

Ghost Towns Of Kansas A Travelers Guide

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This illustrated guide to Kansas ghost towns will delight travelers and armchair tourists alike. Organized by region, it tells the story of 100 towns that have either disappeared without a trace or are only 'a shadowy remnant of what they once were.'

Faded Dreams

This work takes the reader on a journey round the state of Kansas, visiting 106 towns, such as Palermo, Fostoria, and Old Clear Water, and examining why they have declined or been abandoned.

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Driving across Kansas

In his introduction to Dan Dancer’s *The Four Seasons of Kansas*, bestselling author William Least Heat-Moon reflects upon the Great Kansas Passage of those who race their cars westward across Interstate 70 without trying to understand the truth of the place. Ted Cable and Wayne Maley come to the rescue of those travelers with a new guide that will expand and enrich their understanding of a state whose history, in Heat-Moon’s words, is “a tumbling of guns, torches, hatchets, and knives.” Guided by Cable and Maley, the historical landscapes of I-70 come back to life, recalling landmarks and legacies relating to pioneer movements and Indian dispossession, army outposts and great bison hunts, cowboys and cattle trails, the struggles over slavery and women’s rights, and the emergence of major wheat, beef, oil, and water industries. Their guide parcels out information, mile-marker by mile-marker (in boldface), in a way that’s equally accessible to westbound and eastbound users alike. In this second edition the authors have updated the information throughout, including new sites and new stories. *Driving across Kansas*, 2nd edition will reward the observant traveler with a treasure trove of details sure to increase his or her appreciation for the great Sunflower State.

Cities on the Plains

\“Drawing on rich historical research filtered through cultural geography, Shortridge looks at the 118 communities that ever achieved a population of 2,500 and unravels the many factors that influenced the growth of urban Kansas. He tells how mercantilism dominated urban thinking in territorial days until after statehood, when cities competed for the capital, prisons, universities, and other institutions. He also shows how geography and size were employed by entrepreneurs and government officials to prepare strategies for economic development. And he describes how the railroads especially promoted the founding of cities in the nineteenth century - and how this system has fared since 1950 in the face of globalization and the growth of interstate highways.\”--BOOK JACKET.

Roadside Kansas

Two decades after its first publication, *Roadside Kansas* remains the premier guide to the geology, natural resources, landmarks, and landscapes along nine of the Sunflower State's major highways. During that span, however, many aspects of the Kansas landscape changed: the growth of some towns and near disappearance of others, the expansion of highways, the development of industry. Even the rocks themselves changed in places as erosion took its relentless toll. More broadly, there have been changes in the science of geology. This new edition reflects all of these changes and thoroughly updates the previous edition in ways that reinforce its preeminent status. Covering more than 2,600 miles, Buchanan and McCauley organize their book by highway and milepost markers, so that modern-day explorers can follow the road logs easily, learning about the land as they travel through the state. Featuring more than 100 photographs, drawings, and maps, the book also provides deft descriptions of fascinating contemporary and historical features to be seen all across Kansas. Especially in an economic era that has encouraged all of us to travel closer to home, the new edition is sure to be a hit with families from Kansas and the region who decide to explore and learn more about the state and its distinctive wonders. They'll discover what Buchanan and McCauley have known for a long time: Kansas highways provide much more than passage to Colorado or some other state. They are destinations in their own right. Published for the Kansas Geological Survey

Ghost Towns of Kansas: Volume One

The book that started the series: *Ghost Towns of Kansas Volume One* was the enormously successful first release of a six volume series that spanned four decades. This book was produced in 1976 when the author, Daniel Fitzgerald, was a senior in high school. It documents the histories of 115 different Kansas ghost towns that prospered and died in the state's history. This release is lovingly edited and restored, and it includes 19 ghost towns that were pulled from the author's unpublished notes and released here for the first time. *Ghost Towns of Kansas Volume One* has been out of print for over twenty years. The book also includes a brand new foreword and an extensive index.

Ghost Towns of Kansas

This is the second volume in the Ghost Towns of Kansas series. Originally published in 1979, this 30th anniversary reissue documents the histories of a hundred exciting Kansas ghost towns that grew, prospered, and died. This volume received numerous awards and accolades after it was released, including six related news emmy nominations and a rock album. The 30th anniversary reissue has been lovingly edited and it includes a brand new introduction by the author. The book has been out of print for over twenty years.

