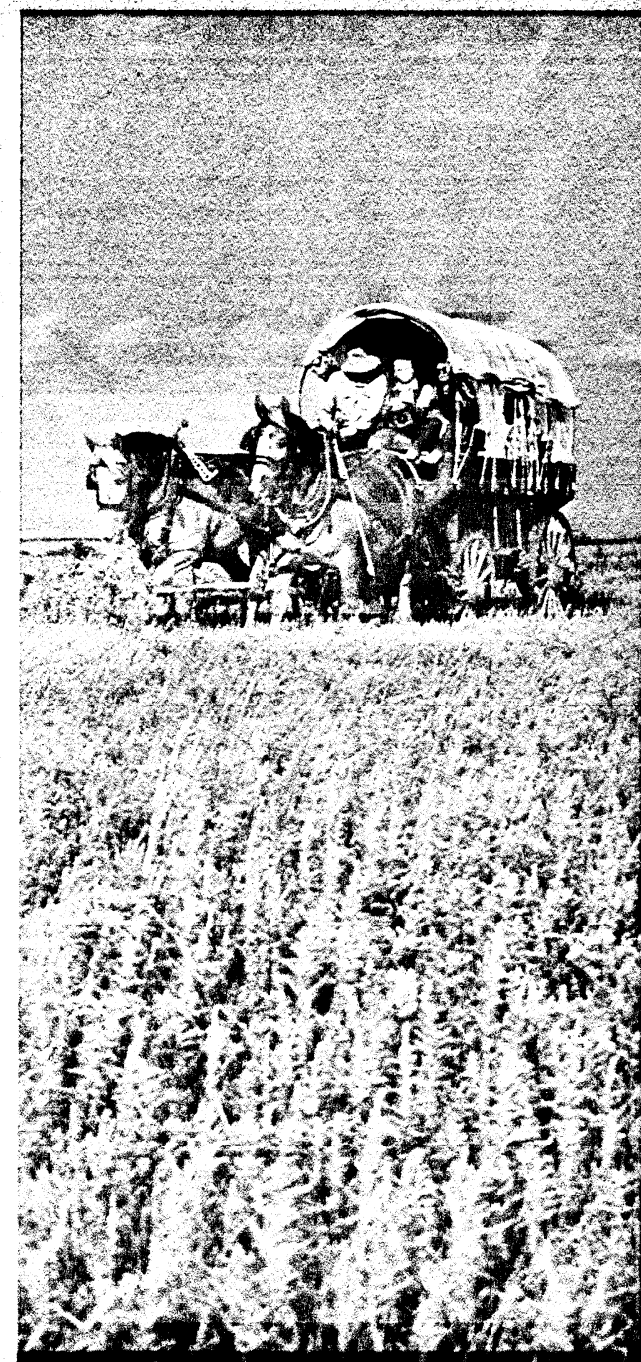


WILD OPEN SPACE



The Adventure, Romance, Drama and History of the Santa Fe Trail

In 1996, Kansas and America will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail. The celebration will take place in many forms and commemorate this historic 900-mile trail.

Known as the first and most exotic of America's great trans-Mississippi pathways to the West, the Santa Fe Trail was opened in 1821 by William Becknell. Becknell, a party of five men and a mule train loaded with merchandise left Franklin, Missouri, on a trade journey that ended in the Mexican provincial capital of Santa Fe. For more than 50 years the trail carried adventurous traders across five states.

In Kansas, the Santa Fe Trail began in the Kansas City area and wound southwest past historic landmarks such as Council Grove and Pawnee Rock. There are many other historical sites and well-preserved remnants to give you a feeling of life on the Trail. Famous stopping points, deep wagon ruts, unique landmarks and living history presentations are just a few reasons to explore the Santa Fe Trail.

Interesting stops along the 500-mile route through Kansas include Fort Leavenworth, the Mahaffey Farmstead near Olathe, the Old Castle Museum and Kibbee Cabin in Baldwin City, Council Oak, Post Office Oak, Last Chance Store, Hays Tavern and Cozer's Elm in Council Grove, Fort Zarah near Great Bend, trail landmarks in Pawnee Rock, Fort Larned National Historic Site, Fort Dodge and Dodge City Cimarron Crossing Park in Cimarron, Finney County Historical Museum in Garden City and Wagon Bed Springs south of Ulysses.

For more information on the Santa Fe Trail, call 1-800-2-KANSAS and make plans to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail.



SANTA FE TRAIL
175 YEARS

WILD WEST

Historic Sites & Fun Attractions

With its rich history, wonderfully scenic landscape, fun attractions and always friendly Midwestern hospitality you'll be Wild about Kansas! If you would like to learn more about a Kansas vacation, call for a FREE Kansas Travel Guide at 1-800-2-KANSAS.

WILD WEST

After the Civil War, railroads rolled into Kansas, making way for the great Texas longhorn cattle drives and the birth of the Wild West. Notorious "cowtowns" like Dodge City, Abilene and Wichita thrived. Wild West legends like Wild Bill Hickok, Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp all tried to keep the peace. Capture the 1870s heyday of rip-sporting, gun-slinging Wild West adventure at Dodge City's Boot Hill Museum and Front Street complex, Wichita's Old Town Museum and in Old Abilene Town.

HIT THE TRAIL

At the center of the United States, Kansas has long been a crossroads for overland travel. The prairies and plains of Kansas were the early pathways for explorers, traders and settlers seeking the westward dream of riches of the promised land.

The Santa Fe and Oregon trails wound traders and settlers across the state. For nearly two years, the Pony Express route rushed its way through northeastern Kansas. The Smoky Hill Trail carried gold seekers to their fortunes or misfortunes in Denver. And the Chisholm Trail brought several million head of longhorn cattle from Texas to railheads in towns like Abilene and Wichita.

HISTORIC FORTS

During America's westward expansion in the 1800s, Kansas was the home of more than 50 forts. Most of the Kansas forts survived only a short time. Today, seven historic forts in Kansas are open to visitors. The forts include: Fort Dodge, Fort Hays, Fort Larned National Historic Site, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley, Fort Scott National Historic Site and Fort Wallace.



Kansas Fun Facts

KANSAS RANKINGS: First in wheat production, general aviation production, quail and prairie chicken harvest.

WINDIEST CITY: Dodge City is the windiest city in the United States.

IN THE MIDDLE: Lebanon is the geographic center of the contiguous United States.

SUNNY SIDE UP: In Western Kansas there are up to 300 clear days in the year.

