

THE WALKING THEMED TRAILS COME TO LIFE

On each Final Friday of the month from 6 PM to 8:30 PM from May to September the Trails will come to life. On the chosen Final Friday each museum will present a free sidewalk celebration of entertainment along their Trail.

1. Final Friday | May 27th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | The Exploration Trail Exploration Place volunteers will give walkers clues to solve a "crime," getting a taste of crime scene investigation (CSI) techniques. This Final Friday Museum Mystery is all part of the national traveling exhibit, CSI: The Experience, opening at Exploration Place on Saturday, May 28.

2a. Final Friday | June 24th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | The Art Trail Kansas artists creating really cool art right on the Art Trail. The Wichita Art Museum will feature artists from all over Kansas. Among other featured artists will be former Wichita native Jordan Tarrant. Jordan paints using words to create his murals. Jordan will paint a mural of William Shakespeare using the 52 words and 47 phrases that Shakespeare invented. Dave Burk donated the use of a building wall in Old Town for the mural.

2b. Final Friday | June 24th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | American Indian Trail This Trail will feature the sights and sounds of the Indian Culture. The Mid-America All-Indian Center will welcome both singers and drums to the Trail. The Museum will be open from 6PM to 8PM that evening should the walkers wish to immerse themselves in the Art of the Plains Indians.

3a. Final Friday | July 29th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | The Magic Trail (Haysville)

The Magic Trail in Haysville will present the Wizards of Wichita. The Wizards are part of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. The Wizards will be sure to entertain, amuse and confound walkers of all ages. The Wizards promise not to make the Trail or any of the walkers disappear, everything else is fair game.

3b. Final Friday | July 29th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Poets Trail The Wichita Poets Trail will present Wichita Poets who are competing in the Poetry Slam National Competition in Cambridge MA. The Poets will be reciting at the Pavilions at WaterWalk from 6PM to 8:30PM.

4. Final Friday | August 26th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | African American Trail

The African American Museum will present a Kansas Idol contest for Jazz, R&B, Rap, Gospel and Story Telling. Great music has always been the calling card of for not only the African American community in Kansas but also for Kansans state wide. Why not celebrate this great tradition by bringing the best modern day performers from all over Kansas to compete to see who is the greatest of them all.

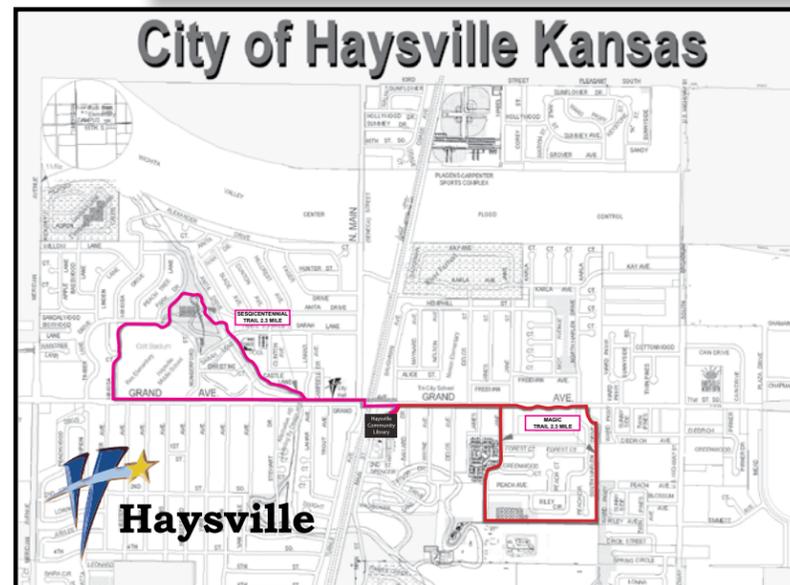
5. Final Friday | September 30th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Sports Trail

The Sports Trail will feature interactive events along the Sports Trail. How would you like to compete against a legendary Kansas college quarterback throwing a ball threw a hanging tire or match free throws against former great college basketball players? Or you may just want to talk with former Kansas sports hero's to ask them about what made them great. This event leads up to the Kansas Sports Hall Of fame Induction ceremony which will be held on October 2nd.

8. Final Friday | September 30th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Tallgrass Film Festival Trail

The Tallgrass Association will present a course on how to make a movie along the Tallgrass Film Festival Trail. Filmmakers will line the Trail to teach walkers various tricks and techniques about how to use their I Phones, video cameras or any other devise that takes video to make a movie! No longer will your friends and family have to sit through boring videos of your vacations or family outings because now you will be able to dazzle them with your movie making skills. The walker will learn various elements of filmmaking, from storyboard-ing, to edit tricks, to learning different apps that allow everyone to become a filmmaker---their own film might even show up in the next addition of the Tallgrass Film Festival! The Trail presentation leads up to the 9th annual Festival which will be held from October 20th-23rd, where aspiring filmmakers of all ages can see more than 100 independent films from all over the world and even discuss the craft with guest filmmakers.

