



# Wolf Creek Visitor Guide



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Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS) is jointly owned by Evergy, which owns 94%, and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo), which owns the remaining 6%. Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) has operated the plant on behalf of the owners since 1987.



## Who We Are

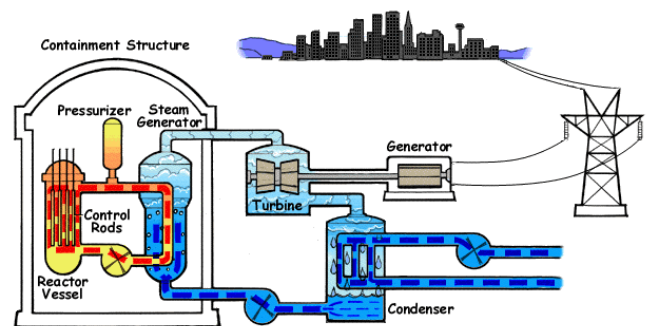
Wolf Creek Generating Station, near Burlington, Kansas, is a Westinghouse four-loop pressurized water reactor producing more than 1,200 megawatts of electricity. The Wolf Creek site is about 10,500 acres, and 1,500 acres of company land are reserved and managed for wildlife. Coffey County Lake makes up 5,090 acres of the site. The Environmental Education Area opened to the public in September 1994.



Sept. 3, 1985	April 14, 1986	Jan. 1, 1987
Main generator output breaker closed and power put to the grid.	Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp. organized to operate, maintain, repair and eventually decommission Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS).	Operation of Wolf Creek transferred from its owners to WCGS.

## What We Do

Wolf Creek generates electricity by heating water to produce steam. Steam turns the blades inside the plant's turbines, which in turn spin the turbine shaft, which spins a magnet inside an electrical generator, thus producing electricity. Instead of burning gas, oil or coal as a heat source, Wolf Creek produces heat by splitting or fissioning atoms of uranium fuel.



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Guest Wifi Network: **EVGuest**

# Visiting Wolf Creek

Scan the QR code to watch a video about entering the Wolf Creek Protected Area.



Before you arrive at Wolf Creek, ensure that you have completed an Escorted Access Information form through your Wolf Creek point of contact. All visitors are required to complete this form in advance of their visit in order to be granted access.

All visitors are asked to provide their Social Security Number in advance of their visit, as well as bring government-issued identification, such as a driver's license or passport, with them to site the day of their visit to comply with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's access authorization regulations. Electronic forms of identification are not considered valid for entry into Wolf Creek's Protected Area. Effective May 7, 2025, all visitors must present a Real ID as their government-issued identification in order to gain escorted access. If the ID provided to Security is not Real ID compliant, access will not be granted. The purpose of these regulations is to provide high assurance that individuals in nuclear power plants are trustworthy and reliable, and do not constitute an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of the public. These security measures prevent unauthorized access to sensitive areas and ensure the safety of both the visitors and the plant's operation.

Our security rules apply to everyone entering the site, and all visitors must follow instructions provided by Security Officers. Searches by Security or authorized personnel may be conducted upon any individual, individual's property or vehicles on site at any time. Individuals will be processed through Security using our normal search procedures. If any guest has metal in his or her body (knee/hip/joint replacement), he or she must agree to a hands-on search by a Security Officer to enter the protected area.

## The process for entering the Wolf Creek Protected Area is as follows:

1. Visitors may park in any open, unreserved spot in the parking lot.
2. Proceed to the Security Access Facility. Once inside, call your site contact or use the intercom located on the east wall outside the turnstiles to speak to the Security Officers monitoring the building. They will unlock the double doors for you to enter the search area.
3. All items brought into the Protected Area must be searched. The X-ray process is similar to airport security. Outerwear (jackets, hats, etc.) must be removed and placed into bins. All items should be removed from pockets. All personal items, except paper products, must be removed from bags and placed into bins.
4. Once all items are placed for X-ray search, you will walk through a metal detector and then enter a monitor that tests for explosive substances. Wait for the monitor to tell you to proceed, then you will collect your personal items on the other side.
5. Once you have collected your items, you will be issued a visitor badge, and you and your site contact will discuss visitor/escort responsibilities. All visitors to the Wolf Creek Protected Area must be escorted by a badged employee at all times.
6. Security and your escort will then process you into the Protected Area.

