



Travel TIDBITS

It seems fitting to start off the New Year with the exciting announcement of the 2013 location for this June's Symphony in the Flint Hills. This eighth annual event is one of Kansas's true inspirational gems and will take place on Saturday, June 15 on Fort Riley's Historic Main Post. While the symphony has historically taken place in a remote pasture of native prairie grass, this new and unique setting will add an extra dimension to an already dramatic event. Tickets to Symphony in the Flint Hills will go on sale at 10AM on March 23. You can purchase tickets online at kcsymphony.org and by phone at 816-471-0400. Don't delay. This event always sells out quickly.

The Symphony in the Flint Hills is just one example of some of the many outdoor events and activities that you can look forward to in Kansas this year. For cycling enthusiasts, Biking Across Kansas (BAK) 2013 will take place June 8 – 15, providing a recreational and social rally across the state beginning at the Colorado border and ending at Missouri. Participating in BAK offers a unique way to discover the history and quiet beauty of the Great Plains region. In addition, cyclists experience the friendly hospitality of the many small communities along the way. To learn all about this year's ride visit www.bak.org.

If an authentic ranch experience is more to your liking, Moore Longhorn Ranch in Bucklin, KS offers a number of hands-on western experiences beginning this spring with a Spring Longhorn Cattle Drive, April 10-12. The drive covers 35 miles and brings the cattle back from their winter pasture. In addition to driving cattle, you'll sleep under the stars and enjoy a true chuck wagon experience. Other activities are offered all summer long on the ranch, including participating in the branding and vaccination of calves on July 28th. Check it all out at www.moorelonghornranch.com.

For those preferring a little peace and quiet at a Kansas State Park, now is the time to reserve a spot. Options run from "primitive" tent campsites, to utility sites for RVs, to fully equipped cabins with many of the comforts of home. Most state parks have access to reservoirs and wildlife areas, and many also have trails for hiking, biking or horseback riding. For more information and to make a reservation, visit www.kdwpt.state.ks.us.

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