

On April 16, we were notified that Dodge City had been nominated in USA Today's latest 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest. USA Today's expert panel selected Dodge City as a one of the twenty contenders across the United States for Best Historic Small Town (big histories and small populations), which was launched on April 16, running until May 14. Their contest, which was being promoted by USA TODAY, gave voters four weeks to vote for the candidate of their choice on the USA Today website. A person could vote once a day for the run of the contest.

The winners were announced on 10 Best on Friday, May 18th, 2018 at 12:00pm EDT, then later on USA TODAY.

Dodge City was selected as the #6 Best Historic Small Town”!

The top 10 winners in the category are:

1. Tarpon Springs, FL
2. Natchitoches, LA
3. Haddonfield, NJ
4. Williamsburg, VA
5. Natchez, MI
6. Dodge City, KS
7. Cody, WY
8. Solvang, CA
9. Bath, ME
10. Madison, GA

“Famous for its Wild West shenanigans featuring Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Dodge City maintains much of its historical appeal. The Boot Hill Museum features a replica of

the town circa 1876, complete with nearly 30,000 artifacts and the graves of gunfight victims, while the Wild West Heritage Area educates on how livestock changed the cultural landscape of southwest Kansas.”