



Welcome to Manhattan!

Manhattan is located in the heart of northeast Kansas' scenic Flint Hills. First settled in 1855, it is home to Kansas State University and Fort Riley. The Manhattan community encompasses approximately 18 square miles and has a current estimated population over 50,000. Rapid growth is underway in Manhattan and the surrounding area as a result of the expansion of Fort Riley.

Manhattan is known as the "Little Apple" and is found 120 miles west of Kansas City, just off of Interstate I-70. The community serves a regional population of approximately 200,000 people, and is a leader in education, retail, health care, entertainment, and communication. The area boasts a number of attractions including Tuttle Creek Lake offering 15,000 acres of boating, water-skiing, fishing and public hunting land; the Konza Prairie Tallgrass Preserve; Marianna Beach Art Museum located at the southeast corner of Kansas State University, Big 12 Athletic Events, and the historic Aggieville and downtown shopping districts; world class golf facilities and a vibrant Arts in the Park series. Nearby Fort Riley was founded in the mid-1800s and is a permanent military post and important regional partner. Fort Riley has long been one of the nation's largest U.S. Army military installations. Today, the military reservation covers approximately 101,000 acres.

Public and Private Education

Manhattan is also home to Manhattan Christian College, a four-year college founded in 1927 and Manhattan Area Technical College, established in 1965. The community has an excellent public and private education through a public high school, a ninth grade center, two middle schools, seven elementary schools, and two church-related schools.

Recreation and Play

The community has an abundance of public parks and sports facilities, including the American Zoo and Aquarium Association-accredited Sunset Zoo and two 18-hole public golf courses, one public 9-hole executive course and one private golf course. Colbert Hills Golf Course, the first PGA Collegiate course and an Audubon Signature Gold course, opened in the spring of 2000 in partnership with Kansas State University. Area public parks provide countless recreational and sports opportunities to persons of all ages. In addition, the community boasts an exceptional trail system suitable for biking or walking and is accessible to people with disabilities. The Linear Trail is currently nine (9) miles in length and circles half of the community.

Manhattan Planning and Progress

The City of Manhattan continues to work in its commitment to sound, progressive, and forward-thinking municipal planning. Significant development initiatives have included the development of additional housing, the Corporate Technology Park, expansion of the Manhattan regional Airport, a new 80-acre park, and the City is currently working on a new major downtown redevelopment initiative to enhance the development north and south of the Manhattan Town Center Mall.

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We invite you to visit and savor a slice of the "Little Apple."