

# Fort Kearny State Historical Park

park information: Built to protect Overland Trail travelers, Fort Kearny near Kearney was a stage station, home station for the Pony Express, outfitting depot for Indian campaigns and home of the Pawnee Scouts. The fort was established in 1848 and used until 1871. The stockade, parade grounds, powder magazine and carpenter-blacksmith shop have been reconstructed.

The Visitor Center houses exhibits on the history of the fort, its uses over the years and those who lived there. Visitors may view an 18-minute video about the fort and its history. During the sandhill crane migration, the Visitor Center doubles as an information center for crane viewers.

Open: Daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March through mid-April for Sandhill crane migration and daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May-October. A valid Nebraska vehicle permit is required and can be purchased at the visitor center. Daily admission is \$2 for adults ages 13 and up, \$1 for kids 3-12 and free for kids under 3. Please visit [www.outdoornebraska.org](http://www.outdoornebraska.org) for more information.

camping amenities: Camping is available nearby at Fort Kearny State Recreation Area. The recreation area has 120 camping pads, 94 of which have electricity.

activities: Find fun things to do at [www.negpp.org](http://www.negpp.org) under "Activities."

directions: From the east, take I-80 exit 279, turn left and drive south on Hwy 10 for 3 miles. Turn right onto Hwy 50-A and head east for 3 miles. From the west, take I-80 exit 272, turn right and drive south on Hwy 44 for 2 miles. Turn left onto Hwy 50A and head west for 4 miles. The park is located on the north side of the road.



clue: From the parking lot, walk to the west side of the park and look for the flagpole on the parade grounds.

distance: 964 feet from the Visitor Center.

surface: Paved sidewalk.

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