

Douglas County, Kansas Spotter Location Guide



SKYWARN

DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

West Lecompton

SKYWARN Spotter Location Guide

NW Quadrant

E 175 Rd. / CR 1023 & N 2050 Rd.
1.5 miles N of I-70 & 4 miles W of
Lecompton.

Road Conditions:

E 175 Rd. / CR 1023 is a
paved road.

Road Runs: E 175 Rd. /
CR 1023 runs NE-SW.

Parking: On the east side
of E 175 Rd.



North



East



West



South

GPS Location: 39°2.3'N 95°27.8'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

Lecompton Rest Stop

E 550 Rd. / CR 1029 & Hwy 40
4.5 miles W of Lawrence &
.5 miles S of I-70

Road Runs: Hwy. 40 runs NW – SE.

Parking: South side of road at the turnoff. Share the driveway by the house.

North View: Extends to Oskaloosa.

South View: Extends to Hwy. 56 & Overbrook, KS.

East View: Extends to Lawrence.

West View: Extends to Eastern Shawnee County.



GPS Location: 38°59.7'N 95°24.0'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

North Stull

E 200 Rd. / CR 1023 & N 1750 Rd.
1.5 miles N & 7 miles W of Lawrence

Road Condition: E 200 Rd. / CR 1023
is a dirt road.

Road Runs: CR 1023 / E200 Rd. runs N-S.

Parking: High spot 1/10th of a mile north
of the metal barn on the east side of
the road.

North View: Extends to Kansas River
Valley.

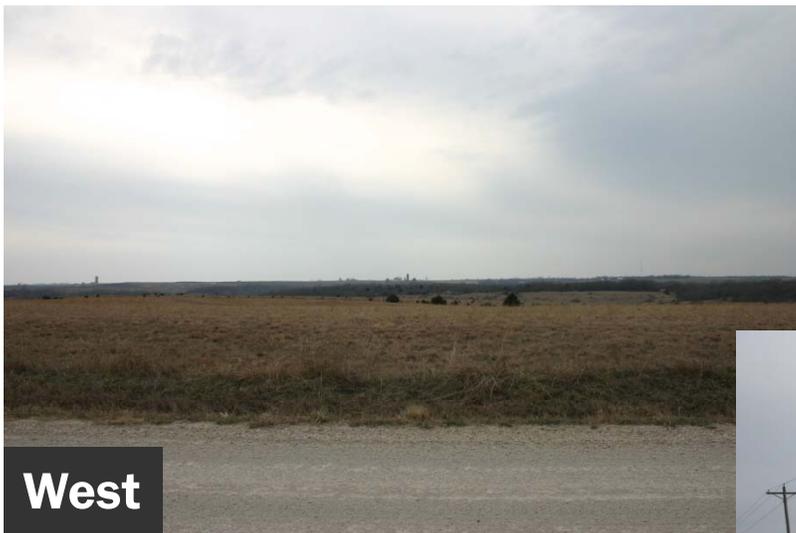
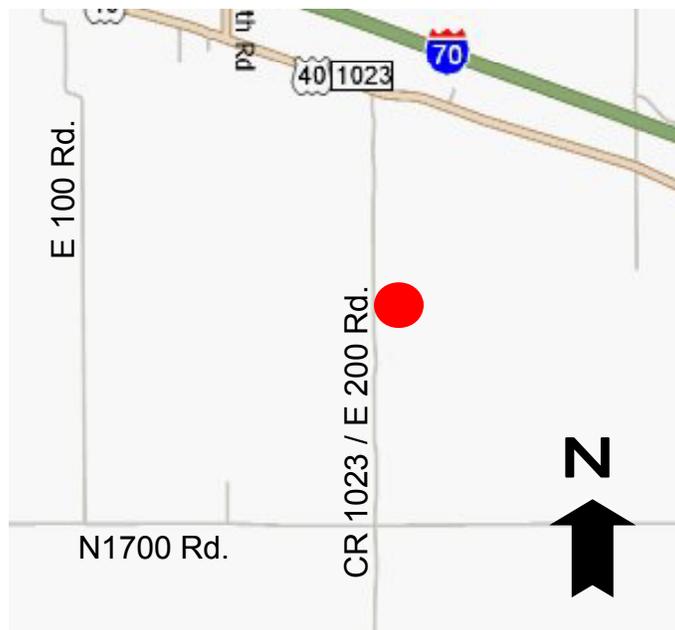
Southeast View: Obstructed.

Southwest View: Good.

East View: Extends to Lawrence.

West View: Extends to 29th & Stubbs Rd. several miles West of Douglas County.

Caution: Creek to the south may flood.



West Stull

N 1600 Rd. & CR 442 / E 50 Rd.
.5 mile E of Shawnee County, 8 miles
W of Lawrence, & 3 miles S of I-70.

Road Condition: N 1600 Rd. is a
dirt road.

Road Runs: N 1600 Rd. runs W-E &
CR 442 / E 50 Rd. runs N-S.

Parking: On N 1600 Rd.

North View: Possibly obstructed.

East View: Extends to Lawrence.

West View: Extends to Berryton Water Tower in Shawnee Co., 4 miles
west of Douglas County line.

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GPS Location: 38°58.3'N 95°29.5'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

Homer's Silo

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0.25 miles E on N 1250 Rd. / CR 458
1.25 miles E of Shawnee County
& 8 miles W of Lawrence.

Road Condition: N 1250 Rd. /
CR 458 is a mix of sand and gravel.

Road Runs: N 1250 Rd. / CR 458
runs W-E.

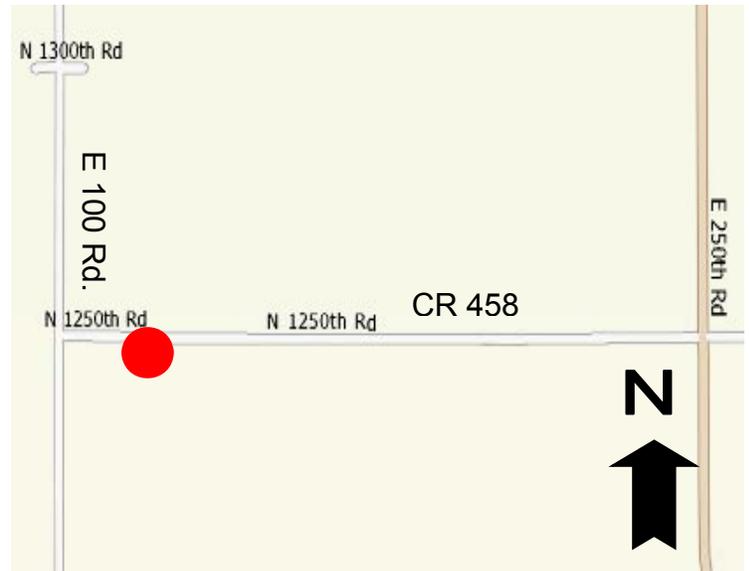
Parking: On N 1250 Rd.

South View: Extends to Hwy 56.

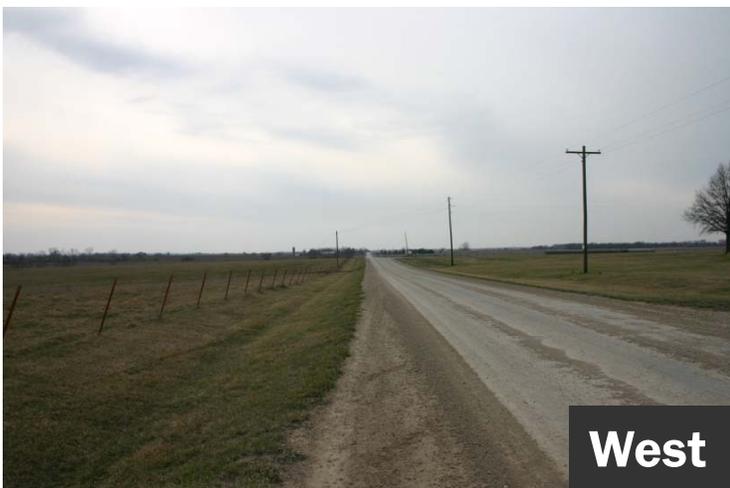
Southwest View: Extends to
Overbrook, KS.