POPULATION: 2,478,099

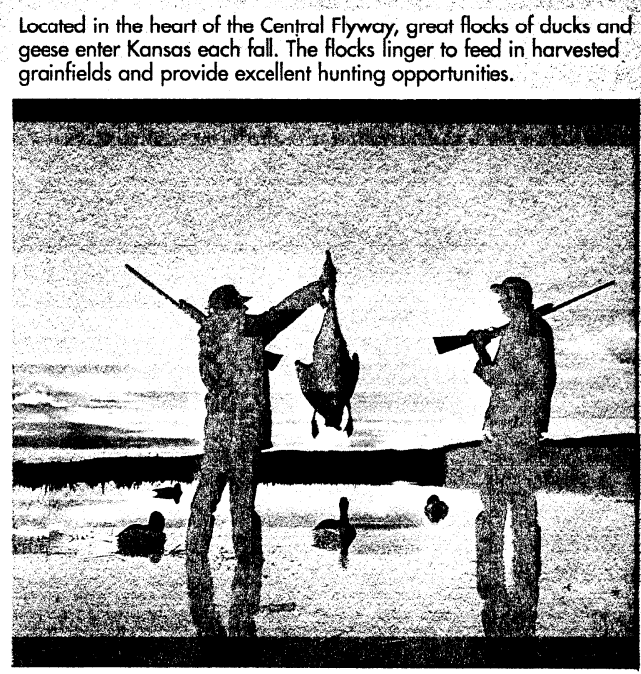
TOTAL SQUARE MILES: 82,277 square miles. Kansas ranks 14th in geographic size.

STATE NICKNAMES: Sunflower State, Wheat State and Jayhawker State

Wild About the Outdoors

When it comes to outdoor recreation, Kansas has a lot to offer. With over 200 lakes, 55,000 ponds and almost 15,000 campsites, there are plenty of great opportunities for fishing, water sports and camping.

Kansas boasts some of the best waterfowl and game bird hunting in the country. If you would rather use binoculars, Kansas is a birdwatcher's dream with more than 225 species of birds. And for beautiful scenery, Kansas is the home of the largest natural grasslands in North America. You can also hit the links at more than 250 golf courses or take the hiking and biking trails across the state.



Places to Go, Things to Do

After you've filled up on the Kansas Wild Outdoors, there's a bundle of other things to see and do while traveling across Kansas.

If you "Like Ike," don't miss the Eisenhower Center in Abilene. For more history, stop at the Kansas Museum of History and Kansas Capitol Building in Topeka, and the NCAA Visitor Center in Overland Park.

For the sports-minded traveler, hit the Woodlands horse and greyhound tracks in Kansas City, Wichita's Greyhound Park and watch auto racing at the nation's newest facility at Heartland Park Topeka.

Kansas is full of great shopping, too, with everything from antique shops and boutiques to large shopping malls and more than 100 outlet shops.

