Cavalry Regiments comprised of black soldiers. These troopers proved their bravery and valor throughout the Indian Wars. They won the respect of the Cheyenne warriors who named them "Buffalo Soldiers." Open daily to the public. NOTE: A government-issued photo ID is required to enter the fort.

Frontier Army Museum 100 Reynolds Avenue

Tells the story of Fort Leavenworth from 1827 to 1917, and the history of the frontier Army from 1804, when Lewis and Clark passed by present day Leavenworth and Fort Leavenworth. Rotating exhibits highlight uniforms, weapons, and equipment used during the fort's early days. A permanent exhibit is the "Beyond Lewis and Clark" – the Military Exploration of the American West. Mon.-Fri. 9am-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm; closed Sundays and Federal holidays. (913) 684-3186. NOTE: A government-issued photo ID is required to enter the fort.



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Historical Wayside Tours

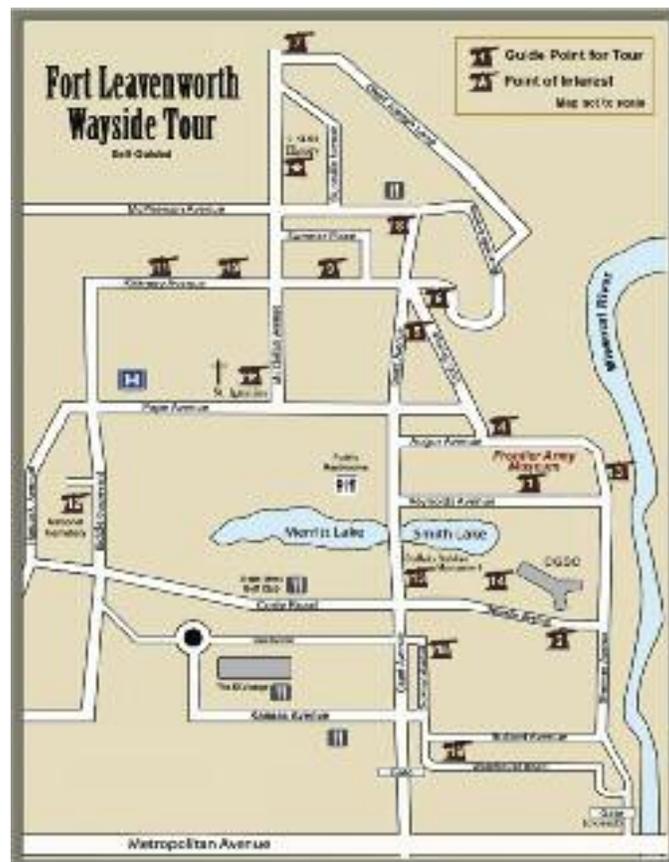
The historic sites on post are marked with limestone pedestals containing artwork and electronic recordings. **Note:** You must have a picture ID upon entering the Fort.

To begin the Wayside Tour, travel north on Grant Ave. to the 3rd stoplight, take a right on Reynolds Ave. to the Frontier Army Museum where the 1st Wayside pedestal is located.

To continue with the wayside tour, you can pick up the tour with **Wayside #2 Command and General Staff College**, which is located in front of the new Lewis & Clark Center.



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|-----------------------------------|---|
| ① Frontier Army Museum | ⑨ Main Parade Field |
| ② Command & General Staff College | ⑩ Battle Training |
| ③ French Cannons & Lewis & Clark | ⑪ West End Park |
| ④ Headquarters Area | ⑫ National Cemetery |
| ⑤ Cantonment Leavenworth | ⑬ Buffalo Soldier Monument |
| ⑥ Oregon & Sante Fe Trail | ⑭ Grove of the Regiments/
Berlin Wall Monument |
| ⑦ Nez Perce Indians | ⑮ WWI & WW2 Induction Center |
| ⑧ 1st Kansas Capital & Prison | ⑯ Frontier Freight Operations |



Conventions & Meetings



One of Leavenworth's "jewels" is the totally renovated and expanded 1888 Union Pacific Train Depot, the **Riverfront Convention & Community Center**. Located at 123 South Esplanade, this multi-use facility sits on the banks of the picturesque Missouri River in the heart of downtown Leavenworth.

The Riverfront Convention and Community Center was designed with

group meetings in mind and can accommodate conventions and expositions of limited size. The Center has three break-out rooms, warming kitchen, complete dining and beverage service, and a fully integrated P.A. and audio system. Many on-site recreational facilities are available - indoor pool, track, racquetball courts, gymnasium, and weight room. The facility can easily accommodate groups from 10-350 people.

