



## Gypsum Hills Scenic Byway: Ride horses through red hills and catch a glimpse of pioneer life

Drive through the Gypsum Hills, and you may think your eyes are playing tricks on you. These red hills could easily be mistaken for the Arizona desert! The [Gypsum Hills Scenic Byway](#) is enchantingly noteworthy for its rolling, weathered hills, picturesque vistas and outdoor recreation options. The drive affords tantalizing views of the rugged red butte-and-mesa topography.



The Gypsum Hills' geological good looks are just the beginning. The region boasts a history and spirit enriched by cattle ranching, Lewis and Clark, Native-American heroes Chiefs Black Kettle and White Bear, temperance-movement heroine Carrie Nation, westward-moving American pioneers, and much more.

Along the way, take in these notable sights to get a sense of the history and beauty of this open secret in south central Kansas:

- [Coldwater City Lake](#), a 250-acre manmade lake within a 930 acre park with ample facilities for boating, swimming, fishing, bird watching and camping.
- The [Medicine Lodge home of Carrie A. Nation](#), the famous temperance activist.
- Join the [Gypsum Hills Trail Rides](#) for perhaps the most vivid trail ride in Kansas. Saddle up!
- At the [Medicine Lodge Stockade Museum](#), put yourself in the shoes of a pioneer looking to the West for a better life.
- If you want to grab a quick bite with the Medicine Lodge locals, try a juicy burger, crunchy fries and



a homemade malt at the quaint **Burger Shack-N-Snack** or the pork tenderloin sandwich at **Raykies Grill & Dairy**, a fun drive-in. Or check out the Sale Barn Café for sensational pies.

- View truly breathtaking views at the **Gypsum Hills Scenic Overlook** (west of Medicine Lodge)
- At [Sagebrush Gallery of Western Art](#) in Medicine Lodge, check out the work of Karl Kuhn, cowboy artist.
- Also at Medicine Lodge, don't miss a ranch rodeo, pow wows and historic re-enactments at the [Medicine Lodge Indian Peace Treaty Pageant](#), September 25, 26 and 27, 2015.