West View: Extends to Shawnee
County.

Caution: There is a dog, but it is
friendly.



Northwest



West



Southwest

Farmer's Turnpike

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N 1800 Rd. / CR 438 & E 850 Rd.
1 mile N & 1 mile W of Lawrence

Road Conditions: N 1800 Rd. / CR 438 is paved, but the parking lot is dirt.

Road Runs: N 1800 Rd. / CR 438 runs W-E & E 1000 Rd. runs S.

Parking: In the parking lot of the Lecompton Fire Station. Do not block driveway.

North View: Extends to the Kansas River Valley.

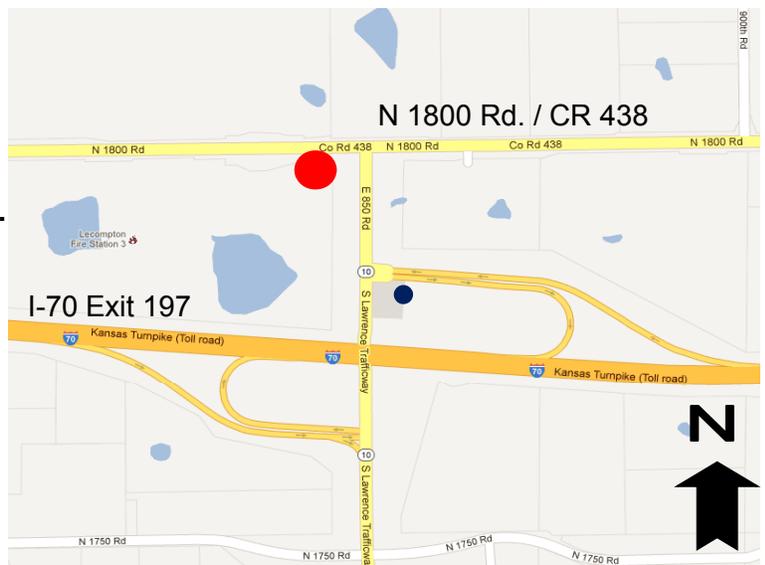
Southeast View: Extends to 6th & Kasold.

East View: Obstructed by a hill.

West View: Extends to Douglas County Water Tower on CR 438.

NOTE: A siren has been installed in the parking lot of the North Toll Booth.

Watch for Emergency Response Vehicles!



GPS Location: 39°0.0'N 95°20.7'W

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St. Margaret's (Updated)

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5700 W 6th St.

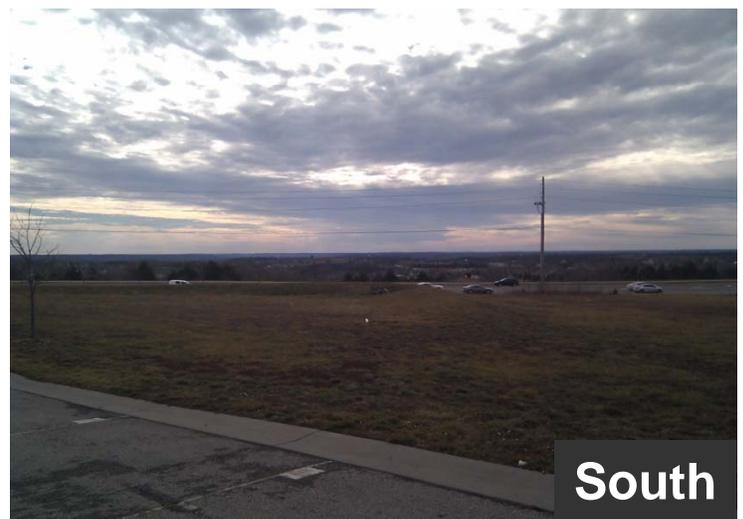
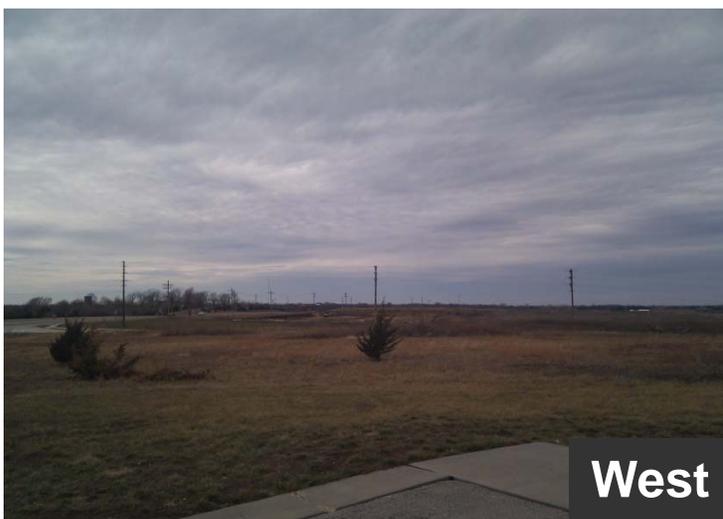
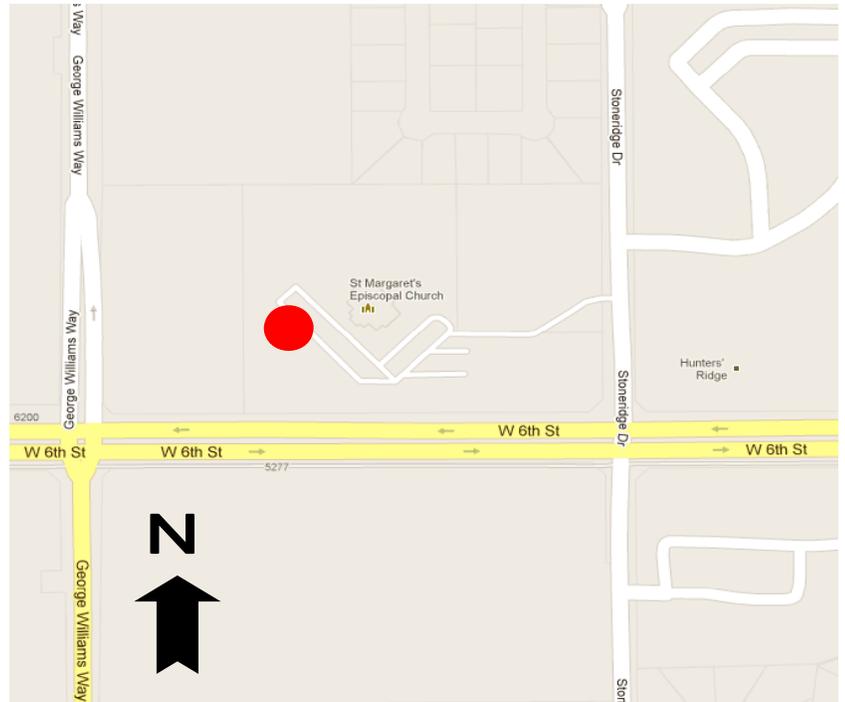
Road to enter the church is to the east of the building.

Road Condition: All paved.

Road Runs: Hwy 40 / W 6th St. runs W-E.

Parking: Go to the small lot west of the church, unless you need to see to the NE.

Caution: Parking lot lights may cause problems.



GPS Location: 38°58.3'N 95°19.4'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

Clinton Parkway

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K-10 at Clinton Parkway Exit
(Westbound off ramp).
Southwest Trafficway.

Road Conditions: K-10 is paved.

Road Runs: K-10 runs W-E,
then turns N.

Parking: On the shoulder of K-10 at
the Clinton Parkway exit sign.

North View: Extends to just south of Lecompton.

South View: Extends to the blue water tower.

East View: Extends to KU.

West View: Extends 2-3 miles, but is limited.