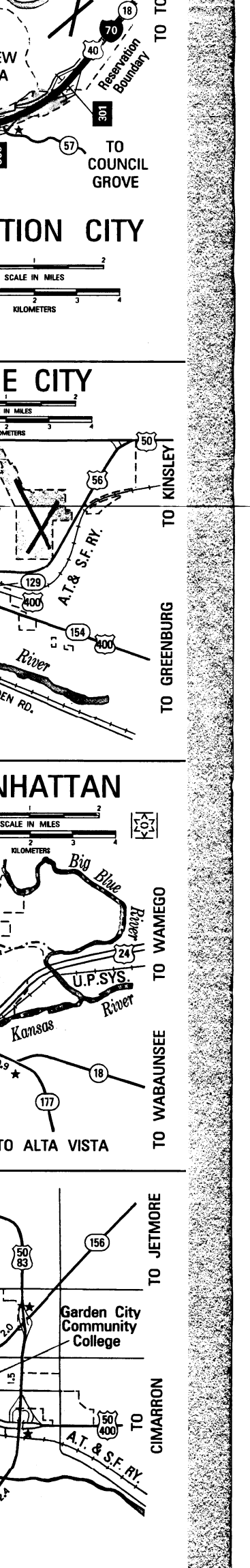
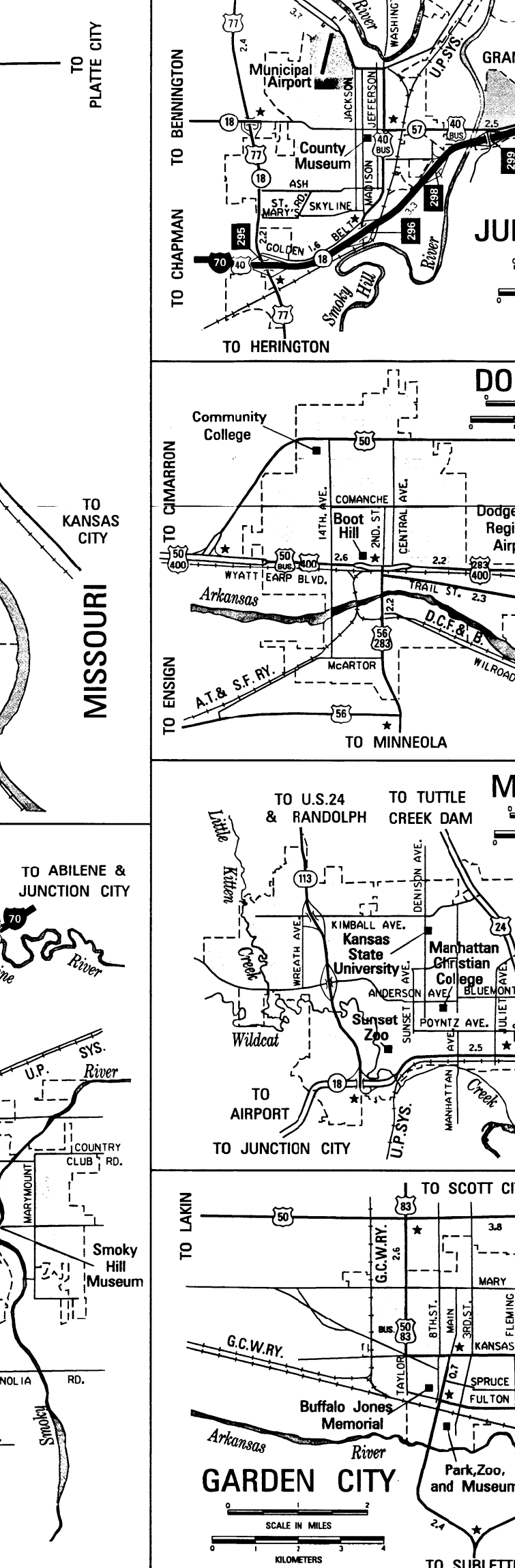
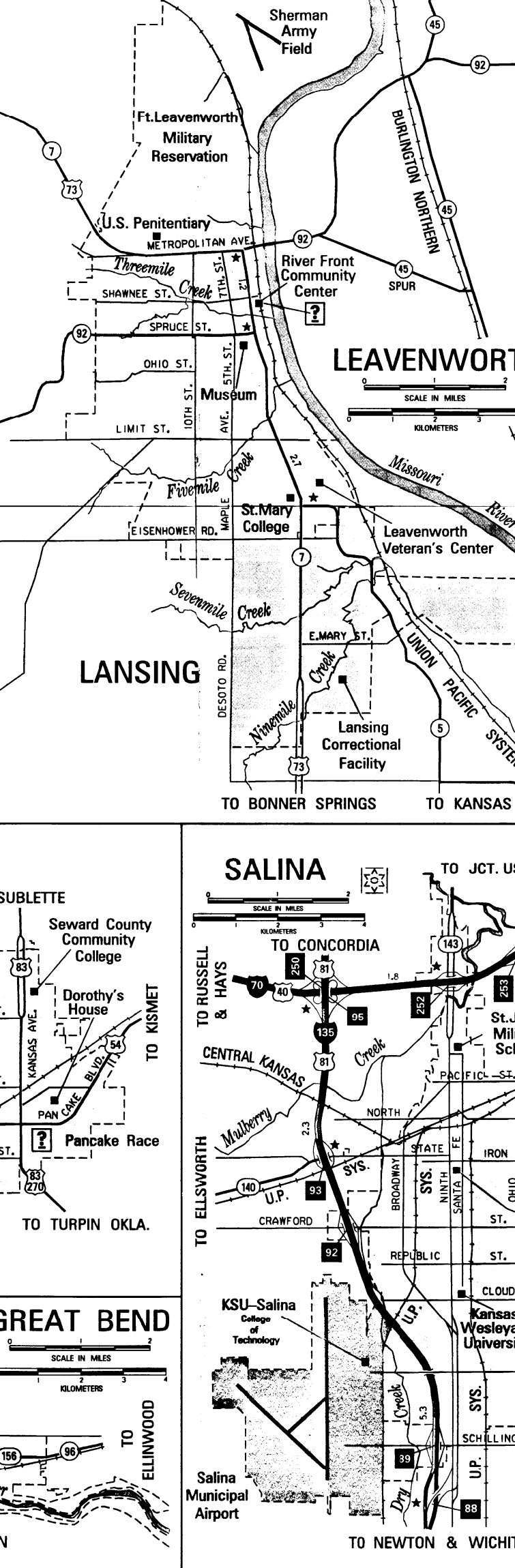
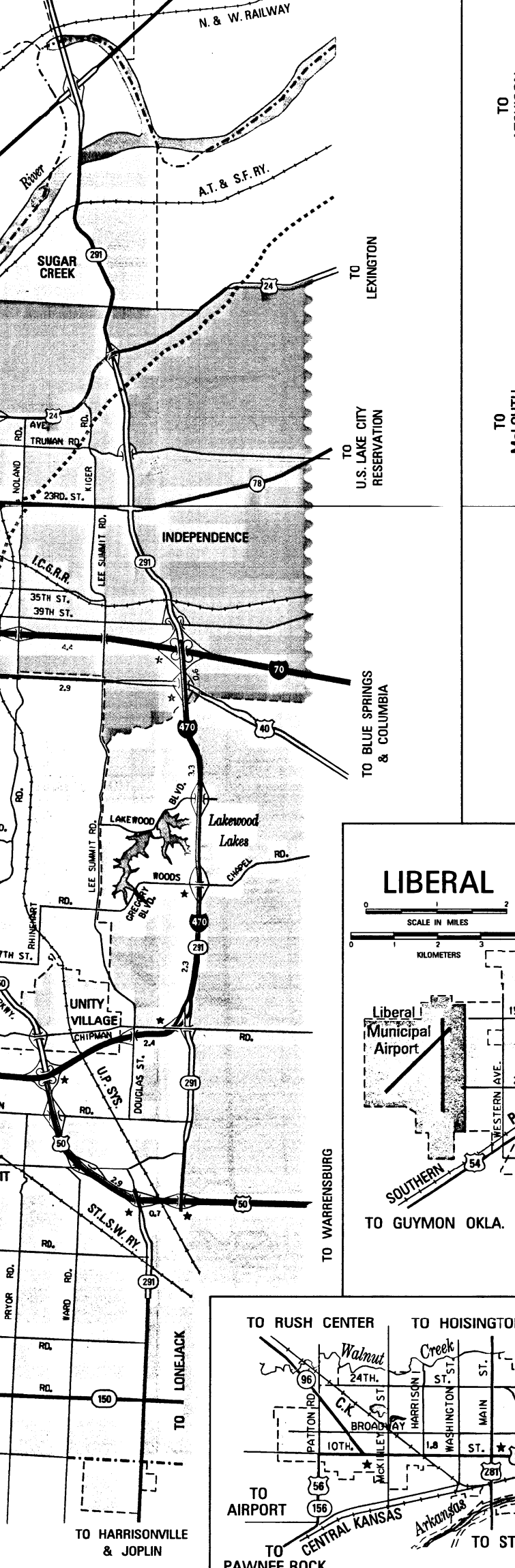
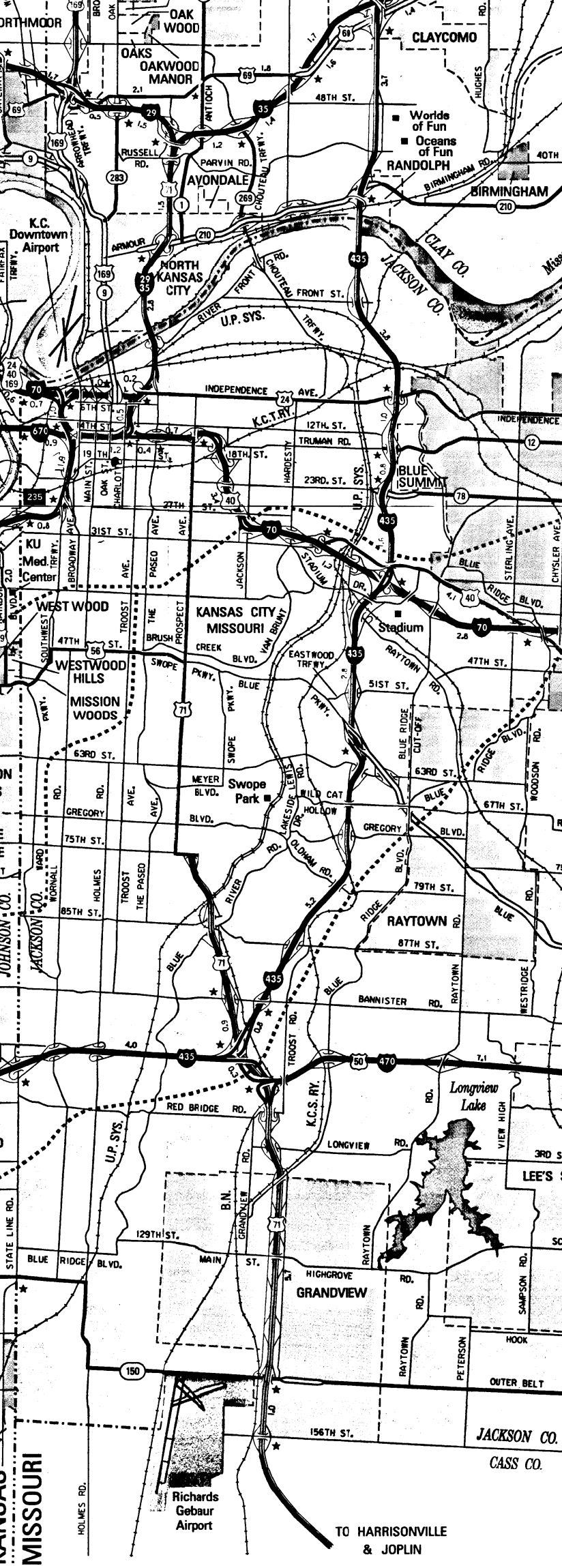
