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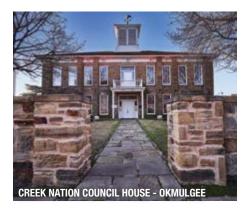






EXPLORE THE MUSCOGEE NATION RESERVATION

Chart your course for a journey abounding with culture, history, education, and fun and exciting places for the entire family. Encounter limitless ways to explore, learn and experience the Muscogee Nation Reservation.



The history of the Nation unfolds at its original Indian Territory capitol, the Creek Nation Council House. Situated at the center of Okmulgee's historic downtown square, this 1878 building serves as the tribe's interpretive center and includes not only visual displays but also auditory and interactive exhibits focused on the history of the building, the tribe's government and its citizens. Take a short walk across the street to visit the Red Stick Gallery where you can purchase items made by Muscogee artists and artisans.



Tulsa, the largest city within the reservation's boundaries, is just a short drive north of the capital city. Visit "Tulsa's first city hall," the Creek Nation Council Oak Park. A faction of the Nation arrived here in 1836 and placed ashes from the fires of their homeland at the base of an oak tree that still stands today.





Follow the Arkansas River south to the River Spirit Casino Resort. The entertainment-focused property features a concert venue, Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville Restaurant and Casino, a variety of bars and dining options including Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, tropical-themed pool and bar area, and a luxurious 483-room hotel tower rising 27 stories into the sky.

Across the river from the casino hotel, in Jenks, is the Riverwalk. The family entertainment district offers dining, shopping, live music at the amphitheater, and the perfect place for a lovely evening along the water.

Fountainhead and Lake Eufaula state parks lie along the reservation's southern boundary. Take in the picturesque scenery of the state parks or perfect your golf swing on the greens of the 18-hole, par 72 Fountainhead Creek Golf Course located

outside of Checotah on the shore of Lake Eufaula.

Get back to the reservation's capital city during the fourth week in June for the annual tribal festival. The Muscogee Nation Festival has something for everyone including live music, food, arts and crafts, cultural demonstrations, carnival rides, sports and more in a lively and family-friendly atmosphere lasting throughout the weekend.



Your adventure begins by planning your trip at VisitMuscogeeNation.com or learn more about the Nation at MuscogeeNation.com.



CHEROKEE NATION



Explore the rolling foothills of northeast Oklahoma and you'll find one of the largest tribal nations in the United States.

Start at the Cherokee National History Museum in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, to find an extraordinary range of Cherokee Nation history, with powerful and inspiring stories supported by artifact loans from the Smithsonian Institution and many others.

The Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum showcases the Cherokee judicial system. From there, you can walk along the new Cherokee Cultural Pathway, featuring a beautiful garden and authentic, Cherokee art. This will bring you to the Cherokee National Prison Museum which details notable prisoners and daring escapes.

The Cherokee National Research Center, located at Cherokee Springs Plaza, is home to thousands of Cherokee artifacts and archives formerly housed at the Cherokee Heritage Center. Its library and research rooms are free and open to the public.

Minutes away in Park Hill, John Ross Museum shares the life and legacy of a Principal Chief during a pivotal era in Cherokee history. Ross led Cherokee Nation through the Trail of Tears and the American Civil War.

North of Tahlequah, Saline Courthouse Museum is one of the last remaining Cherokee Nation district courthouses still standing today. The site has a rich, colorful and infamous history.



Just off of Route 66 and I-44 in Vinita, the newly opened Cherokee Nation Anna Mitchell Cultural and Welcome Center shares Cherokee history, art, and culture with travelers.

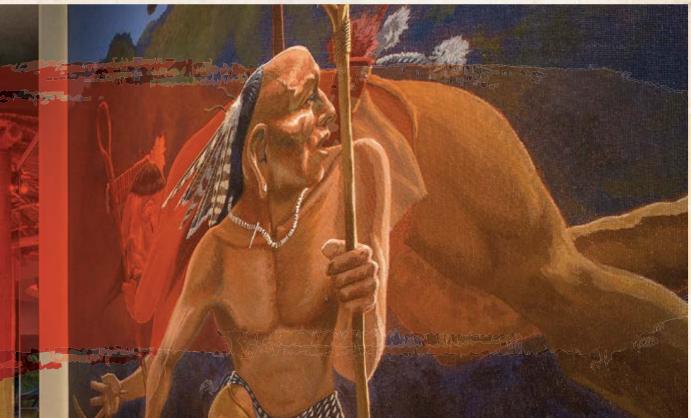
In Sallisaw, Oklahoma, Sequoyah's Cabin Museum features the original log cabin that Sequoyah, the legendary inventor of the Cherokee syllabary, built in 1829.

Ready to experience a day filled with historical wonders, inspiring stories, authentic art and unique gifts? Plan your adventure at VisitCherokeeNation.com.









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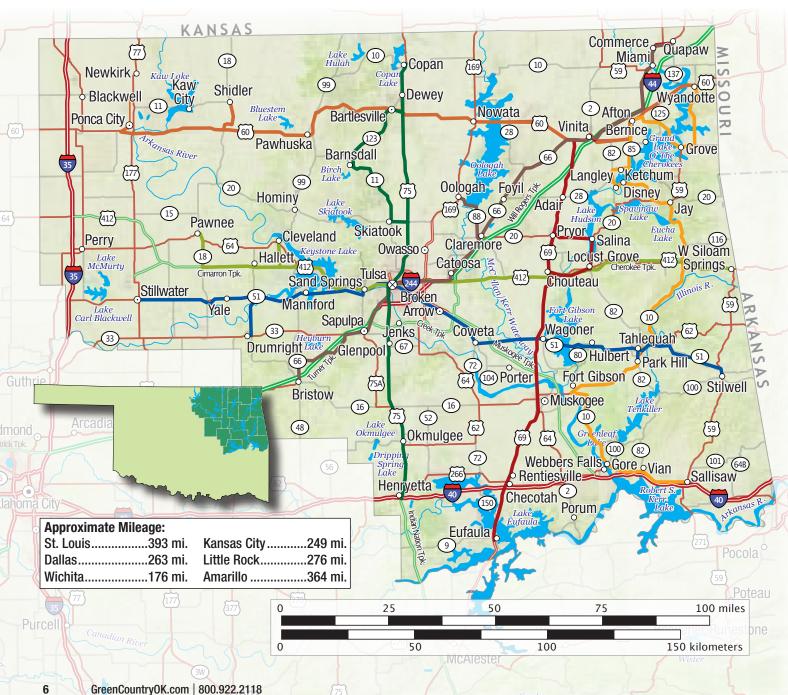
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is waiting for you.

Is it the destination or the journey? In Green Country, it is both. The following pages will whisk you along the highways and byways of Northeast Oklahoma. Suggested routes are color coded, with interesting detours along the way. You will visit back-in-time attractions, treasured, historic locations, and down-right fun things to do.

Located in Northeastern Oklahoma, the region is from I-35 and Ponca City on the west, to the state line on the east, and from Lake Eufaula and I-40 on the south, to the state line on the north. Enjoy the ride!

Follow Green Country Oklahoma on Facebook and at GreenCountryOK.com. Plan your visit, request free travel guides and maps, and great recommendations on events and fun activities.





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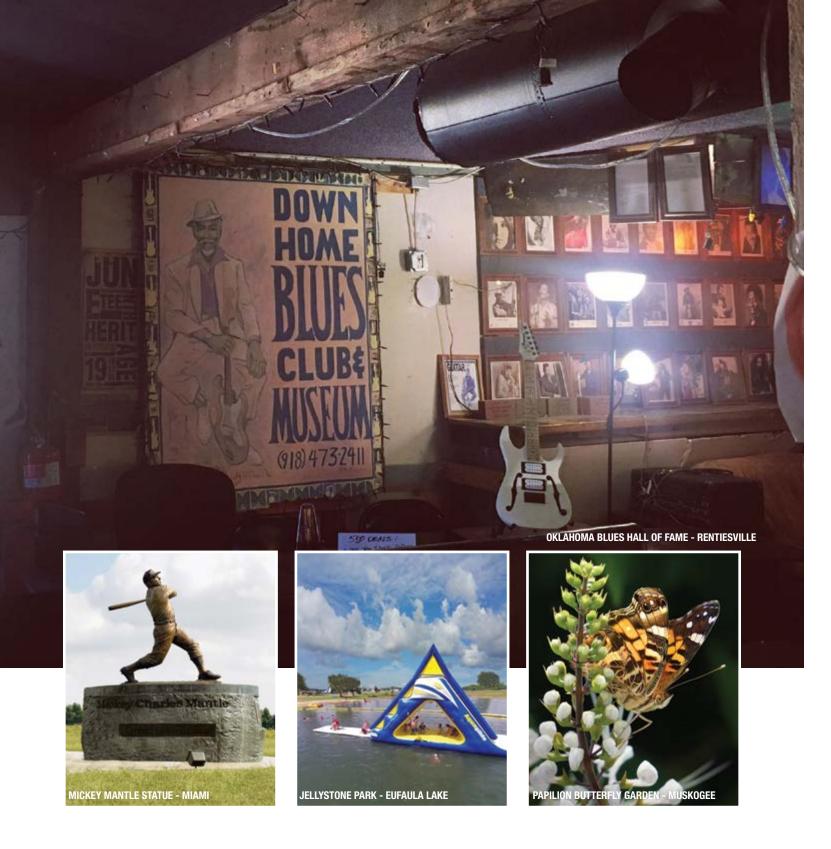
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US HIGHWAY 69

Jefferson Highway



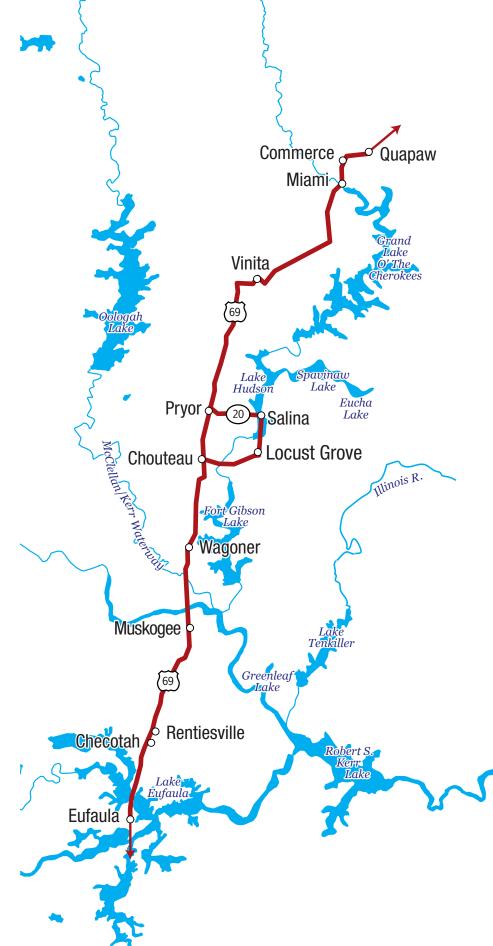
Established in 1915, the historic Jefferson Highway extended from Winnipeg, Manitoba to New Orleans, Louisiana. What remains in Oklahoma is now US Highway 69. It enters Green Country at the northeast corner of Oklahoma very close to **Quapaw**, where a quick side trip takes you to the Quapaw Museum where the history of the Quapaw Indian Nation is preserved.

Commerce is the next community and a short detour off the main road takes you by the boyhood home of its favorite son, Number 7, Mickey Mantle. The home is pretty much in its original state and can be found at 319 S. Quincy St.

You're in **Miami** before you realize it, and in Oklahoma we pronounce it My-am-uh. Miami's Main Street is a perfect place to engage in a bit of retail therapy in the shops and attractions. Miami's premier attraction is the historic Coleman Theatre which was built in 1929. The Coleman has been completely restored and still sells out performances attracting visitors of all ages. Will Rogers, Bob Hope, and Groucho Marx are a few of the entertainers who have performed to thousands of audiences over the years.

Other attractions in Miami include the Dobson Museum, where numerous historic artifacts and documents pertaining to Native American and Ottawa County history are found. Waylan's Ku-Ku Drive In, the last of its kind, is an international hotspot. Step back in time at Chapters Bookstore to sample a tasty coffee or tea while you shop.

Vinita, home to Clanton's Café which has been featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives, is the next community on Highway 69. The Eastern Trails Museum here provides a glimpse at the area's history. From 1902 to 1907 Vinita served as the seat of the Northern District Federal Court. In 1907, when Craig County was created, Vinita





became the governmental center. The Vinita Indian Chieftain, the first newspaper, began publication in 1882, and the Daily Indian Chieftain was added in 1899. Vinita holds several events each year, such as the Vinita Route 66 Festival and Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo, that you will want to attend.

We'll take off to the south to one of our prettiest lakes and communities—**Pryor** and Lake Hudson—where you can while away the hours on the lake's peaceful waters. The scenic shoreline ranges from majestic bluffs to inviting coves and the fishing is an opportunity for those searching for that trophy catch. Nearby Pryor is a booming community with plentiful shopping

and dining options and some of the finest events in the area. Each Labor Day weekend rocks with Rocklahoma, featuring hit bands banging their way late into the night, with thousands of adoring fans begging for more. Pryor's annual DAM J.A.M. Bicycle Tour hits the trail in the early fall with winding routes through the local countryside. Don't miss Pryor's newest annual country festival, Born and Raised, later in September.

Salina is a quick detour east of Pryor on Highway 20 and offers shopping, dining, and plenty of outdoor activities. Lake Hudson's shores are perfect for fishing, playing or a picnic. Lake Hudson produces more 5 lbs or larger bass than any other body of water in

the State. Spring-fed creeks are abundant and provide great hiking trails for nature lovers. One of the most popular swimming holes in the area is Blue Hole Park. This seasonal park offers cool, shallow water perfect for cooling off on a hot summer day. Tent and RV camping sites are available for rent.

Another short trip off Highway 69 is the Salina Highbanks Raceway, featuring high octane, fast and furious dirt track racing. The track is also home to some great eats at the Finishline Restaurant.

