

Pawnee Rock, Barton County, Kansas

This stereograph shows a view of Pawnee Rock with several people standing along the top and bottom of the historic landmark. The site is located in the southwest corner of Barton County, about 100 yards from the old Santa Fe trail. It is considered sacred ground for the Pawnee Indians who held tribal councils on its flat top. Many of the plains tribes reportedly used it as an observation point to hunt for buffalo herds. For travelers passing through the area, the landmark was considered a half way point of their journey and many would engrave their names into the stone. In 1909 through the efforts of the Woman's Kansas Day Club, the remaining portion of Pawnee Rock became a historic site. The original rock had been much larger but settlers have taken the stone for building use. In 1970 the site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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