Ballots and Bullets

The complete story of the controversial county seat wars that raged in Kansas from 1885 to 1892 is told in this narrative that relives the violence that only avarice can breed and offers detailed portraits of such notorious participants as Sam Wood, Bat Masterson, Theodosius Botkin, and Bill Tilghman.

Ghost Towns of the West

A traveler’s guide to the abandoned boom town of the American Old West, filled with photographs, maps, history, and detailed directions. Ghost Towns of the West blazes a trail through the dusty crossroads and mossy cemeteries of the American West, including one-time boomtowns in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The book reveals the little-known stories of long-dead soldiers, indigenous peoples, settlers, farmers, and miners. Perfect for planning a road trip, each section covers a geographic area and town entries are arranged by location to make this the most user-friendly book on ghost towns west of the Mississippi. Most ghost towns are within a short drive of major cities out West, and they make excellent day trip excursions. If you happen to be in or near Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas, or El Paso, for example, you ought to veer towards the nearest ghost town. Western ghost towns can also easily be visited during jaunts to national parks, including Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Crater Lake, Mount Rainier, Glacier, Yellowstone, and many others throughout the West. Ghost Towns of the West is a comprehensive guide to former boomtowns of the American West, covering ghost towns in eleven states from Washington to New Mexico, and from California to Montana. Whether you’re envisioning a marathon ghost towns tour or simply want to visit a vestige of the past near your home, this book has everything you need to learn about, visit, and explore a modern remnant of how life used to be on the western range.

Hidden History of Kansas

Series statement from publisher's website.

Ghost Towns of the Pacific Northwest

Ghost Towns of the Pacific Northwest is a guidebook to the best boomtowns of Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. Once thriving centers for mining, fishing, logging, and national defense, these abandoned camps and pioneer villages still ring with history. Ghost town expert Philip Varney equips you with everything you need to know to explore these remnants of the past. Featuring color maps, driving and walking directions, town histories, touring recommendations, and stunning color photography, Ghost Towns of the Pacific Northwest details famous sites such as Port Gamble (Washington), Fort Steele (British Columbia), and Jacksonville (Oregon) – in addition to out-of-the-way gems like Holden (Washington), Sandon (British Columbia), and Flora (Oregon). See the region as you have never seen it before with this essential guidebook to the glory days of the Pacific Northwest!

Ghost Towns of Kansas

This is the third volume in the original Ghost Towns of Kansas series. Originally published in 1982, this 28th anniversary reissue documents the histories of a hundred exciting Kansas ghost towns that grew, prospered, and died across the state. These hundred ghost town histories are organized by topic, such as boom towns, mining towns, free state/ pro-slavery towns, county seat towns, and railroad towns. This series won numerous awards and accolades, including several news emmys. This third volume has been lovingly edited and restored with a new foreword by the author.

Jim Lane

As the life of U.S. senator James Lane unfolded on the Kansas frontier, so did his saintly and dastardly deeds. Some called him a murderer while others affectionately called him a good politician. Carefully preserving the character of the misunderstood senator, this book tells the untold and largely forgotten story of the controversial Civil War-era figure. James H. \"the Grim Chieftain\" Lane was the most powerful politician west of the Mississippi River during the Civil War. Born in 1814, he spent his early life in military service during the Mexican War and he eventually entered into a life of politics. At the age of thirty-one, Lane spent his earnings to run for a seat in the Indiana legislature. Although his attempt was unsuccessful, he didn't have to wait long before taking the first of many offices as the lieutenant governor of the State of Indiana, a position he won by a single vote in 1849. From there, his career took him along an aggressive path that led him to Kansas as he argued for popular sovereignty during the state's formation. Early on, he gained a reputation as a fanatic who was responsible for leading Kansas into the Civil War. In a series of controversial and compelling chapters, Collins illustrates a long line of federal patronage, which served as the senator's power base from which he drew upon allegiance and loyalty. Tragically, Lane's life ended ten days after he put a revolver in his mouth and pulled the trigger. The lost story of Jim Lane will interest anyone seeking a historical perspective of \"Bleeding Kansas.\"

Arizona Ghost Towns and Mining Camps

\"Ghost town authority Philip Varney brings the Old West to life with intriguing anecdotes and a gallery of rare old-time photographs. Regional maps, detailed travel information, and a full-color photographic portfolio describe each site and make this fascinating history of Arizona a reliable travel guide as well.\" -- Amazon.com.

