



Sunflower Sod Stompers
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Sunflower Sod Stompers’ Huffin’ & Puffin’ On the High Plains Of Kansas

Walks in the Kansas Counties of
Edwards, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman, Kiowa,
Pratt, and Stafford

7 – 10/5km Trails

8-300m Swims



May 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11, 2025



Huffin’ & Puffin’ on the High Plains

The Sunflower Sod Stompers of Topeka would like to invite all volkssporters to join them in their traditional springtime, walking weekend this May of 2025. This weekend is full of volkssporting events planned for the High-Plains of southwest Kansas. And if you happen to plan travel times just right, you can participate in both the Biennial AVA Convention in New Mexico and these Kansas events.

In the pursuit of walking the 105 counties, the Sod Stompers will offer 7 walking events in 6 “new” counties of the State. These traditional walks will be in Pratt, St. John, Greensburg, Kingsley, Jetmore, Cimarron, and Dodge City. Almost all of these walks will be in smaller Kansas towns focused on farming & ranching, light industry, and government. Each event will be unique with some interesting tidbits. Being further west in the State, participants will find higher altitudes, lower humidity, more winds, and maybe a wider range of temperatures. And be prepared for more open sun-filled areas & less shade. Bring your hats and water bottles. Group meals have been arranged for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings. Motel blocks have been established for overnight stays in larger towns. There will be qualifiers for some of the AVA Special Programs. Come enjoy small-town Kansas on the southwest High Plains of the United States!



Sod Stompers’ Seasonal Events
This Sod Stomper walking weekend will provide you an opportunity to coordinate with their mini seasonals along the highways of U.S. 50, 56, & 54 in southwest Kansas – traveling in proximity to the Historic Santa Fe Trail. You will have an opportunity for over 12 events this extended weekend!





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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Events are located west of Interstate 135 & south of Interstate 70 in the southwest quadrant of Kansas. First event will be located in Pratt. Pratt is located 225 miles west from Topeka; 450 miles east of Denver; 225 miles north of Okla. City; 650 miles northeast of Las Cruces. Mileage is dependent upon routes taken.



 Some communities have no sewer systems. There will be dips for water runoff at street intersections which could damage your vehicles. Drive carefully. 



Pratt to St. John: 26 miles

Pratt to Greensburg: 31 miles

Greensburg to Kinsley: 27 miles

Greensburg to Dodge City: 45 miles

Kinsley to Dodge City: 37 miles

Dodge City to Jetmore: 28 miles

Jetmore to Cimarron: 44 miles

Cimarron to Dodge City: 19 miles

Please allow the Sod Stompers sufficient time to prepare for their events and to pack-up when finished. We will get you on the trails as soon as we are ready, and safe for walking.

Please patronize our start points and the businesses who have agreed to be check points and to provide restroom facilities.



EVENT INFORMATION



Pratt, Kansas

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Pratt County

SC-129314

Map Guided Walks

Distance: 6km/10km

Location: This walk event will start inside the Pratt Municipal Building, 117 West 3rd Street. From the stoplight intersection of US 54/440 & US 281, go west on US 54/400 1 block to Jackson Street. Turn left on Jackson, go 2 blocks & the Municipal Building will be on the left side. Parking is on the street. Approximately 1.9 miles from the Baymont by Wyndham, & other motels on Ks.61.

Start/Finish: Start from 8:30a.m. - 10:00a.m.; finish by 12:00 p.m.

Course: Trails will include the downtown business area of Pratt, government buildings and residential areas. Both trails will go through Lemon and 6th Street Parks. Walking surfaces will be streets & paved roads and sidewalks. Both distances will have open-sun areas. Trail rating: 1-A



Water stops will be available for the walkers on the trails. Feel free to bring your water containers. Pets are welcomed to take part with their masters but please consider the weather conditions of Kansas
Limited restroom availability in these smaller communities!



Our smaller, Kansas communities do not offer many eateries. Please try to plan accordingly before driving to the next walking event.

St. John, Kansas

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Stafford County

SC-129315

Map Guided Walk

Distance: 5km/10km

Location: The afternoon walk will start inside the Witts Community Center, 215 East 3rd Avenue. From U.S. 281, just past the Phillips 66, turn left on East 1st Avenue and go 0.6 mile to Monroe Street. Go Right on Monroe 0.2 mile/2 blocks. The gray-painted Center will be on the corner, left side. Street parking.

Start/Finish: Start between 1:30 - 2:30p.m. & finish by 4:45 p.m.

