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Kimball (Pop. 3,689) **①** [†]| **□ □** ★ ▲

In 1913, the year the Lincoln Highway began, Kimball County had 32 automobiles. By September 1914, every fifth telephone pole in the county carried the Lincoln Highway logo. The route through



town is still marked today with metal Lincoln Highway signs. The Wheat Growers Hotel was built in 1918 and was considered the most glamorous hotel between Omaha and Denver. Dwight Eisenhower stayed there in 1919 during his historic military trip across the Lincoln Highway. With 86 rooms, a restaurant and ballroom, the hotel became the hub for railroad travelers and locals alike.

Potter (Pop. 337) **1 □** ★ ▲

A descendant of the original owner has carefully converted an early 1920's **Conoco service station** into an antique shop. The Lincoln Highway route is marked through town with metal Lincoln Highway signs.





Sidney (Pop. 6,914) **①** [†]| **□ □** ★ ▲

Dude's Steak House, (308) 254-9080, opened in 1952 and remains authentic, with old west murals on the inside walls and western décor throughout. Historic downtown Sidney has many preserved buildings from the Lincoln Highway era. Both the Carnegie Library and the post office are still in use. The route is marked through town with metal Lincoln Highway signs.

Lodgepole (Pop. 319)

The historic opera house building is closed, but the building's rustic appearance and old signage take vou back to another time. A descendant of the owner of the old Finch's Drug and Sundries now operates an antique store from the site.

Chappell (Pop. 926) [¶] □ ★ ▲

The old route is marked through town with metal signs. The 20-mile stretch from Chappell to Big Springs is known for its beautiful, unchanged scenery.



Big Springs (Pop. 400) [¶] □ ★ ▲

Completely renovated, the Phelps Hotel once again welcomes visitors for special occasions, including use of the coffee shop and sleeping rooms.

Brule (Pop. 316)

The utility poles are painted with Lincoln Highway signs to show the old Lincoln Highway route through town - the traditional way of marking the route.

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Ogallala (Pop. 4,606) ① 11 🖸 🖾 ★ 🛦

A Standard Oil Red Crown filling station in 1922, the historic Spruce Street Station, (308) 284-6464, is graced with pumps from the 1930's. Owned by the city, the completely renovated station is a visitor's center during the summer, with a garage available year-round for groups and gatherings.

Paxton (Pop 520)

Ole's Big Game Steakhouse and Lounge, (308) 239-4500, opened one minute after midnight, August 9, 1933, which is the day prohibition ended. For over 50 years Ole traveled the world in search of trophy game. Today, over 200 mounts adorn the wall of this famous family eatery with memorabilia from the 30's, 40's and 50's.



North Platte (Pop. 24,534) \bigcirc \square \square \square \checkmark \land

A popular attraction today, the old Lincoln Highway took tourists by William "Buffalo Bill" Cody's beautiful ranch and home built during the heyday of his Wild West Show.

Visitors to the Buffalo Bill State Historical Park, (308) 535-8035, can tour his home and barn

Maxwell (Pop. 312)

Follow the Old Lincoln Highway street signs south of the railroad tracks and west out of town to follow the original route. Fort McPherson, one of only two national cemeteries in Nebraska and one of America's most beautiful, is located two miles south of I-80 Exit 190. Fort McPherson once guarded the Oregon Trail.



Gothenburg (Pop. 3,558) **①** [¶] **□ □** ★ ▲

Located in Ehmen Park, the Pony Express Station, (308) 537-9876, was as popular during the Lincoln Highway era as it is today. The Gothenburg berm, a nationally significant piece of the remaining "stair steps," is located one mile south of I-80, connecting with Highway 47. Since there was no bridge over the Platte River west of Gothenburg for many years, the Lincoln Highway turned south at Gothenburg and followed a stair step of roads to North Platte. The historic stair steps can be followed on the road map today.

Also visit the Gothenburg Historical Museum located across from Ehmen Park at 15th and Ave. F.



Cozad (Pop. 3,934) ① ¶ 🖪 🔤 ★ 🔺

The Robert Henri Museum, (308) 784-4154, commemorates the world-renowned artist for whom it is named. Robert Henri was the son of Cozad's founding father, John J. Cozad. The building, built by the Cozad family more than a century ago, was Henri's childhood home. When the family left, it served Lincoln Highway travelers as the Hendee Hotel. Located next door is the 100th Meridian Museum which was once a Lincoln Highway car garage.

Lexington (Pop. 10,146) **①** [†]| **□ □** ★ ▲

See the Lincoln Highway exhibit in the Dawson County Historical Museum, (308) 324-5340.

Overton (Pop. 588)

Quarter mile east of Overton, between Highway 30 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, is an old Lincoln Highway concrete bridge with a logo painted on the outside wing wall.

Elm Creek (Pop. 934)

On the east edge of town are several buildings with red tile roofs from the former Red Top Cabin Camp.