The only cost for all of the above entertainment, education and just plain fun is a few hundred calories. We hope to see you on the Trails.



THE MAGIC TRAIL and THE SESQUICENTENNIAL TRAIL are located in Haysville. They both start at the Haysville Community library at: 210 S. Hays St, Haysville, KS.

THE MAYORS' AND CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE

In order to prove to the nation that we really do love to walk, Mayor Carl Brewer of Wichita, Chairman Dave Unruh of Sedgwick County and Mayor Ken Hampton of Haysville have created The Mayors' and Chairman's Challenge.

Go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WalktheTrails> to register the number of Trails and miles that you have walked from May 18th to September 30th. There will be recognition for the individuals, organizations and groups that walk all the Trails.

walking TRAILS with Kansas based themes



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Walking for pleasure is the number one recreation activity. So why not make the activity fun and interesting. Inform walkers of fascinating facts about their community that they never know? Why not shine a spotlight on the movers, shakers, inventors, artists, poets, philosophers, sports heroes and just really cool people that have lived in our great state? That is what we have attempted to do with the Wichita/Haysville Themed Walking Trails sponsored by Sunflower Title.

Nine of these Trails go through the heart of downtown Wichita, with the other two Trails going through Haysville. During this Sesquicentennial (150 years) celebration of Kansas Statehood, come walk with us through our state's history and we will make the following guarantees; when you finish there will less of you, but in the process you will be amazed, amused, and beyond any doubt you will be much more informed about the creative people who made and make Kansas what it is today.

THE TRAILS

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1. THE ART TRAIL (Downtown Wichita) Did you know that one of the greatest Kansas artists in history thought he was born at the wrong time and that no one understood him or his paintings. The Art Trail is not only full of great art but provides insights into the artists themselves. (Information on the Trail provided by the Wichita Art Museum)

2. THE WICHITA HISTORICAL TRAIL (Downtown Wichita) Did you know that Sedgwick County was once almost twice as large as it is now and that we traded the other half to insure our economic future. We promise you that when you finish the Wichita Historical Trail you will be surprised at the things you will discover about our city's history. (Information on the Trail provided by the Wichita/Sedgwick County Historical Museum)

3. THE EXPLORATION TRAIL (Along the Arkansas River in Downtown Wichita) Did you know the person who invented the dial phone was a Kansan and you won't believe the reason he invented it. The Exploration Trail has stories of Kansan's who invented, explored and changed the world they lived in so we can now live in the world we now enjoy. (Information on the Trail provided by Exploration Place)

4. THE AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAIL (Downtown Wichita) From national leaders and pioneers in desegregation to poets, great musicians and aviators. The African American community in Wichita not only changed our community, but our country. Learn about their struggles and triumphs. (Information on the Trail provided by the African American Museum)

5. THE AMERICAN INDIAN TRAIL (Along the Arkansas River in Downtown Wichita) If you enjoy thoughtful, relevant and insightful observations about life, The American Indian Trail is a must to walk. The Trail contains observations from great American Indian leaders with Kansas connections that are as profound now as they were when they were first made up to a hundred years ago. (Information on the Trail provided by the Mid-America All-Indian Center)

6. THE TALLGRASS FILM FESTIVAL TRAIL (Downtown Wichita) The bright lights of movie history will shine on Kansans who made significant contributions to the American film industry. From the pioneers of silent movies to Oscar winners you will not only learn their names but also what they said about their craft as you travel down the Kansas walk of fame. (Information on the Trail provided by the Tallgrass Film Association)



7. THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS TRAIL (Downtown Wichita) There have been a lot of interesting who have lived in Kansas, some famous and some just plain infamous. Many of these people had some interesting insights into why they lived here and what they thought about living in Kansas. We just had to create a Trail to give voice to their thoughts and words. (Information on this Trail provided by Old Cowtown Museum)

8. THE POETS TRAIL (Downtown Wichita) Did you know that some of the country's greatest poets called Kansas home. The poems on this Trail were selected from thousands of poems penned by Kansans. We think you will be moved, entertained, provoked to thought and impressed by the talented poets that have been living in our mists. We hope you will come away from your walk with a greater appreciation of the power of poetry and the skill of Kansas poets. (Information on the Trail provided by the Kansas Poets)

9. THE SPORTS TRAIL (Downtown Wichita) Have you ever wondered what college basketball coaches around the country think about having to come to the Sunflower State to play in any of the state's three major college basketball arenas? You will find those answers plus read quotes from Kansan's who were Heisman Trophy winners, professional stars in the NBA, NFL, and Major League Baseball. (Information on the Trail provided by the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame)

10. THE MAGIC TRAIL (Haysville) Imagine a Trail full of images that are either optical or verbal illusions. That is exactly what the Magic Trail provides and we are going to bet that there will be presentations that will blow your mind (figuratively). MAP ON BACK

11. THE SESQUICENTENNIAL TRAIL (Haysville) Campus High School is taking on the challenge to create a Trail that brings out the best of 150 years of Kansas history. MAP ON BACK