## Restrictions

No firearms, weapons of any kind or personal protective devices, such as pepper spray or stun guns, are allowed in the Protected Area. This includes explosives, ammunition or fixed blade knives. If any of these items are left in your personal vehicle, ensure it is locked. Illegal drugs are prohibited.

Prescription medication and over-the-counter medication must be in the original containers.

Alcoholic beverages - either opened or unopened - are prohibited on-site. This includes empty alcohol containers.

## Site Phone Numbers

*(If off-site, use prefix 620-364-8831)*

Control Room (emergency only).....	7911
Security.....	4999
Fire Protection.....	4658
Health Services / First Aid.....	4444
Radiation Protection.....	4809

# Prepare for Your Visit

## Arrival Time

To avoid competing with workers arriving for morning shifts, please arrive after 7:30 a.m., unless pre-arranged by your site contact.

## What to Wear

We suggest you wear comfortable cotton clothing (no shorts or capris). Synthetic fabrics are not recommended in radiologically controlled areas as they may attract radon gas. Visitors must wear leather shoes or leather-like shoes. Sandals, high heel, backless, open-toe, mesh or canvas shoes are not permitted.



We will provide non-prescription standard or over-glasses safety eyewear, hard hat and other safety items as needed, such as hearing protection and gloves.

## What to Expect

Please be aware that this is an industrial site, which may include the use of stairs. Walking on uneven surfaces, grating and heights are part of the tour route. Also, take into consideration that tour areas may be very warm.

Please notify us in advance if anyone in your group has recently received any medical treatments or procedures with radioisotopes, such as a stress test, thyroid ablation, seeds, etc. Note, this does not include diagnostic X-rays, such as dental or mammography.

## Parking Lot Safety

Wolf Creek cares about your safety in the parking lots and uses safe walkways between rows of parking and as pathways to buildings. These are designated with solid yellow paint. Please stay within the walkways. If a designated path is not available, please take the safest available route.



Observe posted speed limits and one-way signs, and always give pedestrians the right of way.

Follow the designated lanes and refrain from cutting across the parking lot. The angled parking spaces are not designed for cars to back into or pull through. Drivers should pull directly into the parking spot (between the lines) and remain far enough back to not interfere with the pedestrian safe walkway.

