

### Did you know?

The first floor of the Columbian Theatre has served many uses through the years. It has been a furniture store and a dry goods store. The first floor actually came in one piece and was originally from a local skating rink. It now houses the Swogger Gallery, which features rotating art exhibits.

The first all-woman jury in Kansas served here in Wamego. It heard a case dealing with the theft of chickens in 1912.

Pottawatomie County has over 100 miles of scenic drives, hiking and biking trails within its borders. Contact the Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation for maps: (785) 456-9776.

**Tulip Festival**  
Third weekend in April

**Cinco de Mayo Golf Tournament**  
First Friday in May

**4th of July**  
The week of July 4th

**Ridiculous Days**  
Last Saturday in August

**OZtoberFest**  
First weekend in October

**Yellow Brick Road Bike Ride**  
First Saturday in October

**Winter Wonderland Parade**  
Saturday after Thanksgiving

**Cabin Fever Challenge Bike Ride**  
Last Saturday in March

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday morning before Easter

**Columbian Theatre Shows**  
Throughout the year

Welcome to Wamego. We invite you enjoy and explore all that our hometown offers. If you're here for a live performance at the Columbian Theatre, don't miss the current art exhibit in the theatre's Swogger Gallery. For history buffs we have the Oz Museum, Oregon Trail history, and the Historic Prairie Village and Museum in the Wamego City Park. While at the park you might like to enjoy a leisurely

picnic. Our park, home of the Schonoff Dutch Mill, is one of the top-rated picnic spots in the country. If it's shopping that interests you, then be sure to check out our unique shops and relaxed hometown atmosphere. There's really no end to the sights and adventures awaiting you.

Again, welcome to Wamego. We hope you enjoy your time here and we look forward to seeing you again real soon.



To learn more about lodging options, custom tours, and group rates for all attractions contact:

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# FESTIVALS AND EVENTS



Home of one of the largest and longest running Fourth of July celebrations in the state, Wamego is a community that likes to have fun



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### Tulip Festival

Third weekend in April

Every spring the Wamego City Park, as well as other green areas and many home gardens throughout town, come alive with the vibrant colors of over 18,000 tulips. Many of the bulbs for these bright, early spring flowers came from Holland and are the backdrop for this mid-April weekend festival complete with over 100 art and craft booths, a wide variety of food vendors and live entertainment for all ages.

### Cinco de Mayo Golf Tournament

On the first Friday of May, enjoy a Mexican buffet after 18 holes of golf on the Wamego Country Club, one of the top-rated courses in the state. The tournament is a 4-person scramble and is open to anyone.

Wamego Country Club  
1900 E Country Club Dr – twelve blocks west of Lincoln on 8th St  
Contact the Wamego Chamber of Commerce at (785) 456-2649  
[www.WamegoChamber.com](http://www.WamegoChamber.com)

### Fourth of July

The week of July 4th

Independence Day lasts longer than just one day in Wamego. The town swells to more than double its normal size during the multi-day celebration, which includes a parade – the longest running in the state at over 125 years, a carnival, and antique tractor and car shows. The party is capped off with one of the state's largest fireworks displays beginning at dark on the Fourth.

Car show at City Park, parade is along Lincoln Ave.

### Ridiculous Days

Last Saturday in August

It's ridiculous how fast the summer goes, but downtown Wamego has a way of stretching those good times out a little longer. Ridiculous Days include sidewalk sales, prizes, drawings, salsa and lemonade contests, and special guests. There has even been an Elvis sighting at Ridiculous Days.

### OZtoberFest

The first weekend in October the Road to Oz (otherwise known as Highway 99 and



Enjoy a special stage production of The Wizard of Oz with cameo performances of some of the original munchkins

Lincoln Avenue) closes down to celebrate one of America's best known fairy tales – The Wizard of Oz. OZtoberFest festivities include kids' inflatable play area, a farmer's market, Yellow Brick Road rides, food and craft vendors and activities for the entire family. A special stage production of The Wizard of Oz is performed at the Columbian Theatre, which often features cameo appearances by some of the original Munchkins. Other special guests, who are available at book signings and autograph sessions, are relatives of L. Frank Baum and Judy Garland.

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

### Yellow Brick Road Bike Ride

First Saturday in October

Looking for an early fall bike ride? The Yellow Brick Road Ride begins and ends at Wamego High School on the first Saturday in October. Before choosing from the three different routes, varying from 15 to 50 miles, fill up on breakfast, served from 7:30am to 9am. Net proceeds from this ride also help fund the WAM-SAG-MAN Recreational Trail.

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

### Winter Wonderland

The parade takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving

Christmas is a special time to be in Wamego. There's a gingerbread house contest, visits with Santa, and a lighted Christmas parade which kicks off the season the Saturday after Thanksgiving. After the parade filters into scenic City Park, the Grand Elf, selected from elementary school students, flips the switch and the park glows with thousands of beautiful lights and unique decorations. Who wouldn't be in the Christmas Spirit after that?

### Cabin Fever Challenge Bike Ride

The last Saturday in March

Sick of being cooped up all winter? Then get your wheels turning for the Cabin Fever Challenge. Enjoy breakfast, served from 7:30am to 9am, while you decide which of the 15 to 50 mile routes you will ride. Net proceeds will help fund the WAM-SAG-MAN Recreational Trail which will begin in Wamego and connect with the St. George and Manhattan Linear Trail.

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### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday morning before Easter at 10am in City Park

The Saturday morning before Easter, kids gather to begin the hunt for over 3,000 eggs. These eggs are filled with candy, toys and prizes from local businesses.

### Columbian Theatre Shows

Throughout the year.

The Columbian Theatre offers year round entertainment opportunities for the entire family. The unique second floor Peddicord Playhouse is the venue for professional stage productions, ranging from Broadway musicals to country jamborees. The theatre is also home to the largest single repository of artifacts from the 1893 World's Fair. These include the beautifully restored murals that line the walls of the Playhouse. The ground floor of the theatre houses the Swogger Gallery, which features changing art exhibits.

Tickets and schedule are available online.

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



The Cabin Fever Challenge bike ride routes range from 15 to 50 miles



The golf tournament is hosted at the Wamego Country Club – one of the top-rated courses in the state



One of the largest fireworks displays in the state caps the week-long 4th of July celebration which includes a parade and carnival