

**1. Queen of the Frontier Posts**

Fort Leavenworth's mission was to ensure peace and to protect commerce on the Santa Fe Trail.

**2. Horsemanship Training**

Gruber Riding Hall was built in 1908. Officer students and soldiers of the 9th and 10th Cavalry, aka the "Buffalo Soldiers," used it to practice horsemanship.

**3. Missouri River Overlook**

This scenic overlook offers a panoramic view of "The Highway to the West." Members of the Lewis and Clark expedition scaled this bluff in 1806.

**4. Command and General Staff College (CGSC)**

CGSC is the Army's senior tactical school. Its beginnings trace back to the School of Application for Cavalry and Infantry, established in 1881.

**5. Corral Creek**

This site, established in 1855, was the livestock yard for Army contractors who hauled goods to western posts.

**6. World War I and II Induction Centers**

These centers were built to process the large numbers of troops that came to be inducted for World Wars I and II.

**7. Buffalo Soldier Monument**

Gen. Colin Powell dedicated the Buffalo Soldier Monument in 1992, to honor the African-American soldiers who served in the various Buffalo Soldiers regiments formed in 1866.

**8. Berlin Wall Monument and Grove of the Regiments**

Pieces of the barrier that separated West and East Berlin during the Cold War and a tribute to past units.

**9. Arsenal of the West**

Sherman, Sheridan, Grant and Wagner Halls were built between 1859 and 1916 as part of the arsenal. Sherman and Sheridan were originally used as ordnance storehouses.

**10. Cantonment Leavenworth**

This is the site of the original, temporary campsite established on May 8, 1827, by Col. Leavenworth.

**11. Trails West**

The cut in the hillside is one of the starting points of the Oregon and Santa Fe trails in Kansas.

**12. First Kansas Territorial Capitol and Military Prison**

Site of the Territorial Capitol of Kansas from October 7 to November 24, 1854. A wooden stockade was built in 1875.

**13. United States Disciplinary Barracks (USDB) History**

In May of 1875, the United States Military Prison (USMP) was established and later renamed the USDB. It was relocated to a new facility on Fort Leavenworth in 2002. There are multiple displays inside the center court of the complex describing what the buildings were used for.

**14. Nez Perce - Prisoners of War**

The Nez Perce Native Americans surrendered in Montana Territory in 1877, and were eventually brought to Fort Leavenworth as prisoners of war.

**15. United States Military Prison (USMP) Cemetery**

This cemetery was established in 1884, for inmates who died or were executed at the USMP.

**16. United States Disciplinary Barracks - The Castle**

The Castle housed the inmates. The building had eight wings radiating from a central six-story rotunda.

**17. Peacemakers**

In 1833, numerous Native American tribal leaders were brought here to negotiate with federal authorities to help create peace on the Plains.

**18. Main Parade**

Since the first tent camp was pitched at Fort Leavenworth in 1827, this field has been the center of the post's activities. One of the houses across the field is "The Rookery," the oldest surviving building on the fort, and the oldest continuously occupied residence in the state of Kansas.

**19. Battle Training History**

This building was known as the "Beehive," because it was once reserved for large military families and continually "buzzed" with noise. Currently, it houses the National Simulation Center.

**20. West End Parade**

This was the site of encampments of volunteers during the Mexican-American War, Civil War and World War I. The Civilian Military Training Camp and Civilian Conservation Corps also used this area.

**21. Saint Ignatius Chapel**

A commemorative park replaced the original site of the chapel, which burned in 2001.

**22. Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery**

This was one of the first 14 national cemeteries established by Abraham Lincoln in 1862. There are more than 23,000 graves representing every conflict since the War of 1812.



**Location:**

Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is located northwest of the greater Kansas City metropolitan area, 15 miles north of Interstate 70 on Kansas Highway 7 / US 73.

**Please Note:**

If you don't have a Department of Defense issued ID card, you must stop by the Visitor Center at the corner of Metropolitan Avenue and 4th Street (See Map). All vehicles must have current tags, proof of insurance, registration and are subject to search when entering the installation.



Your self-guided tour starts at Wayside Marker 1 in front of the **Frontier Army Museum**, 100 Reynolds Avenue.

# Fort Leavenworth Wayside Tour

**The oldest continuously active fort west of the Appalachian Mountains**



Colonel Henry Leavenworth established Fort Leavenworth on May 8, 1827. The mission of the post was to protect the western frontier, to keep peace among the Native American tribes resettled into this area and to provide escort on the newly opened Santa Fe Trail. The post is a major historical site, and its residents are proud to share with visitors their part of our national military heritage. The fort is also an active military post, home to the Combined Arms Center.

During its early history, Fort Leavenworth was an important command and control headquarters for the war in the far west, as well as a major supply transshipment point for western supplies to the east.

