

Top Wichita Sights

NAOSMM 2026 conference



Welcome to the 2026 NAOSMM conference in Wichita!

There's something for everyone in Wichita – in between the [botanical gardens](#), the [science museum](#), and [the museum of world treasures](#), you can find unique locations such as [Hatman Jack's](#), and [Al's Old & New Books](#) (est 1957!).

Need a fuel up? Try [MilkFloat](#), a locally owned bakery providing fresh daily pastries, cupcakes, pies, cookies, brownies and Tillamook ice cream along with hot and cold brewed coffee (affogato anyone?)

History Walk:

[Wichita History Walk](#)

Botanica Wichita:

[Discover Botanica, The Wichita Gardens: A Floral Paradise in Kansas](#)

Welcome!



Gotta try it:

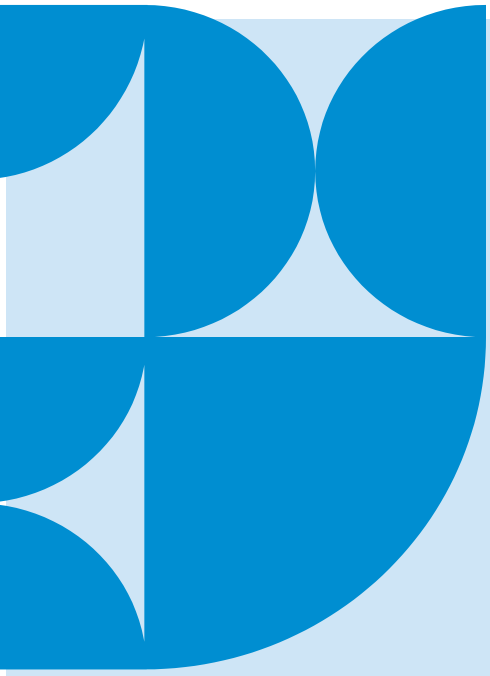
No conference is complete without checking out the ice cream options! The creations at [Palacana](#) boggle the mind! So many flavors and concoctions to try at a reasonable price!



SEE WHAT'S COOKIN' IN THE COOP

[Chicken and Pickle](#) was a new novelty to me - you can eat chicken and play pickleball/human sized battleship and a slew of other games while listening to live music. In the Douglas District is [The Workroom](#). It's all curated, lovely crafts, trinkets, and decor where small businesses with great ideas can move in temporarily to get a jumpstart before heading off into the sunset for bigger and better business horizons. There are many little shops, in fact, along Douglas Street to peruse (while seeking art).





Statue Scavenger Hunt:

Find 31 bronze sculptures from the Georgia Gerber collection along 4 blocks of Douglas and East Market Avenues.

- ☐ Barefoot man
- ☐ Girl playing hopscotch with a cat watching
- ☐ Boy & girl playing
- ☐ Girl with horse and dog
- ☐ Carrie Nation
- ☐ Dime Store counter
- ☐ Girl holding balloon over a spouting water feature
- ☐ Business man cooling his heels in a small fountain
- ☐ Cattle at an intersection
- ☐ Boy pushing a pedal car (if you are small enough, sit inside and steer!)
- ☐ Small boy on scooter
- ☐ Big boy on scooter
- ☐ Woman pointing towards sky with her son
- ☐ Guitar player with dog
- ☐ Mother and daughter resting
- ☐ Birds on top of cage with small fox looking on
- ☐ Fox with bird in mouth
- ☐ Cat with two dead birds
- ☐ Dachshund (dog)
- ☐ Duck and ducklings
- ☐ Frog (near guitar player)
- ☐ falcon/hawk perched on street sign
- ☐ Turtle
- ☐ 2 cows with a duck, dog and rabbit nearby
- ☐ Prairie chicken (prairie dog)
- ☐ Squirrel/chipmunk
- ☐ Skunk
- ☐ Pack rats
- ☐ Cow and calf
- ☐ Swallow (bird)
- ☐ Another cat??

Other Fun Art for your Bucket List

Keeper of the Plains



Standing at the point where the Big and Little Arkansas rivers join together in downtown Wichita. Visit the adjacent native history and art display

The Troll

Find Wichita's legendary troll while on a stroll along the Arkansas River (hint: east side) to snag a photo of this hidden gem nestled underneath the sidewalk.

Created by local artist Connie Arnatt, the beloved Troll sculpture lies beneath a storm grate near the old Westar Power building just south of the Keeper of the Plains. To find it, park at the Keeper of the Plains and walk south along the sidewalk on the east riverbank.

Pro tip: You can get two different views of this iconic sculpture — one from the top of the grate near the building and one from the sidewalk below near the river.



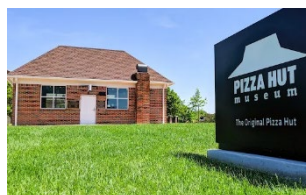
Millipede (and first Pizza Hut site) at WSU



distinguished by half of its feet wearing masculine boots and the other half wearing high heels

The "Millipede" sculpture (nicknamed "Millie") is a 25-foot-long bronze piece by Wichita native Tom Otterness. Located on the Fairmount Street island just south of the Ulrich Museum of Art at Wichita State University (WSU), it is

First Pizza Hut



brothers and the restaurant was called Pizza Hut. From those beginnings, the original building now resides on the Wichita State campus and tells the story of two Shocker entrepreneurs with a dream. Parking is behind the Marcus Welcome Center off 21st St., east of Hillside St.

In 1958, two brothers started a restaurant in a tiny building on the corner of Bluff and Kellogg. They sold pizza, a dish that was just beginning to come to prominence in America. Their staff consisted of family, friends and fraternity

StoneHenge Jr.



Four times a year, at noon, this sculpture circle in the middle of Central Riverside Park lights up with a colorful glow. The sculptures are a solar calendar, designed to direct the sun's rays into strategically placed glass stones set into the ground. When the sun shines through an eye of the limestone slabs at sunrise, sunset, and high noon on the first day of each new season, a sun beam is meant to cast onto the medallions in front of their respective slabs. Nicknamed "Stonehenge, Jr", these megaliths are made up of limestone, glass, metal, and tiles, and were created in 2003 by Wichita artist Steve Murillo. Instructions for the calendar appear on one of the rocks. Unfortunately, the calendar doesn't work as well as originally intended, due the consideration (or lack thereof) of Daylight Savings Time. In the Fall, Spring, and Summer, the stones are lit at 1pm rather than noon. Stonehenge Jr sits at 720 N. Nims St., Wichita, KS 67203. It is tucked inside Central Riverside Park,

