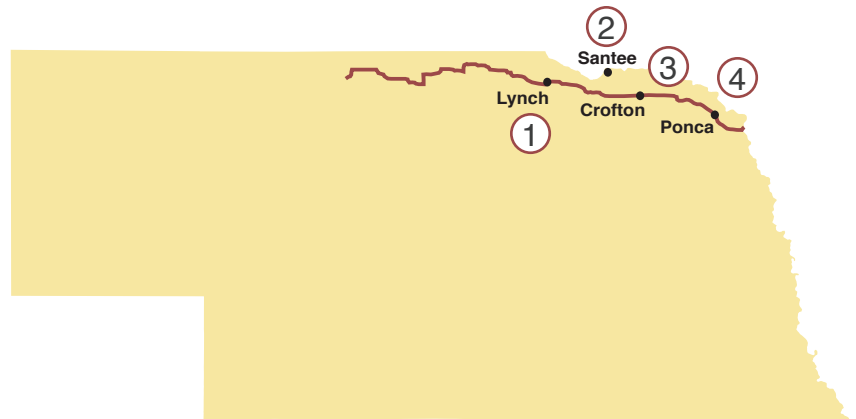


# Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway

There are plenty of legends about the infamous outlaws such as Jesse James, Doc Middleton, and James Jameson who made their hideouts along this stretch of Nebraska Highway 12. But more important are the factual accounts of the impact of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Native American tribes in the region.

## Historical Happenings

- ① Near Lynch the rock formation known as Old Baldy served as a natural landmark for riverboats along the Missouri River. It also marked the first prairie dog sighting for Lewis and Clark.
- ② The Santee Sioux were a Native American tribe originally from Minnesota. After being forced from their homeland by the U.S. government, the tribe was relocated to an area of South Dakota called Crow Creek. Hundreds of Santee died during the first few months in South Dakota, so they were again relocated. This time they settled in northeast Nebraska on what is now the Santee Indian Reservation.



- ③ Private George Shannon was the youngest member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. While in the northeast corner of present-day Nebraska, Shannon became separated from his party and was lost for 16 days. After searching fruitlessly for his group, Shannon gave up and sat down along the Missouri River bank in hopes of rescue from another boat. What he didn't realize was that he had actually passed the expedition party. Lewis and Clark found him as they made their way up the river.
- ④ The Ponca Tribe originally made their home along the banks of the Niobrara River in northeast Nebraska. In 1868, the U.S. government gave that land to the Sioux, and the Ponca people were forced to move. Standing Bear attempted to return to fulfill his son's dying wish to be buried on the Niobrara riverbank, but he was arrested. The famous chief then sued the government and was allowed to bury his son. A year later, the courts decided that the original Ponca lands were wrongly taken from the tribe.

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