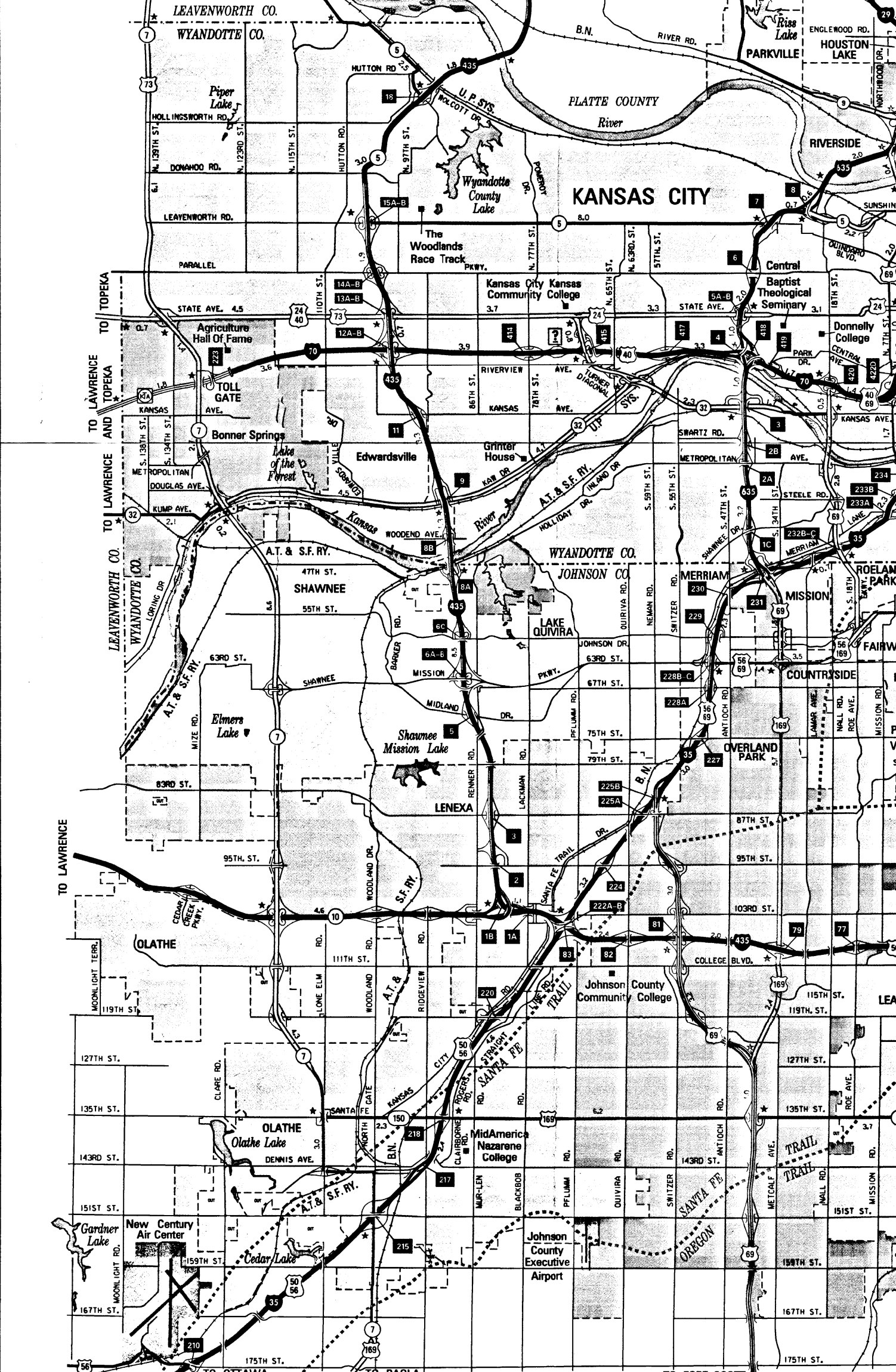
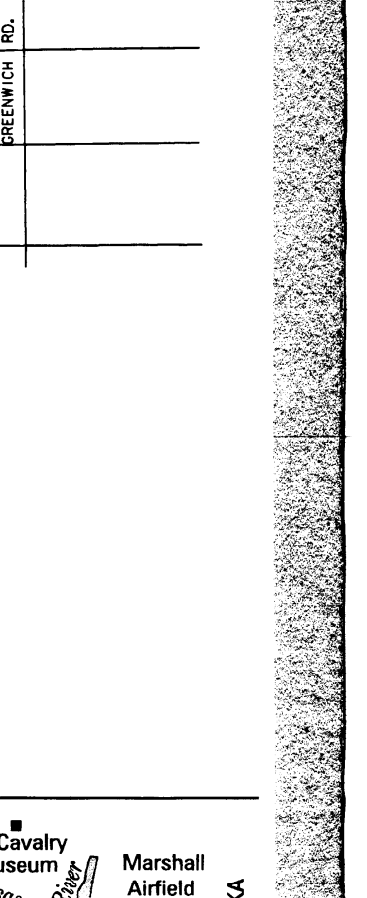
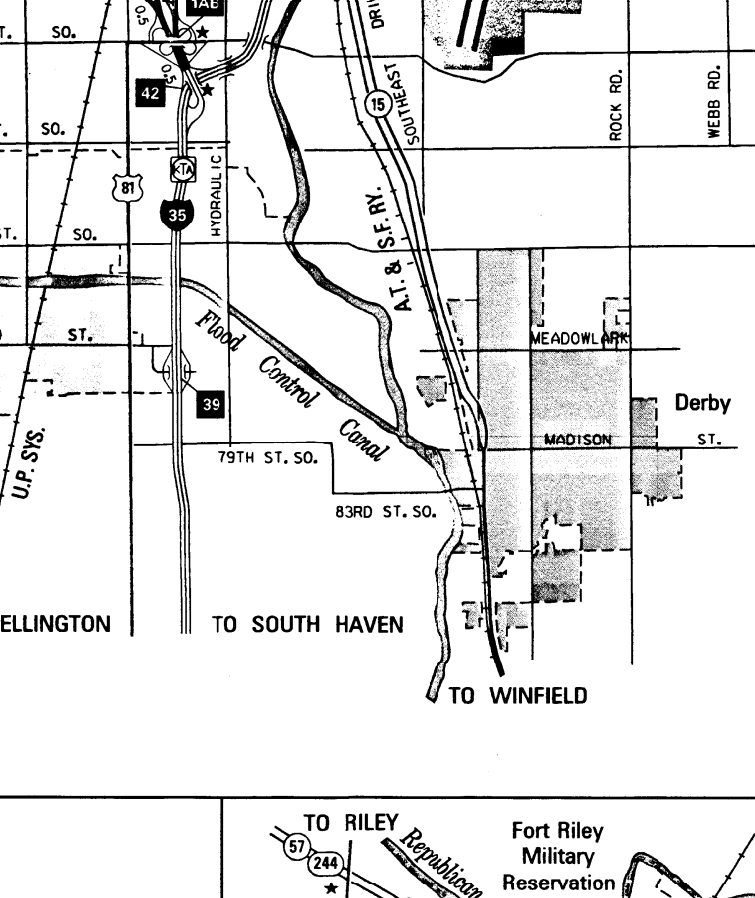
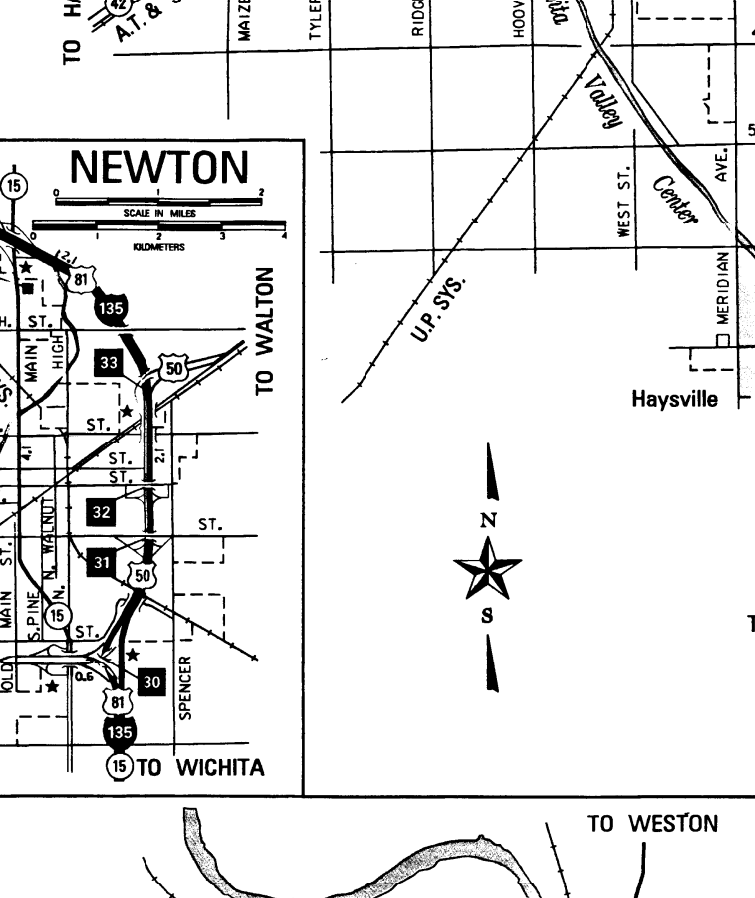