Mayes County has many hidden treasures, and **Locust Grove** is one of them. South of Salina and east of Chouteau, this small

community offers a variety of antique shopping, museums, unique shops, and civil war history. Stop in at Wonder City Coffee for a home cooked meal and locally sourced organic choices of coffee or tea that will have you coming back time and time again. Poetry lovers will enjoy the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry where they can interact and personalize poetry. The theme changes annually, so remember to visit each year.

Depending on the route you choose, **Chouteau** is the next town on your journey, and the Dutch Pantry is a great stop for fine home-cooking and delicious desserts. The Amish Cheese House is also a tasty stop for cheese, fudge, and ice cream. Highway 69 through Chouteau is lined with unique shopping opportunities featuring a wide array of antique store treasures.

Moving toward **Wagoner**, you can visit Our Lady of Clear Creek Abby, a Benedictine community of the Solesmes Congregation. The Abbey community consists of fifty monks and was founded in 1999 from the Abbey of Our Lady of Fontgombault in France. Daytime visits are welcome, and overnight stays can be arranged by advance reservations. The St. James Episcopal Church is also located in Wagoner and is listed on the National Historic Register.

It wouldn't be Oklahoma if we didn't mention "Okie", a term now considered endearing and quite notable in **Muskogee**. As you travel the city streets be on the lookout for hand-painted guitars celebrating Muskogee's rich musical heritage. The Papilion (think butterfly) and the Five Civilized Tribes Museum are located within Honor Heights Park, sight of the annual and hugely popular Azalea Festival, so big that it lasts the entire month of April. Lots of fun here for kids. The Castle is one of the very best locations to celebrate Halloween. A month of weekends are designed to scare the daylights out of you. In the spring, jousting comes to life at their Renaissance Festival.

Downtown Muskogee is a happenin' place with the historic Roxy Theater and the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame. Many Oklahomans have been influential to the music industry - Garth Brooks, Carrie Underwood, Blake Shelton, Toby Keith, Vince Gill, Reba McEntire and so many others. Across the street ,The Three Rivers Museum is housed in the 1916 Midland Valley Railroad Depot.

Events are big-time here including the wildly popular River Rumba and Cardboard Boat Race, and the Oklahoma Festival of

Ballooning in August, and the month-long Azalea and Castle Christmas festivals.

Rentiesville (careful, blink and you'll miss it), is home to D.C. Minner's "Dusk til Dawn Blues Festival" each Labor Day weekend. No kidding it goes until 5 am daily.

In keeping with the military theme, The Battle of Honey Springs in nearby **Checotah** is reenacted every two years. It was the largest battle of the Civil War to occur in Oklahoma, on a rainy, and probably humid, Friday in July of 1863. The 1,100 acre site has several trails with dozens of interpretive signs for self-guided tours. In Checotah, the hometown of mega super-star Carrie Underwood, area history can be found at the Katy Depot and it's a wonderful place to check out some of the charming shops.

You're getting very close to Lake Eufaula, Oklahoma's largest lake (within the state borders). It attracts visitors, many with second homes here, from all four directions and lake-goers will find everything from sandy beaches to rocky bluffs along the 600 miles of shoreline. The gateway city of **Eufaula** provides visitors with numerous dining and shopping venues. Don't miss a stop at "Our Favorite Place", there are SO many treasures here. There's even a Yogi Bear Jellystone Park for the young and young at heart on Lake Eufaula.







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PRYOR - A GREAT JEFFERSON HIGHWAY DESTINATION

Historic Jefferson Highway

Few roads in Oklahoma can claim as much history as Highway 69, running southwest from Miami to Durant in Oklahoma. It has gone by many names in its two hundred years or more of existence - the Osage Trace, the Texas Road, the Military Road, the East Shawnee Cattle Trail and the Jefferson Highway...

If Route 66 is "the mother road," then perhaps Route 69 could be called the "granddaddy of roads." Pryor sits on Historic Highway 69, also known as Jefferson Highway, and is home to many historic buildings and points of interest.

Beautiful Scenery

An abundance of lakes, parks and waterfalls provide opportunities to enjoy nature walks, fishing and water sports. Pryor is located in the "Heart of Green Country," less than 50 miles from more than 2,500 miles of lakeshore - and just 10 minutes from Lake Hudson, one of Oklahoma's most beautiful lakes and an angler's paradise.

Parks

Enjoy an abundance of lush parks. Whitaker Park, located in the town center, provides a splash pad, tennis courts, measured walking trail, fishing pond, sand volleyball and basketball courts, playgrounds and picnic pavilions. Centennial Park is also equipped with a measured walking trail, as well as fitness stations along the trail.

Downtown Pryor

Discover Downtown Pryor, with blocks of unique locally-owned shops and boutiques. Take in a movie at the restored 1916 vaudeville movie house Allred Theatre. Visit one of our local restaurants for home-style southern cooking and bar-b-que, as well as continental grills, Mexican, Chinese, and maior chain restaurants.



Art Gallery

The Rabbit Studio Gallery is a working studio and gift shop of nationally acclaimed Native American Artists, Bill and Traci Rabbit. The Rabbit Gallery exhibits original paintings and reproductions featuring imaginative Native American Imagery, nature scenes and portraits. Want to see more art? Visit the Mayes County Cultural Center which presents a rotating gallery of artwork from Oklahoma artists as well as special exhibits loaned throughout the country.



PRYOR, OKLAHOMA ON HISTORIC JEFFERSON HIGHWAY



Located in northeast Oklahoma, Pryor sits in the "Heart of Green Country" surrounded by beautiful lakes and exciting attractions. It boasts easy access to interstates leading directly to major markets, along with unique local businesses, year round events and a friendly community.

- Whitaker & Centennial Park
- Lake Hudson & Grand Lake O' the Cherokees
- Prvor Creek Nature Trail
- **USABMX** Sanctioned Track
- Rocklahoma and Born & Raised Music **Festivals**
- ACRA/CRRA Rodeo

- DAM J.A.M. Bicycle Tour
- MidAmerica Industrial Park -Multiple Fortune 5 Companies Including Google Data Center Campus
- Free Wifi Districts
- Pryor Main Street Shopping & Cultural District
- Mayes County Cultural Center

- Rabbit Studio Gallery
- Every school in the Pryor School District, elementary through high school, has achieved Leader in Me Lighthouse Certification
- **RSU Campus**
- Northeast Tech Headquarters & Campuses



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MUSKOGEE

The Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee celebrates the rich culture and heritage of the Five Tribes linked to the area - Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee Creek, and Seminole, The museum honors these tribes with artifacts representing their unique history in Oklahoma, housed in a building as historic as its contents - the historic Union Indian Agency building which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Bureau of Indian Affairs began construction on August 18, 1875, and it was the first to be built by the United States Government to house the Superintendence of the Five Civilized Tribes.



A scarcely known fact is that the term "Five Civilized Tribes" does not officially appear in history until one year after the opening of this consolidated Indian Union Agency. Business was done downstairs, and the Superintendent and his family's living quarters were upstairs.

Exhibits featuring various aspects of the lives of the Five Civilized Tribes, history and culture are displayed downstairs, and are changed regularly. Upstairs are many artifacts mixed in with art from either the current competition, or from the Museum's permanent collection. The museum holds an extensive collection of traditional art produced by artists such as Solomon McCombs, Fred Beaver, Johnny Tiger, Michael J. Narcomey, Terry Saul, Joan Hill and many more. The museum also has the world's largest collection of Jerome Tiger originals, including "Stickballer", his only major sculpture, which is on permanent display in the gallery.

The Papilion at Honor Heights Park is currently Oklahoma's only Butterfly House. Honor Heights Park is a 132-acre botanical garden and arboretum. The Friends of Honor Heights Park Association is dedicated to benefitting one of Oklahoma's most beautiful public parks through education, awareness, improvements, and progress.

The Butterfly House is a teaching garden and home to 26 varieties of butterflies native to Oklahoma and southeast United States. While walking through this open-air sanctuary, these colorful insects will gently fly around and welcome you into their habitat. The Papilion is open seasonally from Mother's Day weekend through the end of September, however, it does close during inclement weather, including heavy rain, lightening or heat indexes above 110°. For the best butterfly viewing experience, visit on a warm (not hot) sunny day! If you are interested in photographing butterflies, these insects are a bit slower when it is cloudy.



and traditions of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee Creek and Seminole Nations. The museum tells their story through artifacts, special annual art exhibits, a permanent art collection, and many other activities throughout the year.

Open Mon-Fri 10-5 / Sat 10-2

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— HONOR HEIGHTS PARK — MUSKOGEE, OK

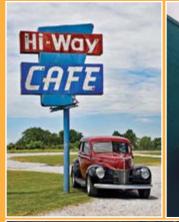
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Visit www.CityofMuskogee.com Facebook: Butterfly Papilion at Honor Heights Call 918-684-6303 for specific dates of operation.

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CITY OF VINITA

America's Main Street is our Main Street, too! Vinita's Historic Route 66 is lined with a variety of shops, antique stores, cafés and more. In fact, Cyrus Avery, known as the Father of Route 66, called Vinita home just prior to statehood. Vinita is one of the few towns located on both Route 66 and the famed Jefferson Highway. In addition to authentic aspects of Route 66, visitors can also enjoy a wealth of rich history and close proximity to Grand Lake O' the Cherokees.



A central part of the Cherokee Nation, Vinita is home to the Anna Mitchell Cultural and Welcome Center, and other treasures that make Vinita unique can be enjoyed throughout the city.

Visitors can learn about our history and more at the Eastern Trails Museum. While touring town, stop by one of our 3 municipals parks that boast a variety of activities including a splash pad, swimming pool, disc golf and skate park. Vinita Lake Park, located just north of town, provides a serene place for enjoying nature with activities including fishing, kayaking, and primitive camping.

In addition to the annual Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo, Vinita's community spirit and events celebrate our diverse culture. Check our website, www.cityofvinita.com, for the latest information on attractions, activities, and events,



Miami, Oklahoma is located in Northeast Oklahoma on Historic Route 66, and US Highway 69 - better known as the Jefferson Highway - and near beautiful Grand Lake. Located off Interstate 44 at Exit 313, Miami is the first major stop when heading south into the state of Oklahoma.

Pronounced My-am-uh, the city of Miami, Oklahoma is named after the Indian tribe that settled at the juncture of the Neosho and Spring Rivers. Nine tribal nations call Miami home, a number that leads the nation in tribal headquarters in a community.

The original 1926 alignment of Route 66, the narrow "Ribbon Road" or "Nine-foot wide section" is just south of Miami. As one of

MIAMI (MY-AM-UH), OKLAHOMA

thirteen Miami attractions on the National Registry of Historic Places, Miami boasts of the longest main street on the famous road. U.S. Route 66 or U.S. Highway 66, also known as the Will Rogers Highway, the Main Street of America, or the Mother

Road, was one of the original highways in the U.S. Highway System. Ribbon Road was built years before Route 66 was designated and was a part of the original Ozark Trail.

Known around the world as the Jewel of Route 66, the gorgeous Coleman Theatre Beautiful was built in 1929 by George L. Coleman, Sr., serving the community as a movie palace and vaudeville theatre. The venue features a Spanish Colonial Revival exterior and a Louis XV interior. Mr. Coleman, best friends with Bing Crosby, welcomed entertainers of all types on the famous stage. The theatre's original Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ remains and is still heard on daily tours and used to provide

musical accompaniment to classic silent movies as it did in 1929. Visitors from all corners of the world enjoy the opulent décor, an elegant carved mahogany staircase, stained glass panels, gold leaf trim and crystal chandeliers.

The community is home to the Route 66 Heritage Festival, held annually the last weekend in July. The festival is a 2-day music event with vendors, food trucks, and fun for the entire family. Find additional events in the community at www.visitmiamiok.com.

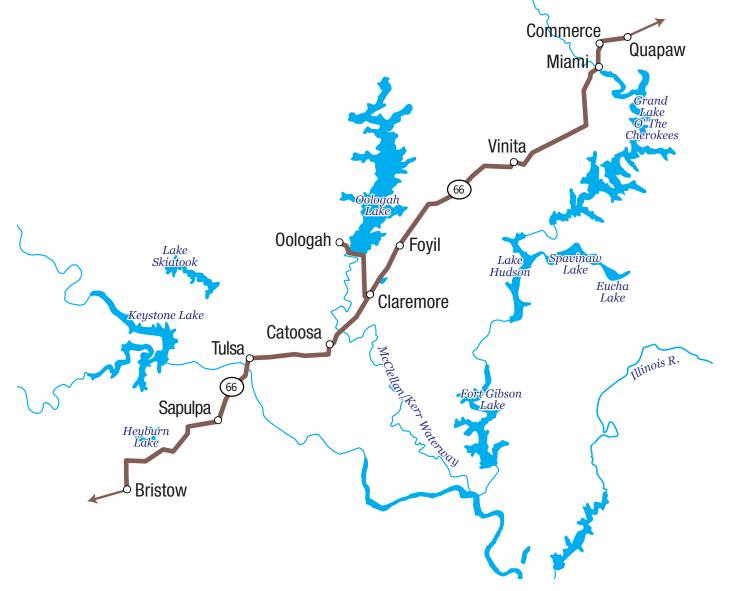
Miami abounds with culture and arts for all ages. As a genuine tourist destination, this community is known for their charm and hospitality. If you are planning a trip to Oklahoma, it's not complete without a visit to Miami. Oklahoma.



HISTORIC ROUTE 66

America's Mother Road





One of America's most famous highways, if not the most famous highway, is historic Route 66. Known also as "The Mother Road" it arrives in Oklahoma from the east at Quapaw, found at the very tip-top northeast corner. The Quapaw Museum here holds artifacts relating to and preserving the history of the Quapaw Indian Nation. You'll also be able to learn about their cultural activities and traditions.

