

# Nebraska's Interstate 80 Rest Areas



## Rest Area Regulations

- ◆ No overnight parking or camping is allowed. Maximum length of stay permitted is eight (8) hours.
- ◆ No parking of vehicles outside designated areas.
- ◆ Consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind, or the possession of open containers of such beverages, is prohibited.
- ◆ Loitering within or around rest room facilities or other buildings is prohibited.
- ◆ Littering is prohibited. Disposal of trash other than from travel vehicles in transit is prohibited. Disposal of garbage or trash from other sources is prohibited.
- ◆ Fires are permitted only in grills provided and must be extinguished after use.
- ◆ The moving, removing, destruction, defacing or alteration of any state property is prohibited.
- ◆ Common pets must be on a leash at all times and only designated areas shall be used for pet exercise. Other animals shall be confined to a vehicle or appropriate carrier.
- ◆ Exhibiting or discharge of any firearms, pellet guns, BB guns or other weapons is prohibited.
- ◆ Solicitation of voluntary donations is prohibited.

A pleasant respite awaits travelers along I-80 across Nebraska when they take the time to relax and unwind at any of the State's 25 Interstate rest areas. These areas are well maintained and offer a variety of features, including:

- ◆ Convenient locations. The rest areas are approximately 34 miles apart.
  - ◆ Full toilet facilities with hot and cold water. Many rest areas have been updated with new sanitary treatment facilities and new rest area buildings to keep up with the increased demand.
  - ◆ Drinking fountains.
  - ◆ Public pay telephones.
  - ◆ Designated pet exercise areas.
  - ◆ Picnic shelters and tables.
  - ◆ Area lighted at night.
  - ◆ Nebraska real time weather, road condition and detour information.
  - ◆ Handicapped-accessible facilities.
  - ◆ Vending machines now available at most rest areas.
  - ◆ Historical information plaques located at most areas.
  - ◆ Tourist information. While times and locations may vary from year to year, travel guide stations are usually available from June through August at many rest areas. Guides are available with information about local attractions and services. Personnel are provided by the Travel and Tourism Division, Nebraska Department of Economic Development.
- Travelers through Nebraska are encouraged to take advantage of the rest area amenities offered for their benefit and convenience.

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**F**ollowing is information about each of Nebraska's 25 rest areas, listed from east to west across the state.

## **Milepost 431.60 – Melia Hill Rest Area Westbound**

Located 2 miles west of the Highway 31 Interchange, contains 11.4 acres with parking for 12 trucks and 45 cars. The area has 9 picnic shelters, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

## **Milepost 425.08 – Platte River Rest Area Eastbound\***

Located about 4.2 miles east of the Greenwood Interchange, contains 36.8 acres with parking for 10 trucks and 45 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 6 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

*\*(Memorial to the American Bandshell: By Richard Field)*

## **Milepost 405.12 – Lincoln Rest Area Westbound**

Located about 1 mile west of the Highway 77 Interchange, contains 33 acres with parking for 15 trucks and 60 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 6 picnic tables, 2 children's play areas, and a summer tourist information station. This is Nebraska's only solar-heated rest area.

## **Milepost 381.29 – Blue River Rest Area Eastbound\***

Located 1 mile west of the Milford Interchange, contains 17.3 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 8 picnic shelters and a children's play area.

*\*(Arrival: By Paul von Ringelheim)*

## **Milepost 375.50 – Goehner Rest Area Westbound**

Located 2 miles east of the Goehner Interchange, contains 9.3 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, and a children's play area.

## **Milepost 355.23 – York Rest Area Westbound\***

Located 3 miles east of the York Interchange, contains 6.72 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 2 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

*\*(Crossing the Plains: By Bradford Graves)*

## **Milepost 350.80 – York Rest Area Eastbound**

Located 3 miles west of the York Interchange, contains 2.02 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

## **Milepost 316.52 – Grand Island Rest Area Westbound**

Located 3 miles west of the Phillips Interchange, contains 5.2 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 7 picnic shelters, 2 picnic tables, and a summer tourist information station.

