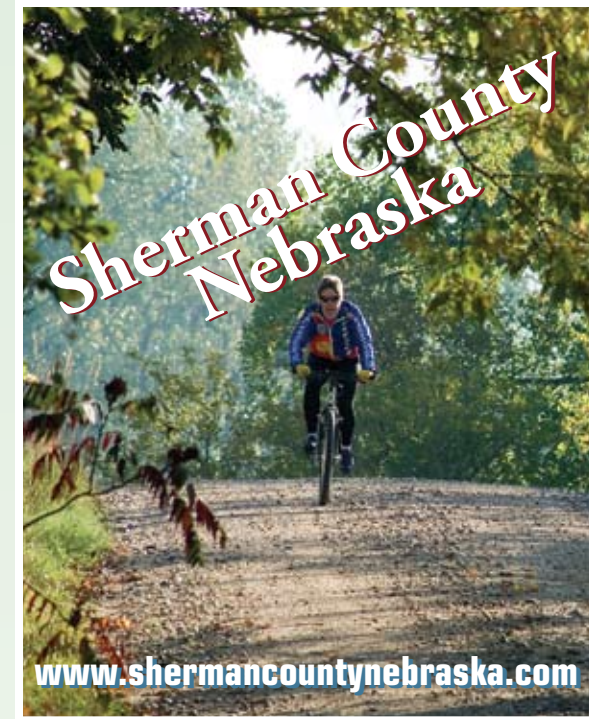
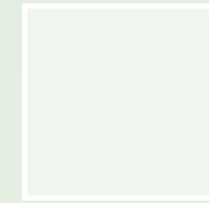


# Imagine a place where you have plenty of room to play....



## “More Than You Expected”

### Home of Loup City and Sherman Reservoir State Recreation Area

Located in central Nebraska with easy access from I-80, less than 50 miles from either Grand Island or Kearney, Sherman County offers unexpected opportunities for active people in a beautiful natural setting.

Set among the rolling hills of the Loup River drainage along the Middle Loup River, Sherman County is an ideal location for a variety of activities. Road and Mountain biking, canoeing/kayaking on rivers and lakes, nature walks, bird watching and stargazing are all available in addition to hunting, fishing, boating, camping and golf.

No matter what you like to do, Sherman County is your playground. From Sherman Reservoir State Recreation Area (with 65 miles of shoreline) for all kinds of water sports, fishing, camping and walking to miles and miles of roads for road and mountain biking, plus golf and disc golf, you can do it all in Sherman County.

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**Sherman County** has always been known for the quality of its hunting and fishing, and this is as true now as ever, but there is so much more to it than that.

Have you ever wished for a place where you could go for a **Bike Ride** without a ton of traffic? Sherman County has great rides on great roads. The road surface is good to excellent and the traffic volume is low. The drivers generally range from courteous to just plain curious and there is a variety of terrain, from flat along the rivers to rolling hills.

**Mountain Biking** without mountains?! You Bet! Sherman County has miles and miles of dirt roads for easy adventures. Better yet, we have miles and miles and miles of challenging technical riding on “unimproved” farm roads. On the edge of the Sandhills, the terrain is rolling, rutted and lots of fun!

No its not raging white water, but Sherman County does offer opportunities for flatwater **Kayaking and Canoeing**. The 65 miles of shoreline at Sherman Reservoir provide numerous coves to explore and, depending on the season, the Middle Loup River invites you to explore in your kayak. Sherman County is also within easy reach of several designated Nebraska Canoe Trails: these include the North Loup, the Calamus and the Dismal river trails.

Maybe **Walking** is more your speed. Sherman County has plenty of room to stretch your legs. There is room to roam at **Bowman Lake State Recreation Area** as well as 4,721 land acres at Sherman Reservoir.

Sherman County offers plenty of opportunities to observe our feathered friends with the **Gasteyer Nature Sanctuary** on the Middle Loup River in addition to Sherman Reservoir and Bowman Lake State Recreation Area.

Sherman County is situated on the edge of the Sandhills, one of the largest dark areas on a light pollution map of the U.S. More **Stars** are visible here than in many other parts of the country.