For more information, contact the Director of the Center at (913) 651-2203, or the Convention and Visitors Bureau at (913) 682-4113 or 1-800-844-4114.

For a list of other meeting places and facilities available or assistance in planning your next convention, group meeting or seminar, contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau, (913) 682-4113 or 1-800-844-4114; 518 Shawnee, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048 or visit www.visitleavenworthks.com.

Hospitals

Cushing Memorial Hospital
711 Marshall
Leavenworth, (913) 684-1100

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3500 S. 4th Trfwy
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Schools/University

Ft. Leavenworth USD #207
(913) 651-7373

Leavenworth Regional
Catholic Schools
320 N. Broadway
(913) 682-7801

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600 Shawnee
(913) 682-3900

St. Paul Lutheran School
320 N. 7th
(913) 682-5553

Kansas City Kansas Community College
Leavenworth Center
211 Cherokee
(913) 651-2111

University of Saint Mary
4100 4th St. Trfwy.
(913) 682-5151

Leavenworth USD 453
20 N. 4th St.
(913) 684-1400

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Lodging

CAMPSITE: Riverfront Park is located next to the Missouri River (p. 25). Open from 1 April through 31 October; permit is required; reservations accepted; 13 RV sites/five tent sites; \$10 per day w/ electricity/\$8 per day w/o electricity; restrooms/shower house; boat ramp; picnic shelter and dump station, 913-290-0034.

The following hotels and bed & breakfast will help make your stay in our community enjoyable and comfortable. See locator map on page 2.

HOTELS BED & BREAKFAST

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Days Inn 3211 4th St. Trwy. 1-800-329-7466 • (913) 651-6000 www.daysinn.com	52		X	X		Outdoor Pool
InterContinental Hotel Group <i>(Branded Holiday Inn Express Spring 2012)</i> 214 Grant Ave. Ft. Leavenworth (913) 684-4091 www.ihg.com	308	X	X	X	X	Work-out Room
Super 8 Motel 303 Montana Ct., (S. 4th St. Trwy.) 1-800-800-8000 • (913) 682-0744 www.super8.com	60	X	X	X		Indoor Pool
Terrace Court Motel 1500 S. 4th St. Trwy. (913) 682-0499	16					
Union Park Guest House 807 S. 7th (913) 651-3991 www.unionparkgh.com	up to 4 adults		X			



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701 Shawnee

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401 Centre Dr.
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423 Main St.

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682-6444

Skyway Lanes

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727-6650

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Carnegie Arts Center
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Fort Leavenworth
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682-8788

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651-3400

Riverfront Community Center

123 South Esplanade
651-2132

HIKING/BIKING

3 Mile Creek
7th & Cherokee Sts.

5 Mile Creek Trail

10th Ave. Park
1 mile paved loop

Havens Park Trails

22nd & Ottawa

Leavenworth H.S. Track

Grand Ave. & Marion St.

Leavenworth Landing Park

Esplanade & Cherokee Sts.

Year-Round Volkmar

Enjoy a walk through Leavenworth. From Jan. 2 to Dec. 31, except Federal Holidays. Maps available at the Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade, 651-2132.

INDOOR TRACK

Riverfront Community Center
123 S. Esplanade
651-2132

LIBRARIES

Leavenworth Library
5th & Spruce
682-5666

University of Saint Mary DePaul Library

4100 South 4th St.
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682-5151 Ext. 6306

MOVIES

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651-4646

SKATING

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SWIMMING

Riverfront Community Center
Indoor Pool
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758-6635

Wollman Park Aquatic Center

13th & Shawnee Sts.
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TENNIS

Buffalo Bill Cody Park
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18th & Ottawa

