Dedicated in 2004 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the City's founding, Sesquicentennial Point is located on a hillside overlooking Clinton Lake and the Wakarusa Valley. The area provides a gathering space for groups and offers adjacent hiking trails and picnic areas. The plaza near the top of the hill offers sweeping views of the City. Descending the hill, the Walk Through Time honors significant events in the history of the Lawrence community. A time capsule, to be opened in 2054, is buried next to the walkway.

You have the unique opportunity to become a part of the future by contributing to the development of Sesquicentennial Point, destined to become a community treasure.

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SESQUICENTENNIAL POINT

Directions to The Point:

From 23rd and Iowa Streets, go west on Clinton Parkway until you reach the road that crosses the Clinton Lake Dam, 900 E. Rd., and turn south.

Go south on 900 E. Rd. about 1/4 mile and take the first left, 902 E Rd.

Follow 902 E. Rd. toward the golf course, but watch for the sign that says Off Leash Dog Park.

Turn left(east) at the sign that says Off Leash Dog Park. Follow this road for about 1/4 mile.

On your left (north) you will see a beautiful grassy hillside. That is Sesquicentennial Point.

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Leave a mark on history and share the past with future generations by contacting the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department at (785) 832-3450 or parksrec@lawrenceks.org to reserve your stone today.

The walkway currently ends at the year 2004 with additional steps to be added as steps are purchased. Sponsors are encouraged to provide a brief history of the significance of the selected year, which will be featured on The Point’s webpage. Stones are priced by year and payment plans are available.

For stone availability, please see:
www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/parks/sesquicentennial point/steps

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