LINCOLN, NEB. (Feb. 14, 2012)—The featured stops for the 2012 Nebraska Passport have been selected.

This year the Passport program has expanded to 80 stops organized into 10 special interest tours: culinary, culture, family fun, festivals, golf, GROW Nebraska, parks, unique accommodations, water adventure and wineries.

The program, created by the Department of Economic Development's Travel and Tourism Division, encourages travelers to explore Nebraska and take home great prizes.

Tourists who travel to the featured locations receive a stamp at each stop. At the end of the trip, visitors can send in a tear-out page from the passport. If visitors complete an interest tour, they get a Passport T-shirt. If visitors collect 25 stamps, they get a $25 GROW Nebraska gift card; and if they get 40 stamps, they receive a Canon Powershot digital camera. A grand-prize drawing for an Apple iPad will be held in October.

More than 170 sites applied to be part of the 2012 program, as being featured in the Passport exposes attractions and communities to new visitors. In fact, 94 percent of previous participants said a follow-up survey that they visited at least one Nebraska attraction they wouldn't have otherwise visited because it was a Passport stop.

2012 Passport Tours and Stops

Culinary Tour

- Glur's Tavern, Columbus
- Sandstone Grill, Burwell
- The Pink Poodle, North Platte
- The Sisters Grimm, Bushnell
- The Most Unlikely Place, Lewellen
- Kahill's Steak-Fish & Chophouse, South Sioux City

- Green Lantern Steakhouse and Lounge, Decatur
- LakeShore Marina Resort, Johnson Lake

Culture Tour

- Wessels Living History Farm, York
- Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice
- Willa Cather State Historic Site / Red Cloud Opera House, Red Cloud
- Museum of the Fur Trade, Chadron
- Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Harrison
- Petrified Wood Gallery and Art Center, Ogallala
- Woodland Trails Art & Learning Center and Honoring-the-Clans Sculpture Garden, Winnebago
- Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln

Family Fun Tour

- Tree Adventure at Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska City
- Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford
- TK Drive In, Neligh
- Front Street Steakhouse and Cowboy Museum, Ogallala
- Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, Grand Island
- Omaha Children's Museum, Omaha
- Calamus Fish Hatchery, Burwell
- Lincoln Children's Zoo, Lincoln

Festivals Tour

- NEBRASKAland DAYS, North Platte
- Nebraska's Big Rodeo and Garfield County Fair, Burwell
- Kool-Aid Days, Hastings
- Cornhusker State Games, Lincoln
- AppleJack Festival 2012, Nebraska City
- Fur Trade Days, Chadron
- Summer Arts Festival, Omaha
- 51st Annual Czech Fest, Wilber

Golf Tour

- Monument Shadows Golf Course, Gering
- Heritage Hills Golf Course, McCook
- Lake Maloney Golf Club, North Platte
- Beatrice Country Club, Beatrice
- Wilderness Ridge Golf Club, Lincoln
- The Prairie Club, Valentine
- Cross Creek Golf Links, Cambridge
- Bayside Golf Club, Brule

GROW Nebraska Tour

- Nebraska Prairie Museum, Holdrege
- Dudek's Christian Bookshelf and June's Corn Bread, Gordon
- Branched Oak Farm, Raymond
- Master's Hand Candle Company and Serendipity Chocolate Factory, Tekamah
- Ricky & Lucy's Country Greenhouse, Sidney
- Sehnert's Bakery & Bieroc Cafe, McCook
- Heritage Falls Candles, Falls City

- GROW Nebraska Kearney Store, Kearney

Parks Tour

- Bader Memorial Park, Chapman
- Lake McConaughy Visitor/Water Interpretive Center, Ogallala
- Nebraska National Forest (Bessey Ranger District), Halsey
- Hudson-Meng Research and Education Center, Crawford
- Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area, Gering
- Platte River State Park, Louisville
- Niobrara State Park, Niobrara
- Arbor Lodge State Historical Park, Nebraska City

Unique Accommodations Tour

- High Plains Homestead, Crawford
- Slattery Vintage Estates Glamping, Nehawka
- Arrow Hotel & Suites, Broken Bow
- The Historic Argo Hotel, Crofton
- Burchell's White Hill Farmhouse Inn, Minden
- Hotel Wilber, Wilber
- The Balcony House B&B, Imperial
- River Inn Resort, Brownville

Water Adventure Tour

- Hastings Aquacourt Water Park, Hastings
- Rocky Ford Camp & Outfitters, Valentine
- 2 The Ends Of The Earth's "Nyobrafting®", Nenzel
- Bryson's Airboat Tours, Fremont
- Patterson Harbor Marina and Resort, Republican City
- Pawnee Plunge Water Park, Columbus
- Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area, Crofton
- Glidden Canoe Rental, Mullen

Wineries Tour

- James Arthur Vineyards, Raymond
- Silver Hills Vineyards & Winery, Tekamah
- SchillingBridge Winery & Microbrewery, Pawnee City
- Whiskey Run Creek Vineyard & Winery, Brownville
- Mac's Creek Winery & Vineyards, Lexington
- Prairie Vine Winery, Mitchell
- Sage Hill Vineyard & Winery, Parks
- Superior Estates Winery, Superior

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