# DAY TRIP TO IRVING

From Marysville · Marshall County, Kansas

RAILROAD AND ROAD

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**OPEN TOWNSITE**

An empty townsite with visible streets and foundations, a stone marker and a visitor notebook. Legends of Kansas describes it as accessible (2026).

Irving is a short stop: a marker, a notebook and a street grid in the trees. Pair it with Marysville's Pony Express Barn Museum for an easy day in Marshall County.

## A SAMPLE DAY

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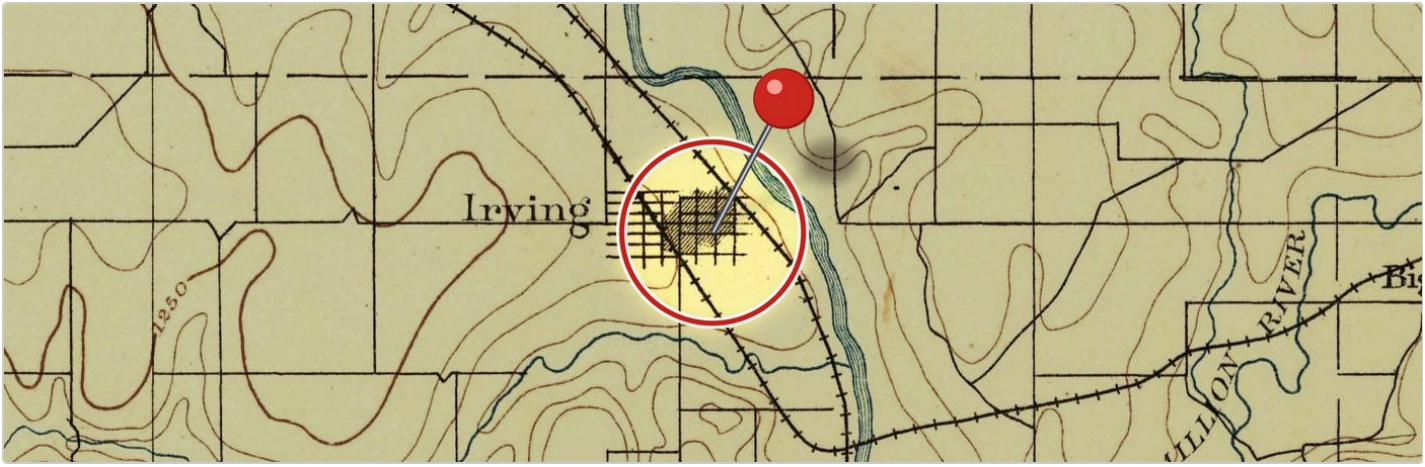
| ☐ | Morning | Drive south from Marysville on US 77 through Blue Rapids to the townsite, about 35 minutes. |
| ☐ | Late morning | Find the stone marker at Zenith and 12th Roads, sign the notebook and walk the old streets. |
| ☐ | Afternoon | Back in Marysville, the Pony Express Barn Museum at 106 S. 8th St. lists hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, closed on major holidays, with adult admission at $10. The museum asks visitors to call ahead to confirm. |

## WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The stone marker.** It stands where the post office was. Include the mailbox for scale.
- **Empty streets.** The street grid reads best from a low angle along an old road line.
- **Old maps.** Compare the 1894 and 1968 sheets below with the aerial view for before-and-after framing.




USGS topographic map, 1889 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

## DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

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| DRIVE | 17 mi, about 34 min each way from downtown Marysville. From Topeka: 99 mi, about 2 h 10 min. |
| OPEN | Legends of Kansas describes the townsite as accessible. No hours are posted. |
| ADMISSION | Our sources mention no fee, gate or operator. |
| TIME ON SITE | Our sources don't say. The marker and visible foundations make for a short walk. |
| RESTROOMS | None mentioned at the site. |
| FOOD AND WATER | None at the site. Bring your own, or eat in Blue Rapids or Marysville. |
| ON FOOT | Streets and foundations are visible on the ground. Stay on the old roads. |
| VISITOR BOOK | Sign the notebook in the mailbox by the stone marker. |

## BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

**Coordinates** 39.63889, -96.59750 · 39°38′20″N 96°35′51″W

**Directions** Google Maps

**Full guide** abandonedtowns.com/kansas/irving/

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.