

Recreation & Tourism

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Welcome to Scotts Bluff County, the center of Western Nebraska. Tourism is a \$2.7 billion industry in Nebraska employing over 43,000 people and is the third largest revenue generator for the state. Scotts Bluff County has what you are looking for. *Visit, relocate and enjoy.*

Located on the Western Trails Scenic and Historic Byway (highways 26 and 92), you will experience a historic and scenic route that exemplifies the most beautiful part of Nebraska. We have an agriculture-based economy with tourism as the second largest industry. Over 60 million retail dollars are generated through tourism each year within Scotts Bluff County.

We have excellent shopping, quaint downtowns, a mall and numerous antique shops.

If it is outdoor recreation you are after, play a round of golf on one of the four public golf courses (eight within a one-hour drive). Hiking, biking and nature trails are abundant. The Lake Minatare State



Travel back in time when wagon trains and chuck wagon meals were the way of life at the **Oregon Trail Wagon Train**. An outdoor amphitheater, theater groups and arts centers round out the adventure.

Local schools and colleges offer a fabulous array of sports. **Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC)** is a great place to “catch a game”. They offer basketball, soccer, baseball and softball. The WNCC volleyball team is the Region IX Volleyball Champions for the 10th straight year! The WESTCO Zephyrs and Express are the senior and junior legion teams. They play their home games at Cleveland Field in Scottsbluff. Both teams are members of Area 7 of Nebraska's American Legion Baseball.

There are numerous activities for children. There are soccer, baseball and basketball leagues. Band, theater and dance studios are also popular. A frisbee golf course opened in 2008. It is located behind the **Riverside Zoo** and a Children's University is in the works.

Scotts Bluff County has over 750 lodging rooms, 3 campgrounds and over 100 restaurants serving the traveling public.



Recreation Area is one of the most popular and scenic recreation areas in Western Nebraska. Sit back and relax under the trees or enjoy excellent fishing and watersports. We have eight tennis courts and six swimming pools.

There are museums depicting the history of the Oregon, California and Mormon Trails, the Valley and natural history. The **Farm And Ranch Museum** is devoted to the preservation and interpretation of early methods of agriculture in the North Platte Valley.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dry Bean ExpoJanuary
- Sugar Beet ExpoJanuary
- KNEB Farm & Ranch ExpoFebruary
- Hometown Family Radio Spring FlingMarch
- AKC Dog Show - Kennel ClubMarch
- Hometown Family Radio Old West Track Meet April
- Spring Up The Bluff
Scotts Bluff National MonumentApril
- Cinco De Mayo CelebrationMay
- Scotts Bluff National Monument
 Living History DemosSummer
 Tuesday Evening ProgramsSummer
 Campfire SeriesSummer
- Airport Appreciation DayJune
- Gering Arts FestivalJune
- FARM Bandana BallJune
- Festival of HopeJune
- Sugar Valley Rally Arts and Crafts Festival ... June
- Sugar Valley Rally Antique Car RallyJune
- West Nebraska All StarJune
Football & Volleyball Games
- Oregon Trail DaysJuly
- Panhandle Quilt ShowJuly
- FARM Antique Tractor PullJuly
- KMOR/KOAQ/KOLT Old West HooplaJuly
- Chamber Agribusiness Water TourJuly
- University of Nebraska Big Red FairJuly
- Scotts Bluff County FairAugust
- FARM HarvestfestSeptember
- Pro Am Golf TournamentSeptember
Scotts Bluff Country Club
- Hometown Family Radio Old West Band Fest ..October
- Riverside Zoo SpooktacularOctober
- Hometown Family Radio Old West Choir Fest ..November
- Christmas on the PrairieDecember
Scotts Bluff National Monument
- Chamber Agribusiness Sugar TourDecember
- High Plains Christmas at FARMDecember



For more Community Events and details on those listed above
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