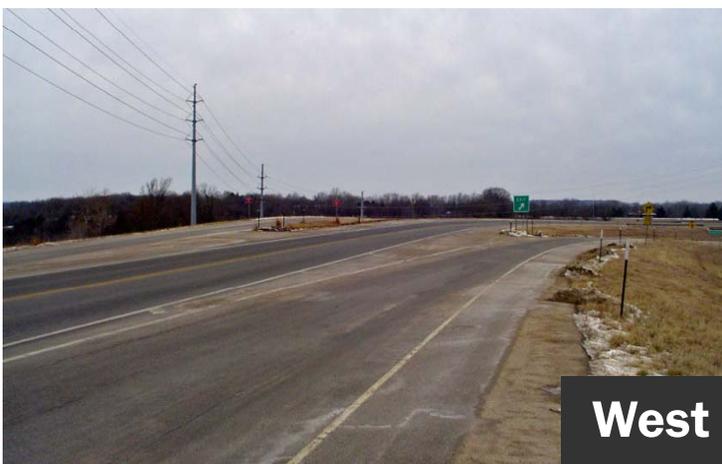
Caution: High traffic area!



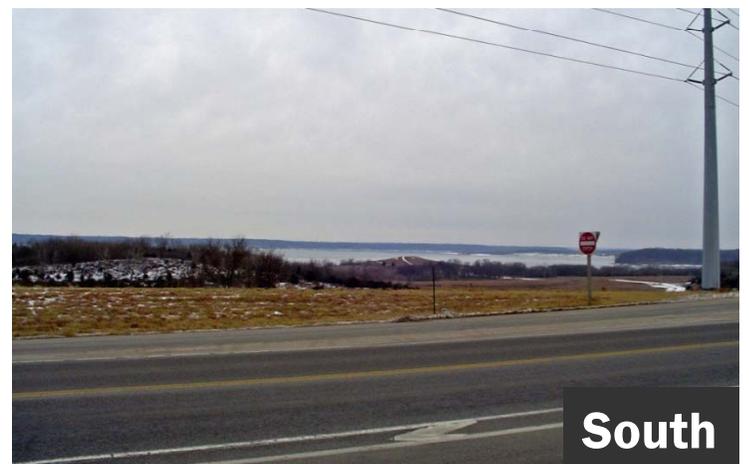
North



East



West



South

GPS Location: 38°56.6'N 95°19.9'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

Twin Mounds

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E 200 Rd. & N 851 Diag.
1.5 miles E of Osage County,
14.5 W of Baldwin & 5.5 miles N
of Baldwin.

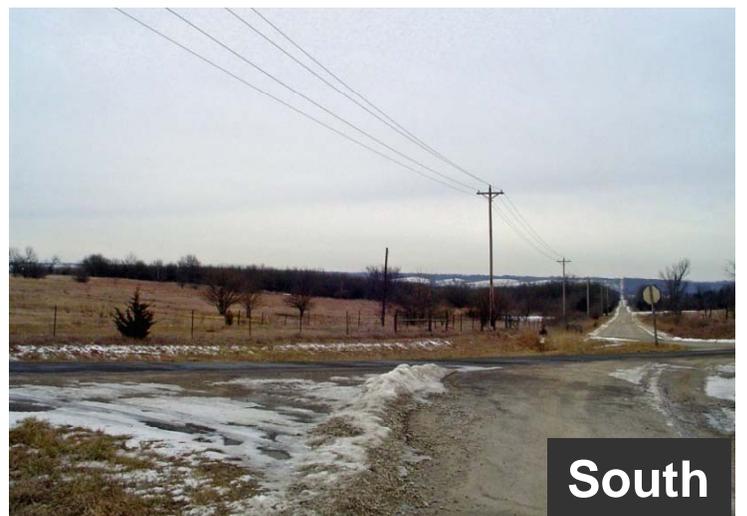
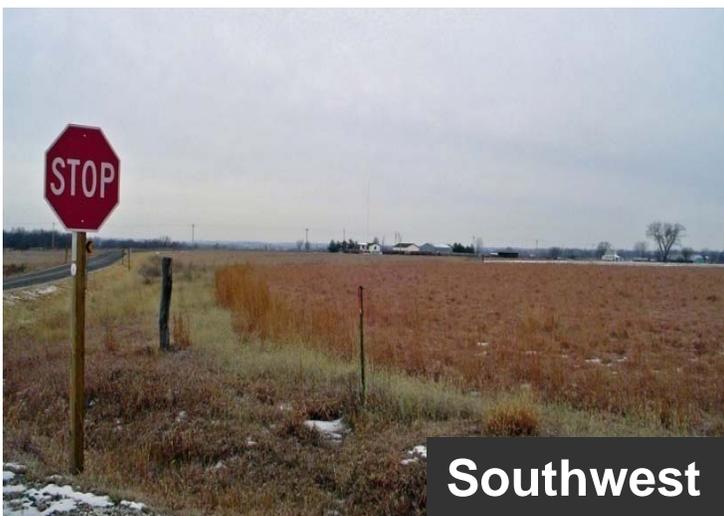
Road Conditions: E 200 Rd. is a
dirt road.

Road Runs: E 200 Rd. runs N-S.

Parking: Either side of E 200 Rd.



West View: Extends to Overbrook, KS, and Forbes Field in Topeka, KS.



GPS Location: 38°52.0'N 95°27.8'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

Rockhaven

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N 950 Rd. / CR 458 & E 750 Rd.
3 miles S & 6 miles W of Lawrence

Road Conditions: E 750 Rd. is a dirt road & N 950 Rd. is a paved road.

Road Runs: N 750 Rd. runs N-S.

Parking: Rockhaven Entrance.

North View: Limited View.

South View: Good view.

East View: Good view.

West View: Good view.



North



East



West



South

GPS Location: 38°52.6'N 95°21.8'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

West Lone Star

N 750 Rd. / CR 10 &

E 550 Rd. / CR 1029

7.5 miles W & 4.5 miles S of
Lawrence.

Road Conditions: N 750 Rd. / CR 10
is a mix of sand and gravel.

Road Runs: N 750 Rd. runs W-E.

Parking: To the east of the houses
on the corners.

Views: Depending on parking, most
views are good.

Caution: Houses may cause
obstructions.

Note: Location S & W of Rockhaven.

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GPS Location: 38°50.9'N 95°23.9'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

Landmark (New)

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N 400 Rd. and E 550 Rd. / CR 1029

Road Conditions: E 550 Rd. / CR 1029 is a paved road. N 400 Rd. is dirt.

Road Runs: E 550 Rd. runs N-S.
N 400 Rd. runs E-W.

Parking: At drive to landmark,
SW of intersection.

View North: Good.

