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LINCOLN, Neb. (March 9, 2018)—The Nebraska Tourism Commission is pleased to announce the stops that will be part of the 2018 Nebraska Passport. The Passport inspires Nebraskans and tourists to travel the state collecting stamps to earn prizes, while also supporting Nebraska's tourism destinations. In 2017 a record-setting number of people participated in the program with 469 participants hitting every stop.

"I'm continually amazed by the number of people who are passionate about this program and I'm pleased we can bring it back for the 9th year," said John Ricks, Nebraska Tourism executive director. "Each summer these travelers embark on new Nebraska adventures and I know they'll enjoy the destinations listed in the 2018 booklet."

The 2018 Passport will feature 70 attractions in 11 different categories, including animals, sweet treats and outdoors. Travelers will have from May 1 through September 30 to visit the attractions and get their stamps.

"The purpose of the Passport program is to help travelers discover Nebraska's hidden gems. 2018 Passport travelers will experience a variety of unique destinations while creating lifelong memories," said Passport program coordinator Frin Wirth.

Passports will be available at participating stops starting May 1 or can be preordered at NebraskaPassport.com.

Participants are also encouraged to download the Nebraska Passport App for their smartphone to get digital stamps, supplementing the physical Passport booklet for convenience. Please note, the passport app will be updated with the 2018 information on May 1. Those who used the mobile app last year will need to download the update to see the new program information. To download, search 'NE Passport' in the Apple App Store or the Google Play App Store.

2018 prizes will include:

â—10 stamps – Passport car decal and \$15 in Nebraska lottery coupons

â—25 stamps - Nebraska Tourism calendar

â-45 stamps - Nebraska poster booklet

â—70 stamps – "Passport Champion" apparel.

â—All children who participate will be awarded a special Passport surprise.

â—Additionally, there will be drawings for 100+ prizes, including a Butcher's Share

from Omaha Steaks, "One Combo Meal a Week for a Year" from Runza, and a year's supply of chocolate from Bakers Candies.

2018 Passport stop categories:

Animals

Arts

Back in Time

Coffee

Oregon Trail 175th Anniversary

Outdoors

Pizza

Restaurants

Shopping

Sweet Treats

Wine & Beer

The selected sites are (by town):

Knight Museum and Sandhills Center (Alliance)

Dragonfly Desserts Coffee House & Bakery (Alma)

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park (Ashland)

Gene Roncka Willow Point Gallery & Museum (Ashland)

R.F. Goeke Variety & Soda Fountain (Atkinson)

Plainsman Museum (Aurora)

Bassett Lodge & Range Café (Bassett)

Chimney Rock National Historic Site (Bayard)

The Black Crow (Beatrice)

Fontenelle Forest (Bellevue)

The Tarnished Halo (Bridgeport)

Pizza Palace (Burwell)

Dark Island Trail (Central City)

A Pocketful of Rye (Chadron)

Chadron State Park (Chadron)

Urban Farm Boutique (Columbus)

High Plains Homestead, Home of the Drifter Cookshack & Bunkhouse (Crawford)

Corps of Discovery Welcome Center (Crofton)

Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center (Denton)

Sugar Shack Country Candles (Edgar)

The Garden Gallery (Elkhorn)

Rock Creek Station State Historical Park (Fairbury)

Milady Coffeehouse at The May Brothers Building (Fremont)

Fill My Cup Coffee Shop (Genoa)

Rowe Sanctuary (Gibbon)

Lasso Espresso Co. (Gothenburg)

Wave Pizza Co. (Grand Island)

Platte Valley Antique Mall (Greenwood)

Nissen Winery (Hartington)

Hastings Museum (Hastings)

Sugar Bee (Hickman)

Nebraska Prairie Museum (Holdrege)

Iron Horse Food & Spirits (Hooper)

Shopping Tripps (Kearney)

The Archway (Kearney)

Windbreak Bar & Grill (Kimball)

Mac's Creek Winery (Lexington)

Piezano's (Lincoln)

Sheldon Museum of Art (Lincoln)

The Rabbit Hole Bakery (Lincoln)

UNL Dairy Store (Lincoln)

Feathers (Lousiville)

Loop Brewing Company (McCook)

Arbor Day Farm Tree Adventure (Nebraska City)

Wildwood Historic Center (Nebraska City)

Barnstormers Family Bar & Grill (Norfolk)

Lincoln County Historical Museum (North Platte)

Pals Brewing Company (North Platte)

retified wood & Art Gallery (Ogaliala)

Passageway Gallery (Omaha)

River City Star Riverboat (Omaha)

The Durham Museum (Omaha)

Zio's Pizza - Old Market (Omaha)

Shamrock Nursery (O'Neill)

Herban Coffee Lab (Plattsmouth)

A Collective Gathering (Potter)

The Flight Deck (Scottsbluff)

Riverside Discovery Center: Zoo & Splashpad (Scottsbluff)

Bottle Rocket Brewing Co. (Seward)

Liberty House B&B, Antiques & Tiny Tall Grass Tours (Seward)

Indian Cave State Park (Shubert)

Miletta Vista Winery (St. Paul)

Superior Estates Winery (Superior)

Allsorts Boutique (Sutherland)

Taylor Community Arboretum (Taylor)

Master's Hand (Tekamah)

Peppermill Restaurant (Valentine)

1912 Emporium (Wayne)

Red Door Coffee (West Point)

Wessels Living History Farm (York)

More information on the Passport program can be found at NebraskaPassport.com.

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The mission of the Nebraska Tourism Commission is to expand Nebraska's dynamic and diverse travel industry making it more viable by creating awareness, attracting increased visitors which results in greater tourism revenue and economic gain throughout the state. To learn more, go to <u>VisitNebraska.com</u>.

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