# Lodging

## *Burlington*

**Country Haven Inn**  
207 Cross St.  
Burlington, KS 66839  
620-364-8260

## *Emporia*

**America's Best Inn & Suites**  
3181 US-50 Highway  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-342-7820

**Best Western Emporia Inn**  
2836 W. 18th Ave.  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-255-0933

**Budget Host Inn**  
1830 US-50 Highway  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-343-6922

**Comfort Inn and Suites**  
2921 W. 18th Ave.  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-341-9393

**Econo Lodge**  
2511 W. 18th Ave.  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-343-7750

**Eleven Boutique Hotel**  
3021 US-50 Highway  
Emporia, KS 66801  
469-352-7853

**Hampton Inn by Hilton**  
2900 Eaglecrest Drive  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-412-9040

**Holiday Inn Express and Suites**  
3007 W. 18th Ave.  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-343-1111

**Knights Inn**  
3183 US-50 Highway  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-342-7822

**La Quinta Inn & Suites**  
2930 Eaglecrest Drive  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-342-4445

**MainStay Suites Emporia**  
2602 Candlewood Drive  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-343-7756

**Rodeway Inn**  
2630 W. 18th Ave.  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-343-1240

**Super 8**  
2913 US-50 Highway  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-342-7567

## *Ottawa*

**Comfort Inn**  
2335 S. Oak St.  
Ottawa, KS 66067  
785-242-9898

**Holiday Inn and Express Suites**  
2340 S. King St.  
Ottawa, KS 66067  
785-521-7009

**Knights Inn**  
1641 S. Main St.  
Ottawa, KS 66067  
785-242-4842

**Super 8 by Wyndham**  
2315 S. Oak St.  
Ottawa, KS 66067  
785-521-3200

**SureStay by Best Western**  
212 E. 23rd St.  
Ottawa, KS 66067  
785-242-2224

# Local Area Information

For additional information on lodging and restaurants, contact one of the offices below:

## **Coffey County Economic Development**

110 S. 6th St., Room 5  
Burlington, KS 66839  
620-364-8780  
[bskipper@coffeycountyks.org](mailto:bskipper@coffeycountyks.org)

## **Emporia Area Chamber/Visit Emporia**

719 Commercial  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-342-1600  
[chamber@emporiakschamber.org](mailto:chamber@emporiakschamber.org)  
[emporiakschamber.org](http://emporiakschamber.org)

## **Emporia Main Street**

727 Commercial St  
P.O. Box 2011  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620-340-6430  
[director@emporiainmainstreet.com](mailto:director@emporiainmainstreet.com)  
[emporiainmainstreet.com](http://emporiainmainstreet.com)

## **City of Eureka**

309 N. Oak  
Eureka, KS 67045  
620-583-6140  
[eurekaks.org](http://eurekaks.org)

## **Franklin County Tourism**

1428 S. Main, Suite 2  
Ottawa, KS 66067  
785-229-3487  
[franklincoks.org](http://franklincoks.org)

## **Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce**

419 S. Oak  
Garnett, KS 66032  
785-448-6767  
[director@garnettchamber.org](mailto:director@garnettchamber.org)  
[garnettchamber.org](http://garnettchamber.org)

## **Iola Area Chamber of Commerce**

10 W. Jackson Ave.  
Iola, KS 66749  
620-365-5252  
[chamber@iolachamber.org](mailto:chamber@iolachamber.org)  
[iolachamber.org](http://iolachamber.org)

## **Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce**

109 E. 2nd St.  
Ottawa, KS 66067  
785-242-1000  
[chamber@ottawakansas.org](mailto:chamber@ottawakansas.org)  
[ottawakansas.org](http://ottawakansas.org)

## **Wellsville Chamber of Commerce**

PO Box 472  
Wellsville, KS 66092  
785-816-0406  
[wellsvillechamberofcommerce@hotmail.com](mailto:wellsvillechamberofcommerce@hotmail.com)  
[wellsvillechamber.org](http://wellsvillechamber.org)