American Studies

This volume supplements the acclaimed three volume set published in 1986 and consists of an annotated listing of American Studies monographs published between 1984 and 1988. There are more than 6,000 descriptive entries in a wide range of categories: anthropology and folklore, art and architecture, history, literature, music, political science, popular culture, psychology, religion, science and technology, and sociology.

The Vegetarian Crusade

Vegetarianism has been practiced in the United States since the country's founding, yet the early years of the movement have been woefully misunderstood and understudied. Through the Civil War, the vegetarian movement focused on social and political reform, but by the late nineteenth century, the movement became a path for personal strength and success in a newly individualistic, consumption-driven economy. This development led to greater expansion and acceptance of vegetarianism in mainstream society. So argues Adam D. Shprintzen in his lively history of early American vegetarianism and social reform. From Bible Christians to Grahamites, the American Vegetarian Society to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, Shprintzen explores the diverse proponents of reform-motivated vegetarianism and explains how each of these groups used diet as a response to changing social and political conditions. By examining the advocates

of vegetarianism, including institutions, organizations, activists, and publications, Shprintzen explores how an idea grew into a nationwide community united not only by diet but also by broader goals of social reform.

Prairies and Plains

Prairies and Plains is an analysis of the reference sources--encyclopedias, bibliographies, biographies, almanacs, dictionaries--that readers and researchers will need to prepare class papers, resolve queries, and develop strategies for investigating questions regarding the history and culture of the Prairies and Plains region.

Race and Radicalism in the Union Army

In this compelling portrait of interracial activism, Mark A. Lause documents the efforts of radical followers of John Brown to construct a triracial portion of the Federal Army of the Frontier. Mobilized and inspired by the idea of a Union that would benefit all, black, Indian, and white soldiers fought side by side, achieving remarkable successes in the field. Against a backdrop of idealism, racism, greed, and the agonies and deprivations of combat, Lause examines links between radicalism and reform, on the one hand, and racialized interactions among blacks, Indians, and whites, on the other. Lause examines how this multiracial vision of American society developed on the Western frontier. Focusing on the men and women who supported Brown in territorial Kansas, Lause examines the impact of abolitionist sentiment on relations with Indians and the crucial role of nonwhites in the conflict. Through this experience, Indians, blacks, and whites began to see their destinies as interdependent, and Lause discusses the radicalizing impact of this triracial Unionism upon the military course of the war in the upper Trans-Mississippi. The aftermath of the Civil War destroyed much of the memory of the war in the West, particularly in the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). The opportunity for an interracial society was quashed by the government's willingness to redefine the lucrative field of Indian exploitation for military and civilian officials and contractors. Assessing the social interrelations, ramifications, and military impact of nonwhites in the Union forces, *Race and Radicalism in the Union Army* explores the extent of interracial thought and activity among Americans in this period and greatly expands the historical narrative on the Civil War in the West.

Ghost Towns of the American West

If it is abandoned by all or most of its inhabitants, a settlement becomes a ghost town. The buildings and dirt streets may remain, but the character and soul of the place change entirely. And so it was with mining camps, lumber camps, and cowboy towns scattered across America, particularly in the West: places with names like Gregory's Diggings, Deadwood, Bodie, Calico, Goldfield, and Tombstone, some of the over 30,000 deserted towns in the United States. Why did people come to these isolated places? Why did they leave? As Raymond Bial's narrative explores the history of our ghost towns, his well-composed photo-graphs silently tell their stories: of bustling, muddy streets, of large mercantile stores, and, ultimately, of short-lived dreams of gold, fertile land, or simply a good place to call home.

