

# City life, midwest style

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Omaha and Kansas City are two metropolitan areas within convenient driving distance of UNL. This makes them excellent opportunities for road trips to urban areas for local students and faculty.

One fun way to cool off on a hot summer day in Omaha is Moby Dick's Waterslide, located at 7505 D street. For one low entrance fee you can slide all day. Peony Park, located at 81st and Cass streets is Nebraska's largest amusement park and also includes a large swimming pool surrounded by sandy beach and waterslides. In Kansas City, Oceans of Fun, located at I-435, exit 54, offers over 35 attractions including waterslides, a million gallon wave pool, and an "adults-only" pool with a swim-up bar. One admission price allows use of all park facilities. Also located at I-435, exit 54, is Worlds of Fun, Kansas City's internationally themed amusement park. For one admission price, one can partake in over 115 rides, shows, and other features. Watch your newspapers, because these two parks often offer coupons for discount entrance fees.

The Joslyn Art Museum at 22nd and Dodge streets has a large and varied collection of paintings and sculptures ranging from ancient to contemporary.

In Kansas City be sure to visit the Line Creek Archeology Museum at 5940 N.W. Woukamis Drive. There you can see a lifesize display of village life in prehistoric times.

Racing fans can find two good race tracks in Omaha. Bluffs Run, located at I-29/80 and South 24th street exit, offers greyhound racing February through November. Ak-Sar-Ben, at 63rd and Center offers thoroughbred horse racing May through September.

Rosenblatt Stadium at 13th and Burt Murphy Drive, is the home of the Omaha Royals baseball team. Concerts

are also performed there.

The Harry S. Truman Sports Complex, on the eastern edge of Kansas City, features the nations only twin stadiums. Attend a Kansas City Royals baseball or a Kansas City Chiefs football game there. O'Rourke's Lounge at 14th and "O" streets in Lincoln sponsors road trips to K.C. Royals baseball games throughout the summer.

If you are near downtown Omaha or the Old Market, don't miss Center Park Mall at 14th and Farnam. It is a great place to take a break from whatever you are doing, featuring waterfalls, gardens, sculpture, and an amphitheater where musicians often play. No road trip to Omaha is complete without stopping there.

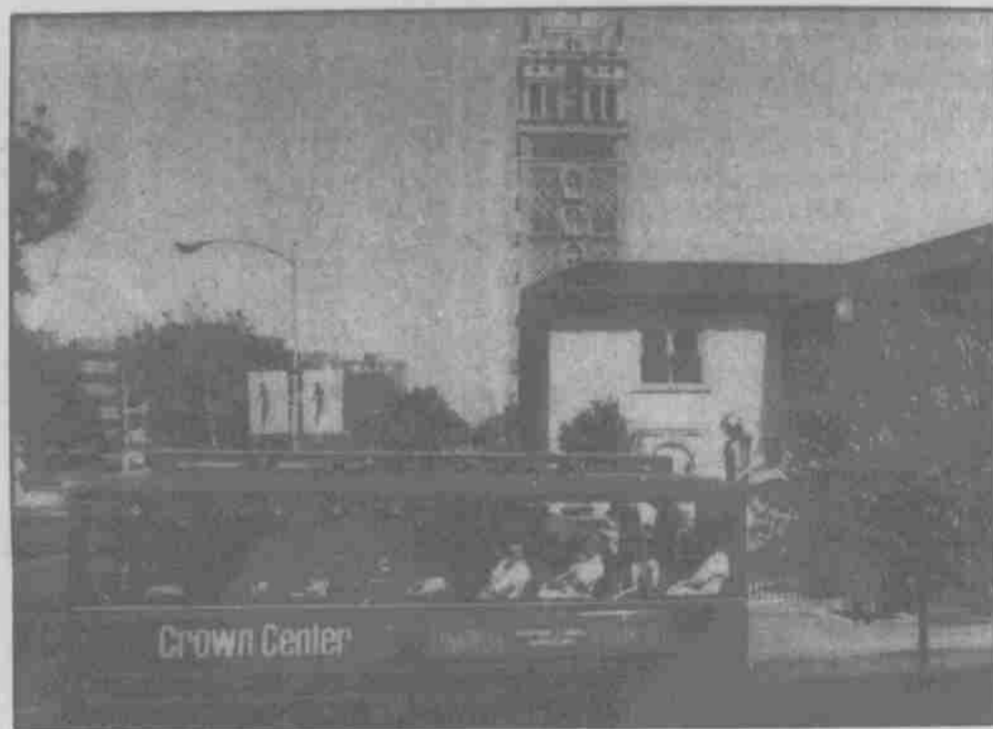
Near the park is a place called the Antiquarium, located at 1215 Harney. Stop in for a cup of tea or coffee and browse through books and records and art on the second floor. They have something interesting for everyone.

You are bound to get hungry on a

road trip. There are many places to eat in Omaha. One good restaurant is Joe Tess' Place at 5424 South 24th, featuring Missouri and river catfish and carp. Another place is the G.I. Forum at 2002 "N" street. It is a club for Mexican-American Veterans, but it is open to the public.

The Howard Street Tavern at 1112 Howard Street in Omaha is worth visiting for those interested in the nightlife.

My favorite Kansas City road trip is an annual event, a trip to the Renaissance Fair sponsored by the Kansas City Institute of Art. Located just east of Bonner Springs in Kansas, the fair offers Elizabethan pomp and pageantry spread out over 10 acres. Hear music, watch performers tumble, act, and juggle, eat turkey legs and drink ale, buy handcraft items. The fair runs for six weekends every year starting on Labor Day. Admission is about eight dollars, but for those in costume admission is free.



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