Course: Routes will include the business area around the town square, Stafford County buildings and residential areas. Walking surfaces will be streets & paved or gravel roads and sidewalks. Both distances will have open-sun areas. Trail rating: 1-A

Greensburg, Kansas

Friday, May 9, 2025

Kiowa County

SC-129316

Map-Guided Walk

Distance: 5km/10km

Location: This walk will start/finish inside the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital – 721 West Kansas Avenue. The Hospital is 0.7 mile west from the only stoplight in Kiowa County on US 54/400. Hospital is just west of the Best Western on the left side. PARK in the lot as close to US 54/400 as possible. Use the entrance on the east end of KCMH near the flagpole.

Start/Finish: Start from 8:30a.m. - 10:00a.m.; finish by 12:00 p.m.

Course: Both trails will include the business area of Greensburg besides well-maintained residential areas. Flat surfaces of paved streets and sidewalks. Definite areas of **FULL SUN & WIND** on both routes. **NO SHADE.** Trail rating: 1-A



Kinsley, Kansas

Friday, May 9, 2025

Edwards County

SC-129317

Map Guided Walk

Distance: 6km/10km

Location: The walk event will start/finish inside the multi-purpose room connected to the City Hall & Library, 721 Marsh Avenue. From Greensburg, follow US 54/400 west for 1.6 mile to US 183. Turn right on US 183 & go north for 26 miles. Turn left onto US 50 (10th Street) and then turn right on Marsh Street. City Hall will be on the right side. Street parking. Entrance is the single door to the left of the bench.

Start/Finish: Start between 1:30 - 2:30p.m. & finish by 4:45 p.m.

Course: Both trails will include the business area of Kinsley besides residential areas, Pioneer Park, and the Edwards County Fairgrounds complex. Fairly flat surfaces of paved & gravel roads and sidewalks. Both distances will have areas of full sun and some winds. The last 4km of the 10km route will be more on the outskirts of Kinsley. Trail rating: 1-A



Jetmore, Kansas

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Hodgeman County

SC-129318

Map Guided Walk

Distance: 5km/10km

Location: The walk event will start/finish at St. Lawrence Catholic Rectory, 413 Niederacher Street – basement area. From Dodge City, travel north on US 283 for 28 miles. From US 283/ Main St., turn right on East Hwy Street. Go 4 blocks to a 'T' intersection – Niederacher Street. Church will be on the corner, left side. Parking across the street. **LOCATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Jetmore, Kansas

Continued

Start/Finish: Start from 8:30a.m. - 10:00a.m.; finish by 12:00p.m.

Course: The routes will lead through some tree-lined, residential areas of Jetmore & the main business district. Surfaces will vary from gravel roads to streets & sidewalks. Small inclines. Rating: 1-A



Cimarron, Kansas

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Gray County

SC-129319

Map Guided Walk

Distance: 5km/10km

Location: The walk event will start/finish inside Gray Co Over 50 Senior Center, 221 South Main Street – near the front door. Our group will be SHARING SPACE with a high school celebration group. From Jetmore, go west on Ks-156 26 miles, then turn left on Ks-23 18 miles. Ks 23 will be Main Street. Go south through town crossing US 400 and railroad tracks. After the RR crossing, go 1 block and the Center will be at the next intersection on the right side. Parking will be in the adjacent lot and on the streets.

Start/Finish: Start between 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. & finish by 4:45 p.m.

Course: The courses will go through tree-lined residential areas, along businesses located on Main Street and Prairie Crossing Park. Fairly flat surfaces of gravel & paved roads and sidewalks, with some areas of full sun. Trail Rating: 1-A



Dodge City, Kansas

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Ford County

SC-129320

Map Guided Walk

Distance: 5km/10km

Location: The walk event will start/finish inside Dodge City Brewing – 701 3rd Avenue at the corners of 3rd Avenue and Spruce City. From the La Quinta Inn & Suites, go left (east) onto Wyatt Earp Boulevard to 14th Avenue (0.7 mile) to traffic light & Kwik Shop on corner. Go 1 block & turn on Spruce Street. Stay on Spruce for 1.0 mile. This way avoids the possible construction projects.

Start/Finish: Start from 9:00a.m. to 10:30a.m.; finish by 1:00 p.m.

Course: The routes will lead through older residential areas of Dodge City, near tourist sites, Wright Park & the main business district. Courses will include paved roads, streets & sidewalks. Areas of full sun and some hills. Trail Rating: 2-A



Pratt & Dodge City Kansas Pratt & Ford County

Wednesday - Saturday May 7-10 SC-12321 & 327

2 Indoor Swims

Distance: 300 meters @

Location: The swim events will be in the pool area of the Baymont by Wyndham – 704 Allison Lane. The Baymont is 0.6 north of US 54/400 on Ks. 61. Alternate site is: La Quinta Inn & Suites in Dodge City, 2400 West Wyatt Earp Boulevard/US 50 Bus.

