

MO200KC History Challenge

French pioneer Francois Chouteau is widely acknowledged as the Founding Father of Kansas City, Missouri, having established the area's first fur trading post on the bluffs of the Missouri River in 1821. Learn more about Kansas City's early history by visiting the sites on the MO200KC Challenge.

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MO200KC History Challenge ... Visit at least 6 sites. Remember: Missouri Explorers must be registered in the program, and they are responsible for checking hours and availability of sites. Upload your verification photographs using the online submission form at <https://missouri2021.org/missouri-explorers/> to receive your merit badge button.

Tag your photos with the hashtag #KCParks and #COFF on social media.

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Corps of Discovery

W. 8th Street and Jefferson Street
Kansas City, Missouri

This bronze sculpture, titled "Corps of Discovery," was dedicated in April 2000, coincident with the commemoration of Kansas City's 150th anniversary. Created by Eugene Daub, the sculpture honors the Lewis and Clark Expedition and features figures representing Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, Sacagawea (their Shoshone Indian guide), York (enslaved to William Clark), Jean-Baptiste Toussaint (Sacagawea's baby), and Seaman (Lewis' Newfoundland breed dog). Snap your photograph petting Seaman, the dog.

<https://kcparks.org/places/corps-of-discovery/>

François Chouteau and Native American Heritage Fountain

3904 NE. Chouteau Trafficway
Kansas City, Missouri

The newest jewel in Kansas City's crown, a beautiful new park in the Northland depicts and commemorates the French trader François Chouteau and the Native Americans who founded the city when they built a trading post here in 1821. Snap your photograph in front of the sculptures.

<https://kcparks.org/places/francois-chouteau-native-american-heritage-fountain/>

French Traders Memorial Plaques

W. 8th Street and Jefferson Street
Kansas City, Missouri

This marker overlooks the actual route of Captains Lewis and Clark, their troops, and their French boatmen, guides, hunters and interpreters (whose families had been going up the Missouri River for over 100 years before 1804). Snap your photograph by the plaque with the river in the background.

<https://kcparks.org/places/french-traders-memorial-plaques-2/>

Lewis and Clark Memorial

W. 8th Street and Jefferson Street
Kansas City, Missouri

The plaque for Lewis and Clark was placed in 1957 at Clark's Point in honor of the expedition. Snap your photograph by the rock/memorial.

<https://kcparks.org/places/lewis-and-clark-memorial-2/>

Pioneer Mother Memorial

West of Memorial Drive, Penn Valley Park
Kansas City, Missouri

This memorial to pioneer mothers stands within a few hundred feet of a branch of the Santa Fe Trail and depicts pioneers traveling westward over the vast expanse of plains under burning sun, rain, and storm, braving hunger and thirst, beset by many dangers on the way. These pioneers were looking for water and a place to camp. This huge monument weighs over 16,000 lbs. and stands on a pedestal of Minnesota pearl pink granite with a concrete base. Snap your photograph by the monument in Penn Valley Park.

<https://kcparks.org/places/pioneer-mother-memorial/>

Red Bridge Decorative Column Panels

Minor Park, E. Red Bridge Road
Kansas City, Missouri

Ten decorative panels were installed on the new Red Bridge, which opened in November 2011. Each panel represents an individual who has ties to the area as part of the Three Trails Crossing during the westward expansion of the 1800s. Snap your photograph with one of the 10 historic settlers.

<https://kcparks.org/places/red-bridge-decorative-column-panels/>

Shoal Creek Living History Museum

7000 NE. Barry Road

Kansas City, Missouri

Covering more than 80 acres of beautiful rolling hills in Kansas City North's Hodge Park, the Shoal Creek Living History Museum dedicates itself to bringing the 19th century Missouri to life. Snap your photograph in front of one of the historic buildings.

<https://kcparks.org/places/shoal-creek-living-history-museum/>

The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City Monument

Ilus Davis Park, 10th Street and Oak Street
Kansas City, Missouri

The monument serves as a tribute to all those who have placed their hands upon the heritage of the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. Snap your photograph by the monument in Ilus Davis Park.

<https://kcparks.org/places/nsdggkc-monument/>

The Pioneers

4059 Broadway
Kansas City, Missouri

The sculpture in Pioneer Park in the heart of Westport commemorates the establishment of Westport by honoring three men important to the city's founding and legacy. Snap your photograph by the monument.

<https://kcparks.org/places/pioneers/>

The Scout

Penn Valley Park, Penn Drive
Kansas City, Missouri

Dedicated in 1922 as a memorial to local Indian tribes, The Scout depicts a Sioux scout on horseback. Snap your photograph by the monument.

<https://kcparks.org/places/the-scout/>

Town of Kansas Bridge

River Front Heritage Trail

Kansas City, Missouri

This 650-foot-long bridge, constructed in 2004, provides a bicycle and pedestrian link between the north end of Main Street and the original birthplace of the city on the banks of the Missouri River. Spanning the Town of Kansas archaeological site, two railroads and the Missouri River floodwall, the bridge serves as a critical connection between the surrounding community and the many amenities along the river. Snap your photograph of your favorite love lock.

<https://portkc.com/amenities/town-of-kansas-bridge/>

Union Cemetery

227 E. 28th Terrace
Kansas City, Missouri

Union Cemetery sits on 27 acres of land, adjacent to Crown Center and minutes from downtown. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Snap your photograph in front of the gravestones.

<https://kcparks.org/places/union-cemetery/>