Moving down Route 66 to **Commerce**, a short detour off the main road will take you by the boyhood home of its favorite son, ole Number 7, Mickey Mantle ("If I'd known I was gonna live this long, I'd have taken a lot better care of myself."). The home is pretty much in its original state and can be found at 319 S. Quincy St. Check out the

baseball dents in the adjacent barn—you can almost hear Mickey with his Dad and brothers whooping it up as they played

You're in **Miami** before you realize it, but in Oklahoma we pronounce it "My-am-uh". Miami's Main Street is a treasure trove of shops and attractions, so plan to spend extra time here. The most remarkable place is the historic Coleman Theatre, where top-notch entertainers have shared their talents with thousands of audiences over its ninety years. Will Rogers, Bob Hope, even Groucho Marx ("I intend to live forever, or die trying") shared their humor with theater goers. The Coleman, built in 1929, has been completely restored and still sells out performances.

The Dobson Museum is a great place to see numerous historic artifacts and documents pertaining to Native American tribes and Ottawa County.

You will need to eat while prowling around Miami, so you might consider Waylan's Ku-Ku Drive In, the last of its kind and somewhat of an international hot-spot. Chapters Bookstore is a step back-in-time and offers tasty coffees and teas while you shop.

The countryside begins to transform from the plains to more forested areas as you arrive in **Vinita**. A community on Route 66, the "Mother Road", where places to check out include Clanton's Café which has been featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives and the Eastern Trails Museum for a glimpse at the area's history. If you're really

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lucky you'll be in Vinita during the annual "Vinita Route 66 Festival" each June.

Traveling just a bit farther on Route 66 you'll find the world's largest totem pole at Totem Pole Park in Foyil. Then it's on to **Claremore**, where the Will Rogers Memorial Museum is an absolute must see when in Oklahoma. This world class memorial to "I never met a man I didn't like," Will Rogers, is full of memories and memorabilia about Oklahoma's Favorite son. Rub Will's boot in the Museum for good luck - you can't miss it. You'll also want to visit the J.M. Davis Arms and Historical Museum, for a glimpse of the largest private collection of firearms in the World. But that isn't all there is in this museum, you'll need to see for yourself because there's a few bizarre items as well.

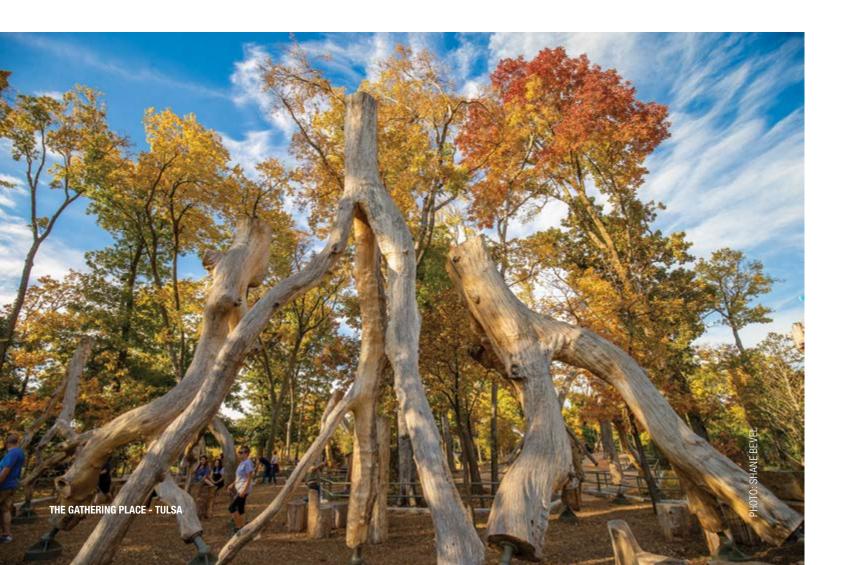
Plan on staying in Claremore for a while, you'll find an abundance of trendy and antique shopping for everyone. Dining will

certainly be a delightful choice, with options available from the Pink House Tea Room located in the historic Belvidere Mansion, to "mile-high" pies and home cooking at the Hammett House. The Will Rogers Birthplace is just a few miles north outside of **Oologah**, and the Dog Iron Ranch truly couldn't be in a prettier setting, high on a hill overlooking Lake Oologah. On the way out to the Ranch, stop in town to check out the bronze statue of Will and his trusty steed Soapsuds, its right square in the middle of the street. On the highway check out the replica of Will's birthplace – watch carefully or you'll miss it. Retrace your steps back to Route 66 and continue west and just before Tulsa you'll travel by the iconic Blue Whale in **Catoosa**. Hugh Davis built the Blue Whale in the early 1970s as a surprise anniversary gift to his wife Zelta, who collected whale figurines. The Blue Whale and its pond became a favored swimming hole for both locals and

travelers along Route 66 alike. Originally calling it Nature's Acres, Mr. Davis continued to add to the roadside attraction until it included The Fun and Swim Blue Whale and the A.R.K. (Animal Reptile Kingdom). The attraction also featured Hugh's brother-in-law, Indian Chief Wolf-Robe Hunt, a full blooded Acoma Indian, who was famous in his own right for his Indian paintings and as a highly skilled silversmith.

Originally, the pond surrounding the Blue Whale was spring fed and intended for family use only. However, as many locals began to come to enjoy its waters, Davis brought in tons of sand, built picnic tables, hired life guards, and opened it to the public.

By 1988, the Davises were no longer able to manage the attraction, and closed it to the public. Davis died in January 1990, followed by his wife Zelta in 2001. The park soon fell into disrepair, crumbling from neglect and weather. The people of Catoosa and







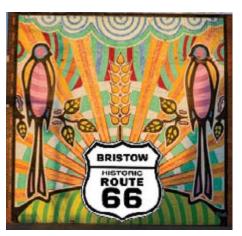


employees of the Hampton Inn launched a fund-raising and volunteer effort to restore the Route 66 landmark. The Blue Whale was restored and repainted to its original brilliant blue. The adjacent picnic area has also been restored. Swimming is no longer allowed, but you can have a picnic and take some great photos.

The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Catoosa, offers a great variety of electronic games, entertainment and lavish accommodations including an outdoor pool and special area for the little ones.

There are many attractions and events in **Tulsa,** the center of Green Country, and one of the largest cities in the region. It is included on many of the routes created - State Highway 51, US Highway 75, Route 66 and US Highway 412.

Wildly popular and newer, Tulsa's Gathering Place, a 60 plus acre-park offers literally something for everyone. The park, with pledges totaling \$465 million is the largest private gift to a public park in U.S. history. There are more than 100 unique experiences to be enjoyed at Gathering



Place. With countless activities, programs, special events and multiple dining options, you will be sure to have a one-of-a-kind visit. Take a self-guided tour with free access to backpacks filled with educational activities at the Park. Discovery pack themes include Geology, Engineering, and Nature Exploration. Chapman Adventure Playground is the place for kids to learn through play. In this five-acre kingdom, you will be transported to a magical land where anything is possible. Kids can let their imaginations run wild by exploring the playground's signature towers, slides, climbing features, play gardens, sand lot and water areas. The park is located in close proximity to large shade trees to ensure that children can play safely and comfortably, despite the summer heat. Caregivers will appreciate the shade, generous seating and easy access to parking and restrooms.

If you're looking for entertainment in Tulsa, look no further than the downtown core. Hotels, restaurants, clubs and multiple entertainment venues including the historic Cain's Ballroom, the BOK (B.O.K.) Center and OneOK (One-Oak) Field home of the Tulsa Drillers baseball team, offer an endless supply of action. Sports enthusiasts can enjoy the University of Tulsa and Oral Roberts University action, too. The largest event in Tulsa is the annual Tulsa State Fair. Held in late September/early October it's fun and food (of all kinds, especially fried) for the entire family.

Sapulpa and Bristow to the southwest both have vibrant downtown areas and celebrate their association with the "Mother Road" by hosting annual car festivals. In **Sapulpa** the Sapulpa Historical Museum is a 3-story treasure-trove of antiques, arranged in a small village format. Many of these antique items you will recognize, others — well, who knows what that thing did. The Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum is Sapulpa's latest attraction. You'll see several vintage automobiles and other related items. The museum is located at the corner of Route 66 and Sahoma Lake Road - look for the GIANT gas pump.

The annual Tabouleh Fest happens in **Bristow** each May. Bristow's history dates back to the opening of the Indian Territory to white settlers. Founded in 1897 as a Trading Post, it was called the Woodland Queen of Creek Nation because of its beautiful setting. Actual building of Bristow began with the coming of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad in July 1898. Originally a farming and cotton town, they later turned to peanuts and proclaimed themselves the Peanut Capitol of the World. In the 1920s Bristow became an oil-boom town. From 1920 to 1942 mineral production was the most important source of new wealth in Oklahoma. Today, Bristow is a thriving, growing town on historic Route 66 with shopping, dining, and attractions for all ages and interests.





CLAREMORE - THE MOTHER ROAD IS CALLING

Claremore is the hub of Rogers County; the 6th largest county in the state and home to more than 40 drivable miles of Historic Route 66 and some of the most famous icons and road side attractions.

Begin your road trip in Chelsea, home of the Pryor Creek Bridge, the only unaltered bridge with its structure left in Oklahoma. Before leaving town stop by and visit the mural located in the pedestrian tunnel that takes you under Route 66. A bit further down the road in Foyil is the world's largest Totem Pole, located 4 miles off of Route 66. The 90+ foot totem pole is not hard to miss from the road, and is a great location for a family picnic. Back on Route 66 you can visit the Andy Payne Park and the newly refurbished Texaco Filling Station, which once welcomed travelers for a short stop and fill up before they headed on their way.

Claremore, home of Will Rogers, is the next stop on the road trip. Visitors can experience the Will Rogers Memorial Museum, the J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum, Claremore Museum of History or enjoy a little shopping in historic downtown Claremore. Stay the night and enjoy dinner in one of the local favorite eateries in town, but don't forget dessert!





A road trip on Route 66 is not complete without a visit to the Nut House, a great road side attraction featuring souvenirs, lunch, and snacks. The Blue Whale is just right down the road in Catoosa and is one of the most notable road side attractions in Oklahoma. The whale is in a park where visitors can picnic, rest or just take in the scenery of the surrounding area.

If you are looking for outdoor activities than you are in the right place! Surrounded by lakes, campgrounds, with a variety of things to do and social distancing is at its best. For the bicycle enthusiasts try the Claremore Mountain Bike Trails; more than 10 miles of trails and located along beautiful Claremore Lake Park. Or enjoy the lake where you can fish, go boating or kayaking, or let the kids play at Splash Pad.

Oologah Lake offers boating, fishing, kayaking and numerous campgrounds perfect for a family outing. The area is also surrounded by trails for horse rides, hiking, or just a peaceful afternoon walk. If you fancy a round of golf, then Heritage Hills Golf Course is a must! A beautiful, 18-hole public golf course with 35 sand bunkers and 4 grass bunkers. Pro Shop, practice greens, golf cars and more all offered on

Agritourism offers even more outdoor attractions, such as Shepherd's Cross, a working farm with a host of year round events; Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch, the Nature Preserve at Rogers State University. Swan's Dairy and a variety of local farms selling fresh produce (seasonal).

Claremore is a hidden jewel in Northeast Oklahoma with all the sights, sounds and heart of authentic America. If you can't find something to do, just ask!

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Scenic Highway 10 travels down the far eastern edge of Oklahoma where the first stop is **Wyandotte**. D-Day Adventure Park hosts an annual week long Oklahoma D-Day paintball event in June, the largest of its kind in the world, with 4,000 players tracking each other over 600 acres of varied terrain.

Continuing south, one of the most popular playgrounds in Oklahoma is Grand Lake O' The Cherokees, offering fishing, boating, night life, camping, hiking and lots of lodging. At Har-Ber Village Museum in **Grove**, dozens of tiny buildings make up the pioneer-era village and history museum complex in a lovely setting on the shores of the lake. It's a must see attraction that also offers multiple events and hands-on activities throughout the year.

A bit further south at **Langley**, you'll cross Pensacola Dam. This PWAstyle Art Deco dam is the longest multiple arch dam in the world.

With a bit of advance planning, a visit to Oasis Animal Adventures in **Disney** is a refreshing treat. Here you'll meet amazing therapy animals that include a zebra, a camel, kangaroos, adorable lemurs that will steal your heart, a sloth - and a host of other friendly critters. (By appointment only).

It isn't likely you'll want to just dip your toes in the water then leave, so why not opt for one of the outstanding overnight accommodations in the area and enjoy the stay for a few days. Shangri-La Resort, located on Monkey Island, offers 119 luxury hotel rooms, 9,000 square feet of convention & meeting space, a full-service medical spa, fitness center, steam room & sauna, an indoor pool, and a sprawling 6,500 square foot outdoor resort pool with splash pad, tanning ledge, hot tub, food & beverage services, and fire pits. The resort also offers casual family dining food & beverage services at Doc's Bar & Grill, fine dining at The Summit Restaurant & Buffalo Bar, al fresco lake side food and beverage service at the seasonally operated Eddy's Lakeside Bar, casual dining at The Galley in The Anchor Activity Park, and a relaxed atmosphere at the Monkey Grind coffee shop, a proud purveyor of Starbucks® coffee.

At the full-service Shangri-La Marina located adjacent to the resort hotel, Sail Grand also offers yacht charters, boat and personal watercraft rentals, and parasailing adventures.

Shangri-La has been honored as "Oklahoma's #1 Golf Destination" (by Midwest Golfing Magazine), "Best Lake Resort" by readers of The Tulsa World, and as "Outstanding Lodging in Oklahoma" (by the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association). The Shangri-La Golf Course was honored in 2022 as "The Best Golf Course in Oklahoma" by The Discoverer international travel website. The culinary team has been honored with both "Supreme Cuisine" honors and a "Five-Star Culinary Award of Excellence" by A Taste of Grand judges; "The Anchor" activity park was named "Outstanding Attraction in Oklahoma." Shangri-La has been honored time and again as the perfect destination for any corporate event, golf outing, weekend getaway, or family vacation year-round. There is truly something for everyone at Shangri-La Resort. More information is on their website www.shangrilaok.com.



