

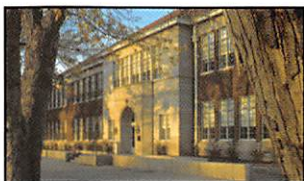
# National Parks of Kansas



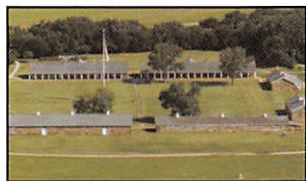
The National Park Service invites you to explore and enjoy these five nationally significant sites in Kansas.

## Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site

On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision declaring that separate public schools based on race were unconstitutional. In overturning *Plessy v. Ferguson* and the “separate but equal” doctrine, *Brown v. Board of Education* helped launch the modern civil rights movement.



## Fort Larned National Historic Site



Fort Larned was established midway along the Santa Fe Trail in 1859 to protect the mail and travelers. With ten restored and furnished buildings, it is the best preserved Indian Wars military post on the Santa Fe Trail.

## Fort Scott National Historic Site

The U.S. Army established Fort Scott in 1842 as a base along the permanent Indian frontier. The site’s 20 historic structures, parade ground, and restored tallgrass prairie interpret the opening of the West, the permanent Indian frontier, the Mexican-American War, Bleeding Kansas, the Civil War, and the expansion of railroads.



## Nicodemus National Historic Site



Nicodemus, Kansas is the only remaining western town established by African Americans during the Reconstruction period following the Civil War. It is symbolic of the pioneer spirit of African Americans who dared

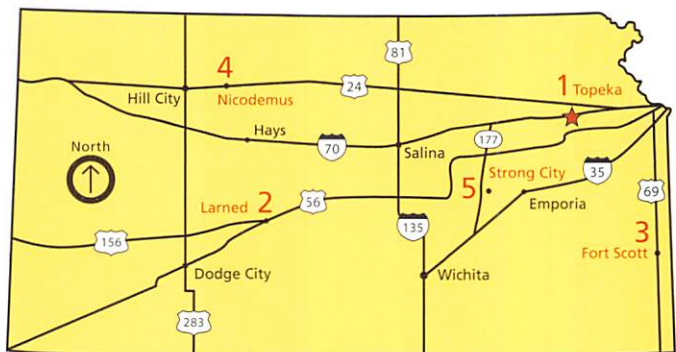
to seek personal freedom and the opportunity to develop their talents and capabilities on the Great Plains.

## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

The preserve protects and interprets a nationally significant example of the once vast tallgrass prairie ecosystem. The 10,894 acre preserve includes an 1881 historic limestone ranch house, barn and outbuildings, one-room schoolhouse, and 41 miles of trails.



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## 1. Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site

Located in Topeka at 1515 SE Monroe Street, the site is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information visit [www.nps.gov/brvb](http://www.nps.gov/brvb) or call (785) 354-4273.

## 2. Fort Larned National Historic Site

Located six miles west of Larned on Kansas Highway 156, the site is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, except for special event days which may have extended hours. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/fols](http://www.nps.gov/fols) or call (620) 285-6911.

## 3. Fort Scott National Historic Site

Located in downtown Fort Scott at the intersection of U.S. Highways 69 and 54, the site is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, April 1 to October 31, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, November 1 to March 31. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/fosc](http://www.nps.gov/fosc) or call (620) 223-0310.

## 4. Nicodemus National Historic Site

Located in Nicodemus at 304 Washington Avenue, the site is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/nico](http://www.nps.gov/nico) or call (785) 839-4233.

## 5. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

Located two miles north of the U.S. 50 and K-177 intersection west of Strong City, the preserve buildings are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily; trails open 24 hours; no camping. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/tapr](http://www.nps.gov/tapr) or call (620) 273-8494.

### Hours of operation:

Open daily as listed except Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1. Unexpected park closures may occur due to severe weather.

There are no entrance fees to visit the parks, with the exception of Fort Scott NHS.

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