

**Hospitality Guide**  
**Kansas Herpetological Society**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting**  
**Lawrence, KS**

**Transportation to Lawrence**

Travel by Car: The meeting will occur on and around the main KU hilltop campus in Lawrence, KS. The venue for talks and posters on Saturday and Sunday morning is the Burge Union, located at 1565 Irving Hill Rd, Lawrence, KS 66045. The venue for the opening social and museum tours is Dyche Hall, located at 1345 Jayhawk Blvd, Lawrence, KS 66045. The Saturday evening keynote talk and auction will be at the Oread Hotel at 1200 Oread Ave, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Travel by Air: Lawrence is 50 miles west of the Kansas City Airport (MCI). If you are traveling by air, you will need to think about transportation to and from the airport in advance because hiring a traditional cab upon arrival would be very expensive and Uber/Lyft type services are not always available. If you are arriving or departing during regular business hours it is usually possible to hire an Uber/Lyft ride for less than \$80, but availability is not guaranteed at any time. Relatively few Uber/Lyft drivers work in Lawrence and there are times when no rides are available. Regularly scheduled or shared shuttles are also generally unavailable. If you are unable to use Uber/Lyft, you will need to book a private shuttle in advance. These shuttles usually cost more than \$140 one way, but can usually accommodate more than one person. The landscape of companies offering shuttle services is constantly changing, but some current options include [B.A.T.S.](#), [1<sup>st</sup> Shuttle Service](#), [Roundabout Transportation](#) and [Five Guys Transportation](#). Many other options can be found on the internet.

**Parking (also see map)**

Burge Union talks and posters on Saturday and Sunday: There should be ample surface level parking in lots 54, 72, and 110, which surround the Burge Union (see map). Unless specific signage indicates otherwise, spots in these lots are freely available first come first serve on nights (after 5PM) and weekends. The Allen Field House Parking Garage is also nearby, but this is a pay by the hour lot even on nights and weekends.

Dyche Hall Collections Tours on Friday afternoon: Free parking is not conveniently available on campus near the museum for the Friday afternoon tours because surface parking on campus is available only to permit holders on weekday afternoons until 5PM. We therefore recommend that you use the pay by the hour Mississippi Street parking garage, where it costs \$1.75 for the first hour and \$1.50 every subsequent hour. You can either pay for parking in this garage with cash or card at a kiosk or use the ParkMobile App. You should also be able to find free street parking (usually within a few blocks) on side streets in the vicinity of Dyche Hall, but this will invariably involve at least of a bit of an uphill walk.

Dyche Hall Friday Night Social and Herp Trivia: Parking at KU surface lots is free after 5pm and lots 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 are all a relatively short walk from Dyche Hall. These lots usually have ample spots available in the evenings on a first come first serve basis, but lot 16 in particular tends to fill up on weekend nights due to other campus activities. Parking in the Mississippi Street parking garage will also be available, but this lot is a pay by the hour 24/7/365. You should also be able to find free street parking (usually within a few blocks) on side streets in the vicinity of Dyche Hall, but this will invariably involve at least of a bit of an uphill walk.

Oread Auctions on Saturday night: The Oread Hotel does not have convenient free parking for non-guests. There is an underground parking garage where non-guests can park for \$15/day. The Mississippi street parking garage is also nearby and offers 24 hour pay by the hour parking (\$1.75 for first hour and \$1.50 every hour thereafter). The KU campus surface parking lots recommended for Dyche Hall (lots 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16) are a bit further from the Oread Hotel, but are on the hilltop so you wouldn't have to walk uphill. You should also be able to find free street parking (usually within a few blocks) on side streets in the vicinity of the Oread Hotel, but this will invariably involve at least of a bit of an uphill walk.

### **Dining Options**

Lawrence is home to many excellent dining options not far from Campus. If you would like to explore options yourself, the best places to head are either to Massachusetts Street (our old-time Main St. USA destination) and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Massachusetts St. between 11<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> tends to have many locally owned and operated restaurants, almost all with sit-down dining. Plenty of street and garage parking is available on and around Massachusetts St., but you should not expect to be able to park directly in front of any particular restaurant. Alternatively, 23<sup>rd</sup> street between Louisiana and Iowa has more chain and drive-through style options, often with dedicated parking lots. Additional sit-down, drive through and fast food options are located on Iowa St. South of 23<sup>rd</sup>, and these venues also tend to have dedicated parking lots.

Dining Recommendations (addresses and hours not included here because you're just going to look them up on Google maps anyways)

- Casual Dining (Order at Counter)
  - Terrebonne Po-Boys (Mass St.): Freshly prepared po'boys (including gator meat!) and great daily specials.
  - Wheatfields Bakery (just off Mass St.): World-class baked goods and excellent breakfast/lunch sandwich options (not open for dinner).
  - The Burger Stand at the Casbah (Mass St.): In a town full of burger restaurants, The Burger Stand is the OG. Creative, freshly prepared burgers with excellent vegetarian patty options available too.
  - Latchkey Deli (Mass St): Local sandwich joint with fresh meats, creative sammies, and delicious homemade potato chips.
  - Ramen Bowls (Mass St): Slurp some homemade noodles and broth at this popular spot with great vegetarian options.

- La Estrella (23<sup>rd</sup> St.): Lawrence's best tacos and tortas served from a former medical building that is just off 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Casual Dining (Table Service)
  - Freestate Brewing Company (Mass St.): Excellent beer and a diverse range of well-prepared food options, but they only take reservations for groups bigger than 8 people and often get busy for lunch and dinner.
  - The Roost (Mass St.): One of Lawrence's most popular breakfast destinations, but also open for lunch. Try the delicious vegetarian mushroom biscuits and gravy, which is only available weekends!
  - Lawrence Brewing Company (East Lawrence): Locally brewed beer and bar-type food options in a spacious venue just east of Mass St.
  - Big Mill (9<sup>th</sup> St.): Deep dish Detroit-style pizza is the specialty at this relatively new addition to the Lawrence dining scene. Burrito King (9<sup>th</sup> St.): best drive-thru breakfast tacos (served all day), burritos, and authentic ingredients in town, always served with a smile.
  - Oriental Bistro (23<sup>rd</sup> St): Asian restaurant with a massive menu that was a longtime favorite of Bill Duellman and Linda Trueb.
- Fine Dining
  - 715 (Mass St.): Lawrences best establishment for fine dining.
  - Mass St. Fish House (Mass St.): Yes, we do have good seafood in Kansas. Enjoy the fresh oysters or try the Ahi Tuna nachos if you want the best happy hour deal in town.
  - Culinaria (East Lawrence): Chill Mediterranean restaurant in a quiet part of East Lawrence that is a favorite of many locals.