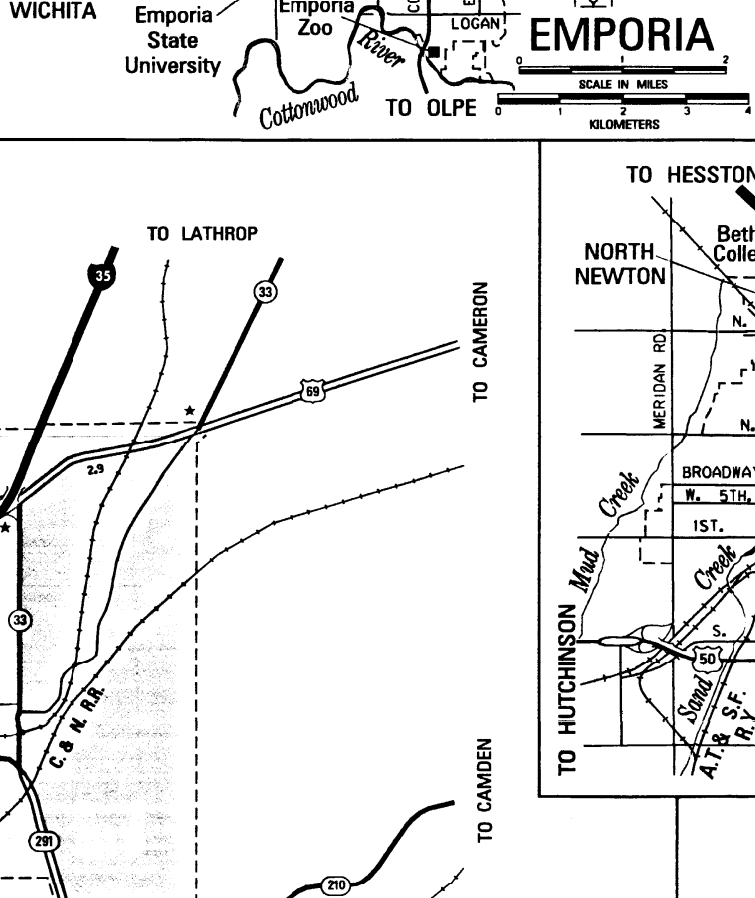
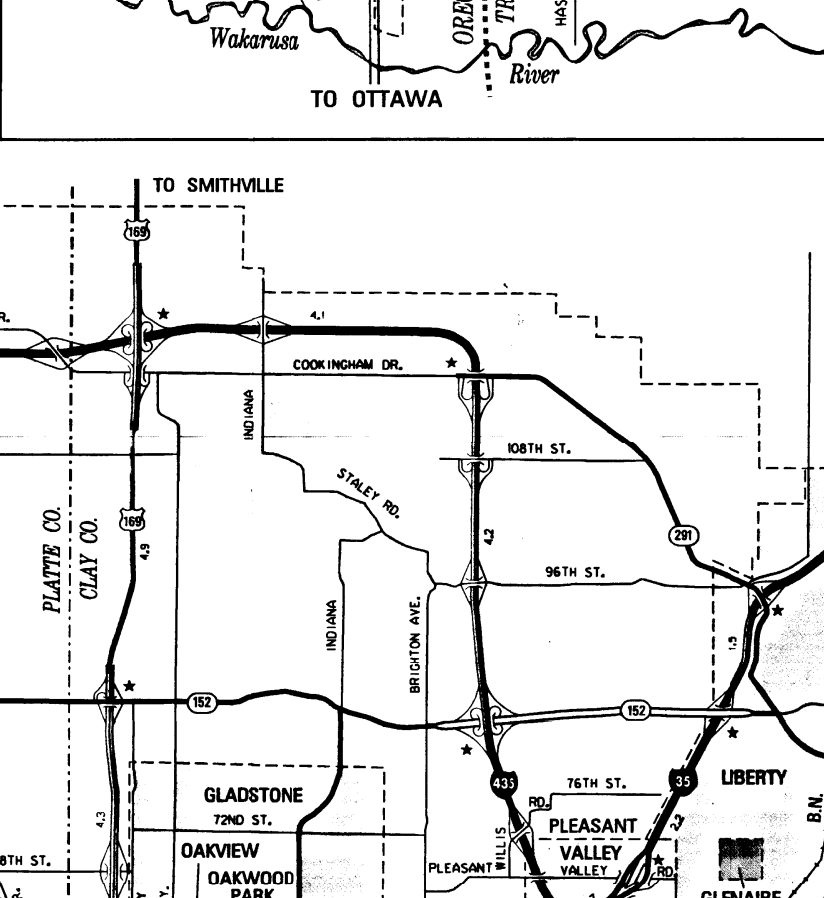
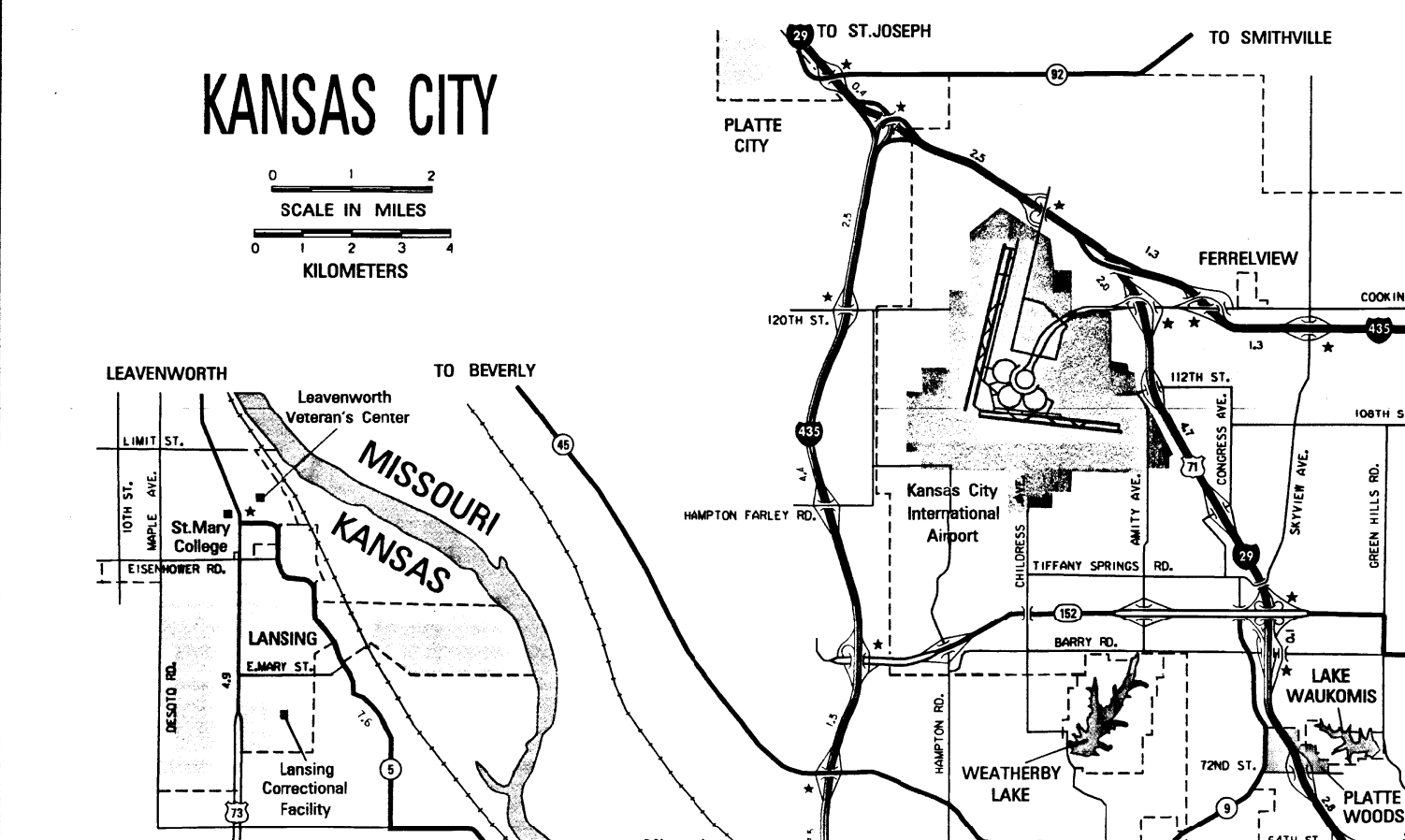
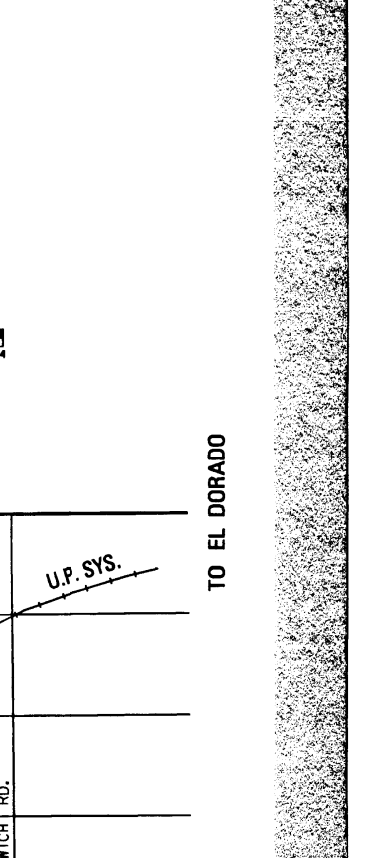
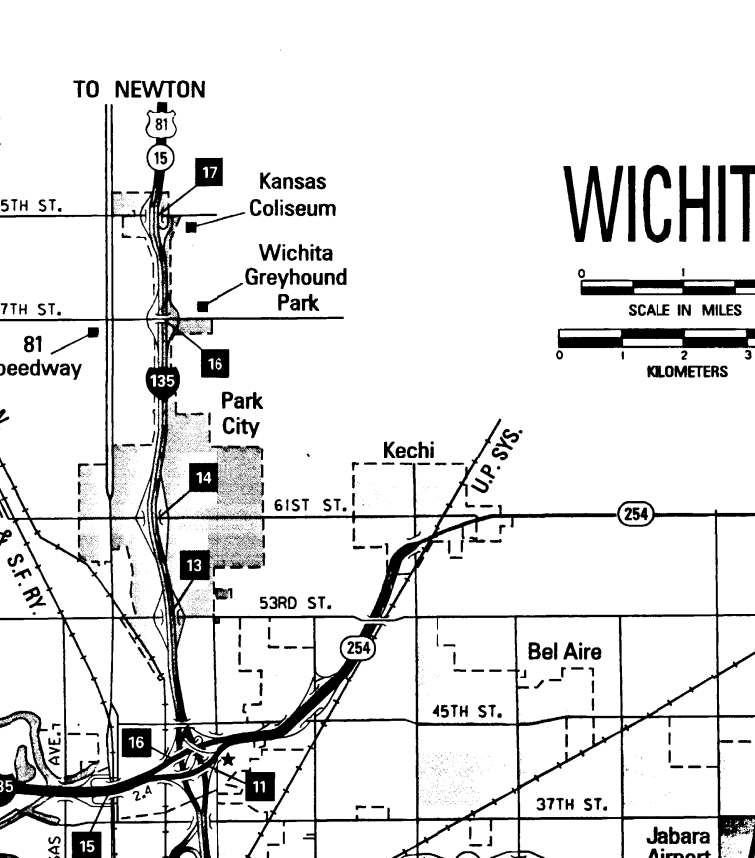
