

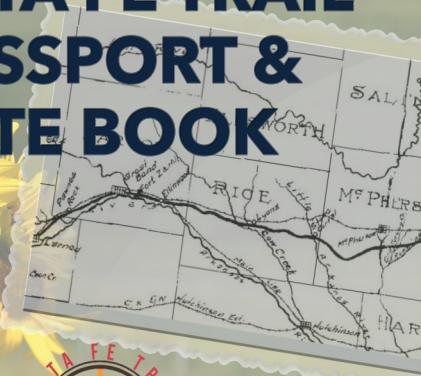


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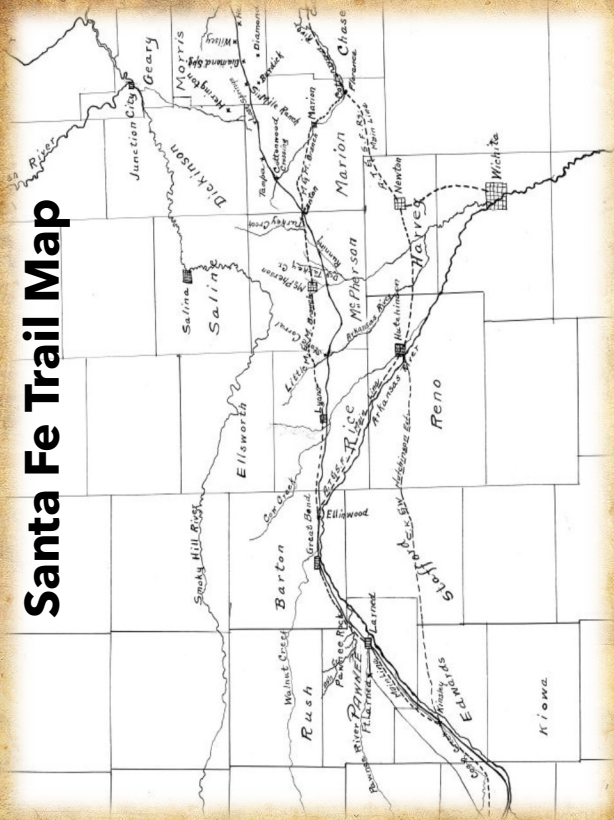
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# Santa Fe Trail Map



# Fuller's Ranch & Running Turkey Creek Crossing



Fuller's Ranch was one of the trading ranches established on the Santa Fe Trail for travelers. The ranch was established near the Running Turkey Creek crossing. The site is located 1 mile east and about 2 miles south of Galva, Kansas on 22nd Avenue.



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# Kaw Treaty Site



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The Kaw Indian Peace Treaty was a major treaty conducted with the Kaw (Kanza) tribe by government surveyors led by George Sibley August 15 - 16, 1825. The Kansas Historical marker and the DAR marker commemorating the event are located in the roadside park on Old Highway 81 just south of Elyria, Kansas.

# McPherson Museum



The signs on the west side of the McPherson Museum, 1111 E. Kansas Avenue in McPherson, are a source of information for sites east and west of McPherson as well as providing information on the trading ranches located along the Trail.



# Swanson's Swales



Swanson's Swales are at least seven deep swales made by the wagons as they prepared for crossing the Little Arkansas River. The swales are located at 1525 31st Rd, Windom, Kansas. Turn west at the driveway, proceed to the site sign, and turn south until you reach the interpretive sign.

# Camp Grierson



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Camp Grierson was a military camp established to protect the Santa Fe Trail. Camp Grierson is located on Avenue P about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile west of the 31st Road (Plum Street) and 5 miles south of Highway 56 near Windom, Kansas.



# Stone Corral



The Stone Corral was located near the Little Arkansas Crossing. This 200 by 300 foot rectangular stone enclosure, having walls eight feet high and 30 inches thick, was an overnight camping spot for trail travelers and was the site of the trading ranch at the Little Arkansas crossing. The interpretive sign is located on 30th Road about 1/2 mile north of Avenue P and 5 miles south of Highway 56 near Windom, Kansas.