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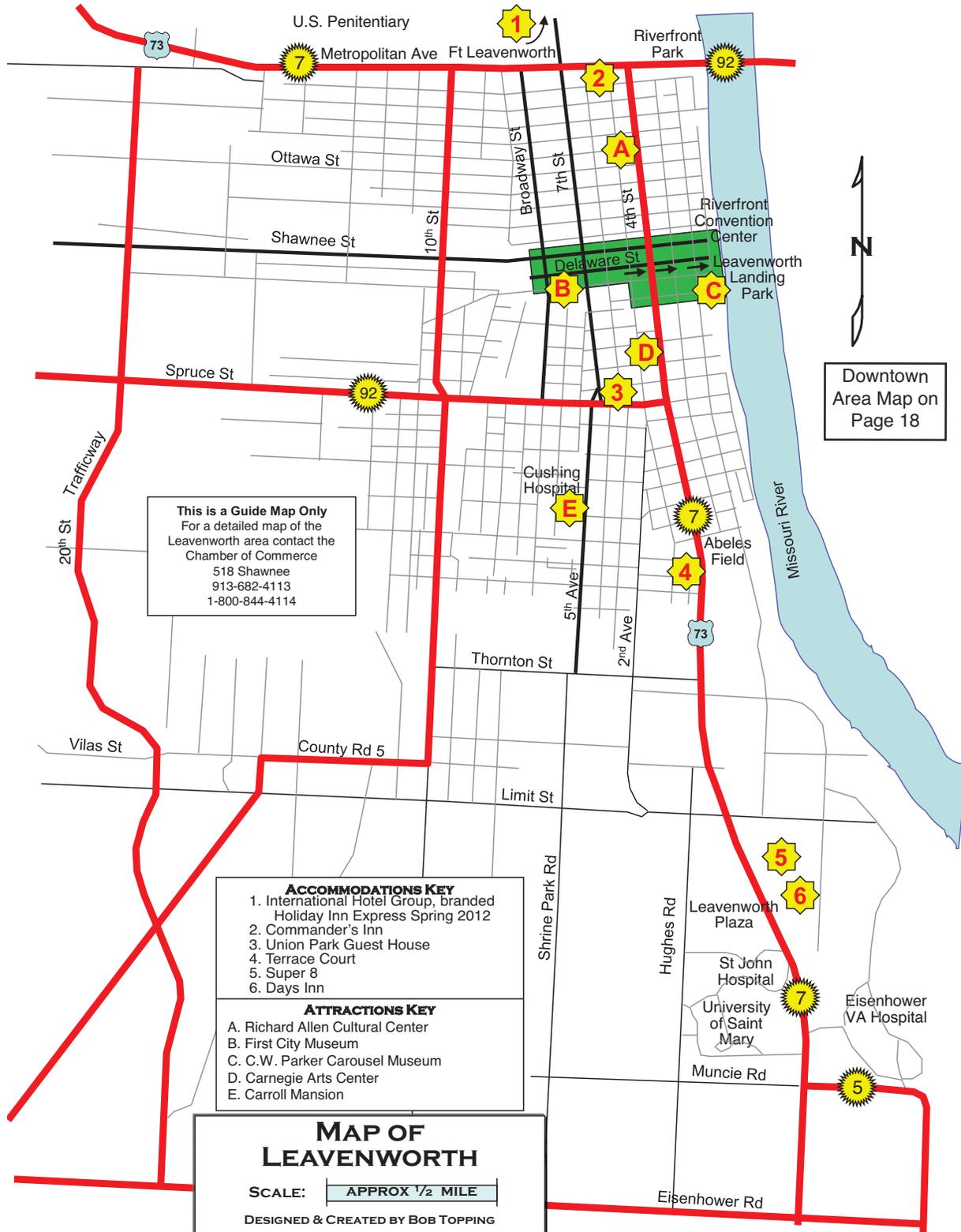
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The Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery

One of the first 14 national cemeteries established by Abraham Lincoln on July 17, 1862 with over 23,000 graves of veterans from every war since the War of 1812.

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- Academy and Grammy award winner Melissa Etheridge was born and grew up in Leavenworth.

Area Prison Information

Area Prison Information

Leavenworth and the word "prison" have been made synonymous through the power of books and movies over the years. There are four prisons in the Leavenworth area, none of which allow public tours. For further information visit

www.visitleavenworthks.com. You may also visit the First City Museum, 742 Delaware, which has extensive jail and prison displays (p. 4).

United States Federal Penitentiary, Metropolitan Avenue, Leavenworth

A special Act of Congress in 1897 began the construction of the United States Federal Penitentiary (USP) in Leavenworth. Inmates from the military prison at Fort Leavenworth began its construction, and the first cell house opened in 1906. USP was completed in the mid-1920s, and was the largest maximum security prison in the federal system until 2005, when it was downgraded to medium security. It currently houses 2,230 inmates, and the wall and imposing front structure can be photographed on the south side of Metropolitan Ave.