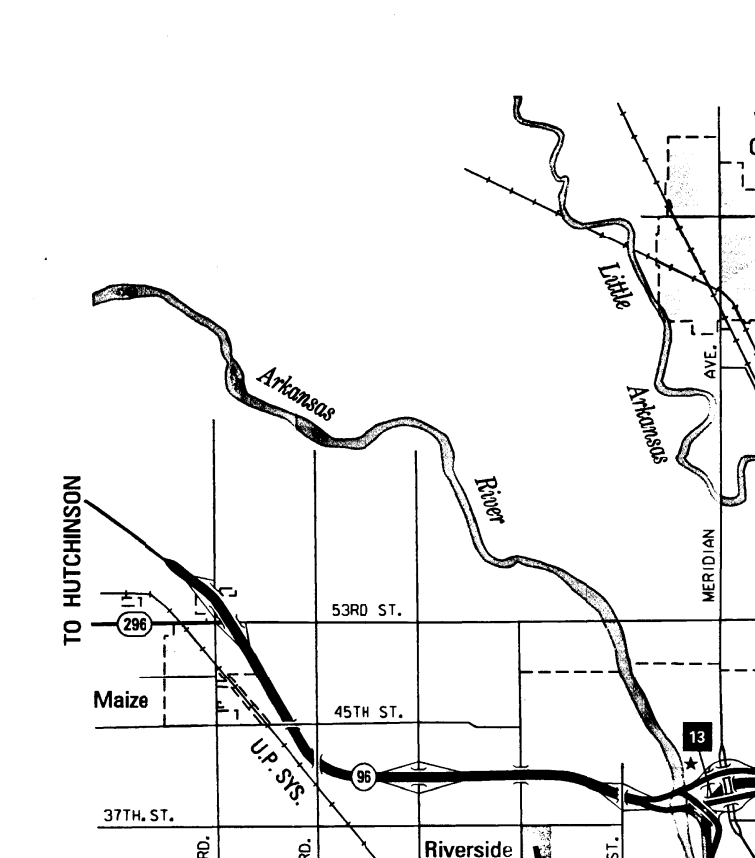
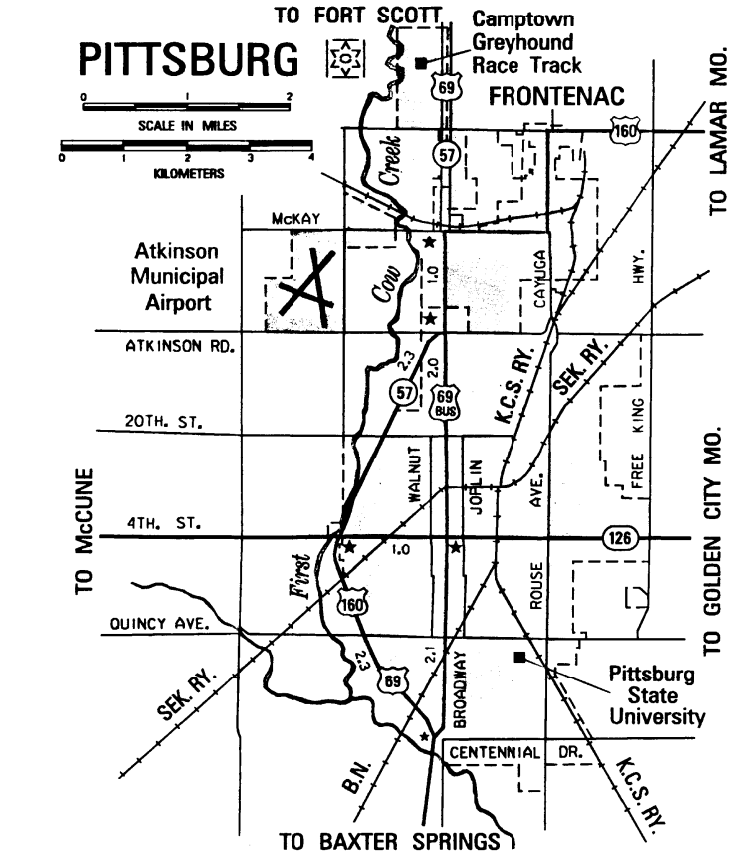
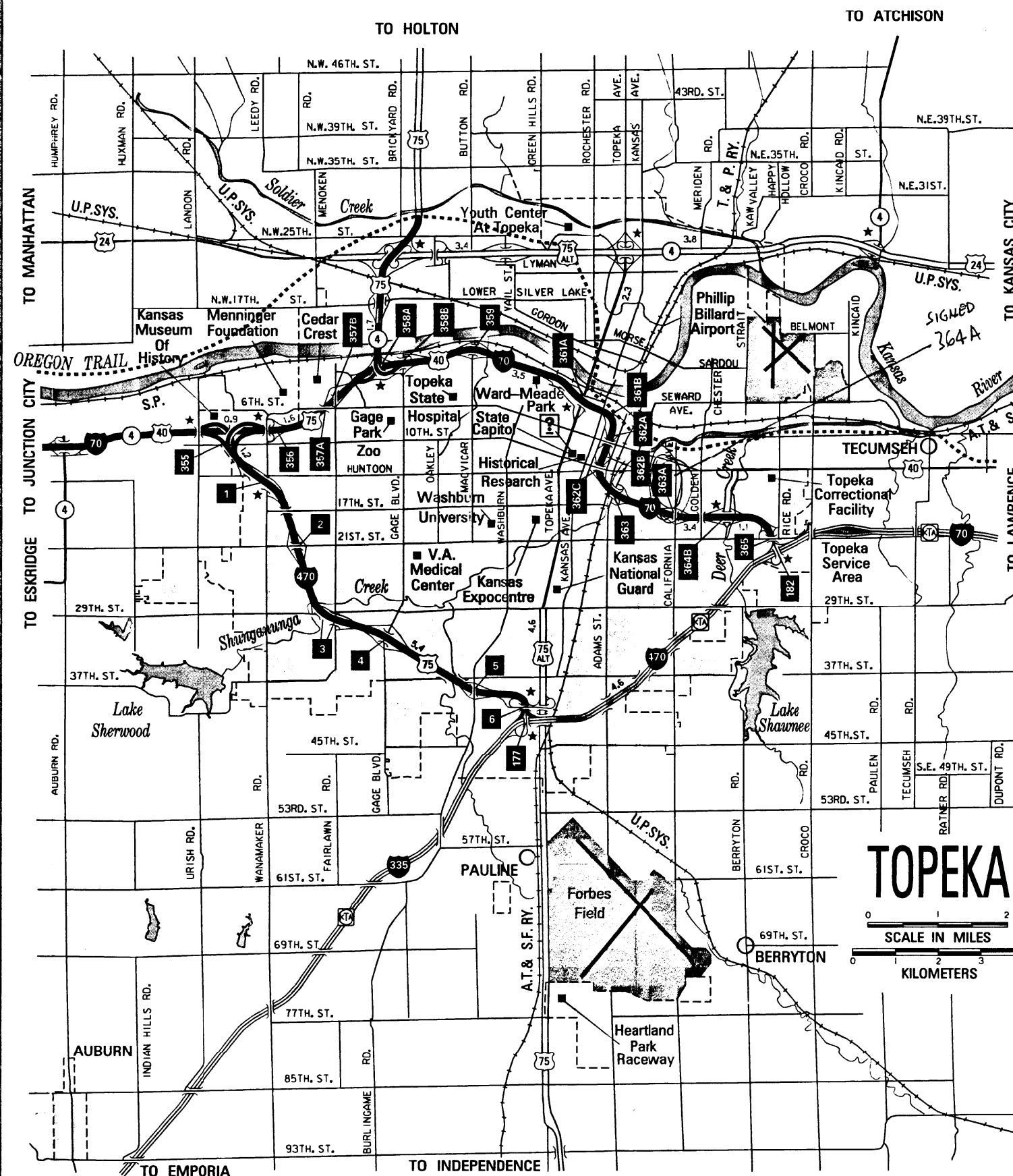
And you'll also be wild about Kansas celebrations, events, festivals, fairs, powwows, races and much, much more. To get a full listing of Kansas festivals and events, call for the Kansas Calendar of Events at 1-800-2-KANSAS.