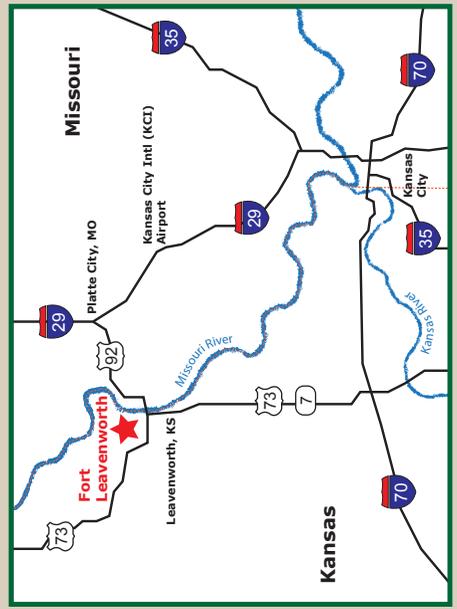
The forerunner of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College was established in 1881. Tens of thousands of U.S. and international officers have attended the Army's senior tactical college to become "Leavenworth graduates."





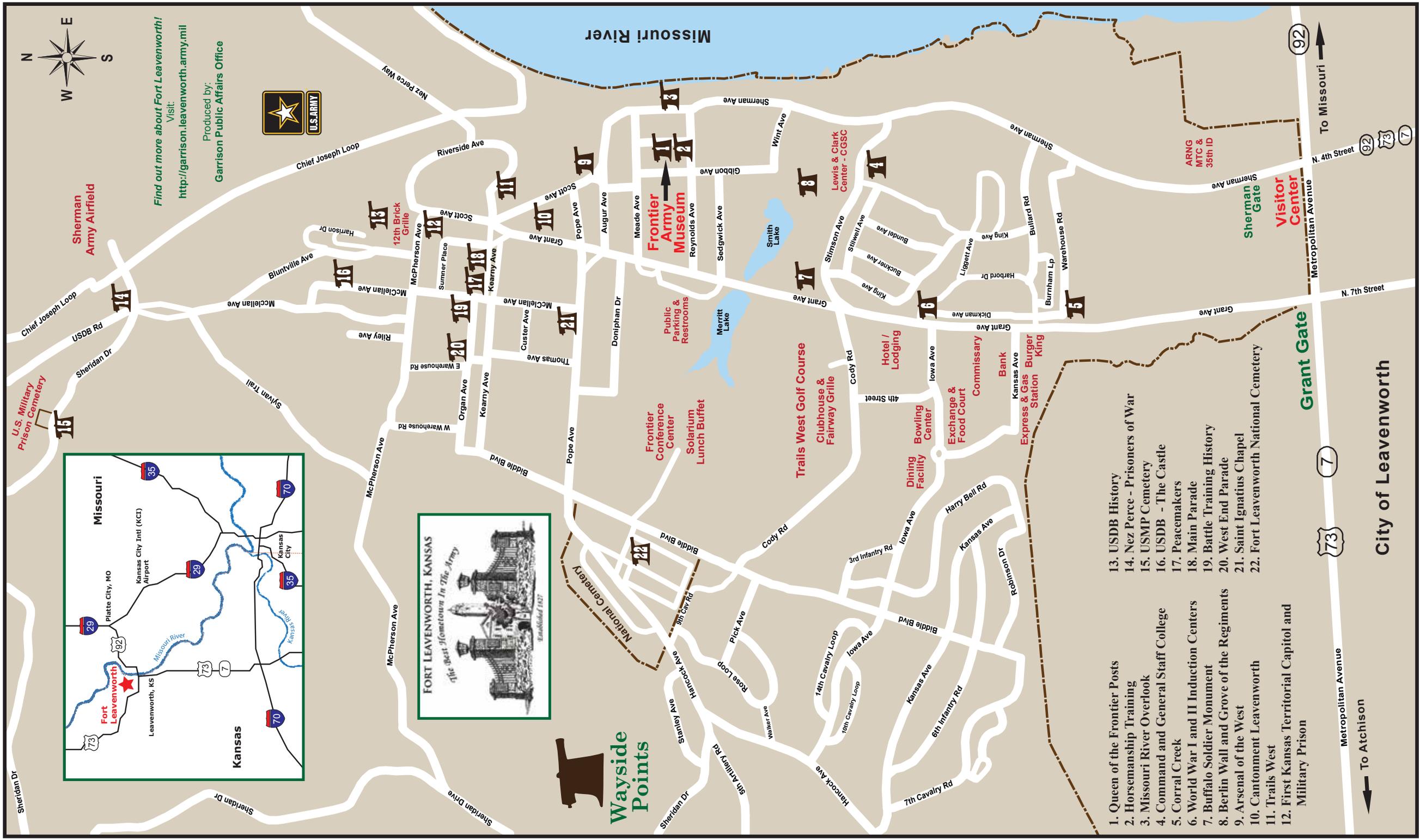
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