Kearney (Pop. 32,469) **① [†]| □ ★** ▲

A few miles west of Kearney is the old Covered Wagon tourist stop, with the covered wagon and concrete oxen still outside. The main building, oxen and wagon are currently being restored. Just east of this location was the 1733 Ranch, where a sign read "1733 miles to Frisco, 1733 miles to Boston." The Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), (308) 865-8559, is housed in a 1911 Renaissance Revival building that once served as a post office. MONA collects, preserves and exhibits work from artists with connections to Nebraska. Kearney's historic downtown district, called "The Bricks," is adjacent to the Lincoln Highway.



Gibbon (Pop. 1,851) 👖 🖪 🛨 🛦

An old Ford garage is now an antique car restoration shop on Highway 30.

Shelton (Pop. 1,079)

Known today as Nebraska's Lincoln Highway capital, Shelton has two blocks of original bricks and painted utility poles to mark the old route through town. An old Bromoseltzer billboard at the brick intersection is being refurbished. The Lincoln Highway Visitors Center, (308) 390-4123, is located in the old bank from the era on Highway 30, featuring Lincoln Highway exhibits, memorabilia and brochures.

Wood River (Pop. 1,361)

On the east edge of town is the historic Gloe Brothers Service Station, which has been carefully converted into a drive-thru bank.

Grand Island (Pop. 50,000) ① [†]| □ □ ★ ▲

See the historic downtown district, including the Grand Theatre, (308) 381-2667, a 1937 Art Deco Theatre on 3rd Street, just off the Lincoln Highway. A museum of Grand Island show houses is in the basement. Call ahead for a tour. Movies every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The tiny Kensinger Filling Station, east of town, has been open since 1933. Just north of the Kensinger Station is the only piece of original Seedling Mile that remains in the U.S. Poured in 1915 it is a nationally significant piece of remaining road. Further east, on the corner of Highway 30 and Shady Bend Road, stands the filling station building from the Shady Bend Cabin Camp. The camp was well known for its tennis courts, pool, and roaming herd of buffalo.

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Central City (Pop. 2,906) 1 1 🔳 🚍 🛧 🔺

Built in 1912, the Merrick County Court House housed the first meeting in the United States to ratify the Lincoln Highway proclamation in 1913. It was also the last. The Lincoln Manor Steak House, (308) 946-3569, on 16th Avenue, renamed for the Lincoln Highway, has been serving guests since 1887. The old route is marked with painted signs on utility poles through town.

Clarks (Pop. 355)

A large Lincoln Highway mural is painted on the side of a veterinary building downtown, and the old route through town is marked with painted signs on utility poles.

Duncan (Pop. 365)

The Avenue of Trees, which once flanked the Lincoln Highway, date back to the early days of the Lincoln Highway and mark the former camping location in Duncan.

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timbers and native stone. It



Columbus (Pop. 22,630) ① ▮ 🖪 🖾 🛧 🔺

Schuyler (Pop. 6,169)

The Oak Ballroom, (402) 352-9972, was built as a Works Program

Administration (WPA) project during the depression and is known

Dusters Restaurant/Gottberg Brew Pub, (402) 564-8338, named for the long jackets worn by travelers on the Lincoln Highway, is one of the best in the state. Housed in the unique Gottberg building, which was built in 1920 to assemble and sell Fords, antique cars made of cement ornament the tops of the outside walls. Historic Glur's Tavern, (402) 564-8615, established in 1876, is the oldest continuously operated tavern west of the Missouri River.

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The Elkhorn Bricks, a 3.6 mile stretch of 1920 brick road east of Elkhorn, may be the most famous brick street in America. It is well worth the time to drive this significant piece of original Lincoln Highway. To access the old brick section, exit Dodge Road at 168th St., turn west onto Burt Plaza and then north onto the Old Lincoln Highway, 174th St. Several cement Lincoln Highway markers and signs painted on utility poles mark the old route through town, and an original pony truss bridge remains over West Papillion



Elkhorn Bricks photo by R. Neibe

Creek. The interior of Boyd and Charlies BBQ, (402) 289-4772, along the route resembles an old time saloon.

Omaha (Pop. 427,872) 1 1 2 🖛 🛧 🛦

The Lincoln Highway route through Omaha follows Dodge Road and Dodge Street to the I-480 interchange. "He ain't heavy, he's my brother." One of Nebraska's top attractions, the Boys Town, (402) 498-1140, campus shares the history of Father Flanagan's dream to care for America's children. In 1949, Fr. Flanagan had a pylon built with 'Boys

Town' in large letters at the Lincoln Highway entrance to the village of Boys Town so boys who were walking there to find a home would be able to locate it easier.

Union Station was a bustling train station and a popular restaurant stop for Lincoln Highway travelers in Omaha. Today it houses the Durham Museum, (402) 444-5071, the region's premier history museum and an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Built in 1905, Saint Cecelia's Cathedral, (402) 558-3100, in Omaha has its own museum that tells the history of how it took 50 years to complete this Spanish-style landmark.

Blair (Pop. 7,990)

The Lincoln Highway entrance to Nebraska was moved from Omaha to Blair in 1930, making the route 33 miles shorter, thanks to a new bridge across the Missouri River. A monument has been placed at a forgotten corner of the Lincoln Highway "B-Line" through Blair at 10th and Jackson Streets.



