

*A Million Miles Over Kansas City tells the story of John Wagner's life above us and all his adventures throughout the years. The author is one of Kansas City's best-known news directors, Charles Gray, and while he was working with Wagner got inside the crazy escapades of life in the sky.*

The eastern two-thirds of the state especially the northeastern portion has a humid continental climate , with cool to cold winters and hot, often humid summers. Most of the precipitation falls during both the summer and the spring. The western third of the state – from roughly the U. Route 83 corridor westward – has a semiarid steppe climate. Summers are hot, often very hot, and generally less humid. Winters are highly changeable between warm and very cold. The western region receives an average of about 16 inches millimeters of precipitation per year. Chinook winds in the winter can warm western Kansas all the way into the 80 degrees Fahrenheit 27 degrees Celsius range. The far south-central and southeastern portions of the state, including the Wichita area, have a humid subtropical climate with hot and humid summers, milder winters, and more precipitation than elsewhere in Kansas. Some features of all three climates can be found in most of the state, with droughts and changeable weather between dry and humid not uncommon, and both warm and cold spells in the winter. Temperatures in areas between U. Routes 83 and 81 , as well as the southwestern portion of the state along and south of U. High humidity added to the high temperatures sends the heat index into life-threatening territory, especially in Wichita, Hutchinson , Salina , Russell , Hays , and Great Bend. Temperatures are often higher in Dodge City , Garden City , and Liberal , but the heat index in those three cities is usually lower than the actual air temperature. Also, combined with humidity between 85 and 95 percent, dangerous heat indices can be experienced at every hour of the day. Frost-free days range from more than days in the south, to days in the northwest. Western Kansas is as sunny as California and Arizona. Kansas is prone to severe weather, especially in the spring and the early-summer. Despite the frequent sunshine throughout much of the state, due to its location at a climatic boundary prone to intrusions of multiple air masses, the state is vulnerable to strong and severe thunderstorms. Some of these storms become supercell thunderstorms; these can produce some tornadoes , occasionally those of EF3 strength or higher. Kansas averages over 50 tornadoes annually. Furthermore, these storms can even bring in flash flooding and damaging straight line winds.

**Chapter 2 : A Million Miles Over Kansas City by Charles Gray ()**

*Get this from a library! A million miles over Kansas City: the story of John Wagner, most colorful, controversial, daring, and certainly the best flying traffic reporter and street news reporter in the history of Kansas City broadcasting.*

