



Riverside Park & Ralph Mitchell Zoo

(620) 332-2512 ★ www.independencesks.gov/199/park-zoo
FREE ADMISSION

Riverside Park – This 124-acre showcase, located at Park Blvd. & Oak Street, features playgrounds, musical sensory garden, picnic shelters, rental facilities, a miniature golf course, antique carousel and a miniature train. The Mid-Continent Band plays at the band shell every Tuesday evening through the summer at 7 p.m. Riverside Park is open year-round. Visit the website for days and hours of operation.



Ralph Mitchell Zoo – Located next to Riverside Park, the zoo provides a natural habitat for a wide variety of animals including a cougar, bears, monkeys, reptiles, large hoof stock and a variety of birds.

Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center

(620) 577-5113 ★ (620) 331-0260 ★ www.indyrec.com

Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center is the spot for summer fun and relaxation! Located at 5th & Oak Street, the outdoor aquatic center is a 12,775 square foot facility; home to water slides, a leisure pool, 388,979 gallons of water and lots of family fun all summer long! The pool is open from June to August. Visit the website for days and hours of operation.



Special Events

(620) 331-1890 ★ www.indkschamber.org

Independence plays host to a variety of attractions and events including the spring opening of the Downtown Independence Farmers & Makers Market, summertime fun at Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center and free Downtown Movie Nights. Visit our website for a calendar of events.

Accommodations

Independence welcomes the opportunity to be your host for an overnight stay or your next conference or convention. For more information, please visit our website or give us a call.

Location

Independence is the hub of southeast Kansas located at the junction of Highway 75 and 160. The community is proud of its diverse manufacturing base, business/education partnerships, and historical downtown shopping that includes a wide variety of retail, service and professional businesses. Independence receives thousands of visitors each year because of its outstanding attractions, colorful scenery and hometown feeling. It's a great place to call home.



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www.indkschamber.org



Welcome to
Independence
Kansas ★ Established 1869



Sports & Leisure

Golf

Independence
Country Club
2824 Country Club Circle
(620) 331-1270

Hiking Trails

Elk City State Park
5 miles NW of
Independence
(620) 331-6295

Theater

Independence Cinemas
121 W. Laurel St.
(620) 577-2178
www.independencescinemas.com

Disc Golf

Pride Park Disc
Golf Course
South 10th St.

ICC Disc Golf Course
101 Evergreen St.

Swimming Pools

Ash Youth Center (indoor)
1501 N. 10th St.
(620) 331-0260

Riverside Beach Family
Aquatic Center
5th & Oak St.
(620) 577-5113
(620) 577-5058
(620) 331-0260

Skate Boarding

Skateboard Park
Penn. Ave. & Railroad St.

Tennis

Ken Brown Tennis Courts
Riverside Park
5th & Oak St.
(620) 332-2512

Recreation Center

Ash Youth Center
1501 N. 10th St.
(620) 331-0260

Miniature Golf

Riverside Park
Park Blvd. & Oak St.
(620) 332-2512

Ball Parks

Central Park Sports
Complex – Bicentennial,
Clark James, Hugo, Jaycee,
& Sinclair Fields
911 N. Park Blvd.

ARCO Sports Complex
Emerson & Volunteer Fields
700 S. 10th St.

Settling along the banks of the Verdigris River, our founding fathers made the decision that the community they started would bear its name and the spirit that prompted its establishment, namely: Independence. From our beautiful tree-lined streets and historic downtown district, to our strong industrial base and our many great attractions, we are extremely proud of our community. Everyone comes together to make Independence a great place to visit, live, and work. Here are just a few things that we have to offer residents and visitors.



Independence

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William Inge Theatre Festival

(620) 332-5491 ★ www.ingecenter.org

The nation's most accomplished playwrights have traveled to the William Inge Theatre Festival to be honored: Stephen Sondheim, Neil Simon, and August Wilson are among these stellar writers. Sponsored each spring by Independence Community College, the Inge Festival, the Official Theater Festival of Kansas, celebrates native son and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer William Inge. You can visit his boyhood home at 514 N. 4th Street and the Inge Collection at the college library.



Elk City Reservoir & State Park

(620) 331-6295 ★ ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Elk-City

Located 5 miles northwest of Independence, this beautiful reservoir and state park sets the stage for a variety of outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, camping, boating, and hiking. Primitive and full hook-up campsites are available. Open all year. Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism fees are applicable.



Historical Homes & Sites

(620) 331-1890 ★ www.indkschamber.org

Legend has it that before the Great Depression, Independence had more millionaires per capita than any other place in the United States. Standing as testimonies to that legend are the stately mansions and historic homes that line its streets. Independence is also home to a renovated and expanded Carnegie Library. Visit our historic downtown district and pick up a Historic Homes Tour brochure at the Chamber of Commerce office, 616 N. Penn. Avenue.



Little House on the Prairie Museum

(620) 289-4238 ★ www.littlehouseonthepraiemuseum.com

Sitting just 13 miles southwest of Independence, the site includes a log cabin located near the original homestead where Laura Ingalls Wilder lived as a child. It also includes an 1872 schoolhouse, post office and gift shop. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children. Little House on the Prairie Museum is open mid March-November, Mon.-Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is also the host of the Carrie's Birthday Celebration, held in Late July.



Neewollah

(877) 633-9655 ★ www.neewollah.com

oldest and largest annual celebration! Held the last full week of October, Neewollah's musical stage shows, carnival, concessions, entertainment and grand parade attract more than 60,000 visitors each year.



Bronze Sculptures Tour

(620) 331-1890 ★ www.indkschamber.org

Throughout our community - downtown, at the museum, the Civic Center, Independence Public Library, and around Riverside Park - stand beautiful statues, street clocks and pedestrian benches donated by many residents of Independence, past and present. Pick up a brochure at the Chamber of Commerce, 616 N. Penn. Avenue.



Shulthis Stadium

(620) 331-1890 ★ www.indkschamber.org

The first night game in organized baseball took place in Independence on April 28, 1930. A replica baseball stadium was built in 2016 to commemorate the historic event and the famous baseball players that played in Independence. Mickey Mantle played his first professional baseball game for the Independence Yankees. Located in Riverside Park, the stadium and its history are open to the public during park hours. Admission is free.

Historical Museum & Art Center

(620) 331-3515 ★ www.ihmac.org



One of the city's most valued cultural attractions, the Independence Historical Museum & Art Center has more than 20 rooms filled with invaluable artifacts and unique artwork. The museum located at 123 N. 8th Street, is open Tues.-Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for ages 15-18; 14 & Under and Veterans are free.