Lansing Correctional Facility, Lansing

Originally called Kansas State Penitentiary, the Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) was built during and after the Civil War, from 1863 to 1868. The LCF was the state's first maximum security prison and currently houses some 2,395 inmates.

United States Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth

The USDB, as it is known, was originally named the U.S. Military Prison. It was established by Congress in 1874 and has operated at the fort since May 15, 1875. This military prison was the first prison in the U.S. to offer vocational training for inmates. It is the only maximum security military prison in the Department of Defense, and has male inmates from all the armed services. A new prison was completed in 2002, and its occupancy reduced from 1,800 in the former building to 450.

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Driving Tour



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Welcome to Leavenworth and Fort Leavenworth! Leavenworth is the First City in Kansas - established in 1854.

Leavenworth's carefully restored 19th century homes and buildings make a wonderful windshield tour. The private homes are not open to the public, but there are museums and public buildings that may be toured.

Self-guided Tour

Coming from the south on Kansas 7/73 highway and heading north you will pass the **University of Saint Mary** on your left. The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, who operate the college, first came to Leavenworth in 1858 and opened an orphanage and an academy for young girls. In 1870 they moved their academy from a downtown location to its current 240-acre campus. In 1923, the sisters founded the University of Saint Mary, now a coed, four-year university.

Across the highway is the **Dwight D. Eisenhower Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center**, once known as the "Old Soldiers' Home." In 1884 the 640-acre plot was selected and two years later 17 buildings had been completed, including a dining hall that could seat 1,200. Today 38 of these buildings are owned by a private developer who is in the process of redeveloping and leasing these historic properties.

The highlight of the V.A. is the **Chapel of the Veteran's**, built in 1893. This Gothic building with its gargoyles and stained glass windows was called the "**Believe It Or Not**" chapel when it was written up by Robert Ripley in 1921. It was said to be the only house of worship where Protestant and Catholic services could be conducted simultaneously under one roof. It is open to visitors year round.

Drive west on Spruce until you reach Fifth Avenue, turn left and you will find

the **Carroll Mansion** on your right at 1128 Fifth Ave. A guide will be available to talk about the beautiful 16-room mansion, finished in 1882. The rooms are furnished in mid-Victorian style with heirlooms of the era.

The museum is open Tues thru Sat, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm; closed Sun, Mon and major holidays. Admission charged.

Across from the museum was the **home of Judge David J. Brewer**, the first Supreme Court Justice appointed from Kansas.

Drive back north on Fifth Ave., cross Spruce St. to Seventh and Olive Sts. where you'll see the **former home of the Fred Harvey** family at 624 Olive St. It is currently being restored and will become the National Fred Harvey Museum. Harvey family heirlooms, including furniture, artifacts, and personal correspondence will be displayed. Items and memorabilia from Harvey House restaurants and hotels will also be available for viewing. The carriage house, located behind the main house, has been renovated into a gift shop and displays many Harvey artifacts.

The house and carriage house are open for touring by appointment only, 913-682-1023.

At the corner of 7th & Spruce Sts. is **Union Park** which was dedicated in 1870 "for a Public Park for the use of the Public forever."



Driving Tour

Return to Spruce Street, turn right and proceed to Broadway. Travel north (right) on Broadway to see some of Leavenworth's most beautiful and historic homes. (These are private residences not open to the public.)

The Queen Anne Baroque home at **714 S. Broadway** was built in 1885 and has been completely restored. It has 21 rooms, nine fireplaces, five full baths, 44 stained glass windows and a completely finished attic once used as a ballroom. In addition to the 9,000 square feet of the main house there is a beautiful 2,750 square-foot coach house in the back.

Further north at **600 S. Broadway** is a house built on nearly 5 acres in 1876 of soft brick. Around the turn of the century, a layer of stucco was applied over the brick.

The home at **508 S. Broadway** was built in 1868 in what was originally called Italian Mediterranean style with a predominately vertical line. In 1914, however, a new owner added the extensive porches with the heavy stone work.



The interior is highlighted by exposed wooden beams, walnut paneling and marble. A swimming pool was located in the large coach house. Brigadier General "Snitz" Gruber, Commandant of Fort Leavenworth, died here in 1941. He was the author of the "Artillery Song", now known as the Army song.

At **410 S. Broadway** you will find the Clark House, which was built in 1869 by F.M. Clark, an early Leavenworth banker. They had a branch bank in Denver where they minted coins. That portion of their operation was bought by the U.S. Government and became the Denver Mint. The home was restored using old photographs to guide the reconstruction. The alcove on the north side of the house remains where string ensembles would sit to entertain guests.

