

Scavenger Hunt - Get reacquainted with Emporia and former stomping grounds with our Apella weekend scavenger hunt! Prizes will be available from Emporia Main Street and Visit Emporia.

Info & Rules

Emporia has likely seen many changes since you graduated. Other things may be just as you left them. What better way to relive some of your favorite memories, and make new ones, than by hunting around town in search of Emporia's hot spots? Emporia Main Street and Visit Emporia have come together to create this scavenger hunt designed to have you enjoying all that Emporia has to offer. Once you have determined the answer to the clues, visit the locations and take a photo of yourself (and your crew) at the destination. Upload the image to Facebook or Instagram and tag Emporia Main Street and Visit Emporia. Also use the hashtag #Apella. Visit at least 10 locations to be entered into a drawing for great prizes from both Emporia Main Street and Visit Emporia. Enjoy hunting around your old stomping grounds!

Clues:

1. The Red Rocks of Emporia are not home to a concert venue, but rather Emporia's most famous Pulitzer prize-winning resident.
2. May 6th of 1940 was when this Emporia landmark was dedicated and opened. Emporia threw a five day celebration which was appropriately called the Fiestaval (a phrase coined just for this event from the words FIESTA and festiVal)
3. This gorgeous historic theatre was erected in 1929 and lovingly restored to its original splendor by mentors of the Emporia community from 2002 to 2008
4. Named for Mary White's love for this famous literary work, this park is perfect for all who are young at heart.
5. Let loose your inner animal and take in the beautiful botanical gardens at this Emporia landmark.
6. This neo-classical turn-of-the-century mansion is Emporia's only registered Bed and Breakfast.
7. Sweet lovers will not want to miss this confectionary delight!
8. Charcuterie lovers will delight in this new to Emporia purveyor of meats, cheeses, and artisan breads.
9. You don't have to be royal to visit one of this town's longest-running drinking institutions.
10. Choo choo! Coming through as the newest hangout spot in town for those that are old enough to attend. Check out this place for the most colorful drinks, an array of fried foods, and Friday/Saturday evening table games.
11. This place "renews the soul" with a fresh cup of house blend or a blended Kona Mocha. Pairs well with chocolate.
12. Puzzles, jewelry, pottery, oh my! This place has all the unique gifts you need for your family and friends. Help support your local artists here.
13. You don't need to own a farm or ranch to enjoy browsing at this Emporia institution that includes a wall with over 8,000 pairs of jeans.

14. Came in 1958 with the hopes of including an amusement park; however, the amusement park never came to fruition; however, this entertainment loved by kids in our community has remained for 64 years.
15. A pile of words and hordes of “jackets.” Take a quick look or stay and browse, either way, you are sure to get lost in the magic of another world.
16. What better place to take a dip and cool off on a hot summer day!
17. Emporia is the founding city of veterans day and this memorial stands as an honor to all those who have served and sacrificed.
18. This home of an early Welsh pioneer stills stands to provide a window into Emporia’s earlier days.
19. Don’t get caught in the rain by The Station. Sneak under the umbrella for a photo.
20. New to the town, children from all over flock to cool down in the blistering summer heat. To hear the squeals and laughter, head on down to the largest park in town.
21. You can hear Silent Joe ringing from this popular engagement and graduation photo spot on dear old ESU’s Campus that is beautifully lit near the Memorial Union. An old folktale accompanies this location and it has been said that if you share a kiss in this spot at midnight, you will end up marrying that person.
22. Home of the Dynamic Discs Open (the former Glass Blown Open), this location features world-class disc golf courses on its 70 acres.
23. In addition to the All Veterans Memorial, a special site is dedicated to members of this ethnic group who fought in WWII; today, this group comprises 27% of Emporia’s population.
24. Weighing 5 to 9 tons (a bison only weighs 1 ton!) this “Emporia Stonehenge” was erected a mere 30 years ago (only 4970 years later than the real Stonehenge).
25. This historic building in downtown Emporia was the first in the Emporia Town Company to have an alcohol prohibition. When you were a student it was maybe a national retail chain or a carpet store. Today, you’ll likely meet a real Flint Hills Cowboy when you stop in for a cold one!
26. Spread your wings with daylilies and regional flowers. This downtown stop is a great opportunity for an Instagramable moment!