Travel Information

WEATHER/CLIMATE
Kansas has a varied climate with an average annual temperature of 55 degrees. Normal annual precipitation ranges from more than 40 inches in the southeast to less than 20 inches in the far west. In Kansas you can enjoy four distinct seasons, each with its own unique qualities. Expect mild springs, hot summers, warm falls and chilly winters.

DRIVING INFORMATION
Kansas has three major rural interstate highways: I-35, I-70 and I-435. Speed limit on interstate highways is 65 mph/104 kph. The limit on other highways is 55 mph/89 kph and lower where posted. When traveling by automobile, buckle your safety belts; children under four must use approved safety seats. In Kansas, it's the law.

TIME ZONES
Kansas is on Central Standard Time from the last Sunday in October until the first Sunday in May. The rest of the year, Kansas is on daylight-saving time. The only exceptions are Hamilton, Greeley, Wallace and Sherman counties in far western Kansas. These counties are on Mountain Standard Time.



WILD ABOUT KANSAS

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KANSAS TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTERS

Kansas operates 11 information centers throughout the state. Find out travel costs, maps, and more about Kansas. Call 1-800-558-ROAD for more information on special interest, check rates for room, dining, travel, and more. Call 1-800-558-ROAD for more information on special interest, check rates for room, dining, travel, and more. Call 1-800-558-ROAD for more information on special interest, check rates for room, dining, travel, and more.

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