

This list is of some very explorer items; places that people maybe wouldn't normally go to. This is NOT a complete list. This is just some fun ideas to get you started. You create your adventure. Have fun and ALWAYS stop and take pictures while enjoying the scenery. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. When traveling, stop into a small town, whether you think there is something there or not. I challenge you to look for something in these 8 categories: architecture, art, geography, history, commerce, cuisine, customs, and people. My only requirement is that you share your travels to your friends to show the beauty of Kansas. Keep your eyes and heart open to exploring and dare to do dirt roads!

-Joe Hirsch, Sunflower State Tours

## ● Lucas and Wilson

- Post Rock Scenic Byway
  - There are many byways throughout the state. This one goes from Wilson to Lucas and is a fantastic day trip.
  - Also when driving on the byway, keep an eye out for beautiful carvings of faces in the limestone fences. There are 4 on the byway. Try to find them all!
  - Please watch this great video to get a quick over view of the area:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BpXuIR8Jpl>
  - <http://www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/geographyresults.php?id=255>
- Wilson
  - The World's Largest Czech Egg
    - This is an absolute must on your list of roadside attractions.
  - Midland Railroad Hotel
    - A beautiful 1899 hotel that is still a great hotel that you can visit/stay at.
    - It was used in the movie "Paper Moon"
  - Restaurants
    - Sample Room Tavern
      - Great restaurant in the basement of the Midland Railroad Hotel
    - Made From Scratch
      - Awesome food that is homemade. A traditional hometown café.
    - Grandma's Soda Shop
      - A cute little soda fountain that has some great food as well
- Wilson Lake
  - One of the most beautiful lakes in the state and has been recognized by Geographic Magazine, as one of the best in the Nation.
  - Go check out Rock Town. It's a fun walk.
- Lucas – This is the most artsy town in the state. If you like weird and wacky things then this is your place – <http://www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/artresults.php?id=84>
  - Garden of Eden
    - This is a must stop on a Roadside Attraction list. It's a bunch of sculptures made of cement. You can even see the creator who is buried in a mausoleum he built. He is mummified to this day. So take a tour and see his body.

- Grassroots Art Center
  - Stop here to see more “outside” art. This is art from untrained artists. There is some really cool stuff here.
- Bowl Plaza
  - This is community bathroom that is shaped like a toilet. Also the inside is all made from recycled materials to make a gorgeous collage. Give it a try, you won’t regret it.
- Brant’s Meat Market
  - This a great meat market that gives gracious free samples. Get into the feel of the area and try some great food.
  - <http://www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/commerceresults.php?id=127>
- There are some other things such as such some antique stores and other shops. As well as a little rock park and the World's Largest Collection of the World's Smallest Version of the World's Largest Things which are both next to the Garden of Eden.