There are countless other hotels, cabins, resorts and RV facilities to consider in the area. A Wyndham Vacation property on Monkey Island provides comfortable accommodations for those wanting to spend a bit of time here. This area is also home to Grand Country RV Park and countless other cabins and accommodations to consider.

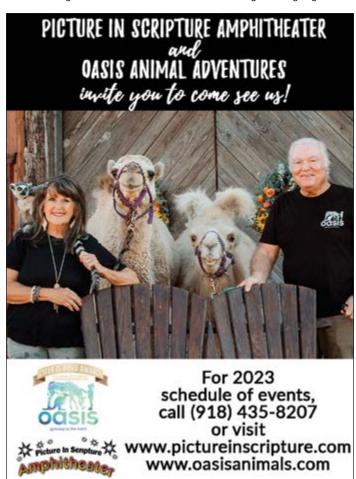
Your options for nightlife around Grand Lake are seemingly endless with dance halls, gourmet dining and lady luck at numerous casinos. Then there's always the option of just watching the sunset from your lounge chair.

Lakes Spavinaw and Eucha are located near the city of Jay and provide an area of pristine beauty. The area has a multitude of great facilities, including numerous scenic campsites, picnic areas, play-



grounds, fishing docks and group shelters. Marina and concessions are available and fishermen love the wide variety of fish. MidAmerica Outdoors is a premiere riding & racing park spanning over 1,000 acres and featuring a wide variety of spectator-friendly race areas and exciting terrain for trail riding. With premium amenities and facilities, the park plays host to multiple off-road racing circuits throughout the year. Each race event features family friendly activities and entertainment, ensuring every guest gets the most out of their visit to the park.

The thriving community of **Tahlequah**, notable for being the capital of the Cherokee Nation, is the largest community along Highway 10. Several historic sites are open to the visitor in Tahleguah. Check out the street signs labeled in both Cherokee and English languages.



Staying and playing is a must. During warmer weather the Illinois River is chock-full of kayakers, rafters and canoers. This scenic river is perfect for a refreshing float, especially during really warm weather. The green forested banks and occasional sandy beaches make for a grand time. The wise river-goers always secure everything as there's a possibility of a turn-over, generally it's all in fun. River outfitters include Peyton's Place, Arrowhead/Thunderbird Resort, and more, to combine everything you need for an Illinois River voyage - camping, cabins and watercraft.

Highway 10 scoots a bit to the west to Fort Gibson and the Fort Gibson Historical Site. It was established in 1824 as one in a chain of forts designed to help maintain peace as the United States expanded westward. A reconstructed log fort and some original buildings from the mid-1800s can be seen here. Also take the time to visit the nearby Fort Gibson National Cemetery. It is a lovely final resting place for over 22,000.

Further south on Fort Gibson Lake, The Lodge at Sequoyah State Park lends an opportunity to get back to nature. Located on a peaceful. forested point, guests will find a multitude of activities - horseback riding, trails, tennis or maybe you'll want to just kick back and do a bit of critter watching, mostly deer and feathered friends. Cap the day off by catching the sun as it sets across the lake.

Following along the McClellan-Kerr Navigation System, Highway 10 takes you to **Lake Tenkiller**, another very popular recreation lake, especially for those interested in scuba-diving. High bluffs and cliffs punctuate this spring-fed lake where some of the prettiest scenery in Oklahoma can be found. Of course, there are numerous places to hold up for a few days including Mar Val Camping Resort, where they take good care of you - they've been doing it for decades.

Your trek through the eastern side of Green Country on Highway 10 comes to an end as it reaches its southern edge (I-40) but we'll continue just a bit further east to the communities of Gore, Vian and Sallisaw. Even though they're small they offer visitors some charming shops and restaurants.

A must visit in **Gore** is Emily's Tea Room and to be safe, you should just go ahead and start out with dessert, they are sinful. Afterward there's a maze - really, a maze of aisles to wind through in the attached antique store and you'll probably not get out without a treasure or two. Just to the east in **Vian** is the cutest ladies boutique, Morning Sky, with the trendiest threads around, and you'll also want to poke your head inside the store next door, Evening Shade Mercantile, there will be some "guy stuff" here.

Continuing to the east is Sallisaw, where you'll want to visit Seguoyah's Cabin. This little home is tucked in among the tall trees northeast of Sallisaw. One of the most significant members of the Cherokee Nation, Sequoyah, created the Cherokee syllabary. This beautifully enhanced setting is an ideal location for a picnic and guaranteed to please.

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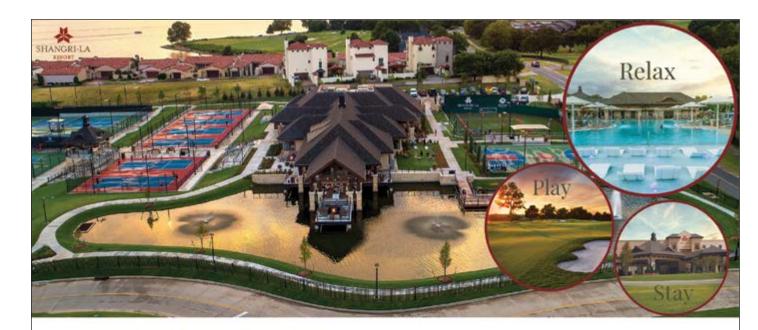
Oklahoma's premier golf destination is now the ultimate destination for a lot more than golf! Shangri-La Resort, located at the tip of Monkey Island on Northeast Oklahoma's Grand Lake O' The Cherokees, has added a true destination game changer its newest addition – a \$12 million indoor/outdoor activity park - "The Anchor." Best known for its 27-holes of Championship golf and a luxury 119-room resort hotel, Shangri-La has continued to expand amenities to provide the ultimate vear-round destination.

The 11,000 square foot indoor facility features Hologate state of the art virtual reality games, Trackman golf simulators, LaserShot shooting simulators, CXC driving and flight simulators, escape room games, arcade games, pop-a-shot basketball, billiards and ping-pong tables, shuffleboard, darts, a plethora of sporting event video screens, and the most inviting indoor-outdoor sports bar & lounge on Grand Lake.

Indoor facilities are just part of the picture. Outdoors, The Anchor includes a new racquet club facility with four outdoor tennis courts, six pickleball courts, basketball, sand volleyball, fire pits, a kids' fishing pond, an outdoor event area, and a mini-Fenway WIFFLE BALL, providing fun for kids of all ages.

History buffs are drawn to the resort by a replica of one of the original anchors from the USS Oklahoma battleship which is proudly displayed across from the new facility and displays the names of the 429 personnel who perished on the vessel when it was attacked at Pearl Harbor in 1941.

Shangri-La has even more amenities under construction. "The Battlefield," a new 18-hole Par 3 golf course scheduled to open in the Spring 2023 will make the resort one of the few facilities in America with 45 holes of golf.



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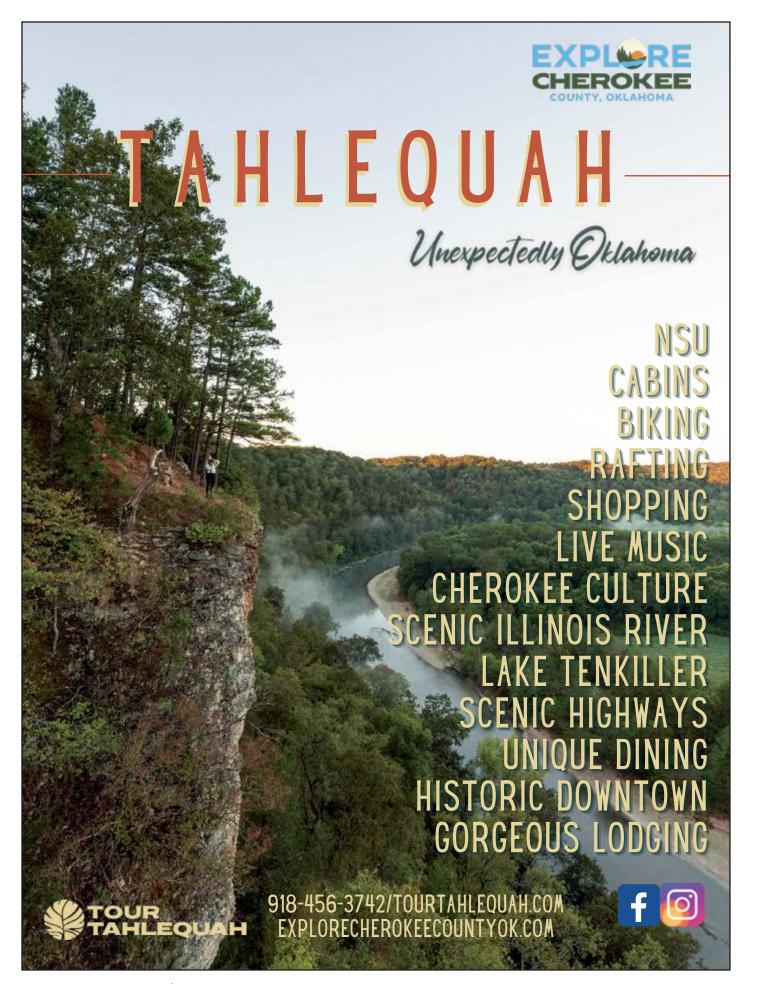




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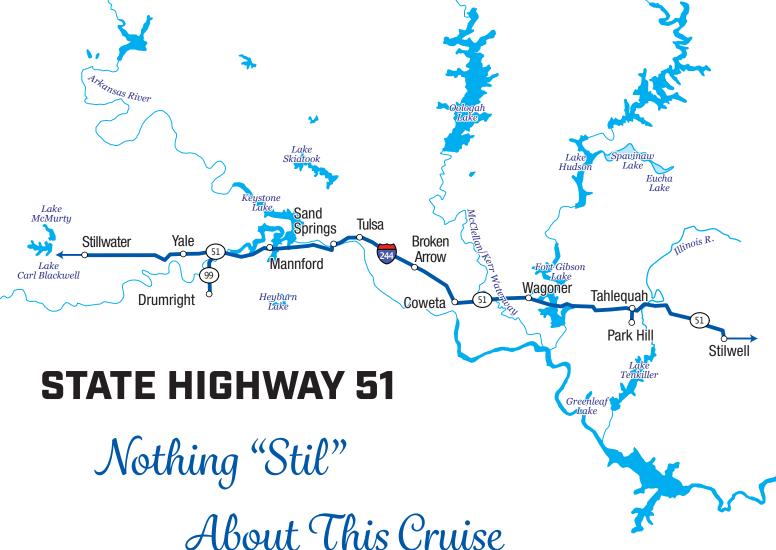




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Beginning just a short distance west of the official "Green Country" area you'll commence your Highway 51 cruise in Stillwater, where Oklahoma State **University** — *Go Pokes* — is located. Take time here for Eskimo Joe's, where this iconic restaurant has been serving up tasty burgers and cheese fries since July 21, 1975. Heading further east, the home of the greatest athlete of the 20th Century, Jim Thorpe, is located in **Yale**. The tiny home is just one block off the highway, and houses memorabilia relating to him.

Returning to Green Country, is the Tide Water Winery in **Drumright**. Located in a building on the National Register of Historic Places and originally built by John D. Rockefeller to serve as a school for employees of the Tidewater Oil Company (Tydol) in the 1920's. Stop by the Drumright Historical Museum in the restored Santa Fe Depot for a glimpse into this black-gold town's past.

Mannford sits on the banks of Keystone Lake, where it was established after the original town was consumed by the newly created lake in the 1960s. You'll find a Yogi Bear Jellystone Park here along with two state parks that offer cabins, RV sites, and a number of marinas.

Heading east, Sand Springs is the site of two very popular events held each spring - The Herbal Affair and Chillin' and Grillin' BBQ Festival. The Keystone Ancient Forest is nearby and offers (limited) hiking days to preserve the ancient trees. These may not be the giant redwoods, but they're still pretty special. Hike amidst a classic Oklahoma cross timbers forest with 500-year-old cedars and 300-year-old post oak trees. Take in all that this magnificent forest has to offer inside a 1,360 acre

nature preserve listed by The Nature Conservancy as one of the last great places on earth. Deer, mountain lions, bobcats, American eagles, migratory birds, and over 80 varied species of butterflies inhabit the preserve. The forest also offers great views of Keystone Lake. So enjoy, but please leave only footprints during your hike. Hike dates are subject to change due to weather. Hikes take about an hour to complete and are typically on your own. Allow enough time for your hiking experience as gates are locked promptly at closing time. Dogs are allowed the 1st Saturday & 3rd Sunday of each month. Wear comfortable hiking attire, sun screen, and bug spray if you would like. Port-a-potties are available on-site. Check their Facebook page for updates and cancellations. No reservations are needed. Open Thursday 7am-2pm, Friday-Sunday 7am-6pm.

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The Sand Springs Cultural and Historical Museum - housed in a beautiful art deco building - tells the story of businessman Charles Page who created a colony for widows and orphans while developing this industrial city.

There are many attractions and events in **Tulsa**—far more than could be listed—so here are a few highlights. The Tulsa Botanic Garden, on the eastern edge of the Osage, continues its 25-year plan to develop 60 acres into a myriad of garden spaces, streams, conservatory and much more. This will certainly be a venue to revisit time and again.

Other attractions include the Woody Guthrie Center, OK Jazz Hall of Fame, Philbrook Museum of Art, Route 66 Village, Tulsa Historical Society Museum and others to compliment your Tulsa visit.

Passing through Tulsa a bit further east, the Rose District in **Broken Arrow** is a must stop for dining and entertainment. While you're in the Rose District check out The Museum Broken Arrow and the Military History Center. Bass Pro Shops provides most everything for the outdoor person and there's dining, too, Events in Broken Arrow attract tens of thousands annually, from Rooster Days to the incredible Rhema Holiday Lights, featuring over 2 million lights each Christmas season.

Coweta's quaint downtown area is off the highway to the west. Significant in the downtown area is the Mission Bell Museum, which began life as the First Presbyterian Church in 1907, the year Oklahoma gained statehood. The Museum houses historical memorabilia. Coweta's Fall Festival is a treat each September.