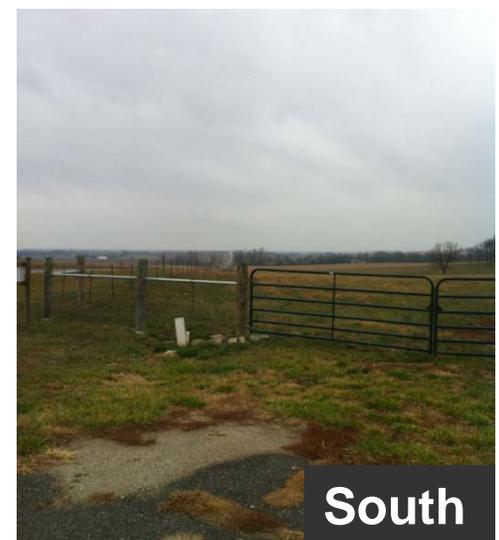
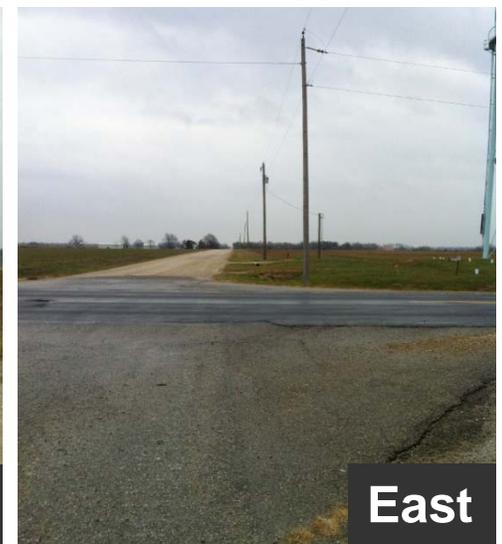
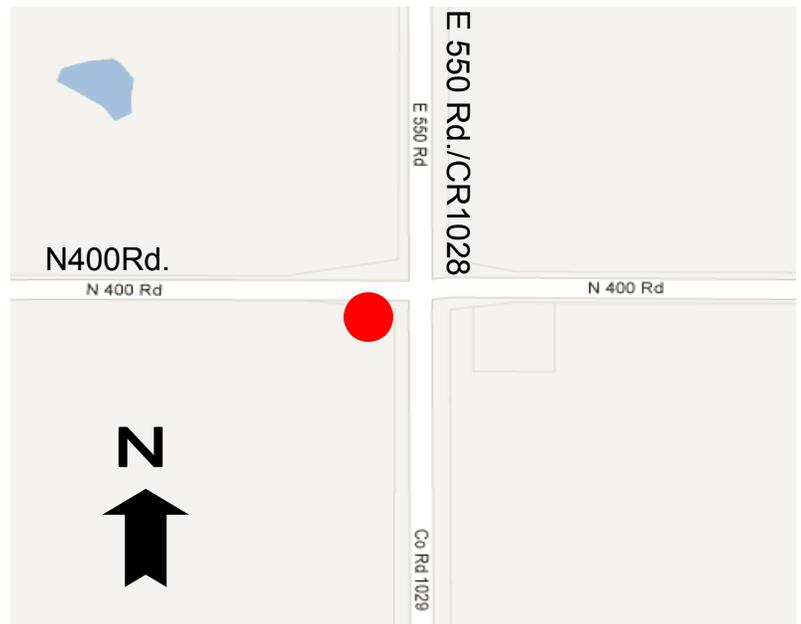
View South: Extends to
Franklin County.

View East: Okay.

View Southeast: Very good

View West: Good.

Caution: Be sure you
Have your antenna on
Your vehicle.



AT&T Tower

SKYWARN Spotter Location Guide SW Quadrant

N 300 Rd. / Hwy 56 & E 350 Rd.
3.5 miles E of Osage County &
13 miles W of Baldwin.

Road Conditions: Hwy 56 is a paved road.

Road Runs: N 300 Rd. / Hwy 56 runs W-E.

Parking: South side of the pasture entrance.

View North: Poor.

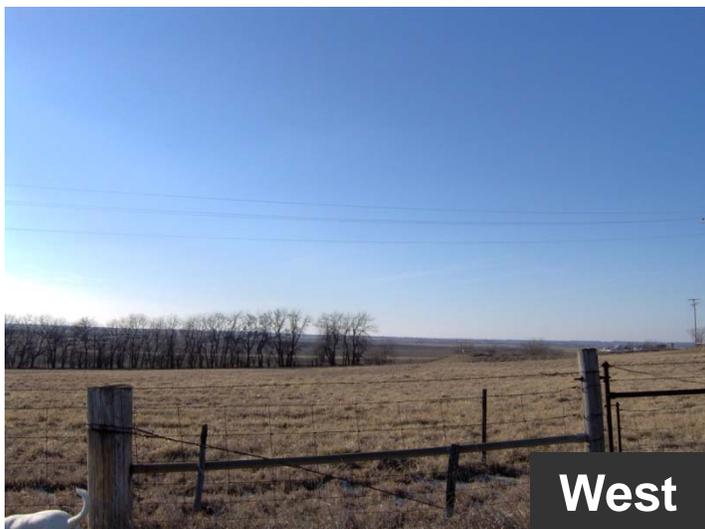
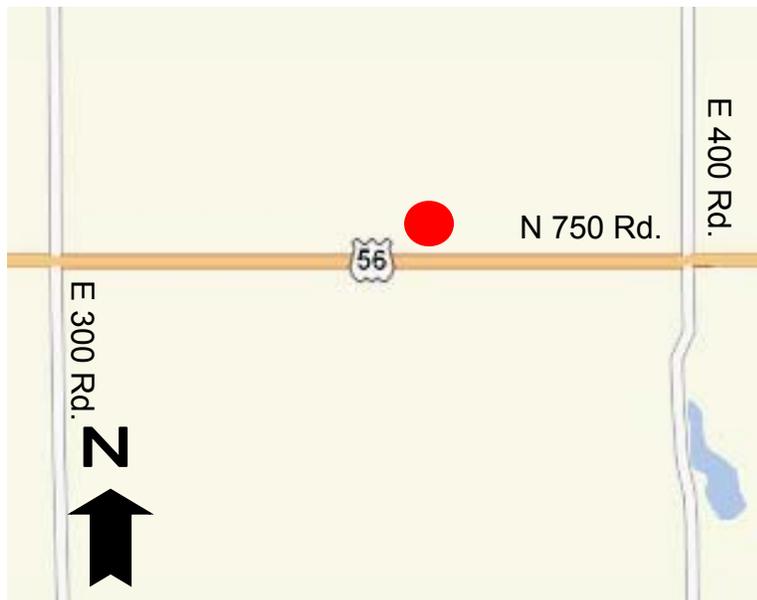
View South: Extends to Franklin County.

View East: Extends several miles.

View Southeast: Extends to Channel 38 tower.

View West: Extends to Overbrook, KS.

Caution: Be sure you have your antenna on your vehicle.



GPS Location: 38°47.0'N 95°26.0'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

North Worden (New)

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100 feet West of N 500 Rd. / CR 460 & E 900 Rd. / CR 1039.

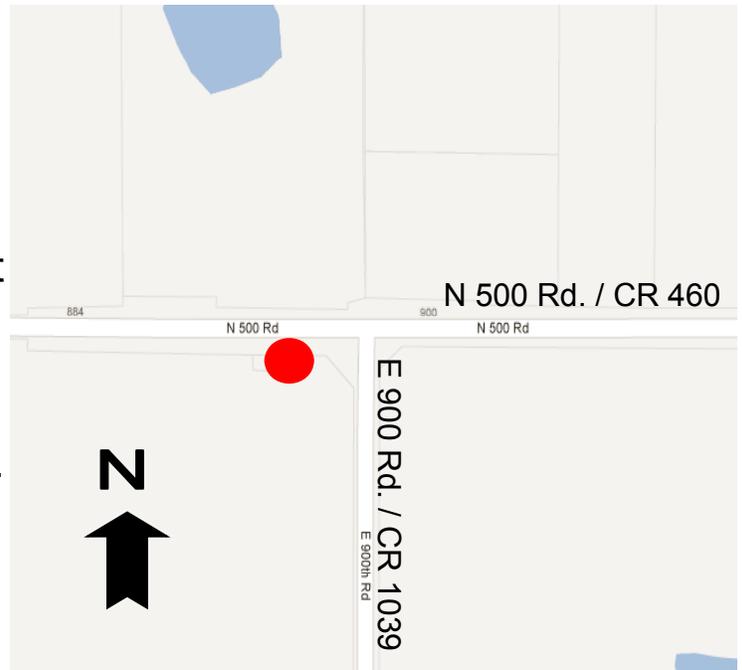
Road Conditions: E 900 Rd. / CR 1039 is a paved road.

N 500 Rd. / CR 460 is paved to east, dirt to west.

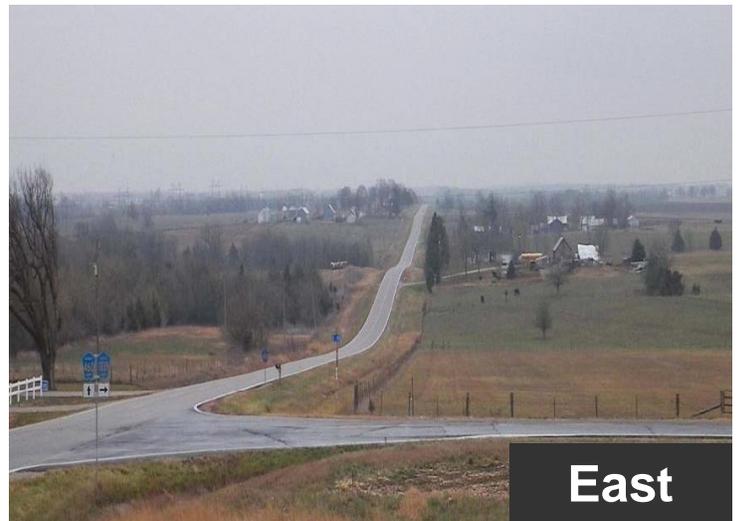
Road Runs: E 900 Rd. / CR 1039 runs N-S. N 500 Rd. / CR 460 runs E-W.

