

Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway

When you think of Kansas, what pops into your mind? Prairie? Wheat? Dorothy? The Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway will forever reshape your image of this part of the “Sunflower State.” This 77-mile Byway connects two of the world’s most significant natural wetlands—Cheyenne Bottoms and the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. More than 60,000 acres of wetlands host millions of migrating birds each year, including waterfowl, shorebirds, even whooping cranes. No wonder this region has been named one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas.

But the Byway offers far more than beautiful wetlands and birds. Along your trek, you’ll see native stone buildings, underground tunnels, metal street art, WPA art and bridges, an operating flour mill, a stretch of the Santa Fe Trail, a raptor center, and more. So grab a Byway map, slip in the audioguide, and discover our extraordinary corner of the planet.

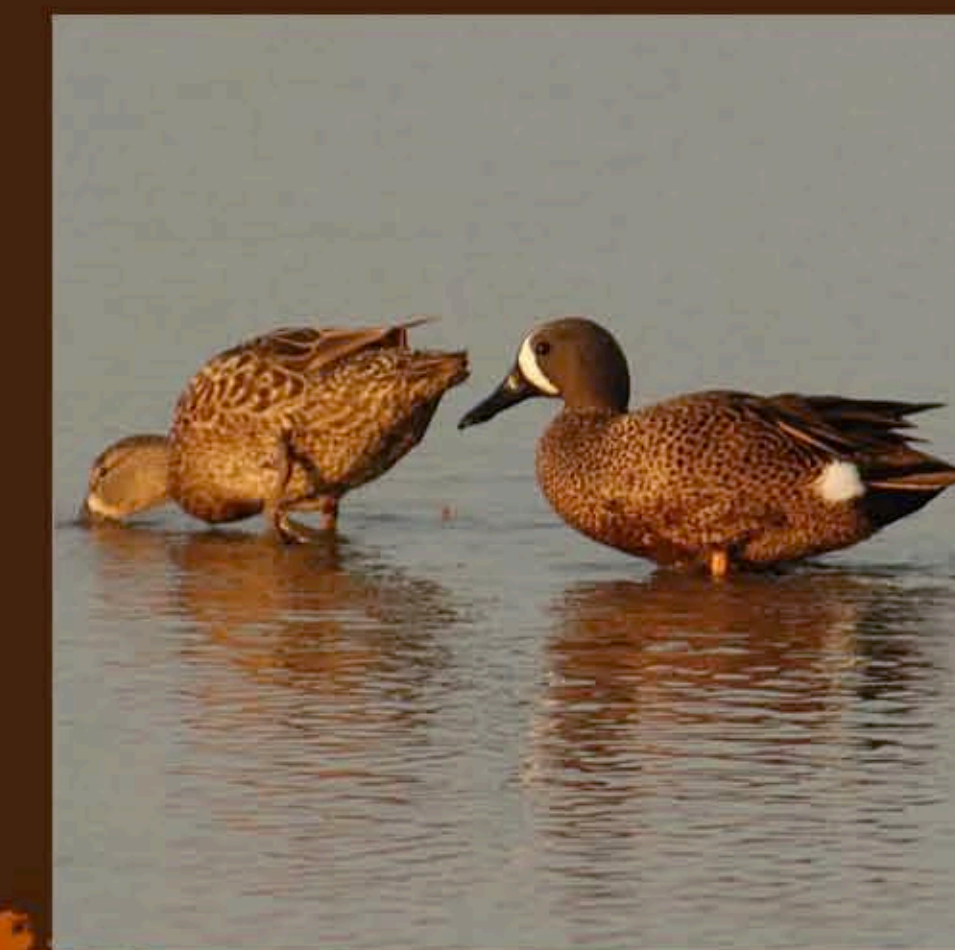


Cheyenne Bottoms
Ted Lee Eubanks



Who We Are

The Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway traverses Barton, Reno, and Stafford counties, connecting the communities of Claflin, Ellinwood, Great Bend, Hoisington, Hudson, St. John, and Stafford. Partners include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, the Kansas Department of Transportation, and The Nature Conservancy.



Blue-winged Teal/Ted Lee Eubanks



Black-necked Stilt/Ted Lee Eubanks

Motion and Change

Along the Byway, you’ll encounter landscapes and communities filled with stories of motion and change. You’re entering a region etched with the memory of vast bison herds, a land of stunning bird migrations, of wild winds and weather, and of richly layered human history. Welcome!



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