Continuing on Highway 51 to **Wagoner**, there are multiple dining and shopping opportunities and the Wagoner City Historical Museum. Numerous events through-out the year include the Chili Bluegrass Festival in September.



In a very short while, you'll enter the Fort Gibson Lake area and another opportunity to get "back-to-nature" at The Lodge at Sequoyah State Park. Located on a peaceful, forested point, guests will find a multitude of activities including horseback riding, trails, tennis or maybe you'll want to just kick back and do a bit of critter watching, mostly deer and feathered friends. Cap the day off by catching the sunset.

The thriving community of **Tahlequah** is your next stop and is notable for being the capital of the Cherokee Nation. There are several attractions to see here including the Cherokee National History Museum and the Cherokee National Prison Museum, both restored to their original grandeur. Tahlequah is also the site of the annual Red Fern Festival and the Cherokee National Holiday.

Nearby Hunter's Home in **Park Hill** was the home built by George Murrell upon his arrival in the area, as a result of the forced removal of the Cherokee from the eastern United States. Murrell, who



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married the niece of the Cherokee principal chief John Ross, loved fox hunting, hence the name Hunter's Home.

Lake Tenkiller and the Illinois River, which flows into Tenkiller. are always popular recreation areas. Visitors come from around the region to kayak and float the Illinois and scuba diving is quite prominent at Lake Tenkiller. Numerous resorts, cabins and state parks offer a wide variety of amenities.

Our final Highway 51 community is **Stilwell** - the Strawberry Capital of the World - where you'll want to plan your journey to arrive during the annual Strawberry Festival each May; strawberries and ice cream, what a treat.



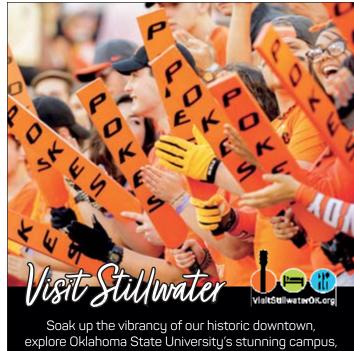


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Begin your Highway 60 travels in **Ponca** City. one of Oklahoma's noted oil communities. Plan on spending a night or two to take it all in. The Grand Home and the Marland Mansion, both homes built by E.W. Marland, are windows in time – times of lavish spending by early oil men. The Grand Home. Marland's first, built over one hundred years ago, not only had a central vacuum system but also the first indoor pool in Oklahoma. The basement is a "treasure trove" of all things pertaining to the massive 110,000 acre 101 Ranch, at one time the largest ranch in America. You'll want to observe the miniature diorama of the central ranch area from all sides,

unfortunately none of the original ranch remains today. From the Grand Home you'll visit Marland's next home, if you can call it that. It's a 43,000 plus sq. ft., 4-story, 55-room mansion built in 1928. The massive grounds of this "Palace on the Prairie" are lovely year round and the tantalizing story of Mr. Marland and his family is the stuff movies are made of and yes, there is one.

Next on the list is the Pioneer Woman Statue and Museum, just down the street. This unique museum focuses on the accomplishments of Oklahoma women and their influence on Oklahoma and the rest of the country. The winning entry of a contest to showcase these women

was transformed into a larger than life bronze that welcomes you to the Museum. Replicas of each entry to the contest are on display at the Marland Mansion.

The next stop in Ponca is the Standing Bear Museum. This lovely setting features a bronze of Ponca Chief Standing Bear and is a tribute to all Native Americans. You'll want to hear the story of this Chief and his people, it will certainly tug at your heart strings.

Don't miss the Conoco Museum or Wentz Pool and Camp - built in 1928 and located high above Lake Ponca. The Wentz pool setting, dramatic architectural style and



size, scream out for a Gatsby Party. Then stop by the Poncan Theatre, a treat for those interested in historic "movie houses."

Shidler is a small town just a few miles east of Kaw Lake where there's a lot to do. Molly Bivin has created Bivin Garden, a lovely English garden. Prairie Rattler Winery offers small batches of wine featuring labels with pictures of Shidler, Fairfax, and Osage County. Enjoy antique shopping on Cosden Avenue or a round of golf at the Lakeview Golf Course over looking Shidler Lake.

Scenes from the recently produced movie "Killers of the Flower Moon" were filmed in several towns in Osage County. The book turned movie tells the story of the plot to kill nearly sixty area members of the Osage tribe from 1921 to 1925.

Continue east on the Osage Nation Heritage Byway (Highway 60) to **Pawhuska**, the capital of the Osage Nation. The Osage Nation Museum is located here as is the southern entrance to the massive Tall Grass Prairie Preserve. The Preserve's 39,000 acres is owned and managed by the Nature Conservancy and a sizeable and growing herd of bison (approximately 2,500) graze this largest tract of remaining tall grass prairie in the world.

Pawhuska also has the distinction of hosting The Cavalcade each summer; it's the world's largest amateur rodeo. World champion rodeo cowboy and Academy Award winning actor Ben Johnson hails from these parts and Food Network star Ree Drummond (The Pioneer Woman) calls Pawhuska her home. Her popular venture, "The Mercantile" serves up food and treasures to guests from near and far. Let "The Mercantile" be your jumping-off point to Pawhuska's other shops and attractions and the Immaculate Conception Church. The magnificent stained glass windows depicting ancestors of current Osage residents, were crafted almost 100 years ago in Munich for this "Cathedral on the Osage". They are breathtaking, especially on a sunny day. (Reserve in advance.)

A scenic route to **Bartlesville** takes you by Osage Hills State Park, where cabins, RV, and tent sites are available. There are 1,100 acres to roam and explore; fishing and boat rentals are also available.

Bartlesville offers so many activities and attractions you'll once again need to stay for a night or two. The iconic Price Tower, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, is front and center in the downtown core and welcomes overnight guests at the Inn. This art-deco sky scraper is affectionately known as "the tree that escaped the forest" and is certainly a must-see on your Oklahoma bucket list. The Price Tower Museum showcases a variety of exhibits year-round.

Other attractions include the Frank Phillips Home (Phillips 66), the Phillips Petroleum Company Museum and the Bartlesville Area History Museum. The annual OKM Music Festival features world-wide talent during its multi-day run each June.

A recent attraction to Bartlesville is Tower Center at Unity Square. This beautiful outdoor area offers breath-taking views of Price Tower and downtown. Stroll the paths and relax, take in an outdoor event, or bring a blanket and have a picnic.

Moving on east to **Nowata**, the J. Wood Glass Mansion, just a block from downtown is a lovely multi-story, elegantly furnished home that is especially popular during the Christmas season. This historic Presbyterian Church is known for its beautiful stained glass windows which were imported from Europe in 1912. Top off your visit to Nowata Depot Cafe, a local favorite burger joint housed in the Historic Train Depot.

The last stop on Highway 60 is Wyandotte. Outdoor adventures await out at D-Day Adventure Park with several playing fields for paintballers from two-story buildings to earthwork labyrinths and classic speed ball fields. There are more than 40 miles of ATV trails for off-roading. The park also hosts exciting high-speed motocross races, Airsoft war games, as well as shooting classes and immersive LARPing events.

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Ponca City was created in true Oklahoma fashion during the land runs of the late 1800's. On September 16, 1893, homesteaders lined up for a race to claim one of the 160-acre farm sites in the area surrounding what became Ponca City.

Early in the spring of 1893, B. S. Barnes, having heard that the Cherokee Strip was to be opened for settlement, headed for Arkansas City with the hope of building a new city in this frontier area. Barnes had sold his furniture manufacturing plant in Adrian, Michigan, desiring to make his fortune on "The Strip."

After driving for many days, with a team and buggy, over what is now referred to as the counties of Kay, Grant, Garfield, and Noble, he observed a wagon road in Kay County, that ran from Arkansas City southward and crossed the Arkansas river at a point one mile south of the present Arkansas river bridge near Ponca City. The B & M Ford was located at this point, and had been used for years as a buggy and wagon crossing. About a mile northeast of the ford on the same wagon road, was a spring.

The fact that the spring was a good water source and was located on the main road to the Osage County, caused Barnes to decide that near this point was the logical site for his contemplated city. Barnes went back to Arkansas City to announce the location of the new city and to organize the Ponca Townsite Company.

On September 21st, four days after the Oklahoma Land Run, surveyors completed surveying the selected section of land into streets and lots, and the lot drawing began. And such was the beginning of Ponca City! Certificates for lots in Ponca City were sold by the Ponca Townsite Company for \$2 each and each certificate was good for either one business lot or one residential lot. Over 2,300 certificates were sold. A little girl drew the cards from a box placed on Grand Avenue between 3rd and 4th streets. From these drawings attendants recorded the certificate owners' names and lot selections in large bound books. This is believed to be the first instance of a new city being started with a town lot drawing. It took two days to complete the drawings and Ponca City was born.

(Adapted in part from "The Last Run," written by the Ponca City Chapter of the DAR.)

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The story that unfolds around the Marland Estates is one of power and position, triumph and tragedy, drama and dreams, aristocracy and the untamed west. Ernest Whitworth Marland arrived in Ponca City in 1908 penniless and looking for oil. Within a dozen years he had amassed \$100 million fortune and controlled 10 percent of the worlds known oil reserves.



A gracious and benevolent man, Marland gifted Ponca City with parks, golf course, and the Pioneer Woman Statue.

Even after losing control of Marland Oil and marrying his formerly adopted daughter, Lydie, Marland was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1932 and Governor in 1935. Along the way he built both his Grand Home and the Mansion, two of America's most magnificent homes.

Built in the style of an Italian renaissance villa and reflecting the opulence of old Europe, the mansion boasts 43,561 square feet of living space and incorporated the most contemporary American technology of the 1920's.

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HOME OF THE OSAGE NATION, BEN "SON" JOHNSON, AND REE DRUMMOND - THE PIONEER WOMAN

Deep in the heart of Osage County you will find Pawhuska with a population of 3,500 and 3 major cultures: The Osage Tribe, Cowboys, and The Oilman. While here, check out our three outstanding museums: The Osage County Historical Museum, The Ben Johnson Cowboy Museum, and the Osage Nation Museum. The Osage Nation Museum is the oldest tribal museum in the country. It reflects on the Osage Tribe's history and showcases art from local tribal members. Head north of downtown Pawhuska to the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve.



Between the free roaming bison herds and the rolling hills you will find this picturesque scenery to be peaceful. Sunrise and sunset are optimal times to visit!

After touring the town, you will want to grab a bite to eat. Ree Drummond's Pioneer Woman Mercantile is the perfect mix of

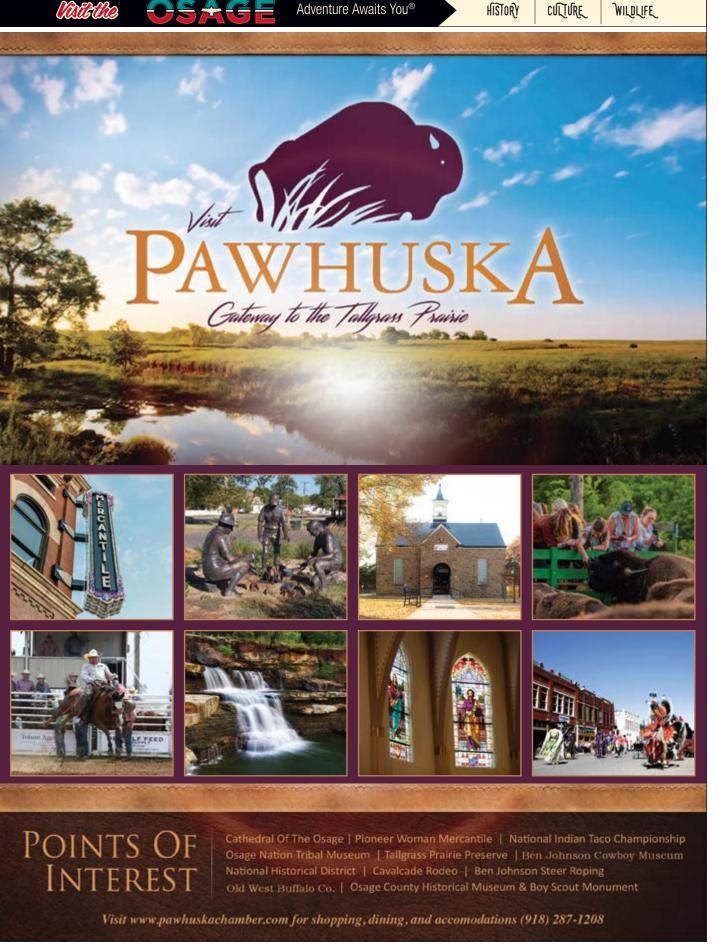


restaurant, shopping, coffee and bakery items. The Mercantile opened Halloween of 2016 and has since grown to include several businesses. Ree now has the Pioneer Woman Mercantile, P-Town Pizza, Charlie's Sweet Shop, Boarding House, and The Pioneer Woman Collections. Aside from the Merc the town has Buffalo Joes which is a great breakfast, lunch, or dinner spot. It's family owned and operated with delicious home cooking. Triggers BBQ offers smoked meats and homemade sides. They are located one block south of the Mercantile. If you need something to wet your whistle then try Dollhouse Road Brewing, Dry Hollow Bar, 3 C's Wine Tasting, and the Dirty Laundry Saloon. Dollhouse Road Brewing has craft beer, corn hole, and local art. Dry Hollow Bar is never be short on entertainment. Rumor has it a cowboy

road his horse inside! 3 C's Wine Tasting is located in downtown Pawhuska. They offer wine tasting, wine slushes, and charcuterie boards. Last but not least, Dirty Laundry Saloon hosts a number of wonderful events and wine tasting throughout the year.