The Downtown Area

Continue north on Broadway to Delaware Street, take a right and immediately on the right hand side is **The First City Museum**, 743 Delaware, that houses a collection of early frontier memorabilia and artifacts including buggies and cutters manufactured in Leavenworth. Also within the museum are mock-ups of the Kansas State Prison and the U.S. Federal Penitentiary, as well as other prison memorabilia. The museum is open Thurs. 1-4 pm, 913-682-1866.

On the left hand side at Fifth Street is the **Performing Arts Center**, which was once a movie house. This building is listed on the State Register of National Historic places and is currently the home of the River City Community Players, a local group that produces theatrical events throughout the year.



Driving Tour

On the right hand side is the prettiest building in downtown Leavenworth, **The Corner Pharmacy**. Built in 1905, this building has always housed a pharmacy and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The building has been historically renovated and even has a soda fountain and lunch counter that was rated as the "#1 old-time soda fountain" in the Kansas City area.



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One block north on Fifth Street is **City Hall**. This building was built in 1924 on the same site as the original City Hall, which dated from the territorial

days. On the lawn is a replica of the Statue of Liberty, placed and dedicated by the Boys Scouts in 1950. The statue and base were refurbished & rededicated July 4, 2002. Also on the grounds of City Hall is an 8 foot bronze statue of **Abraham Lincoln**. The statue was dedicated on December 3, 2009, marking the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's visit to Leavenworth, where on this exact day he made his first campaign speech for the presidency.

At Fourth and Delaware, southwest corner was the location of the opera house, known as **Stockton Hall** where, in December, 1859, Abraham Lincoln delivered an address.

Across the street, on the northwest corner, was the location of the headquarters of **Russell Majors and Waddell**, one of the largest overland freight companies in western history. In 1855 it won the government contract for hauling supplies to western forts and to the troops in the field. One of its early employees was **William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody**, who began working when he was about 12 or 13 years old.

Continue east on Delaware to the two blocks nearest the Missouri River. This two-block area was the center of economic activity from 1854 to 1870. It is called the **Leavenworth Landing**, where tons of supplies were once unloaded from river boats. Pioneers by the thousands came to Leavenworth by boat to buy wagons and stock from local merchants before heading west.

River View

At the end of Delaware is the **Union Depot**, now on the National Register of Historic Places. The building was completed in 1884, but because of contract disputes the first train rolled onto the tracks in November 1888.

In 1984 V.B. Greenamyre gave the property to the city. Subsequently, voters approved a bond issue and 1/2 cent sales tax to finance its renovation and expansion. In 1988 the depot was reopened as **Riverfront Community & Convention Center**.

Just south of Riverfront Community Center is the **Leavenworth Landing Park**

which runs for a third of a mile along the Missouri River. The design of the park focuses on the role of Leavenworth as the "Gateway to the West", with emphasis on the various modes of transportation that led to the growth of Leavenworth as the major jumping off point for settlers heading west. You may also start the walking Wayside tour at this location. **Three-Mile Creek Walking/Biking Trail** connects on the south end of the park and runs six blocks to Haymarket Square at 7th & Cherokee Sts. Across from the



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Driving Tour

Leavenworth Landing Park is the **C.W. Parker Carousel Museum**. Tour the museum and take a ride on a 1913 wooden carousel that was made, and recently restored, in Leavenworth. Charles Wallace Parker, known as the "Carnival King", had his amusement company in Leavenworth starting in 1910. Thurs-Sat 11 am-5 pm and Sunday 1-5 pm, 913-682-1331.

Go back North to **North Esplanade Street** where houses numbered from 203-515 are designated as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places.

The building at 203 North Esplanade supposedly once housed one of our city's finest "palaces of pleasure". In the early days, approximately 120 saloons made up an important part of Leavenworth's business community. Although before the Civil War the population never officially rose above 8,000, the transient population of those who came to work for a few days or weeks numbered many thousands. These people stayed just long enough to get a "grub stake" then moved on to homesteads, gold mines or to oblivion.

Turn left on Kiowa St and after crossing 4th St. on the right is the **Richard Allen Cultural Center**. This museum celebrates the history of African-Americans locally and nationwide and ensures that their profound effect on American society not be lost. Mon-Thurs 1-6pm, Fri 1-5pm and Sat 10am-1pm, 913-682-8772.