## **Milepost 314.93 – Grand Island Rest Area Eastbound\***

Located 4 miles west of the Phillips Interchange, contains 23.5 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 7 picnic shelters, 2 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

This area also includes a small lake for public fishing.

*\*(Erma's Desire: By John Raimondi)*

## **Milepost 270.94 – Kearney Rest Area Westbound\***

Located 2 miles west of Kearney, contains 22.3 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station. This area also includes a small lake for public fishing.

*\*(Nebraska Wind Sculpture: By George Baker)*

## **Milepost 269.04 – Kearney Rest Area Eastbound**

Located 3 miles west of Kearney, contains 7.4 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 5 picnic shelters, 2 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station. This area also includes a small lake for public fishing.

## **Milepost 227.46 – Cozad Rest Area Westbound**

Located 5 miles east of Cozad, contains 5.6 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, and a children's play area.

## **Milepost 226.73 – Cozad Rest Area Eastbound**

Located 5 miles east of Cozad, contains 7.9 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, and a children's play area.

### **Milepost 194.35 – Brady Rest Area Eastbound**

Located 4 miles west of the Brady Interchange, contains 10.9 acres with parking for 18 trucks and 45 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

### **Milepost 193.75 – Brady Rest Area Westbound\***

Located 4 miles west of the Brady Interchange, contains 55.9 acres with parking for 22 trucks and 45 cars. The area has 10 picnic shelters, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station. This area also includes a small lake for public fishing.

*\*(Nebraska Gateway: By Anthony Padovano)*

### **Milepost 159.94 – Sutherland Rest Area Westbound**

Located 3 miles east of Sutherland, contains 11.4 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 2 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

### **Milepost 159.60 – Sutherland Rest Area Eastbound**

Located 2 miles east of Sutherland, contains 16.2 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station. This is the historical site of the original Oregon Trail. The trail is still visible and preserved at this site.

*(Part of O'Fallons Bluff. Listed in National Register of Historic Places.)*

### **Milepost 132.55 – Ogallala Rest Area Westbound\***

Located 4 miles east of Ogallala, contains 13.2 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 8 picnic shelters, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

*\*(Up/Over: By Linda Howard)*

### **Milepost 124.66 – Ogallala Rest Area Eastbound**

Located 3 miles west of Ogallala, contains 14.6 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 36 cars. The area has 10 picnic shelters, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

### **Milepost 87.64 – Chappell Rest Area Westbound**

Located 3 miles east of Chappell, contains 15.6 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, but does not have weather and road condition information.

### **Milepost 82.40 – Chappell Rest Area Eastbound**

Located 3 miles west of Chappell, contains 17.8 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 8 picnic shelters, but does not have weather and road condition information.

### **Milepost 61.37 – Sidney Rest Area Westbound\***

Located about 8.4 miles west of the Sunol Interchange, contains 20.6 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, and a children's play area.

*\*(Roadway Confluence: By Hans Van de Bovenkamp) Pictured below.*

### **Milepost 51.40 – Sidney Rest Area Eastbound**

Located about 3 miles east of the Brownson Interchange, contains 77.8 acres with parking for 12 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, and a children's play area. This site has an observation area and "Golden Link" (in I-80 roadway) commemorating the completion of Interstate 80 in Nebraska.

### **Milepost 25 – Kimball Rest Area Westbound**

Located 2.6 miles east of the Kimball Southeast Interchange, contains 27.2 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, and a children's play area.

### **Milepost 9.83 – Kimball Rest Area Eastbound**

Located 1.3 miles east of the Bushnell Interchange, contains 16.5 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 27 cars. The area has 8 picnic shelters, 2 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

## **Primary System Rest Areas**

### **McCook Rest Area (open April 1 to October 1)**

Located 2½ miles east on Highway 6 and 34, contains 21.9 acres with parking for 12 trucks and 18 cars, and rest rooms with running water. The area has 4 picnic shelters, but does not have vending or road and weather information.

*\*Indicates sculpture installed for 1976 national bi-centennial celebration. (Sculpture name: Artist)*