You won't run short on accommodations here in Pawhuska. The Pioneer Woman's Boarding House is a beautiful mix of rooms designed by both Ladd and Ree. Right next to the PW Mercantile in our historic Triangle Building is the Frontier Hotel. This 5 story triangle building was built in 1915 with hints of that era throughout. Don't miss one of our highly top rated AirBNB's. We have plenty that are close to the downtown area. From Little Rain Song Loft, which is just half a block North of the Mercantile, to the Oilman's Daughter (two locations) with beautiful floor to ceiling accommodations with every detail you can imagine. There are several AirBNB's around the county as well. The Lodge at Taylor Ranch has cabins to rent, RV hook ups and sites, and is home to two of Oklahoma's premiere disc golf courses. Don't miss out on the Coy T Ranch for one of the best sunset spots in Pawhuska. Whatever you are looking for on a vacation, Pawhuska has it all. They don't call it God's Country for nothing.









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FIND YOURSELF IN BARTLESVILLE

Bartlesville, located in northeastern Oklahoma, invites you to explore history, architecture, culture, and hospitality. From Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower, enjoy an incredible view of the beautiful Osage Hills, home of Woolaroc Museum and Wildlife Preserve. Understand the history and energy of the American West by visiting the Frank Phillips Home, **Nellie Johnstone No. 1 Oil Well**. or the **Phillips Petroleum Company Museum** (by appointment only). Learn more about the contributions of area Oklahomans at the Bartlesville Area History Museum, **Delaware Tribal Archives Museum.** or the Tom Mix Museum and the Dewey Hotel & Museum located in nearby Dewey.

The attractions and events of Bartlesville and Dewey represent a story of human spirit and perseverance. A new addition, opened in 2020, is **Tower Center at Unity Square**. The urban green space provides a public gathering place for visitors of all ages and numerous events. Unity Square is located at Sixth Street and Dewey Avenue, between the **Bartlesville Community Center** and **Price Tower**. The exceptional museums, outstanding architecture, and one-of-a-kind cultural events make for a community full of charm and class. Fill your visit with historic tours, family friendly attractions, and fun events. Or make the most of a business trip at one of our unique restaurants, beautiful parks, or friendly retail shops.

Children of all ages love to explore the AT&SF Steam Locomotive No. 940. Bruce Goff's Sooner Park Play Tower, or the magical fun of the Kiddie Park. Outdoor enthusiasts can find adventure at the **Pathfinder Parkway Trail. Lee Lake.** Frontier and Sooner Pools, or Osage Hills State Park, located just 14 miles west of downtown Bartlesville

Enhance your stay by attending one of our many festivals and take in the food, music, and culture of the area. Highlights of the year include Sunfest Arts and Music Festival, OKM Music Festival, Kidsfest at Woolaroc, and the Delaware Pow-wow on Memorial Day Weekend.

Bartlesville has played host to oil barons, legends, and well-known celebrities. However, the most important visitor is the one that hasn't vet arrived. Let us serve as your next weekend getaway, family reunion destination, or convention location. We are committed to helping you create happy memories of the people and places of Bartlesville and the surrounding area.

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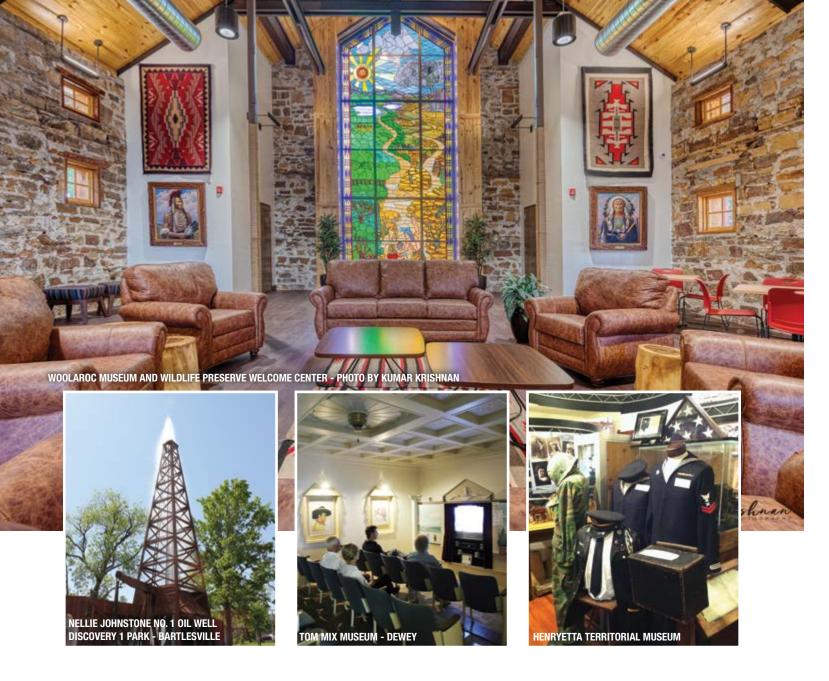


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US HIGHWAY 75

Woods, Lakes and Rocks

As you enter Green Country from Kansas on Highway 75 you are immediately greeted by one of Northeast Oklahoma's lakes. Some camping facilities are available at Copan Lake along with fishing and other lake activities. Before you know it you've arrived in **Dewey**. Another of Green Country's quaint towns, this one is home to the Tom Mix Museum and historic Dewey Hotel

Museum. Handsome Tom Mix was King of the Cowboys, sheriff of Dewey, and silent movie star. The Tom Mix Museum houses items related to Tom, including a replica of his trusty steed Tony, and a theater where you can see them in action in one of his many films. The Dewey Hotel Museum provides a glimpse of days-gone-by accommodations, but is not available for those any longer.

Do take time to visit the many charming shops, one even has an old-fashioned soda fountain, Linger Longer Antiques and Soda Shoppe. Stop in for a cold one and take a rest at Scissortail Brewing Company.

Before you know it, you're in the community of **Bartlesville**. Bartlesville offers so many activities and attractions

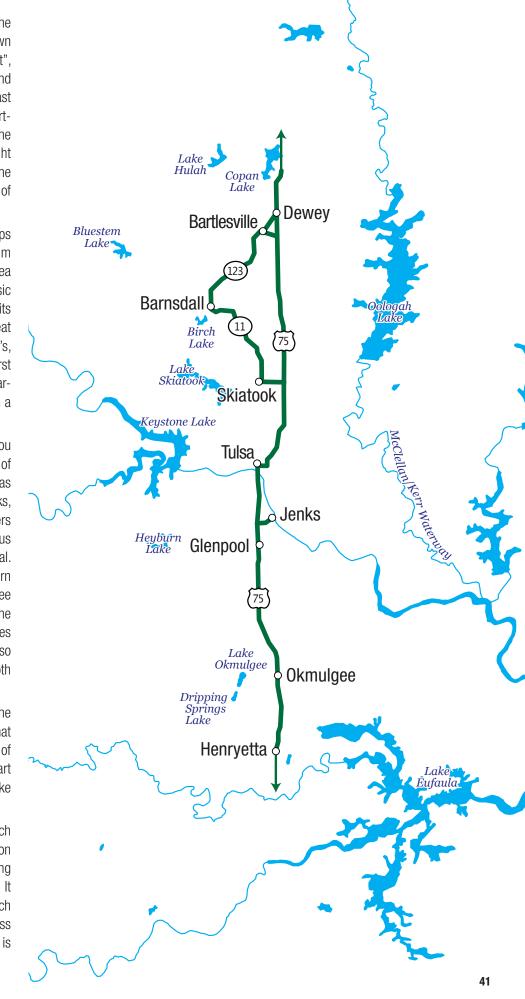
you'll need a room for a night or two. The iconic Price Tower, affectionately known as "the tree that escaped the forest", was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and is a must-see on any visit to Northeast Oklahoma's Green Country. This Art-Deco skyscraper is front and center in the downtown core and welcomes overnight guests at the Inn. Adjacent to the Inn, the Price Tower Museum showcases a variety of exhibits year-round.

Other attractions include the Frank Phillips Home (Phillips 66), the Phillips Petroleum Co. Museum and the Bartlesville Area History Museum. The annual OKM Music Festival features world-wide talent during its multi-day run each June. Dining is a treat in Bartlesville especially at Frank and Lola's, don't let the quirky décor fool you — it's first rate chow. A long-time local is Dink's Pit Bar-B-Que, where an order of onion strings is a must treat - you'll understand.

A scenic route from Bartlesville takes you a bit off track to the ranch home retreat of Frank Phillips, another must-see. Known as Woolaroc, for the WOOds, LAkes and ROCks, this massive Osage County estate covers 3,700 acres and is home to numerous animals, who often greet you upon arrival. The ranch house is elegant in a western style, and you will want to be certain to see the baby grand piano and learn about the unusual façade. The museum, which houses an outstanding western art collection, also includes many rare and curious items both given to Mr. Phillips and collected by him.

Upon leaving Woolaroc, you will reach the community of **Barnsdall,** unique in that there's an oil well pump jack in the middle of Main Street. Take time to visit the Big Heart Museum which also hosts a namesake festival each spring.

We've somewhat left Highway 75, which is a lovely route, however let's continue on Highway 11 south to **Skiatook**, a booming community on the edge of Osage County. It hosts the annual Pioneer Days Festival each September and the "toe-tappin'" Tallgrass Music Festival in October. Skiatook is





located near Skiatook Lake, where fishing and multiple other outdoor activities await you. The Osage Casino here provides the traveler with luxury accommodations and a multitude of entertainment options.

As you transition back to Highway 75, the skyscrapers of downtown **Tulsa** become visible. If you plan to spend a bit of time in the downtown core (and we hope you do), don't miss the Boston Avenue Methodist Church, it's right on the highway. In keeping with the Art-Deco theme from Bartlesville, this masterpiece should be seen from the interior as well as the exterior. While you are here, visit the Tulsa Osage Casino Hotel - your place to play. Featuring 1,600 electronic games and 16 table games, the new resort-style property is like no other.

Circling around downtown Tulsa and continuing south, you'll arrive in the suburb of **Jenks**, locally known as the Antique Capital of Oklahoma. You'll completely understand once you settle into the Main

Street area. Your choices for eating, entertainment and shopping are abundant.

The Oklahoma Aquarium is located in Jenks on the banks of the Arkansas River. Housing the largest bull sharks in captivity, their "residence" includes a tunnel and dome where visitors can get up-close and personal with these swimmers. Several other exhibits feature local, and sometimes prehistoric, aquatic life in their natural habitat. The sea turtle experience gives visitors a look-see at these gentle giants. Also on the west bank of the Arkansas River, GolfSuites provides outstanding family fun and dining - FORE!

As many metropolitan areas grow, it is sometimes hard to tell where one community ends and another begins. **Glenpool** is one of these. In 1905 the Glenn Pool oil discovery occurred on the farmland of Ida Glenn, thus the name. A celebration of this historic find, Glenpool Black Gold Days occurs each October, offering food, crafts and fun for visitors of all ages.

Okmulgee, Capital of the Muscogee Nation, and home to the Creek Council House on the downtown square, which showcases the Nation's political structure through art and artifacts. Each June the Nation celebrates the annual Muscogee Nation Festival complete with stomp dances, sports tournaments, arts and





crafts, big-name entertainment and numerous other activities. Also in June, Okmulgee celebrates the fabulous tree nut, the pecan, at the "Pecan Festival." Oklahoma ranks as one of the top pecan producing states in the US.

Continuing south the final stop on Green Country's Highway 75 is **Henryetta**, home of 16-time World Champion rodeo great, Jim Shoulders and former Dallas Cowboys quarterback, Troy Aikman. The Henryetta Territorial Museum houses exhibits honoring both of these former citizens; many other interesting items are on display. Did you know that Jim Shoulders invented the mechanical bull?



Dewey Hotel Museum

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DEWEY

Dewey was founded in 1899 by a successful business man named Jacob Bartles. The city was named for Admiral George Dewey. Today, this quaint town offers many attractions and antique and specialty stores, including an old fashion soda shop, that will provide hours of shopping and family entertainment.

The Dewey Hotel Museum, located in Historic downtown, is a stately Victorian hotel built in 1899 by city founder Bartles. Furnished in period pieces, exhibits include early Dewey and Bartlesville history, Bartles family history, Indian Women's collections, Jake Bartles recreated office (including authentic Bartles pieces), and Dewey Round-Up photos, programs, and ephemera.

The Historic Dewey Cemetery is located north of Dewey on US Highway 75. Headstones date as far back as 1899. The grave of notorious bank robber Henry Starr, nephew of Belle Starr, can be found here along with the mausoleum of the Bartles family.



The Jake Bartles Well is located on the corner of Don Tyler Avenue and Delaware Street. This historic well was the first in the territory. Legendary Tom Mix used the well to water his horse. The replica of the original sign marking the historic well has been duplicated down to the mis-spelled word: "wattered".

Tom Mix was a silent movie super-star. He was the first Marshal of Dewey in 1912 before he became famous. See displays of his clothing, saddles, guns, photos and other memorabilia, including a life-size replica of his horse, Tony.

The Tom Mix Jail is a nondescript concrete structure that once held bad guys of all sorts. The jail used to be located north of the Fire Station but was deconstructed in 2013 and rebuilt to the north of the Dewey Hotel.

The City of Dewey is a must see for lovers of American Heritage and has something to offer the entire family.

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OKMULGEE

Many communities are experiencing a re-birth, a re-awakening and Okmulgee is one such place. The renovation of the historic Muscogee Nation Council House, seat of the Muscogee Nation, is the center of Okmulgee's downtown square and just one of the dozens of refinements that have taken place over the past decade. Over 50 million dollars worth of renovation, renewal and volunteerism have been invested in the downtown area. Visitors will enjoy the quaint downtown square, visiting the Council House and the 100-year-old Orpheum Theatre where first-run movies, can be seen. Shopping includes a strictly Nativemade shop, Red Stick Gallery and Funky Blessings. There are also many dining options like the ever-popular Coleman's Bakery, Daddy-B's and Kirby's Diner among other options.

The annual Muscogee Nation Festival features traditional Native American elements intertwined with the popular

culture of today and top entertainment highlighting the evening festivities for thousands of festival goers. Activities such as The Harvest Spoon Chili-fest; the Pecan Festival featuring a Carnival, barbeque and entertainment; along with other events throughout the year provide fun for families and visitors from around the region who come to celebrate.