Fort Leavenworth

Continue west on Kiowa to Seventh Street. then turn right and proceed north to the main gate of Fort Leavenworth. NOTE: Picture ID is required upon entering the Fort.

The fort was established in 1827 by Colonel Henry Leavenworth and soldiers of his 3rd Infantry Regiment. It is the oldest fort west of the Mississippi River that has never had a break in its active duty status since the day of its founding. Today the fort is the home of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center.

Fort Leavenworth oversees the training and combat development for the Army and is the home of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

Traveling north on Grant Avenue the **Buffalo Soldier Monument** is located immediately after the second stop light on the right. This project was initiated by General Colin Powell and dedicated in 1992.

The Buffalo Soldiers proved their bravery and valor throughout the Indian Wars. They won the respect of the Cheyenne warriors who named them "Buffalo Soldiers," a badge of honor accepted and worn with pride. If you follow the sidewalk next to the lake to the east you will come to the **Berlin Wall Monument** which is made up of three actual sections of the Berlin Wall.

Return to Grant, continue north to the next stop light which is Reynolds Avenue and take a right to the **Frontier Army Museum**. The museum is open Mon. - Fri. 9 am to 4 pm & Sat., 10 am to 4 pm and closed on Sun. and major holidays, donations accepted. You may follow the Fort's Historic Wayside Tour from this location.

As you leave the main gate of the fort, turn right and drive west on Metropolitan. This road will take you by the **U.S. Federal Penitentiary**. Construction of the prison was begun in 1895 and was built with prison labor. The first inmates were housed after its completion in 1906. Although tours of the "Big House" are not available and visitors without official business are not allowed on the grounds, you can take pictures across the street.

Homeward Bound

Metropolitan Avenue is the northern portion of Highway 7-73. You may return to the beginning of the tour by driving south on 7-73 or you may leave the city by way of Highway 92 East, which takes you into Missouri to Interstate 29 north of Kansas City International Airport. To take Highway 92, simply drive east on Metropolitan and continue across the river over the Centennial Bridge.

We hope you enjoyed your trip to our community and come back again soon!

8 Wonders of Kansas!

The 8 Wonders of Kansas contests feature eight rural culture elements which are architecture, art, commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history and people. The purpose of the 8 Wonders series is to help the world get to know and explore Kansas! Leavenworth and Fort Leavenworth have the distinguished honor of being voted as four of these 8 Wonders of Kansas.



The Corner Pharmacy at 429 Delaware was voted one of the "8 Wonders of Kansas Customs" in 2009. This Victorian era replication soda fountain has a hand-made mahogany bar, faux marble countertop, and 15 swivel, bentwood mahogany fountain stools. They are open Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 7:30am-6pm; Thurs 7:30am-7pm; Sat 7:30am-5pm.

C.W. Parker Carousel Museum at 320 S. Esplanade was also voted one of the "8 Wonders of Kansas Customs" in 2009. This fully restored 1913 Parker Carry-Us-All, #18, was made in Leavenworth. It has 24 horses, two rabbits, three ponies, a chariot, and a spinning Lovers Tub and carries a total of about 35 people if fully loaded. They are open Thurs-Sat 11 am-5 pm; Sun 1-5 pm and closed holidays and in January, 913-682-1331, fee charged.



Historic Fort Leavenworth, established in 1827, was voted one of the "8 Wonders of Kansas History" in 2010 because it is the oldest U.S. Army post west of the Mississippi River. Colonel Henry Leavenworth established Fort Leavenworth on May 8, 1827 to protect the western frontier and to keep peace among the Indian tribes resettled into this area. By the 1840s, travel to Oregon and California had begun and

thousands of wagons passed through Fort Leavenworth on the way to the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails. Fort Leavenworth is well known as the "intellectual center of the Army". Visitors are welcome, but a federal ID is required upon entering the fort.

Buffalo Soldiers, Fort Leavenworth, was voted one of the "8 Wonders of Kansas People" in 2010. Buffalo Soldiers were members of the 9th & 10 Cavalry Regiments, comprised of black soldiers. The 10th Cavalry was formed in 1866 at Fort Leavenworth. They were engaged in campaigning in western Kansas and participated in conflicts with the Cheyenne in the vicinity of Fort Hays. The troopers quickly earned a reputation for their orderly conduct, fighting ability and determination to follow orders. A monument at Fort Leavenworth, dedicated to the 9th & 10 Cavalry Regiments in 1992, is open to the public. Please note that a federal ID is required upon entering the fort.



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