Sherman Reservoir State Recreation Area

Loup City has a challenging 9 hole **Golf** course and we're centrally located so you can test your skills at a number of other courses in the area.

Yes, you can play golf with a frisbee and Loup City has recently expanded their **Disc Golf** course at **Jenner's Park** to develop a 9 hole short course. In addition, the park offers picnic shelters and playground equipment. The Loup City swimming pool and tennis courts are also nearby.

**Sherman Reservoir State Recreation Area** offers water sports, boating, fishing and camping. Facilities at Sherman Reservoir include three boat ramps, picnic shelters, primitive camping sites and a coin operated shower facility. [www.ngpc.state.ne.us/parks/](http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/parks/)

The concession area for the lake, **Trade Winds Marina** offers a convenience store and food as well as boat and cabin rentals.

**Hunters and Fishermen** are always welcome in Sherman County. Hunters will find pheasant, duck, geese, turkey and deer. Fish to be caught include walleye, crappie, catfish, northern pike and white bass. Sherman Reservoir also hosts annual tournaments for walleye and crappie. [www.srwafish.org](http://www.srwafish.org)

## Sherman County Historical Museum - Loup City

“Take a Trip into the Past” at the Sherman County Historical Museum established by the Sherman County Historical Society to preserve the history of the communities, past and present, of Sherman County. The museum collection is housed in several buildings that have been saved from around the county, including an actual one room schoolhouse built in 1874.

## Polish Heritage Center - Ashton

“Defining the Polish Legacy in Nebraska and the world.”

The Polish Heritage Center was incorporated in 1997 in an effort to preserve the ancestral language, culture and traditions of one of the most significant immigrant groups to settle in Nebraska. Today, in their establishment of a Polish Heritage center, both current and former residents join in their efforts to preserve the culture of their origin. The center houses a museum, library, a genealogical collection, meeting rooms and a gift shop.

[www.polishheritagecenter.com](http://www.polishheritagecenter.com)

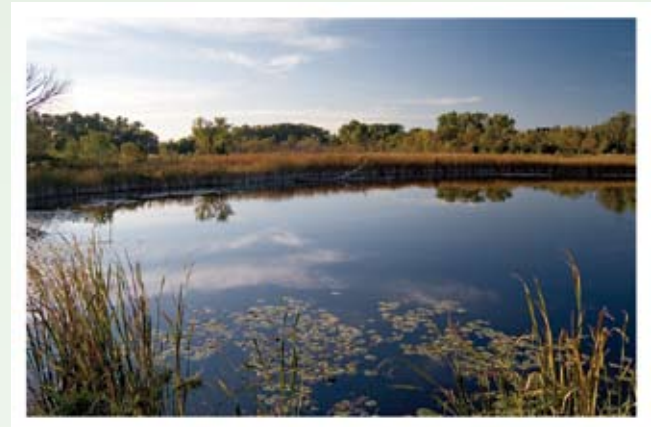
## Local Events

There are many local events throughout the year in Sherman County. Loup City celebrates its Polish Heritage with the **Polish Days Festival** on the first weekend in June. On the weekend nearest **4th of July**, the fireworks display is over the water at Sherman Reservoir. The first weekend after the 4th of July is time for the **Ashton Days Celebration** and Ashton holds its **Polish Festival** on the first Sunday after Labor Day. The **Old Settlers Picnic** in Litchfield happens in June or July.

## In Addition...

### The Towns of Sherman County

In addition to Loup City ([www.loupcity.org](http://www.loupcity.org) or [www.loupcity.com](http://www.loupcity.com)), the County Seat, Sherman County has several other towns; Ashton, Rockville, Litchfield and Hazard ([www.nctc.net/~hazard/](http://www.nctc.net/~hazard/)), all of which reflect a friendly, slow paced quality of life not often found in today's modern world. Sherman County may not have many brand name fast food restaurants, but this is more than made up for in the many local cafes and eateries where food is prepared to your order and often comes garnished with a good natured chat.



Bowman Lake State Recreation Area



**For more information call the Loup City Chamber of Commerce at 308-745-0430 or visit [www.shermancountynebraska.com](http://www.shermancountynebraska.com)**

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