If you're looking for a wild-ride you'll want to check out Jandebeur's Motor Sports Park where dirt-biking is front and center. It's the largest family owned motorsports park in the Midwest, with five tracks and two trail sections that accommodate beginners and professionals alike. Not to worry if you don't have a dirt bike, they're available to rent.

Outdoor lovers will want to spend time at Okmulgee and Dripping Springs Lake and Recreation area. The spillway from Okmulgee Lake is a soothing and peaceful backdrop, an image not to be missed OKMULGEE LAKE

during your visit. Dripping Springs Lake is known as Oklahoma's first "Trophy Bass Lake"; conditions at the Lake provide the perfect habitat for trophy bass. Camping, tent sites and shelters available for rent are all available; additionally, a 3.5-mile nature trail winds through woods and along the shoreline.

Okmulgee is located in Northeast Oklahoma's Green Country, a half-hour south of Tulsa on US Highway 75. We know you'll enjoy spending your time in Okmulgee.



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US HIGHWAY 412

Dick Tracy & Pawnee Bill

Meet the Blue Whale

When entering Green Country on highway 412, which is also known as the Cimarron Turnpike, you're not far from Chester Gould's hometown of **Pawnee**. Gould is the creator of Dick Tracy and giant murals of him are on display throughout this community. There's more to see at the Pawnee County Historical Society Museum and the Dick Tracy Headquarters. Also of note is the Pawnee Bill Ranch, home of Gordon W. "Pawnee Bill" Lillie, a destination all by itself. There's so much to see; bring a picnic, perhaps one of the roaming draft horses will share it with you. May brings the annual Steam Threshing and Gas Engine Show with antique steam engines, crafts and fun for the entire family. Make time to visit the Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum and check out the Wild West Fest with activities for the entire family including historical re-creations, trick riding and shooting, mansion tours and gun fights.

Next stop **Hallett**, where revving engines and squealing tires are heard on many weekends at the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. Nearby **Cleveland**, on the upper end of Keystone Lake, offers recreation sites for outdoor enthusiasts. Feyodi Creek Park Campground offers camping and recreation opportunities on 26,300 acre Keystone Lake, near the Arkansas River. Facilities include full RV hookups, tent camping, restrooms and showers, hiking trails, driving range, disc golf, volleyball, playground, picnic shelters, boat ramp and amphitheater.

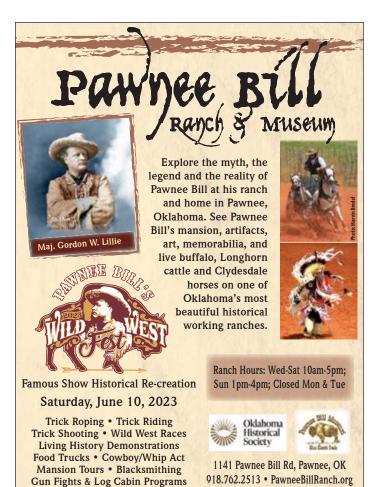
You'll soon be in Sand Springs, the site of two very popular events held each spring - The Herbal Affair and Chillin' and Grillin' BBQ Festival. The Sand Springs Cultural and Historical Museum, housed in a beautiful art deco building, shares the story of businessman Charles Page, who created a colony for widows and orphans while developing this industrial city.

As you leave Sand Springs, a slight detour north takes you to peaceful Postoak Lodge and Retreat located in the rolling Osage hills. Their neighbor is the beautiful Tulsa Botanic Garden with a 7 acre lake surrounded by gardens. Well worth the visit, you will see a spectacular layout of color and interactive garden displays.

Tulsa's downtown core looms in the distance and offers numerous activities. The high-energy central business district is chock-full of restaurants, bars, attractions and entertainment venues. If you are feeling lucky, you should take time to visit River Spirt Casino and Resort, where elegant accommodations, world-class entertainment, breath taking views, Ruth's Chris Steak House and Margaritaville await your arrival. The newer resort-style property is like no other.

Continuing east, stop in at the massive Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Try your hand

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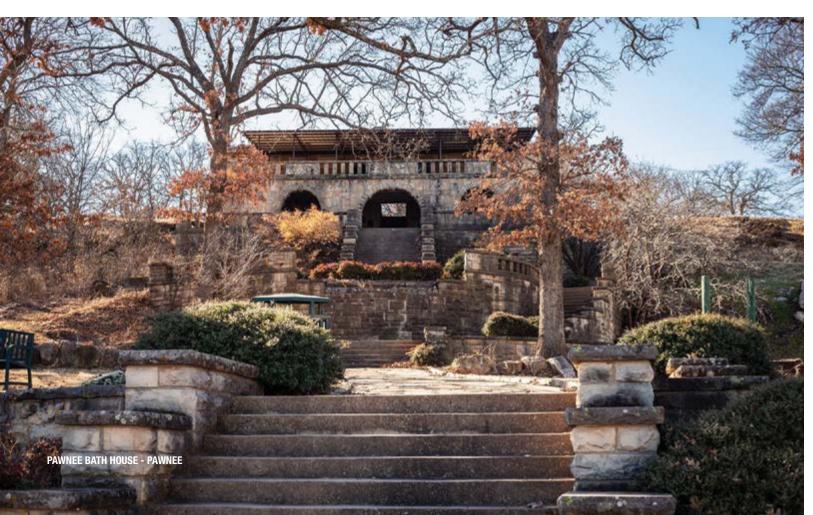


at "lady Luck"; then just a mile further you'll find yourself in **Catoosa**, home of the "Blue Whale." You've now connected with Route 66. The iconic Blue Whale is a perfect photo stop, then it's back to Highway 412. You'll cross over the McClellan-Kerr Navigation System that provides mid-American goods access to the world, via the Arkansas and Mississippi rivers. The next town is one of Oklahoma's Amish communities, **Chouteau**. The Dutch Pantry here is a great stop for fine home-cookin' and delicious desserts. The Amish Cheese Store is also a perfect stop for cheese, fudge, and ice cream - what more could anyone want?

Travelling further east, you'll want to opt for "scenic" Highway 412. It travels through some of the prettiest parts of Oklahoma, including **Locust Grove** where noted Cherokee sculptor Willard Stone lived.

As we come to the end of Oklahoma's Highway 412, you'll cross the tiny Flint Creek, a picturesque setting and just a few miles from Natural Falls State Park, a favorite with locals and visitors alike; campsites and numerous outdoor activities are available. While you're enjoying nature here, and if you prefer a more comfortable setting, the Cherokee Casino at **West Siloam Springs** provides luxury accommodations and hours of entertainment.





NATURE TRAILS AND HIKING



BARTLESVILLE

Pathfinder Parkway – 12-mile Johnstone Park

CLAREMORE

Claremore Lake Park Rogers State University Conservation Education Reserve

EUFAULA

Chinkapin Trail — 1.4-mile & Savannah Loop - .3-mile

PRYOR

Pryor Creek Nature Trail; 3.3-mile; dogs and horses welcome

OKMULGEE

Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge — Unimproved, Cussetah Bottoms Boardwalk Hawthorne Park — hiking and bike trail Oak Leaf Nature Trail — several loops

PAWHUSKA

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Osage Hills State Park Trail System

Creek Loop Trail — 1.5-mile Lake Trail

Overlook Trail

PONCA CITY

Camp McFadden at Kaw Lake Eagle View Trail at Kaw Lake Lake Ponca Standing Bear Park & Museum



TAHLEQUAH

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TULSA

Chandler Park — Lost City Trail

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Haikey Creek Trail – 1.74-mile

Hunter Park/Biscuit Acres Dog Park

LaFortune Trail — 3.2-mile

Midland Valley Trail - 3-mile

O'Brien Park Trail – 2 trails - .75-mile and 1-mile

Osage Prairie Trail — 14.5-mile

Oxley Nature Center in Mohawk Park – 9-mile

Reed Park - .5-mile

Tulsa River Parks – 26-mile

Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness Area

Red Trail - .8-mile loop

Blue Trail – 1.5-mile

Yellow Trail — 4.4-mile

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Pink Trail 5.7-mile

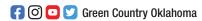
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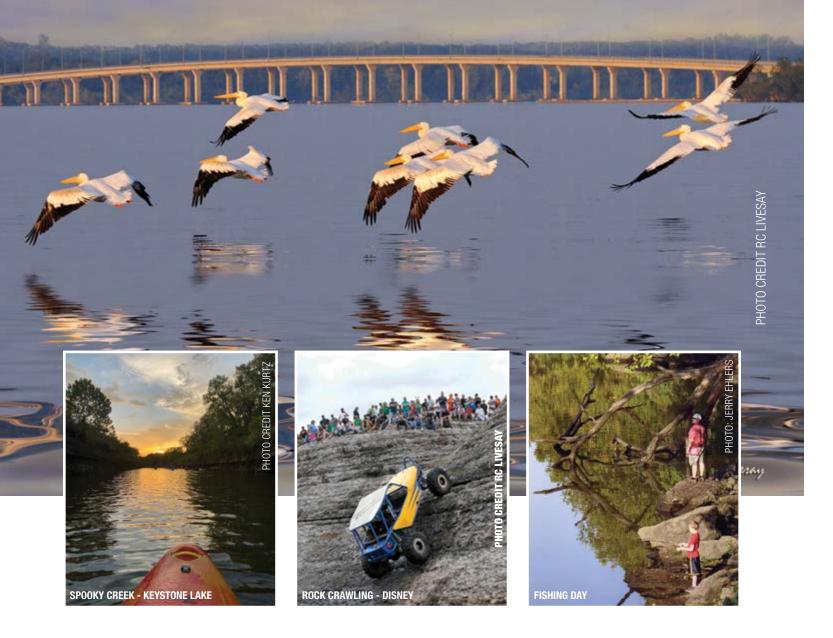
Keystone Ancient Forest
The Childers Trail – .6-mile
Frank Trail – 2.8-mile
Wilson Trail



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Lake Vian Trail System — 3-mile walking trail 12-mile mountain bike trail





GREEN COUNTRY LAKES

With more than half a million surface acres of water, and more shoreline than the East and Gulf coasts combined, Green Country lakes offer fun and relaxation to outdoor enthusiasts. Enjoy camping, boating, water skiing, fishing, hiking and entertainment.

BIRCH LAKE

Birch Lake, located in Osage County at Barnsdall, offers RV and tent camping, picnicking, playground area, and swimming; hunting and fishing round out the amenities. Birch Cove Campground is located on the lake and provides visitors with multiple camping options.

BLUESTEM LAKE

Do not let this little gem pass you by. Bluestem Falls at Bluestem Lake will be worth the stay and fishing is a bonus. RV and tent sites are available, and docks and picnic tables are accessible for your outdoor enjoyment.

COPAN LAKE

Another lake just off Highway 75 is Copan Lake. Family-friendly activities here include a beach area, picnic sites, and a boat ramp. Post Oak Park Campground offers 17 campsites and is operated by the Army Corps of Engineers.

FORT GIBSON LAKE

The final lake in the Grand River chain of lakes, in Green Country, is Fort Gibson. Locals love it for the excellent bass and crappie fishing. The Fort Gibson Public Hunting Area covers just shy of 22,000 acres near Wagoner. Fort Gibson Lake amenities include numerous boat ramps, picnic area. RV. and tent sites. Swimming beaches and marinas are available to add to the family fun experience.

Cypress Cove Marina provides cabins and rental water equipment. Enjoy a bite at Giggle Fish Grill while there. Pelican Point Marina offers rental water equipment, RV

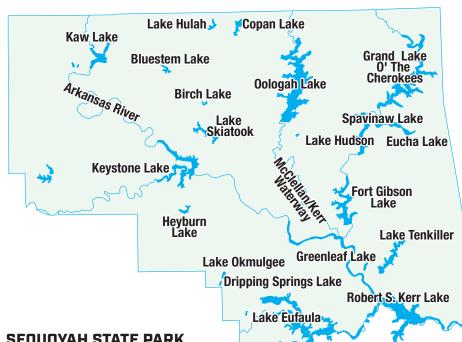
sites and a motel for those just wanting to get away to nature. Paradise Cove Marina has a variety of water sports equipment for rent; Whitehorn Cove Marina has RV sites, a floating restaurant, airplane landing strip and boat ramps; Long Bay Marina's amenities include RV sites and long-term camping sites; and Mazie Landing Marina has RV parking and camping. So, you see, there is an abundance of retreat areas on Fort Gibson Lake for creating lasting memories.

The Lodge at Sequoyah State Park (formerly Western Hills Guest Ranch) is Oklahoma's largest state lodging facility. The 45 cottages and 104 renovated guest rooms sit on a lovely peninsula on Fort Gibson Lake. Amenities include 18-hole golf course, swimming pool, meeting space, restaurant, tennis and basketball courts, nature center, two-mile trail, and riding stables. The Lodge at Sequoyah State Park can certainly offer a wonderful vacation experience.

SEQUOYAH BAY STATE PARK

Set amid oak and hickory woodlands, this park on the western shore of Fort Gibson Lake is long on charm. It offers RV and tent campsites - some with lakeside views. With so much to do, visitors can take it easy or play all day. Amenities include swim beach, full-service marina, group shelter, park ranger, basketball court, ballfield, volleyball net, playground, boat rental, marina, picnic area, grills, pull-thru sites, dump station, restrooms, and showers. Pets are allowed on leashes.

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SEQUOYAH STATE PARK AND LODGE

Situated along a peninsula of Fort Gibson

Lake, this park's miles of shoreline and evergreen pines make it an idyllic setting for outdoor fun. Whether it's a trail ride, visit to the nature center or walk in the woods, there's plenty to do. The lodge has a bright, mid-century modern look, and the lobby's cozy fireplace is inviting after a day of adventure. Amenities include swim beach, outdoor pool (for lodge and cabin quests), marina, watercraft rentals (pontoons, kayaks and water trikes), 9-hole golf course, gift shop, pro shop, volleyball net, guided horseback trail rides, tennis court, game room, restaurant, ice cream truck, snow cone stand, group shelter, meeting space, naturalist, nature center, ADA lodge rooms, WiFi at lodge office, park ranger, picnic area, grills, playground, pullthru sites, dump station, restrooms, and showers. Pets are allowed on leashes.