Christmas Lights Drive Kansas City: Over Half a Million Lights! December 15, By Johnna 4 Comments This post may contain affiliate links. Should you make a purchase, you will get the same great price, and I may make a small commission. I use affiliate links to offset the cost of maintaining this site while bringing original recipes and travel tips to you at no charge. Thank you for your support of my site! For the past several years, my favorite fella has put together a drive to see the Christmas Lights in the Johnson County, Kansas area of Kansas City for the members of our car club. For many years, Keith has put together the most comprehensive list of Christmas light displays on the Kansas side of Kansas City. He updates it each year, making sure each display is illuminated. His website is an incredible resource. A few things first: You can get a hot cocoa and use the restroom. Please be respectful in not blocking driveways of neighboring homes or walking through their lawns. And lastly, be prepared to have great fun. There are THIRTEEN light displays on this drive, some you will want to slow down and roll past and some you will want to stop to enjoy for several minutes. There are others that you will pass by that have not been noted in the route, but provide for great enjoyment while getting from one major display to the next. This display is one both sides of Lee Boulevard, all LED lighting with 48, lights using 31, channels. Music is broadcast on FM The light display is synchronized to music. Between each song, the creator of the exhibit includes fun trivia and very corny Christmas jokes that the entire family will enjoy. Follow the route closely, as it directs you to a side street where you can easily park and enjoy the show without being in traffic. I have watched this show in its entirety twice and cannot get enough of the MegaTree. Such a well done display! In the three times I have driven past this exhibit this month, it has grown each time. If we get snow before Christmas, this will be incredibly picturesque. The fourth stop is legendary in Kansas City: This cul-de-sac street began decorating for Christmas in and has a foot tall lighted tree and presents. Each house is well decorated, many with hand-painted wooden cutouts. My favorite is the Dr. One house has an animatronic Candy Shop sitting curbside. Turn your headlights out, leave your parking lights on, while circling through this neighborhood. Stop 5 is one of the smallest displays on the route, however it is the only one with a complete blow mold Nativity. A really great little display that includes plenty of inflatables. This family has decorated everywhere they could, including atop their chimney. There is a donation tube here for Make-a-Wish, please consider leaving a donation. Tune your radio to On many weekends, he and his wife are outside passing out candy canes. The music at this display also plays at a low level from the home. Stop 8 is just up the hill at West 70th Terrace. This is the Dowding family display. They have music playing from an outdoor speaker. Follow the direction in the route for a great viewing spot of this display. On my last drive by, the family was standing at the door waving. My favorite part of this display is Charlie Brown, Yoda, Darth Vader and Spiderman roasting marshmallows around a campfire. So much detail in this display! Lots of fun illuminated sculptures in the yard. This house has a giant NOEL in the yard. The enormous tree trunk is wrapped with lights more than 12 feet up. Several of the neighboring houses are also well decorated, making this a lovely drive. Gapske was outside working on his lights well after dark the last time I drove by, in true Clark Griswold fashion blaming the squirrels for chewing on his wiring. All of these light displays are amazing, but the people who create them are the true gems. Be sure to say hi and thank these folks when you see them out in the yard. And the thirteenth and final stop: Three workers spend three weeks installing this exhibit. New in the past two seasons is a movie screen that shows clips of classic Christmas films. I particularly enjoyed the clip where Clark Griswold in Christmas Vacation is getting ready to plug in all of the lights. The entire display goes dark and then ALL of the lights come on. Here is a link to the printable, turn-by-turn directions for the Christmas Lights Drive. Drive safe and enjoy! If you know of great Christmas light displays in the Kansas City area, please leave a comment. I hope you enjoy this route.

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Geographic overview[ edit ] Kansas City satellite map. The larger Missouri River is zigzagging from west to east; the much smaller Kansas is approaching from the south and joins it at Kaw Point. The larger Kansas City Metropolitan Area as seen on a map can be visualized roughly as four quadrants: The southeast quadrant includes Kansas City, Missouri and surrounding areas in Missouri. It includes the notorious Grandview Triangle. Often the Wyandotte government is referred to simply as " The Unified Government ". Divisions of the Kansas City metropolitan area[ edit ] Main article: Downtown is bounded by the Missouri River on the north, the Missouri-Kansas state line on the west, 31st Street on the south and the Blue River on the east. The downtown loop is formed by Interstates , 70 and Other neighborhoods within downtown are the River Market and Columbus Park, both located between the downtown loop and the Missouri River. Between the downtown loop and the state line are the Westside neighborhood and the West Bottoms , located at the bottom of the bluff adjacent to Kaw Point. Midtown[ edit ] Midtown is entirely within Kansas City, Missouri, just south of downtown, and bounded by 31st Street on the north, the state line on the west, West Gregory Boulevard 71st Street on the south, and Troost Avenue on the east. Midtown consists of numerous distinct and historic neighborhoods such as Westport , Hyde Park , and Southmoreland. Shopping is centered on the Country Club Plaza, which contains numerous luxury retailers, hotels, and restaurants. Brookside and Westport also contain smaller-scale, neighborhood-oriented, and niche-market retailers. The Northland is the area north of the Missouri River, bordered by the Kansas state line on the west and Missouri Highway on the east. The southern half of Platte County , and much of Clay County make up the area. Also included in this area is western Lafayette County Missouri and the far northeast portion of Cass County Missouri. It contains many residential neighborhoods, the Fairfax Industrial District , and the Village West entertainment district. Village West contains many area attractions.

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