# Guidance Document

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# Nebraska's Interstate 80 Rest Areas

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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 Interstate rest areas. These areas are well maintained and offer a variety of features. All, some, or limited services may include:

- Full toilet facilities with hot and cold water.
- Drinking fountains.
- Public pay telephones.
- Handicapped-accessible facilities.
- Vending machines for soft drinks and snacks.
- Designated pet exercise areas.
- Picnic shelters and tables.
- Area lighted at night.
- Nebraska real time weather, road condition and detour information.
- 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 several rest areas. Guides are available with information about local attractions and services. Personnel are provided by the Travel & Tourism Division, Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

Travelers through Nebraska are encouraged to take advantage of the rest area amenities offered for their benefit.

## Rest Area Regulations

- Camping is prohibited. Maximum length of stay permitted is ten (10) hours.
- Parking of vehicles outside designated areas is prohibited.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages 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.
- Moving, removing, destroying, defacing or altering of state property is prohibited.
- Exhibiting or discharging of firearms, pellet guns, BB guns or other weapons is prohibited.
- Solicitation of donations 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.
- Fires are permitted only in the grills provided and must be extinguished after use.

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**Following is information about each of Nebraska's 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 pull-thru parking for 24 trucks, 42 cars, and 5 spaces for RVs and cars with trailers. The area has 9 picnic shelters, family/alternate restroom, 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 pull-thru parking for 10 trucks and 44 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 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 26 cars. The area has 8 picnic shelters, children's play area, and a family/alternate restroom.
**(Arrival: By Paul von Ringelheim)*

**Milepost 375.50**
***Goehner Westbound Truck Parking***
Located 2 miles east of the Goehner Interchange. Open with all services. ***TRUCK PARKING ONLY.***

**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 26 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 2 picnic tables, children's play area, a family/alternate restroom, 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 6.0 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 26 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, children's play area, a family/alternate restroom, 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 26 cars. The area has 7 picnic shelters, 2 picnic tables, family/alternate restroom, 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 26 cars. The area has 7 picnic shelters, 2 picnic tables, children's play area, family/alternate restroom, 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 26 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, children's play area, family/alternate restroom, 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 26 cars. The area has 5 picnic shelters, 2 picnic tables, children's play area, family/alternate restroom, 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 26 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, children's play area, tourist information, family/alternate restroom available when attendant on duty.

**Milepost 226.73**
***Cozad Rest Area Eastbound***
Located 5 miles east of Cozad. Contains 7.9 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 26 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, children's play area, tourist information, family/alternate restroom available when attendant on duty, and a summer tourist information station.

**Milepost 194.35**
***Brady Rest Area Eastbound***
Located 4 miles west of the Brady Interchange. Contains 10.9 acres with pull-thru parking for 18 trucks, 13 RVs and 44 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 pull-thru parking for 22 trucks and 44 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 26 cars. The area has 7 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 25 cars. The area has 10 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 26 cars. The area has 8 picnic tables, 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 35 cars. The area has 10 picnic tables, children's play area, and a summer tourist information station.

**Milepost 61.37**
***Sidney Rest Area Westbound***
Located 2 miles east of the East Sidney Interchange. Contains 20.6 acres with parking for 7 trucks and 26 cars. The area has 6 picnic shelters, 4 picnic tables, and a children's play area.

**Milepost 51.40**
***Sidney Rest Area Eastbound***
Located 4 miles west of the West Sidney Interchange. Contains 77.8 acres with parking for 28 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.
***Additional Truck Parking provided here.***

**Interchange 101**
***Eastbound and Westbound Truck Parking***
Located at the US-138 Interchange with I-80 in Deuel County. Contains 8 acres of surfaced parking area with parking available for 60 trucks. Access to the site is from US-138. No amenities are available.

## Primary System Rest Area

**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 2 trucks and 21 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)*

Note: Cars mean all passenger vehicles.