After The Boom In Tombstone And Jerome, Arizona

Focusing on two Arizona towns that had their origins in mining bonanzas—Tombstone and Jerome—historian Eric L. Clements offers a rare study dissecting the process of bust itself—the reasons and manners in which these towns declined as the mining booms ended. Tombstone was the site of one of the great silver bonanzas of the nineteenth century, a boom that started in the late 1870s and was over by 1890. Jerome's copper deposits were mined for much longer, beginning in the 1880s and enduring until the 1930s. But when the mining booms ended, each town faced its decline in similar ways. The process of decline was more complex than superficial histories have indicated, and Clements discusses the role of labor unions in trying to stave off collapse, the changing demography of decline, the nature and expression of social tensions, the impact on institutions such as churches and schools, and the human responses to continued economic depression. But bust involved more than a steady decline into ghost-town status, Clements discovers: the towns' remaining residents employed numerous strategies to survive and

reduce household expenses. In the end, both towns reinvented themselves as late-twentieth-century tourist attractions.

Open-file Report

The most trustworthy source of information available today on savings and investments, taxes, money management, home ownership and many other personal finance topics.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance

Formerly a part of the popular Lone Star Guide to the Texas Hill Country, Central Texas now gets its own treatment in this up-to-date guide that includes history, folklore, and geography; detailed listings of lodgings, restaurants, and entertainment; major attractions, including state parks, museums, and historic places; directions, days and hours of operation, addresses, and phone numbers; and maps and calendar of events. Five tours take you from the Balcones Escarpment to \"Central Texas Stew,\" a region of the state largely settled by Czechs and Germans in the early twentieth century.

Lone Star Travel Guide to Central Texas

The Rocky Mountain and Great Basin states are the heart of ghost-town country. Once-bustling pioneer outposts, mining camps, lumber towns, and railroad villages stand today as reminders of the glory days of gold rushes, industrial progress, and that pioneering spirit of the Old West. This book guides readers to the fascinating and scenic ghost towns of Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Nevada. Varney highlights popular tourist destinations as well as out-of-the-way spots unfamiliar even to natives of the region. Maps, historical background, and stunning color photographs bring to life dozens of ghost towns and provide practical information for exploring this fascinating chapter of American history.

Ghost Towns of the Mountain West

This USA guidebook is perfect for independent travellers planning a longer trip. It features all of the must-see sights and a wide range of off-the-beaten-track places. It also provides detailed practical information on preparing for a trip and what to do on the ground. And this USA travel guidebook is printed on paper from responsible sources, and verified to meet the FSC's strict environmental and social standards. This USA guidebook covers: New York City, The Mid-Atlantic, New England, The Great Lakes, The Capital Region, The South, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, The Great Plains, The Rockies, The Southwest, California, The Pacific Northwest, Alaska, Hawaii. Inside this USA travel book, you'll find: A wide range of sights - Rough Guides experts have hand-picked places for travellers with different needs and desires: off-the-beaten-track adventures, family activities or chilled-out breaks Itinerary examples - created for different time frames or types of trip Practical information - how to get to the USA, all about public transport, food and drink, shopping, travelling with children, sports and outdoor activities, tips for travellers with disabilities and more Author picks and things not to miss in the USA - Redwood National and State Parks; Glacier National Park; Sweet Auburn, Atlanta; The National Mall, Washington DC; Walt Disney World, Orlando; Skiing in the Rocky Mountains; Las Vegas, Yellowstone National Park, The Grand Canyon; Hawaii Volcanoes Insider recommendations - tips on how to beat the crowds, save time and money, and find the best local spots When to go to the USA - high season, low season, climate information and festivals Where to go - a clear introduction to the USA with key places and a handy overview Extensive coverage of regions, places and experiences - regional highlights, sights and places for different types of travellers, with experiences matching different needs Places to eat, drink and stay - hand-picked restaurants, cafes, bars and hotels Practical info at each site - hours of operation, websites, transit tips, charges Colour-coded mapping - with keys and legends listing sites categorised as highlights, eating, accommodation, shopping, drinking and nightlife Background information for connoisseurs - history, culture, art, architecture, film, books, religion, diversity Fully updated post-COVID-19 The guide provides a comprehensive and rich selection of places to see and things to do in the USA, as well as great planning tools. It's the perfect companion, both ahead of your trip and on the ground.

