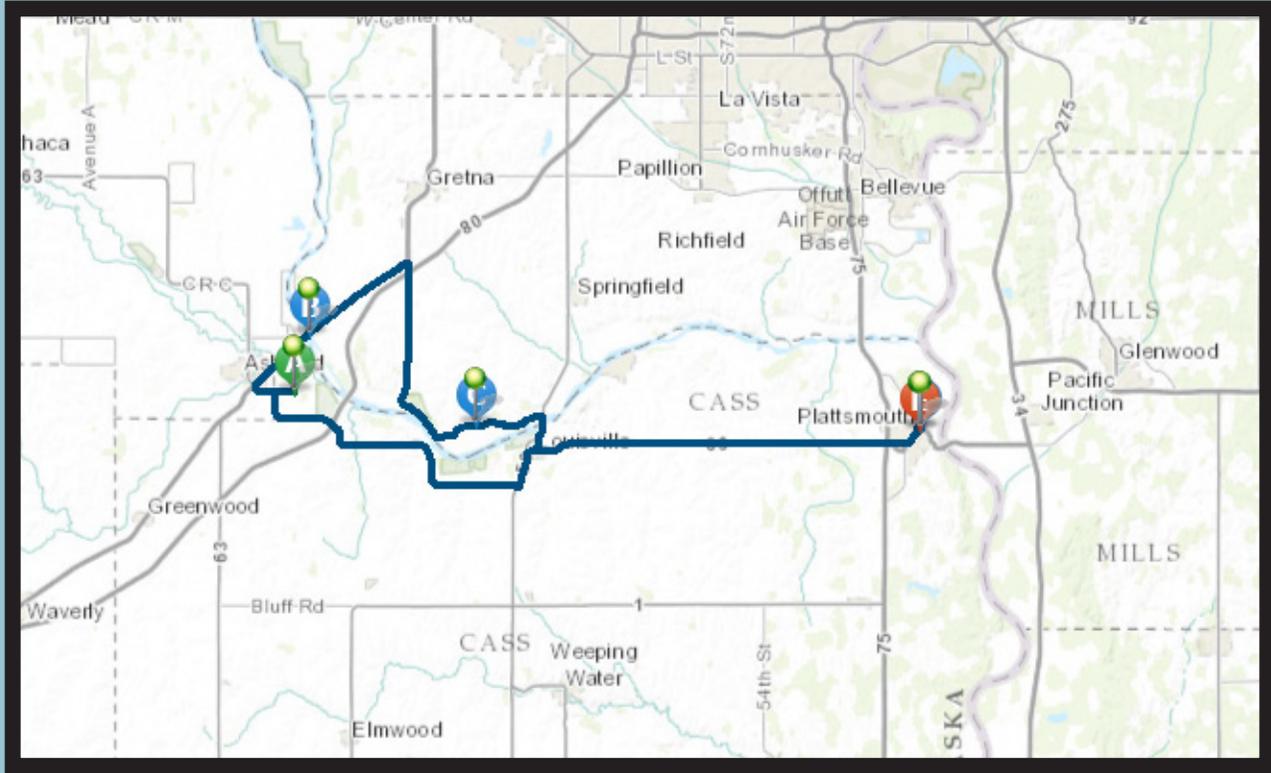


# 2014 LPR Summit Bus Tour



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We will start our tour here at Camp Carol Joy Holling where we will load the buses at approximately 1:15 PM

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We will take the scenic route crossing the lower Platte River via HWY 6 heading towards the Route 31 junction near Nebraska Crossing Outlets. We will then head south on Route 31 through the Scrhamm Bluffs and along the Platte River past many scenic views.

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We will make our first stop at the Kennedy Farm. Dave Sands from the Nebraska Land Trust will be joined by Colleen Kennedy Smart in presenting the unique aspects of the farm and the efforts of the NLT to help protect working farms.

D

Our second stop on the tour will be in historic Plattsmouth, NE where Charles Jones, Executive Director of the Plattsmouth Main Street Association, and Harlan Seyfer, an Historian with the Plattsmouth Historic Preservation Board, will give presentations on the past, present and future of Plattsmouth.

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We will conclude the tour just a short walk away at the Cass County Historical Society Museum, where we will have the opportunity to view many displays that were assembled from local contributors in the Plattsmouth region. We will then board the buses and head back to Camp Carol Joy Holling.



Leaving Camp Carol Joy Holling we will head towards the town of Ashland located along Salt Creek just several miles above the confluence of Salt Creek with the Platte River. Heading east on Hwy 6 towards the Platte River, we will pass Lincoln Water System's Ashland Water Production and Distribution facility. LWS' wells extend along the floodplain of the Platte River with several wells located on islands in the Platte River. Just before crossing the Platte River, you will see Camp Ashland—the National Guard's training

facility. Camp Ashland hosts thousands of soldiers from across the county each year for training. The Camp is also home to historic buildings including Memorial Hall. Extending north from Hwy 6 on both the Saunders and Sarpy County sides of the Platte River is the Western Sarpy-Clear Creek levee system. The levee system will be complete in fall of 2015 and will provide protection to the Guard Camp, Lincoln and Omaha's well fields, Hwy 6, I-80 and other infrastructure, homes and farm ground in the floodplain.

After crossing the Platte and entering into Sarpy County, sand and gravel operations and productive farm land will be in view as we approach Hwy 31 near the Nebraska Crossing Outlets and the city of Gretna. We will head south on Hwy 31 and enter the Schramm Bluffs which provide some of the most scenic views within the Lower Platte. The Schramm Bluffs are home to stands of native oak and hickory forests and important cultural resources and historic sites. The Nebraska Land Trust has secured easements in partnership with landowners in the Bluffs that protect the natural, cultural and agricultural resources of the area. The Nebraska Game & Parks Commission (NGPC) operates Schramm State Recreation Area, a river access area and the AKSARBEN Aquarium. The Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp also calls the Schramm Bluffs home. Our scenic drive will continue along the Platte River and provide a view of the Lied Platte River Pedestrian Bridge that connects portions of the MoPac Trail and provides users a very unique view of the Platte River system. After passing the parking area for the Bridge we will arrive at the Kennedy Farm.



Leaving the Kennedy Farm we will follow Hwy 31 to its junction with Hwy 50, where another Platte River access area is located. After crossing back over the Platte River on Hwy 50, we will pass through the community of Louisville and head towards Plattsmouth through a "high country view" of Cass County and clear views of Omaha's skyline. There are several historic farmhouses along Hwy 66 that you will notice. Entering historic Plattsmouth we will travel into downtown and into one of the many buildings on the National Historic Register within the community.

Leaving Plattsmouth we will head back through Louisville and continue back on Hwy 50 to the west and south. We will pass Louisville State Recreation Area which were once sand and gravel mining pits and now make up one of NGPC's most popular camping and fishing areas. Once we leave Louisville we will head west on Hwy 66 again and pass Platte River State Park—one of NGPC largest areas within the lower Platte and an area home to cabins, horseback riding, a shooting range, an education center and 10+miles of trails. We also pass Quarry Oaks Golf Course, which is a scenic and highly rated golf course and home to the LPRCA Water Quality Open. We will continue through the village of South Bend and pass the Wildlife Safari, Mahoney State Park and the SAC Museum which surround exit 426 off I-80 and are three of the most popular tourist attractions in Nebraska. After passing Mahoney State Park we will continue just a few more miles and return to Camp Carol Joy Holling.