## **Woodson County Chamber of Commerce**

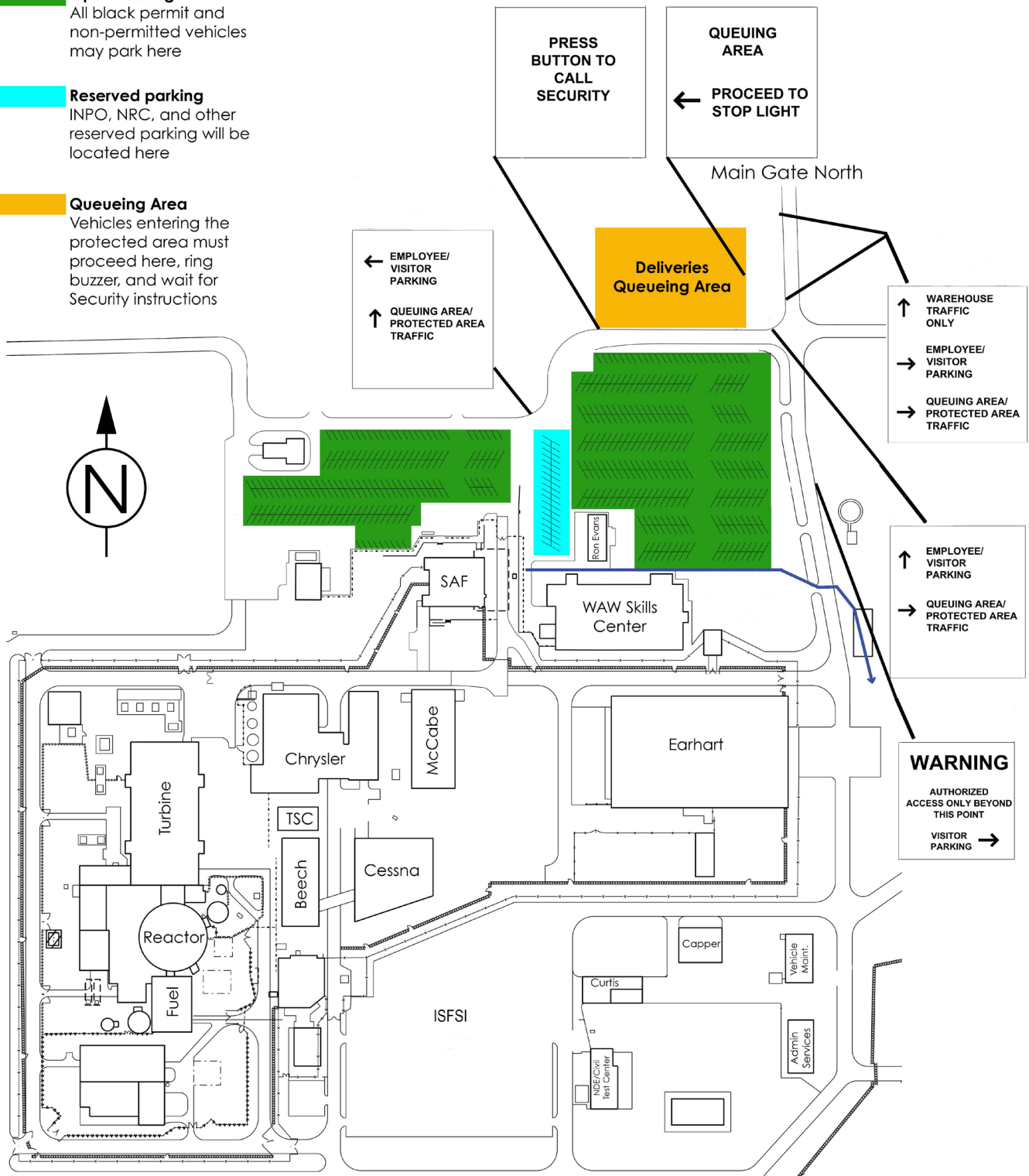
110 N. Main St.  
Yates Center, KS 66783  
620-625-3235  
[director@woodsoncountychamber.org](mailto:director@woodsoncountychamber.org)  
[woodsoncountychamber.com](http://woodsoncountychamber.com)