The Rough Guide to the USA: Travel Guide eBook

Discover hundreds of ghost towns throughout Utah with this guidebook filled with pictures and directions. Penny Spackman Clendenin, who grew up exploring ghost towns, divides them by county, sharing fascinating details that paint a portrait of Utah history. Towns include: • Bradshaw City, which was founded by John Bradshaw after he dreamt of a cave high on a mountain and a pack rat's nest filled with gold nuggets. His dream was so real that he set out on foot to find his dream mine. • Mercury Springs was a terribly isolated camp, but gold finds and mercury discoveries brought in miners. Later, tungsten was mined in great quantities, but over the years fluorspar has probably bought more whiskey, bread, and beans than anything else. • Star City was the namesake of the Star Mining District and was six miles southwest of Milford. During the 1870s, it grew from a tent town into a mining camp. Filled with tales of outlaws, insights on the mining way of life, and explanations of how these places became ghost towns in the first place, you'll love the stories behind these fascinating places.

Arizona's Best Ghost Towns

The ghost towns of Southern California-some dramatic and nearly intact, others devastated-are well worth visiting. Most are remnants of once-colorful mining towns, though there are also railroad towns, a World War II relocation center, a promoter's swindle, and a failed socialist colony. Some excellent attractions remain. One of the best-preserved stamp mills in the West is in Skidoo. Smelters, homes, stores, and the remarkable wooden American Hotel can be found in Cerro Gordo, which the author calls \"California's best true ghost town.\" Seasoned back-roads traveler Philip Varney, who has visited nearly a hundred ghost towns in the area, provides a down-to-earth and helpful guide to more than sixty of the best in Southern California and nearby Inyo and Kern counties. He defines a ghost town as a town with a population markedly decreased from its peak, one whose initial reason for settlement no longer keeps people there. It can be completely deserted, have a resident or two, or retain genuine signs of vitality, but Varney has eliminated those towns he considers either too populated or too empty of significant remains. The sites are grouped in four chapters in Inyo County, Death Valley, the Mojave Desert and Kern River, and the regions surrounding Los Angeles and San Diego. Each chapter provides a map of the region, a ranking of sites as \"major,\" \"secondary,\" and \"minor,\" information on road conditions, trip suggestions, and tips on the use of particular topographic maps for readers interested in more detailed exploration. Each entry includes directions to a town, a brief history of that town, and notes on its special points of interest. Current photographs provide a valuable record of the sometimes fragile sites. Southern California's Best Ghost Towns will be welcomed both by those who enjoy traveling off the beaten path and by those who enjoy the history of the American West.

Ancestors West

Join Route 66 expert Jim Hinckley as he tours more than 60 ghost towns along the Mother Road, rich in stories and history! The quintessential boom-and-bust highway of the American West, Route 66 once hosted a thriving array of boomtowns built around oil mines, railroad stops, cattle ranches, resorts, stagecoach stops, and gold mines. Illustrated with gorgeous sepia-tone and color photography by Kerrick James, this book tours dozens of ghost towns in: Illinois (Braidwood, Braceville, Gardner, Dwight, Bloomington, Funks Grove, Springfield) Missouri (Rolla, Dootlittle, Springfield, Halltown, Paris Springs Junction, Avilla, Carthage, Joplin) Kansas (Galena, Riverton, Baxter Springs) Oklahoma (Narcissa, Afton, Tulsa, Warwick, Bridgeport, Foss, Elk City, Erick, Texola) Texas (Shamrock, McLean, Alanreed, Jericho, Amarillo, Glenrio) New Mexico (San Jon, Tucumari, Montoya, Newkirk, Cuervo, Dilia, Tecolote, Santa Fe, Thoreau, Gallup) Arizona (Lupton, Chambers, Two Guns, Flagstaff, Truxton, Hackberry, Kingman, Goldroad, Oatman) California (Needles, Goffs, Essex, Cadiz, Chambless, Amboy, Ludlow, Newberry Springs, Daggett, Barstow) This edition also includes directions and travel tips for your ghost-town explorations along Route 66, as well as a fold-out map of the Mother Road. Explore the beauty and nostalgia of these abandoned communities along America's favorite highway!

Shadowy Remains of Utah Towns

\"A guide to the best ghost towns of California. Once thriving, these abandoned mining camps and pioneer villages still ring with history. Philip Varney equips you with everything you need to explore these sites, including maps, directions, history, and photos\"--Provided by publisher.

Southern California's Best Ghost Towns

This useful guidebook surveys more than eighty ghost towns, grouped by geographic area. First published in 1981 and now available only from the University of New Mexico Press, it has been praised in particular for its instructions on how to reach even the most obscure sites.

Ghost Towns of Route 66

Chronicles of Oklahoma

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