Parking: South side of E500 Rd.

Good Views in all directions.



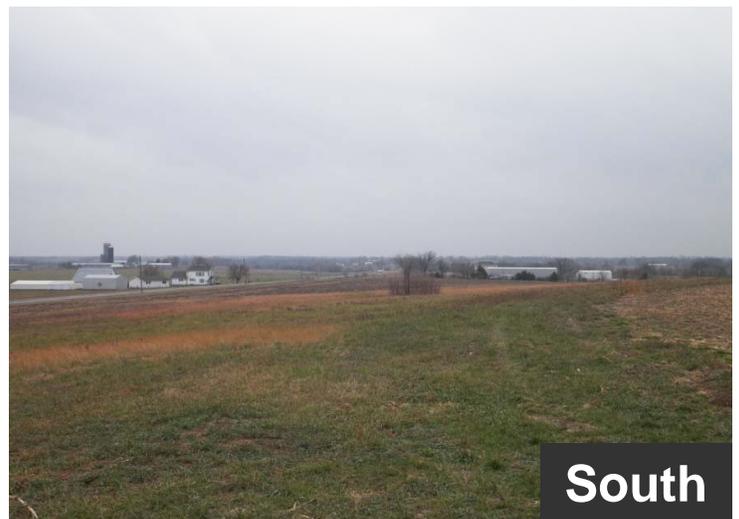
North



East



West



South

GPS Location: 38°48'41.27" -95°20'9.53"

Douglas County Emergency Management

Zarco

N 650 Rd. / CR 460 & E 1200 Rd.
6 miles N of Franklin Co. & 6 miles
S of Lawrence.

.5 miles W of N 650 Rd. / CR 460
exit off US Hwy 59.

Road Conditions: N 650 Rd. / CR
460 is a paved road.

Road Runs: N 650 Rd. / CR 460
runs W-E.

Parking: On E 1200 Rd.

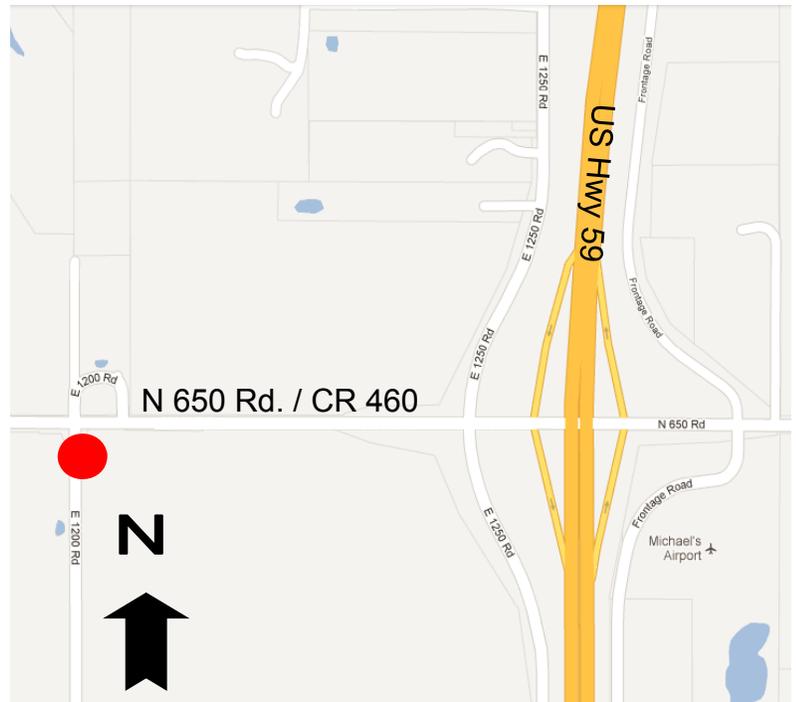
View North: Extends to Lawrence
(KP&L).

View South: Extends to Franklin
County.

View East: Limited to less than 2
miles.

View Southwest: Extends to
microwave tower on Hwy 56.

SKYWARN Spotter Location Guide SW Quadrant



GPS Location: 38°50.0'N 95°16.8'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

Brooklyn

SKYWARN Spotter Location Guide SE Quadrant

N 450 Rd., E 1400 Rd.
3 miles NW of Baldwin, 1.5 miles N
of Hwy 56.

Road Conditions: E 1400 Rd. is a
dirt road. (Be aware it gets very
muddy.)

Road Runs: E 1400 Rd. runs N-S.

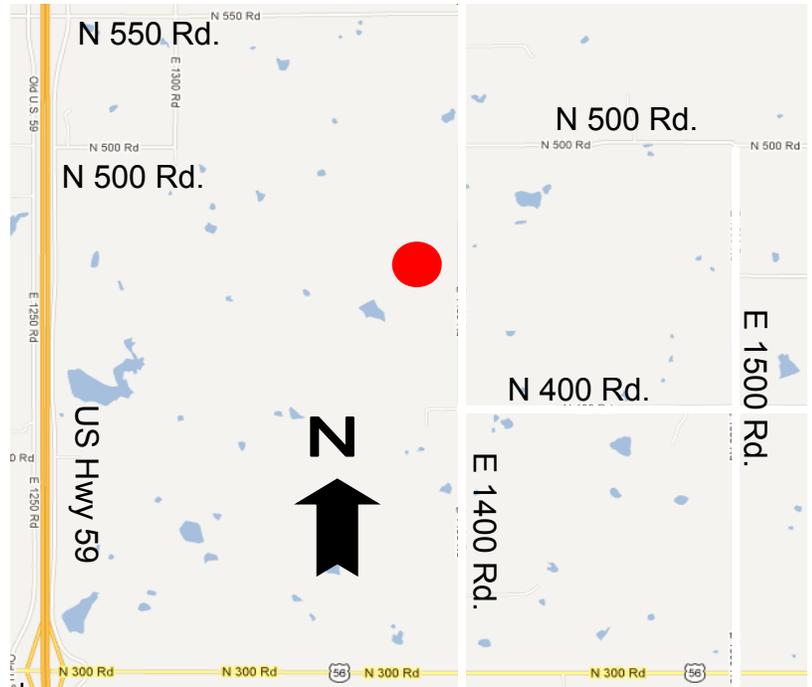
Parking: West side of road on
grassy drive.

View South and Southwest:
Extends to Baldwin.

View East: Extends only past
Baldwin.

View West: Extends well into
Shawnee and Osage Counties.

CAUTION: Flooding problems. Low
spot to the North.



GPS Location: 38°48.3'N 95°14.5'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

West Baldwin

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N 150 Rd. & E 1375 Rd.
2.5 miles SW of Baldwin.

Road Conditions: N 150 Rd.
is a dirt road.

Road Runs: N 150 Rd.
runs W-E.

Parking: In front of the gate.

View North: Extends
several miles.

View Southwest: Extends
to Franklin County.

View East: Extends only past
Baldwin.

View West: Good view.



North



West



South

North Baldwin

SKYWARN Spotter Location Guide SE Quadrant

N 400 Rd. / CR 12 & E 1750 Rd.
Near water tower.
South of Signal Oak.