# Site Map

**Open Parking**  
All black permit and non-permitted vehicles may park here

**Reserved parking**  
INPO, NRC, and other reserved parking will be located here

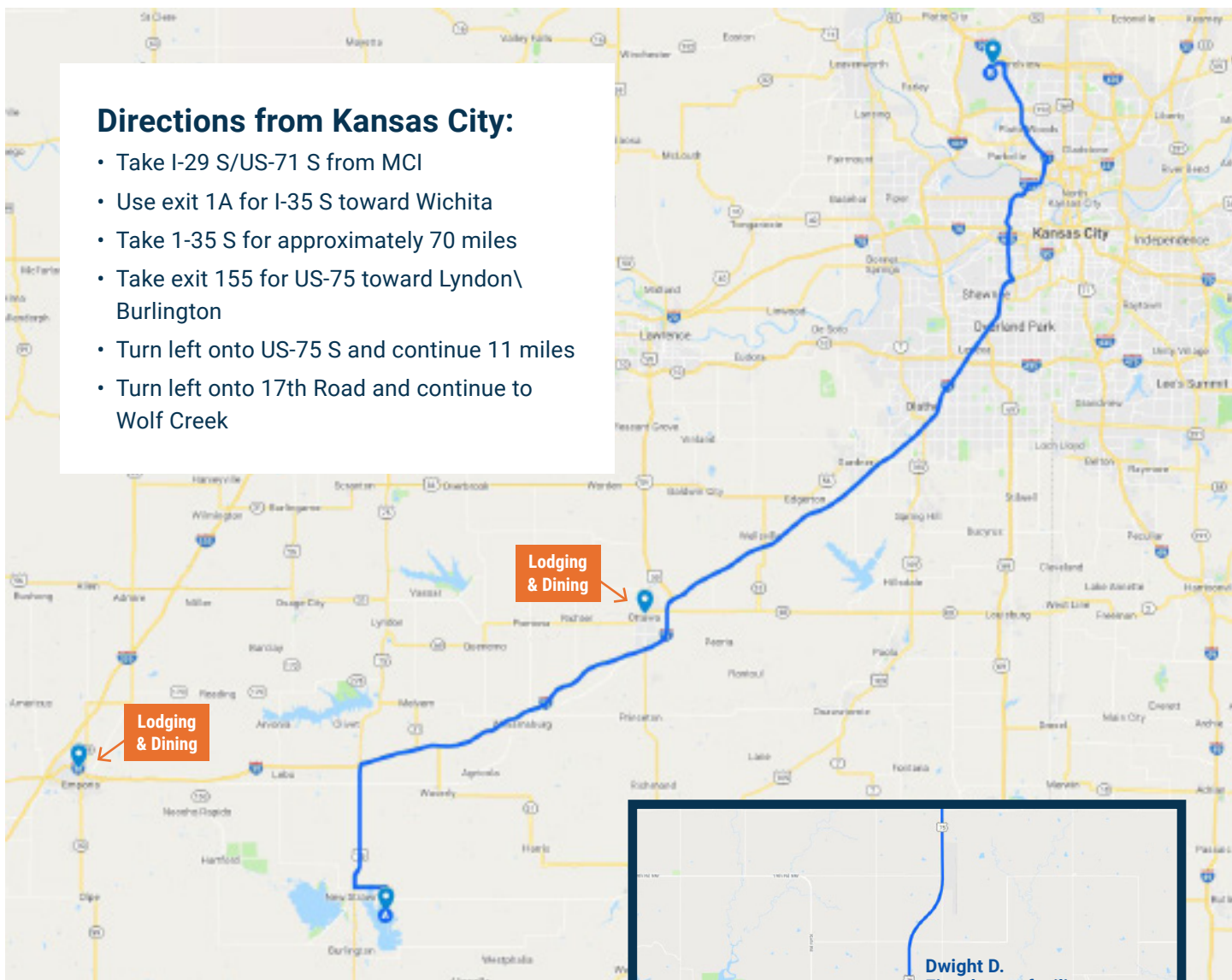
**Queueing Area**  
Vehicles entering the protected area must proceed here, ring buzzer, and wait for Security instructions



# Maps & Directions

## Directions from Kansas City:

- Take I-29 S/US-71 S from MCI
- Use exit 1A for I-35 S toward Wichita
- Take 1-35 S for approximately 70 miles
- Take exit 155 for US-75 toward Lyndon\ Burlington
- Turn left onto US-75 S and continue 11 miles
- Turn left onto 17th Road and continue to Wolf Creek



## Note:

Using GPS to navigate to Wolf Creek can occasionally route you through Burlington and to the south side of the lake. Unfortunately, you will be unable to access the site from that route. Please ensure your GPS route matches the one shown on the right. Addresses to enter:

### Dwight D. Eisenhower facility

1699 Milo Lane, Burlington, KS 66839

### Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station

1550 Oxen Lane, Burlington, KS 66839

