

VENTURE



U.S. Highway 385

The Route

158 miles through the Nebraska Panhandle from South Dakota to Colorado along U.S. Highway 385.

The View

Expansive sandhills, pine-covered buttes, rolling hills, and lush river valleys.

The Adventure

Courthouse and Jail Rocks, England-inspired Carhenge, Western museums, and national outfitter Cabela's.

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Left

Courthouse and Jail Rocks, Bridgeport

Right Clockwise

Carhenge, Alliance; Pine Ridge National Recreation Area, Chadron;
Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron;
Cabela's, Sidney; Fort Sidney Museum, Sidney

385 – Gold Rush Byway

In the late 1800s, as much as \$200,000 in gold was transported daily along this route from mining towns in the Black Hills to the railroad at Sidney. Today, it's not so much the cargo along Highway 385 that's golden . . . it's the experience.

This portion of the state is often defined by its ever-present natural beauty: picturesque landscape composed of breathtaking buttes, open plateaus, vast wheat fields, and rolling sandhills. The view from the car window alone is amazing, or take in your surroundings firsthand via miles of hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails that weave through areas such as Chadron State Park and the Pine Ridge Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest near Chadron.

A wealth of history also awaits on the 385 – Gold Rush Byway. Two of the more famous landmarks during the western migration, Courthouse and Jail Rocks, rise some 400 feet above the North Platte River Valley outside Bridgeport. And a number of museums and attractions tell the tale of pioneer life and military heritage, including the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center in Chadron as well as the Fort Sidney Museum and Post Commander's Home in Sidney.

Looking for a few unexpected stops? Take in Carhenge, the automotive homage to England's Stonehenge, outside Alliance. Or see where it all started at the world headquarters of Cabela's, a retail mecca for outdoor enthusiasts.