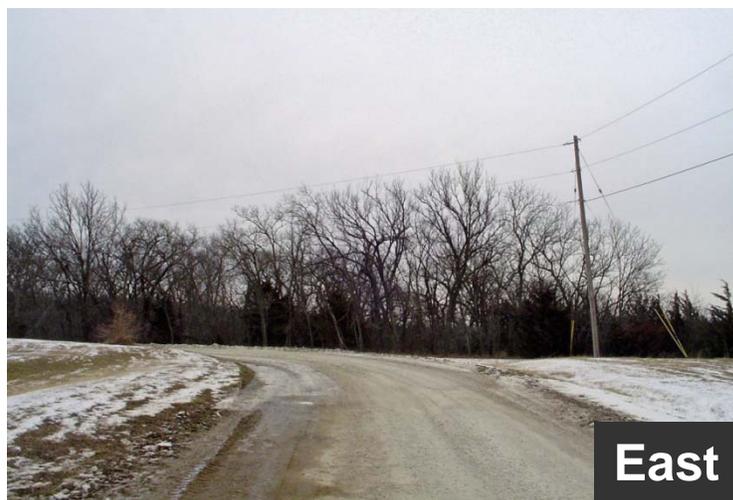
Road Conditions: N 400 Rd. /
CR 12 is a dirt and gravel road.

Road Runs:
CR 12 / E 1750 Rd. runs W-E.

Parking:
On the road since there
is limited traffic.



You may be requested to go to the
Signal Oak park for the view back to
Lawrence. It is located about ½ mile
N on E 1750 Rd.



GPS Location: 38°47.8'N 95°10.8'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

East Blackjack

SKYWARN Spotter Location Guide SE Quadrant

N 200 Rd. / Hwy 56 & E 2200 Rd. /
CR 1061.

4 miles E of Baldwin.

Road Conditions: CR 1061
/ E 2200 Rd. and N 200 Rd. /
Hwy 56 are both paved roads.

Road Runs: CR 1061 / E 2200 Rd.
runs N-S.

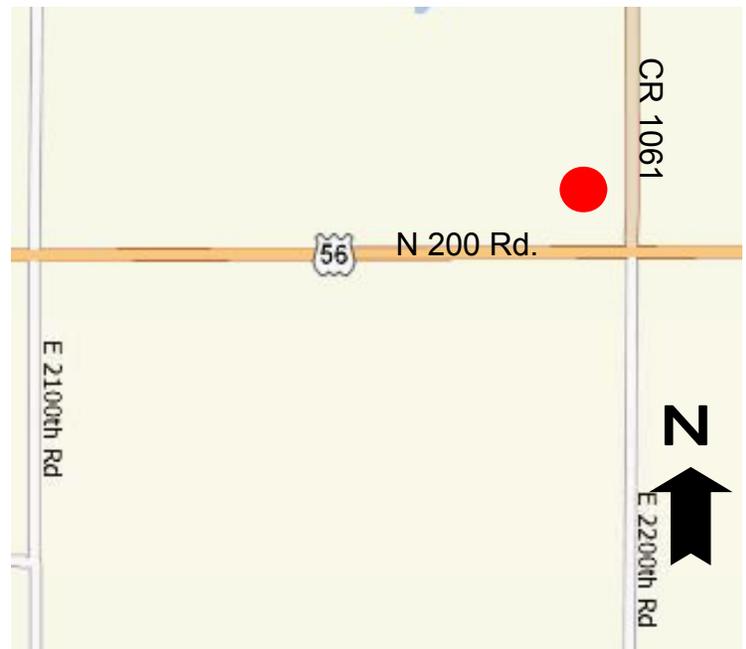
Parking: On the road, facing south.

View South: Extends to Baldwin.

View East: Extends only past
Baldwin.

View West: Extends well into
Shawnee and Osage Counties.

Caution: Be aware of traffic. Stay
north of the stop sign to allow other
vehicles to go around you.



GPS Location: 38°46.2'N 95°5.6'W

Douglas County Emergency Management

East Vinland

SKYWARN Spotter Location Guide SE Quadrant

N 700 Rd. / CR 460 & E 1850 Rd.
7 miles SE of Lawrence &
3 miles N of Baldwin.

Road Conditions: E 1850 Rd.
is a dirt road.

Runs: E 1850 Rd. runs N-S.

Parking: West side of the road
on the grassy drive.

View South and Southwest:
Extends to Baldwin.

View East: Extends only past
Baldwin.

View West: Extends well into
Shawnee and Osage Counties.

Caution: South exit may be
impassable during heavy rain due to
flooding of the creek.



GPS Location: 38°50.4'N 95°9.5'W

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Sibleyville (New)

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N 1000 Rd. & E 1800 Rd.

Road Conditions:

N 1000 Rd. / CR 458 is paved.

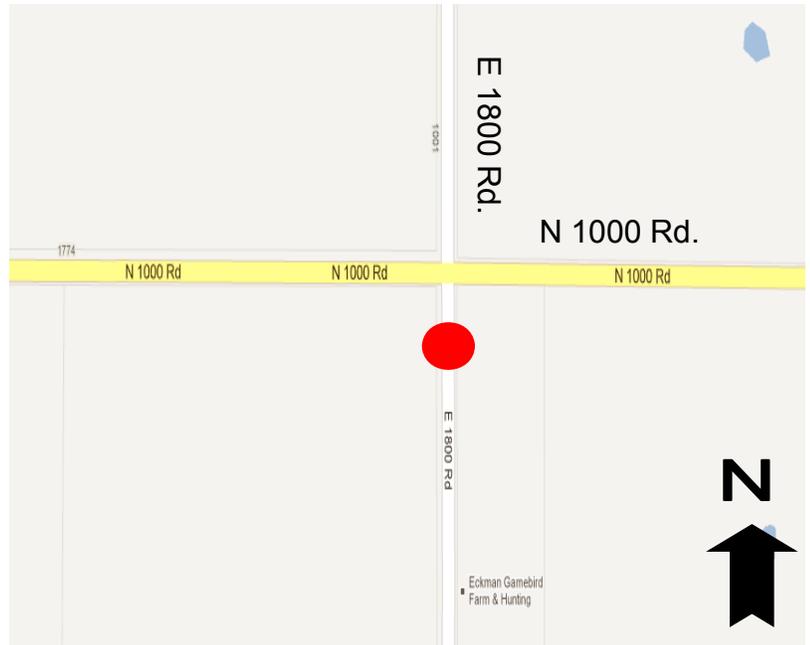
E 1800 Rd. is paved north, dirt to south.

Road Runs: N 1000 Rd. runs E-W

E 1800 Rd. runs N-S.

Parking: South side of intersection on E 1800 Rd. (dirt road) safely away from intersection.

Views: Good in all directions.



GPS Location: 38°53'1.85" -95°10'4.49"

Douglas County Emergency Management

SKYWARN Spotter Location Guide SE Quadrant

Roscoe (New)

1928 N 800 Rd.

About 3/10 mile from intersection with
CR 1057/ E 1900.

Road Conditions:

N 800 Rd. is dirt. CR 1057 / E 1900 Rd.
is paved.

Road Runs: N 800 Rd. runs E-W.

Parking: On side of road. There is no
shoulder.

View North & South: Good

View West: Excellent

View East: Slightly obstructed by house.



Bluejacket (New)

K-10 & E 1900 Rd. / CR 1057
Westbound off ramp.

Road Conditions: Both roads are paved.

Road Runs: E 1900/ CR 1057 runs N-S. K-10 runs E-W.

