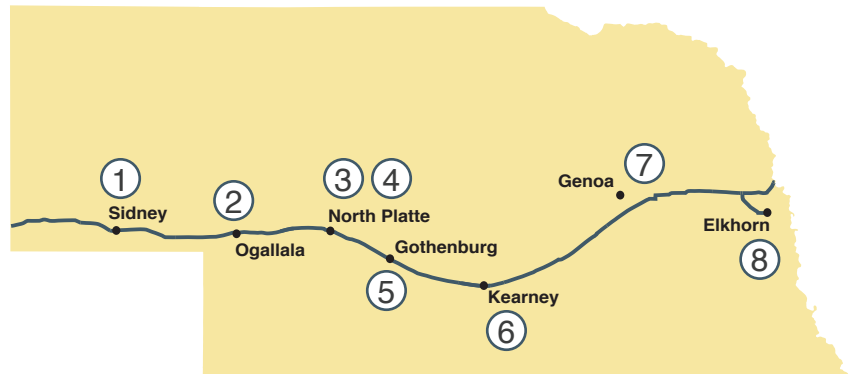


Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway

This byway, spanning the state along U.S. Highway 30, has formed its history from the need to get somewhere. Yes, transportation has been the common theme, whether it involved a covered wagon, education, postal mail, railroad cars, or even an automobile.

Historical Happenings

- ① Sidney was one end of the Sidney–Deadwood Trail, a trail connecting the railroad to the Black Hills. Gold shipments frequently made their way along this path to be loaded on the train in Sidney.
- ② Ogallala was situated at the end of the Texas Trail—the route cattle drivers followed when moving their herds from Texas to the railroad in Nebraska. The influx of so many cowboys made Ogallala a “rough and tumble” town, complete with dance hall girls, gambling, and its fair share of main street shoot-outs. The old cemetery, known as Boot Hill, still bears the markers of those who met an unfortunate end there.
- ③ From 1941 to 1946, more than six million World War II servicemen and women traveled by railroad through North Platte. To show their support, the townspeople started up the North Platte Canteen. Volunteers met the troops at the train station and provided coffee, sandwiches, and baked goods—and were given plenty of gratitude in return.



- ④ Buffalo Bill Cody made his home on Scout's Rest Ranch near North Platte. He organized the nation's very first rodeo in North Platte and used the ranch as the home base for his internationally popular traveling Wild West Show. Many famous performers even visited his home in Nebraska.
- ⑤ One of the stops for the Pony Express was in Gothenburg. The actual Pony Express station was moved from its original location to the town's Emen Park, where it still stands.
- ⑥ Fort Kearny was a military post built during the great western migration to protect emigrants as they made their way along the Oregon Trail. The fort was originally built near present-day Nebraska City but was later relocated to its present site outside Kearney.
- ⑦ The Genoa Indian School was opened in 1884 as a boarding school for Native American children. Students came from many different states to learn a vocation in addition to reading, writing, and arithmetic.
- ⑧ The Lincoln Highway was the first transcontinental highway in the United States, and it ran right through Nebraska. Original brick pavers from the 1920s still pave one section of the historic road just outside Elkhorn.

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