



Travel Guide

Manhattan for Outdoor Lovers

BlueMont Scenic Overlook - Manhattan may not be Hollywood, but it does have a similar sign, right at the top of Manhattan Hill, or Blue Mont Hill. Hike up to the top of this hill for a great view of the Flint Hills. In Goodnow Park 1270 Bluemont Scenic Dr, Manhattan, KS 66502. Free.

Top of the World - Not a name anyone would expect for a location in Kansas, Top of the World is another place you can hike to see the surrounding views of Manhattan and the Flint Hills. These well groomed trails are easily accessible for all, and a lot of people enjoy taking their dogs on this trail as well. In Washington Marlatt Park 3410 Top of the World Dr, Manhattan, KS 66503. Free.

A visit to the **Konza Prairie Biological Station** gives you a chance to see how the tall grass prairie is being studied and preserved by the Nature Conservancy and K-State's Division of Biology. This joint venture is primarily focused on long-term ecological research, prairie preservations, and education, but they offer hiking trails open to the public so everyone has the opportunity to experience the prairie first hand. The trails range from 2.6 to 6.2 miles and are considered moderate due to some occasional steep climbs. 100 Konza Prairie Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502. No Dogs. \$2 donation requested.

Linear Trail is a 9mi (approximate) loop around the city of Manhattan and offers visitors an urban trail and is a great option for bikers and joggers. There are 10 access points along the trail. Park at Pottawatomie Ave. near Manhattan Ave., off US 24 near the river and off Hayes Drive south of Casement Road. Free.

Manhattan River Trail is a 5.4mi loop that runs along the river. It is a great option for mountain bikers and hiking. It is a moderate trail due to the terrain along the river. Us Hwy 24 & Blue River Trailhead, Manhattan, KS 66502. Free

Pillsbury Crossing will give you the chance to see something you don't see often in Kansas – a waterfall. This is a beautiful wildlife area that is situated at a low river crossing area – a section of a river that is low and allows for crossing of vehicles and, in the good old days, wagons. While here, check out the Deep Creek Schoolhouse, built in 1892. K-177 to Riley County 911 and then east about 4 miles. Free.

If you want to learn more about the Flint Hills, check out the **Flint Hills Discovery Center**, whose mission is to inspire people to celebrate, explore, and care for the Flint Hills. 315 South 3rd Street Manhattan, KS 66502. 785-587-2726. Monday-Saturday 10-5 (until 8 on Thursday), Sunday 12-5. There is an admission fee.

If your idea of nature includes animals, then **Sunset Zoo** is a great option. Since the zoo is located in the Flint Hills, you'll get be able to enjoy both flora and fauna. 2333 Oak Street Manhattan, KS 66502. 785-587-2737. Open Every Day 9:30-5 (shorter hours in winter). There is an admission fee.

The **Gardens at Kansas State University** offers the opportunity to visit a botanical garden right in the heart of the Flint Hills. Open to the public, the garden gives students the opportunity to develop, maintain, and operate a world class botanical garden. 1500 Denison Ave. Manhattan, KS 66506. 785-532-3271. March to November and open every day from Dawn to Dusk. Free.

Liquid Art Winery is growing grapes right in the Flint Hills, and it is a great place to wind down after a long day of nature in Manhattan. Sit out and watch the sun set beneath the hills with a glass of wine. 1745 Wildcat Creek Rd. Manhattan, KS. 785.370.8025. Closed Monday-Wed; times vary by day Thursday-Sunday.

And, finally, if you are looking for something a little more adventurous, you can zipline through the Flint Hills at **Wildwood Outdoor Adventure Park**. 375 Johnson Rd, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. (785) 477-9543. Friday-Sunday 9-4.