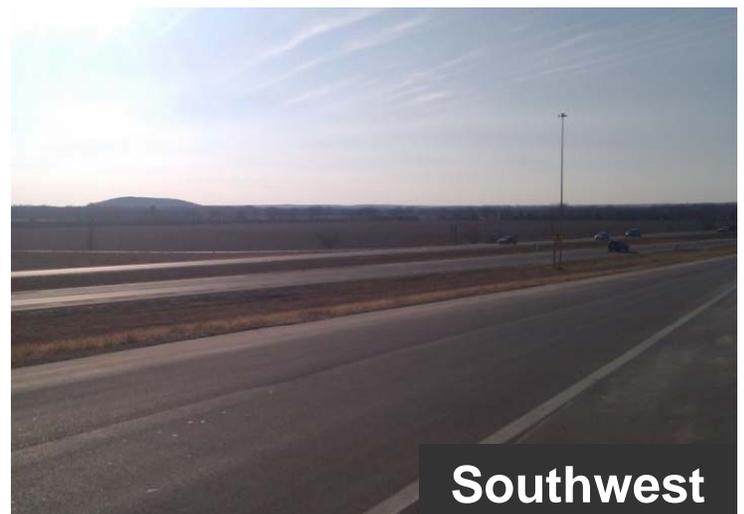
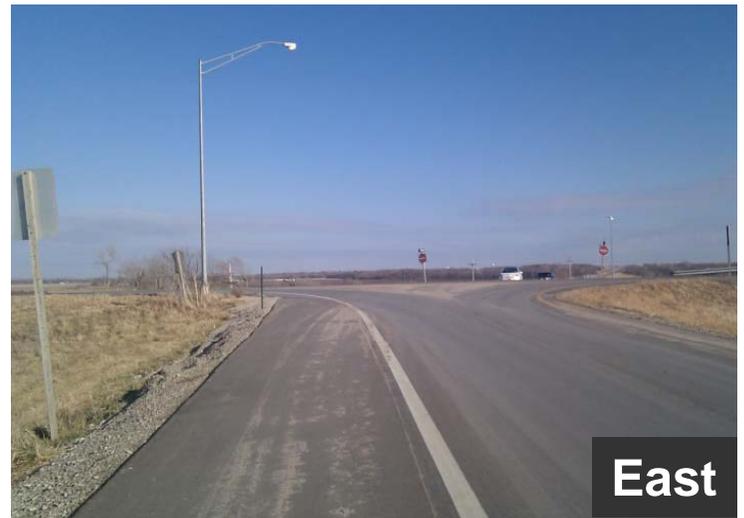
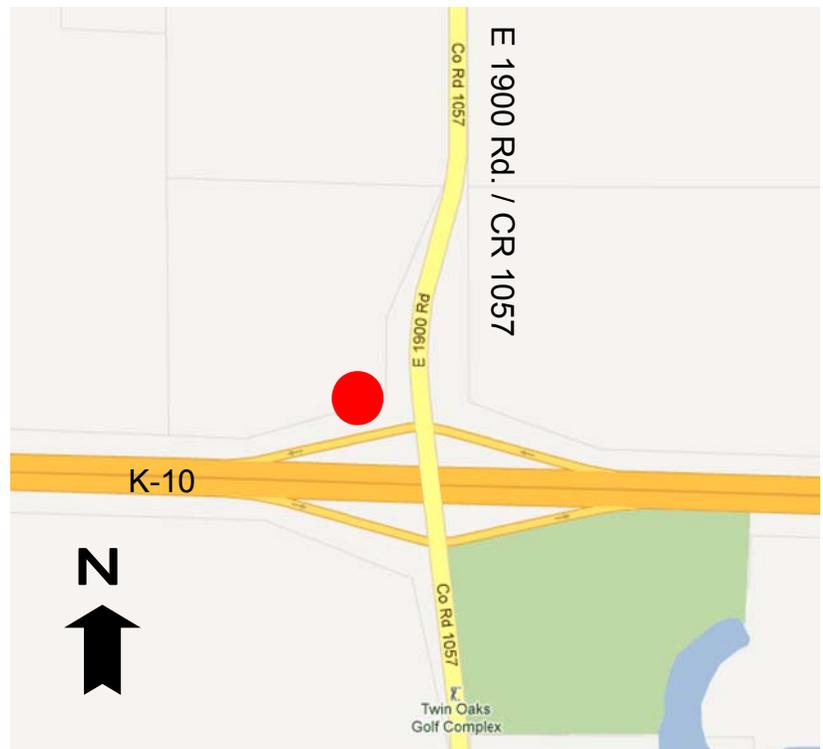
Parking: On west bound exit ramp just west of sign next to white reflective post.

N,W, and S Views: Excellent.

East View: View slightly obstructed by overpass.

Note: Light poles may affect SW & E views

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Eudora South (New)

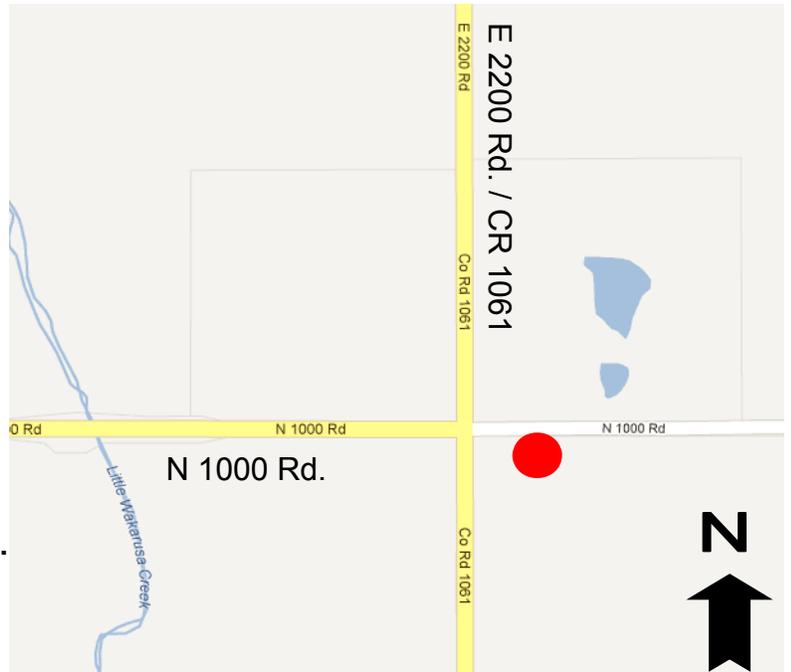
CR 1061 / E 2200 Rd. & N 1000 Rd.
South of Eudora.

Road Conditions: E 2200 Rd. is paved. N 1000 Rd. is paved west of intersection and dirt east of intersection.

Road Runs: E 2200 Rd. runs N-S. N 1000 Rd. runs E-W.

Parking: On south side of N 1000 Rd. near electric junction box pad.

Views: Good in all directions.



North



East



West



South

KP&L

SKYWARN Spotter Location Guide NE Quadrant

1230 N 1800 Rd.
.5 mile S of Kansas River
.25 miles W of KP&L Power Plant

Road Conditions: N 1800 Rd. is a paved road.

Road Runs: N 1800 Rd. runs W-E.

Parking: In Wakarusa Volunteer Fire Dept. parking lot on the east Side of the building.

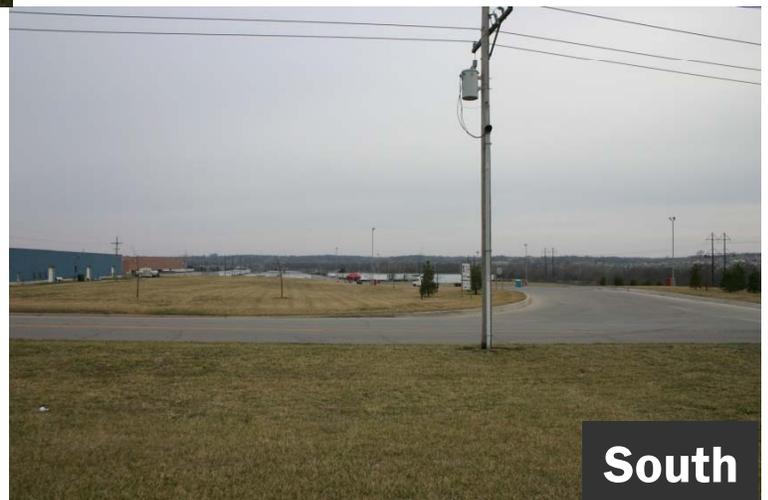
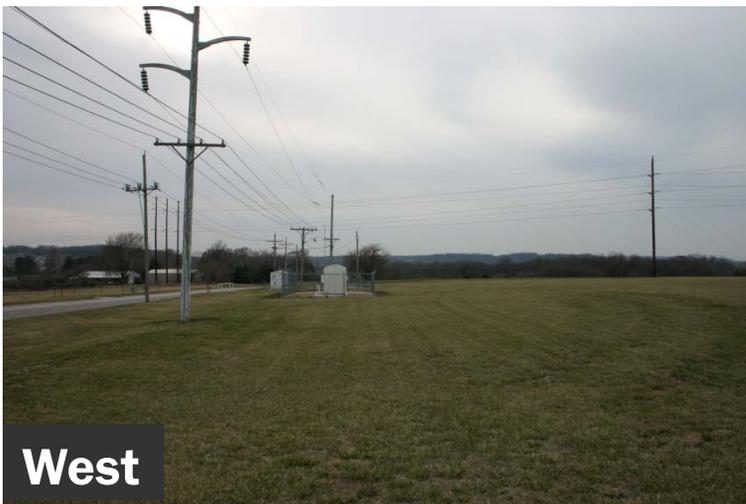
View South: Extends to Lawrence.

