

Wyandotte County Fairgrounds

The Wyandotte County Fair has been in existence since 1863. The inaugural fair was located near First and Nebraska on the levy. The admission price was 25 cents and had only 4 tents for livestock and two for home economics exhibits.

For the next 80 or so years, the fair was held in a variety of places until settling at a location near 98th and State Avenue. The first fair was held there in 1954. This location was the home of the Fairgrounds until 2009.

What started as a forty acre cornfield grew to house eleven buildings, an 8,000 seat arena, two picnic areas and an asphalt parking lot. Concessions, petting zoos, and 4-H exhibits including food, arts & crafts, livestock, and crops continued to grow in popularity. In more recent times the thrills of bucking bulls, smashing cars, wild carnival rides and musical entertainment became popular attractions. Who could forget the Garth Brooks performance in 1990, or Shenandoah, or Chely Wright?

In 2010 the Wyandotte County Fair Association began development of the fairgrounds in its new location at K-7 and Polfer Road.

When all phases are complete, the Wyandotte County Fairgrounds will have a great deal to offer the community: an indoor 40,000 square foot exhibition space, conference and meeting rooms, 100 stall horse barn, enclosed show arena, livestock show and sale facility, and a state of the art shotgun shooting park with traps, skeet and 5-stand fields that will be open to the public. The plan also includes an RV Park, walking trails, and youth sports fields that will make the Fairgrounds a year-round activity center.

For more information on this attraction or others in Kansas City, Kansas call 913-321-5800 or go to visitkansascityks.com. Thank-you and enjoy the tour.