# Fry Ruts



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The Fry Ruts are another beautiful set of ruts. The pasture setting and the silhouette give visitors a taste of the Trail on the open prairie. The Fry Ruts are located on Avenue P about ½ mile west of 30th Road and 5 miles south of Highway 56 near Windom, Kansas.

# Chavez Murder Site



Santa Fe trader Don Antonio José Chávez was the murder victim of Missouri ruffians in 1843. The international incident occurred where the Santa Fe Trail crossed Jarvis Creek (formerly Owl Creek). The marker is located on Avenue P just over 1/2 mile west of 21st Road and southeast of Lyons, Kansas.



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# Coronado Quivira Museum



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The wagon "jockey box" carried by Don Antonio José Chávez was returned to the family after his murder. In 1998, the wagon box was placed at the Coronado Quivira Museum, 105 West Lyon Street, Lyons, Kansas. Additional Trail artifacts are also located at the museum.

# Cow Creek Crossing & Buffalo Bill's Well



Cow Creek Ranch was established at the crossing of Cow Creek in the fall of 1858 by the Beach family. William Mathewson, the original Buffalo Bill, later managed the ranch at this site. Cow Creek Crossing & Buffalo Bill's Well are located on 12th Avenue about 1 mile south of Highway 56 and west of Lyons, Kansas.



# Ralph's Ruts & Kern Ruts



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Ralph's Ruts are a set of some of the finest pristine wagon ruts about seven to eight ruts wide. They have been preserved by several generations of the Hathaway family, most notably Ralph Hathaway. The Kern Ruts are across the road to the west. The ruts are located on 4th Road about 3/4 of a mile north of Highway 56 and west of Chase, Kansas.

# Gunsight Notch



Toward the west end of this pasture there is a ridge running north and south. Several trail ruts converge to cross this ridge. Almost sixty years of trail travel wore a wide notch in this ridge, giving the site its name.

Gunsight Notch is located on the south side of Avenue L about 3/8 of a mile west of 3rd Road and west of Chase, Kansas.



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# Plum Buttes



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The marker is just west of the former site of three tall sand dunes called "Plum Buttes" named for the wild plum bushes growing around them. East of here is where the Plum Buttes Massacre occurred. The Plum Butts DAR Marker is located on Avenue L at the intersection with 2nd Road and west of Chase, Kansas.



# Fort Zarah



## KANSAS HISTORICAL MARKER

### FORT ZARAH

To protect commerce on the Santa Fe Trail the U.S. Government established a line of forts from Fort along Walnut Creek to Fort Dodge. Fort Zarah, built near Walnut Creek in 1863, was initially made of adobe and logs. The fort's two-story octagonal blockhouse was built in 1863 with stone quarters, four nearby bluffs. The fort was abandoned in April 1864 three months after its construction.

Fort Zarah housed a garrison with Plains tribes in November 1864 as the U.S. continued to secure lands from the Indians. That year had seen four battles, but more conflicts would occur the year after the attack.

"We made peace on the North Fork of the Platte. We have kept it. Every time we meet the Indians in council, they have new men to talk to us. They have new ranches to open. We do not like it!"

—Wright in Kansas Wool, Cheyenne Warrior Society, 1866

With mail traffic shifting to rail traffic, the fort was no longer needed and closed in December 1868.

Source: The State of Kansas

The first Fort Zarah was established in 1864 to protect the mail and the Trail. It was located about 1/2 mile south of Highway 56, west of 30th Road, and north of Walnut Creek. The second Fort Zarah was located just east of Great Bend Kansas and a short distance east of the roadside park on the north side of Highway 56.



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# Barton County Historical Society Museum



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The Barton County Historical Society Museum is located at 85 South U.S. Hwy 281, Great Bend, Kansas. The museum houses a number of artifacts from the Santa Fe Trail. The Barton County Historical Society Museum and Village has received certification from the National Park Service as an official SFT Interpretive Site.

# Pawnee Rock



Pawnee Rock was a well-known landmark for Santa Fe Trail travelers. Although the current site is not nearly as tall as it was in Trail days, it is still an impressive site. Pawnee Rock State Historic Site is located at 631 Centre St., Pawnee Rock, Kansas.



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