

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 own 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

- **Mushroom Rock and Rock City**

- Mushroom Rock
  - Two rock formations are shaped just like mushrooms. And are a really cool park. <http://www.kansastravel.org/mushroomrock.htm>
- Kannapolis Lake
  - Cool place for hiking and exploring. Make sure to go on Horse Thief Canyon trails. There are some really cool rock formations on it. [http://www.ramblefeet.com/trails/Kanopolis\\_State\\_Park\\_Horsethief\\_Canyon\\_Trails/Horsethief\\_Canyon\\_Trails.html](http://www.ramblefeet.com/trails/Kanopolis_State_Park_Horsethief_Canyon_Trails/Horsethief_Canyon_Trails.html)
- Faris Caves
  - Located near Kannapolis Lake, this cool find was once home to a little settlement that wanted to live in the caves. Take a look. Pretty cool. <http://www.kansastravel.org/kanopoliswaterfall.htm>
- The Linger Longer Soda Fountain
  - Located in Bennington, this is one of the best old fashioned soda fountains in the state. Stop by to get a cherry limeade, ice-cream, or even a quick snack. The whole place is Dr. Pepper themed. It is a great place to go. <http://www.thelingerlonger.com/>
- Rock City
  - This is a super cool place. It's literally tons of gigantic boulders in the middle of nowhere that you can climb all over. It seriously is a blast. <http://www.kansastravel.org/rockcity.htm>