View West: Extends to Shawnee County.

View East: Extends to E Lawrence.



WATCH FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES!



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Douglas County Emergency Management

Midland Junction

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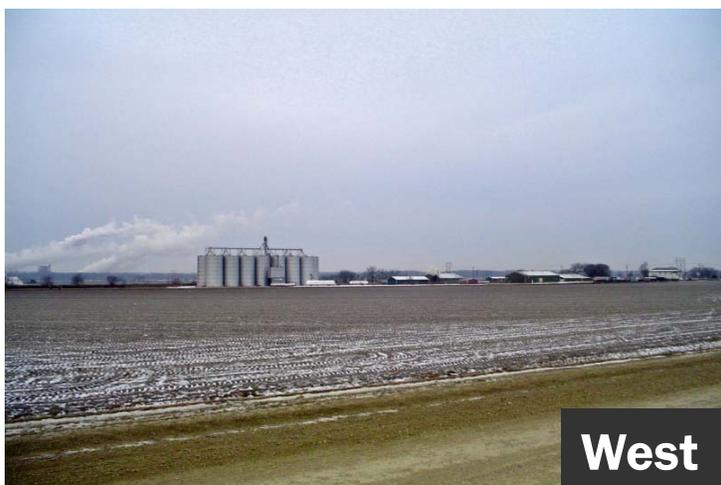
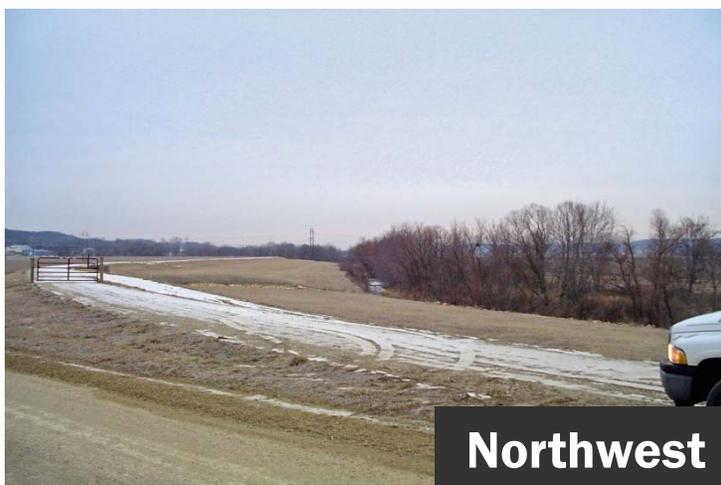
N 1950 Rd. / N 2000 Rd.
.5 miles E of US 59.
.75 miles E of Midland Junction.
W of airport & E of grain elevator.

Road Conditions: N 1950 Rd.
& N 2000 Rd. are dirt roads.

Road Runs: N 1950 Rd. /
N 2000 Rd. runs NW-SE.

Parking: Where Corps gate enters the levy.

Good view in all directions. KU, KPL, and Farmland Industries are all visible.





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Reporting by number or location: When checking in immediately after being activated and while in route to a location use your Spotter ID. After arrival at location, report using the location name.

Report of location of weather: Be sure to identify where the weather is happening whether it be at your location or 3 miles north of your location. Always remember to report what direction you are facing.

Reporting time of event: State the time that you observed the event and for how long the event persisted. Try to stay current with your reports.

Reporting of Damage: Be sure to report any type of damage to Net Control (power lines and trees down, etc.)

Reporting important features/events: Report conditions that satisfy the criteria for a Severe Thunderstorm or are important thunderstorm features. These include:

Tornado: A violently rotating column of air attached to a thunderstorm base, and IN CONTACT with the ground. It does not have to be condensed all the way to the ground, but you must see circulation at the ground!

Funnel Cloud: A rotating, funnel shaped cloud attached to a thunderstorm base and extending downward, but NOT in contact with the ground. Be sure feature is rotating and not just scud.

Wall Cloud: Lowering attached to the rain free base. Report especially when persistently rotating. This feature is beneath the updraft and is associated with rising motion. Shelf clouds are associated with sinking motion and outflow. Shelf clouds do not rotate.

Downburst/Outflow Wind: A strong out rush of damaging winds on or near the ground. A severe thunderstorm will produce wind speeds ≥ 58 mph. But, these winds can exceed 100mph, and DO NOT rotate.

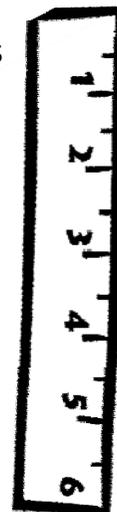
Hail: Severe criteria in Kansas is hail 1 inch or larger. Remember to use standard objects or a ruler to measure hail.

Flash Flooding: Water over roads or intersections. Provide an estimated depth of water, and never drive over a flooded area.

EOC #: 785-838-2459

MEASURING HAIL

Pea	1/4 inch	<p>TIPS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep some of the non-perishable items in your vehicle. • Always report the largest stone. • Keep a ruler in your vehicle to measure the hail. • Don't gather and measure stones until hail threat has ended. Remember: Your safety comes first! • Severe criteria for Kansas is 1 inch. • Don't compare hail to marbles.
Penny	3/4 inch	
Nickel	7/8 inch	
Quarter	1 inch	
Half dollar	1 1/4 inches	
Golf ball	1 3/4 inches	
Baseball	2 3/4 inches	
Grapefruit	4 inches	
Softball	4 1/2 inches	



Judging Wind Speeds

MPH	Evidence
8 - 12 mph	Leaves / small twigs in constant motion; wind extends light flag
13 - 18 mph	Raises dust; loose paper; small branches moved
19 - 24 mph	Small trees begin to sway
25 - 31 mph	Large branches in motion, whistling heard. in telephone pole wires; umbrellas used with difficulty
32 - 38 mph	Whole trees in motion; inconvenience felt walking against the wind
39 - 49 mph	Breaks off twigs from trees; impedes progress
50 – 57 MPH:	Small Branches/Limbs Broken (Less Than 2 inches Diameter)
58 – 69 MPH:	Large Limbs/Power Lines Down (2-4 Inches Diameter)
70 – 80 MPH:	Small Trees Uprooted, Very Large Limbs Down, Shingles Torn Off
> 80 MPH:	Large Trees Uprooted, Power Poles Snapped Off, Cars Blown Off Roads

Pre-Activation Checklist

1) Check your vehicle!

- ✓ Are your signals and lights working properly?
- ✓ Are your windshield wipers working?
- ✓ Is your defogger/defroster working?
- ✓ Do you have enough gas and means to fill up?

2) Check your electronics!

- ✓ Is your radio battery fully charged?
- ✓ Are antenna working and connected properly?
- ✓ Do you have your extra battery?

You should have a bag prepared and ready to go. This bag should contain the spotter location book and other items you may want while spotting like a flashlight, rain gear, pen/pencil, paper, some snacks and water. A small amount of cash may also be a good idea.

Safety Tips for Spotters

SAFETY IS YOUR #1 PRIORITY

- ✓ Don't forget your Skywarn ID.
- ✓ Always be aware of your surroundings. Look around in all directions, and don't forget to look up!
- ✓ Be alert for lightning.
- ✓ Obey all posted speed limits and laws.
- ✓ Be sure to pull completely off of the road whenever possible.
- ✓ Know your escape route(s) at all times.
- ✓ Contact Net Control for relocation if you feel unsafe!



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