Start/Finish: Registration will be after our evening meals approximately 8:45 -9:pm. Or at the walk sites when not busy. You may swim only during the motels established pool hours.

Course: Participants may swim or water walk & can rest at the ends of the pool but cannot leave the pool area during the swim events. Appropriate swim attire.



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Walking Events: These walking events will be map guided. Participants will be given directions with written descriptions and a map. Walk events are **CANCELLED** if there is severe weather and/or dangerous conditions in the area. Return to the start/finish area ASAP. Event credit will be stamped into your IVV Record Books

Registration: **IVV Credit will be \$4.00 per event.** Signing the AVA liability waiver is required of all participants. No free walkers. IVV Record Books may be purchased for \$6.00 each.

Event Comments: Although many streets are tree-lined, be prepared for walking in full sun and winds.

Weather: Weather conditions can quickly change in this part of the U.S. **Be aware of the county that you are in** as weather warnings are issued by counties.

Disclaimer: The American Volkssport Association, Sunflower Sod Stompers, and their officers, members, and agents shall not be liable or responsible for, and shall be saved and held harmless for and against any and all claims and damages of every kind, for injury to or death of any person or persons and for damage to or loss of property arising out of or attributable to the operators or events conducted by the AVA.



There are some high school graduations in the area this weekend besides the ceremonies taking place at the Community Colleges in Pratt and Dodge City. Accommodations might be expensive. Please take advantage of the motel blocks for our walking events.



Overnight accommodations in our Kansas small towns can be limited. The Sunflower Sod Stompers have rooms blocked for their volkssporting friends on appropriate nights at the following establishments:

Wednesday & Thursday - May 7 & 8



**704 Allison Lane
Pratt, Kansas
620-762-9999**

Rates: \$85.00/ night + taxes - King

\$90.00/ night + taxes - Double Double

Hot breakfast buffet is included

Cutoff date is April 30 Use the above phone number

0.6 mile north of US 54/400 adjacent to Ks - 61

A nice alternative in Pratt – Well maintained

**1906 East 1st Street
Adjacent to Casey's near the
Intersection of Ks. 61 & US 54/400
620-770-4130**



Please call direct for rates – Limited breakfast items

MAY 9 & 10 - FRIDAY and SATURDAY



2400 West Wyatt Earp Boulevard
Dodge City, Kansas
620-225-7373

King: \$125w/taxes; Doubles: \$130w/taxes
Rooms are released May 1: Mention Sunflower Sod Stompers
Contact LAQUINTA at the above number

Possibilities for breakfast or lunch while in Jetmore

BOOTLEGGERS
BAR & GRILL
503 MAIN

Judy's
Cafe
303 Main



Pawnee Valley
Lodge
209 North Main Street
Jetmore, Kansas

Speak to Rosa at: 620-855-0845
King \$84.36 Double-Double \$90.06
Lodging only - no breakfast provided
Simple but clean with small town



Restaurants can be scarce
in this area of Kansas.
Some places cannot handle
larger groups. Group meals
have been arranged for us
at the following places:

Wednesday Night – 6:30pm



Legend's Pub & Grill
109 Parke Street

Just off of US 54 in Pratt, facing towards Subway

Thursday evening in Pratt – 6:30 p.m.

202 South Main
Street parking
Popular eatery of the locals



Steaks, Burgers, Sandwiches, and Salads

Thursday's lunch suggestion at locally owned:



Crazy Mule
Restaurant & Catering

106 South Main
Greensburg

Daily specials, full meals, hot and cold sandwiches,
salads, and a salad bar. Breakfast served all day.
Unique atmosphere



Friday night on the town at:



301 4th AVENUE --- Across the tracks in Dodge City
6:45 p.m.

Our Saturday evening meal will be at:



6:45p.m.
207 East Wyatt Earp Blvd.
Dodge City

Follow the Tracks to Great Food & Fun!

Dodge City Brewery opened
early to be our start area for
our walking event.
Please show your appreciation
with your patronage



A brewery with a tap room featuring their own hand-
crafted beers and brick oven pizza, located at the base
of "Booze Hill" in historic Dodge.

Hoofin' It on Halloween
October 31 - November 2
Tentative 6 scheduled walking
events with other planned activities

May - 2026
The Kansas Counties
will be completed!



