



Great Bend Municipal Airport insight

Great Bend Municipal Airport is located four miles west of the City of Great Bend within an industrial park. The airport is intended to accommodate regional economic activities, connecting to state and national economies, and serve all types of general aviation aircraft.

The facility has two runways that can accommodate a variety of aircraft including jet and general aviation aircraft. The primary runway is 7,851 feet long and the secondary runway is 4,706 feet long. The primary runway is equipped with an ILS precision approach, and the field has on-site weather reporting system.

There is one fixed based operator, Centerline Aviation, which provides charter service, flight training, maintenance, aircraft rental, fuel, and many other services. In addition, the airport has a state-of-the-art self-service fueling system for both jet-A and avgas customers.

Great Bend Municipal Airport participates in the Doctors Outreach Program, which is designed to allow doctors to fly to the smaller communities to serve those patients that do not have easy access to medical facilities. Doctors based in Great Bend fly to these locations to visit patients on a regular basis.

Tony's Aerial Spraying, located also in the industrial park, provides aerial application of fertilizers and pesticides on crops in the region. They are a member of the Wildfire Aerial Suppression Program in Kansas.



Ellinwood offers the best of small town living

Ellinwood is a community of over 2,100 people that offers the best of small town living and a great place to raise a family or enjoy retirement. It is located in Barton County on Highway 56/96, just north of the Arkansas River on the plains of Central Kansas. The first claim was staked in 1872 when it was certain the railroad would be completed nearby. The railroad was finished the same year and the city was named after Colonel John Ellinwood, a civil engineer working for the Santa Fe railroad. It became a fast growing community of mostly German and Austrian descendants. German heritage is evident by the architecture on Main Street buildings and the underground shops and tunnels of yesteryear.

Ellinwood has outstanding schools and day care center. It is a safe community for children to play. Many athletic activities are provided through the Ellinwood Recreation Commission for the young and young at heart. A wellness center is also available for the physical fitness enthusiast. The EMS and Fire Departments are both award-

winning and highly ranked among the National Wide NSO. Ellinwood District Hospital is a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital providing inpatient and outpatient service including a 24-hour emergency room. Skilled swing bed and intermediate swing bed is also available. Ellinwood Hospital Clinic is located adjacent to the hospital. Woodhaven Care Center is a Five Star Senior Living facility offering short-term and long-term skilled nursing care and rehabilitation. They also offer a select number of independent living apartments. Country Place Senior Living is a senior living community that offers Assisted Living, In-Home Care and Rehab. The Heritage Senior Center offers daily lunch, pot-luck dinners and entertainment and activities for local senior citizens. Stop in and visit the new Museum of Ellinwood and see all the Ellinwood memorabilia. Ellinwood boasts its own electrical power supply, water system, state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility, recycling center, and compost site. Barton Community College is a 10 minute drive for area students.

The Local restaurants and coffee shop provide a wide variety of homemade food items along with daily specials. Residents may shop in many of the locally owned businesses including a grocery store, convenience stores, vehicle maintenance antique shops and a floral/gift shop. Beautiful Beginnings Boutique of Great Bend recently set up shop in Ellinwood featuring their ladies casual wear. Take a step back to the late 1800's and early 1900's and tour the tunnels in the Ellinwood Underground World and spend a night or two in the Historic Wolf Hotel, a bed and breakfast on the National Register. Walk the brick lined Main Street that is adorned with Golden Wheat Shocks on the light poles.

Visitors also have the opportunity to take in swimming in the city pool and toddlers can play in the new splash pad provided by the Ellinwood Rotary Club.

Enjoy the play equipment at the city park, or play a game of golf on Grove Park Golf Course. RV sites with hook-ups are available with easy access off the highway. One site over-looks Wolf Pond where geese are regular guests and fishing is welcomed.

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