Lodging: 96 lodge rooms, 3 lodge suites, 6 cabana suites. 1 lake house (sleeps 14). 1 bunkhouse (sleeps 46), 44 cabins (all cabins are pet-friendly, \$15/night per pet) Camping: 45 W/E/S sites, 7 fully accessible; 105 W/E sites, 3 fully accessible: 300 tent sites. Reserve a campsite online at TravelOK.com/SequoyahSP

Group Camp: 10 cabins to accommodate 154. Dining hall/kitchen facility is airconditioned and heated. Available March through November.

17131 Park 10. Hulbert, 8 mi E of Wagoner on St Hwy 51 Park Information 918-772-2046 TravelOK.com/SequoyahSP Lodge Information 918-772-2545 Nature Center 918-772-2108 Golf Course 918-772-2297

GRAND LAKE

The largest lake in the area with 46,500 surface acres, is known for great Bass fishing. Second homes here are numerous for residents in Oklahoma and the surrounding states looking for places to unwind and relax in the great outdoors; massive residential areas are common here. "Grand Lake 'O The Cherokees" was created by the damming of the Grand River at Langley, with the art deco style Pensacola Dam. Several communities around the lake provide visitors with a variety of shopping, dining, and entertainment options.

FISHING

Generally, the first thing one thinks of when "the lake" is mentioned is fishing and boating, and both options are plentiful on Grand Lake. The fishing is good year-round with the highly prized Paddlefish season topping the unique list. The most opportune time to land these prehistoric critters is during the spring; the fish roe can then be harvested at the Paddlefish Research Center, and is prized on the international caviar market, who knew? Other popular varieties in Grand include White Crappie, Black Crappie, Large Bass, Bluegill, and others. So cast your line and expect a tug.

ACTIVITIES

Boating is an ever-popular activity in Green Country, from kayaks to massive cruisers and everything in between, and can all be found on Grand Lake. Numerous marinas provide boating equipment for fun on this lake-lovers paradise. For rental equipment from jet skis to pontoons and ski boats to tubes, H2O Sports Rental or Sail Grand Waterfront can outfit you for your adventure.

Bird watching is a popular leisure sport around Grand Lake, the lake is a migratory path for the American White Pelican. These "pouched" birds can be seen twice a year, in the spring from early February through May, and again in the fall from early September through November. The Pelican Festival honoring these migratory birds is held annually during October.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Guests on Grand Lake will find a variety of overnight lodging where many include wood burning fireplaces, kitchenettes, private decks, hot tubs, and many other amenities. Shangri La Resort and World Mark Grand Lake offer hotel-type accommodations. Cabins and RV resorts are more than plentiful. There is the elegant 7,000 sq. ft. Dream Catcher Resort, ablaze with thousands of flowers and featuring spectacular views of the lake; Pine Lodge Resort on Duck Creek offers woodland and lakeside cabins, and a 2,200 sq. ft. Grand House that sleeps ten; the Christmas season here is a site to

behold. Eagle's Landing Resort offers prime facilities including 130 RV spaces and 22 cabins. Enjoy fishing from a heated dock, paddleboats, kayaks, and canoes.

GRAND LAKE STATE PARKS:

Bernice Area covers 88 acres at the northwestern end of Grand Lake and offers fishing, hiking, camping, environmental education at the nature center and paved ADA accessible hiking and walking trails through the woods. The entire family will enjoy the swim beach, playground, group shelter, grills, dump station, restrooms, showers, boat ramp, fishing pier and gift shop. Pets are allowed on leashes.

Camping: 33 W/E sites, 1 fully accessible; 29 tent sites.
54101 E St Hwy 85A, Bernice
1/2 mi E of Bernice
918-786-9447
Reserve your campsite online at

TravelOK.com/Bernice

Nature Center 918-257-8330

Cherokee Area is at the southern tip of Grand Lake near the Pensacola Dam. It offers prime fishing and camping with three distinct campgrounds offering different views of the area. Visitors will enjoy a lighted boat ramp, swim beach, group shelter, picnic area, grills, and playground. Waterfront pull-thru RV sites with showers and dump station, and a challenging 9-hole golf course are a bonus to this area. Pets are allowed on leashes. The GRDA Ecosystems and Education Center is a Grand Lake visitors center complete with banquet rooms and lake information and is ADA Compliant.

Camping: 13 W/E/S sites, 12 W/E sites, 33 tent sites.

13000 E 387 Rd, Langley

From the intersection of St Hwys 82 and 28, go 1 mi S to Hwy 28. Turn E, go 1 mi, turn S on Hwy 82A. Take first left to stop sign, turn E onto River Rd and follow it across the river.

918-435-8066

Reserve a campsite online at TravelOK.com/CherokeeArea Golf Course 918-435-8727

Disney & Little Blue Areas are popular spots for fishing and water sports located between the Grand Lake spillways. A crystal-clear stream runs through the Little Blue Area, forming a shallow swimming hole perfect for families with little ones. Amenities include a lighted boat ramp, swim area, picnic area and grills. Pets are allowed on leashes. Outdoor adrenaline hunters will enjoy GRDA Off-Road Area and Hogan's Off-Road Park.

Camping: 4 W/E sites, 24 tent sites.

Disney 2 blocks E of Disney Post Office on St Hwy 28

Little Blue St Hwy 28 & CR 492, Disney. From intersection of St Hwys 82 & 28, follow Hwy 28 across the Pensacola Dam, through the town of Disney and across spillway No. 1, approximately 3 mi. Turn right on CR 492 and go approx. 1/4 mi to the gates.

918-435-8066 TravelOK.com/Disney

TravelOK.com/LittleBlue

Honey Creek Area is a natural setting for lakeside camping with beautiful dense woodlands. A rustic wood gazebo near the entrance offers a lovely place to enjoy nature, especially when the redbuds and dogwoods are in bloom. The outdoor swimming pool and convenient location on the outskirts of Grove make the area ideal for family trips. Additional amenities include a fishing dock, group shelter, boat ramp with courtesy dock, gift shop, ADA compliant, playground, picnic area, grills, pull-thru sites, dump station, restrooms. and showers. Pets are allowed on leashes. Nearby attractions include Har-ber Village Museum and Lendonwood Gardens.

Camping: 51 W/E sites, 1 fully accessible; 41 tent sites.

901 State Park Rd, Grove 1 mi S of Grove off US Hwv 59

918-786-9447

Reserve a campsite online at TravelOK. com/HoneyCreek

Spavinaw Area below the spillway on Spavinaw Lake's western end is a favorite for bass fishermen. Thick foliage lines the banks of the lake, and colorful leaves lend to the beauty of the area in the fall. Shallow



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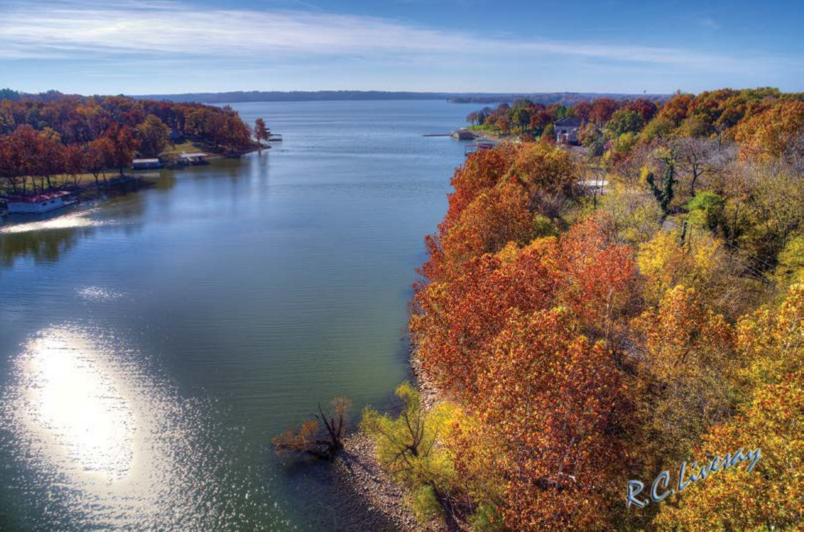
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pools offer great places for younger children to splash around. Amenities include a picnic area, restrooms, and showers. ADA compliant. Pets are allowed on leashes. During the winter, this area is day-use only with no restrooms available.

Camping: 26 W/E sites, 1 fully accessible; 18 tent sites. 555 S Main St, Spavinaw 3/4 mi S of **Spavinaw** on St Hwy 82/20 918-435-8066

Reserve a campsite online at TravelOK.com/Spavinaw

Twin Bridges Area is set on a peninsula where the Neosho and Spring Rivers merge to form Grand Lake. This quiet location is perfect for fishing and camping. The waters are rich with trophy bass and catfish, and the rare spoonbill - a massive prehistoric species also known as the paddlefish. Anglers can get their spoonbill catches cleaned for free at the Paddlefish Research Center, which harvests the fish's eggs. Amenities include group shelter, lighted boat ramp, park ranger, volleyball net, horseshoes, playground, picnic area, grills, gift and bait shop, pull-thru sites, dump station, restrooms and showers. Pets are allowed on leash. Nearby Peoria Ridge Golf Course offers an 18-hole championship golf course owned by the Peoria Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

14801 S St Hwy 137, Fairland 6 mi E of Fairland at junction of St Hwy 137 and US Hwy 60 | 918-542-6969 TravelOK.com/TwinBridges

GREENLEAF LAKE STATE PARK

Greenleaf Lake offers visitors a family-friendly destination. Cabins, campgrounds, hiking trails and dazzling scenery are found year-round. Check in at the Greenleaf State Park office for a wrist band to access many of the park amenities including a splash pad and 18-hole miniature golf course. Enjoy the swimming area, playgrounds, hiking trails, volleyball, and basketball courts to add to your vacation delight. The sounds of nature abound here as no motorized personal watercraft is allowed on Greenleaf Lake. Visit the nature center and enjoy the wildlife including deer and turkeys. Additional amenities include amphitheater, heated fishing dock, kids' fishing pond, naturalist (seasonal), marina, small watercraft rentals (kayaks, paddleboats, canoes), restaurant (seasonal hours), horseshoes, ADA compliant, fully accessible cabin, meeting space, office WiFi, park ranger, grills, dump station, restrooms, and showers. Pets are allowed on leashes.

Lodging: 16 cabins, 1 fully accessible (15 pet-friendly cabins, \$15 fee/night per pet)

Camping: 21 W/E/S sites, 77 W/E sites, 98 tent sites. 12202 Greenleaf Rd, Braggs Take I-40 Exit 287 (Gore/Webbers Falls), 12 mi N on St Hwy 100, then N on St Hwy 10 918-487-5196

Reserve a campsite online at TravelOK.com/Greenleaf

HEYBURN LAKE

Located southwest of Sapulpa on Polecat Creek. Several facilities are located at this scenic lake including picnic areas, playground, boat launch, restrooms and showers. RV and tent camping are both available. A variety of fish can be found from bass and crappie to sunfish and catfish. The Heyburn Public Hunting Area covers over 6,000 acres and provides hunting opportunities for quail, wild turkey, squirrel, rabbit and waterfowl. 918.865.2621

HULAH LAKE

This is one of those little Oklahoma hidden gems many locals and visitors have frequented for years. It is not as crowded as many of the larger Green Country lakes, but still offers some of the same amenities. Fishing and hunting, camping, picnicking, swimming, and boating are all features at Hulah Lake.

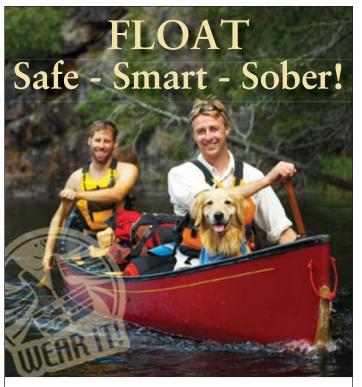
Hulah Lake's two thousand acres of project land have been set aside as a state waterfowl refuge; the remainder is managed for upland game and white-tailed deer and is open to the public as a public hunting area.

ILLINOIS RIVER

Green Country's Illinois River flows into the north end of Tenkiller Lake and is one of the most popular adventure destinations in Oklahoma. Floating the River has become a pastime for multiple generations of river goes. The 60 miles of clear water is easy flowing as it winds by bluffs and forests providing striking scenery for the river visitor. The Illinois River has stretches of gentle rapids sprinkled with pebble rest areas for a bit of sunning.

Float trip outfitters can be found just a few miles east of Tahlequah along Highway 10. The outfitters can provide rafters with canoes, kayaks and rafts, and safety equipment, then shuttle guests to the river entry points. Lodging is also available at many of these providers. Peyton's Place, one of the oldest camps, has a lodge, cottages, camp sites and an RV park and that handles up to 1,300 persons. Elephant Rock Outfitters offers cabins, yurts, and tent camping. Diamondhead Resort and War Eagle Resort each have something for almost everyone - cabins, bunkhouses, motels, and lodges. So, grab your courage, pitch a tent, roast the wienies and smores, and relive the Illinois River experiences of the day.





Life Jackets Save Lives

GRDA Scenic Rivers Operations wants to remind floaters that it is important to wear a life jacket at all times on the river. They only work if you wear them.



KAW LAKE

Located in north central Oklahoma, convenient to Ponca City, Kaw Lake is on the far western edge of Green Country and is one of the prime lakes for watching eagles in the winter months. The lake is popular with anglers hoping to land that trophy catfish.

Eagle View Hiking Trail, along the eastern shore of Kaw Lake, runs approximately twelve miles and is popular with hikers and horseback enthusiasts. Sarge Creek Campground has several campsites, seven of which have spaces for those bringing their horse. A group campsite can accommodate up to 60 people; a playground and boat ramp are also available. Sandbur RV Park offers several sites situated in a lovely stand of large shade trees and is convenient to a secluded beach area.

Need extra space? Osage Cove Campground has three group campsites that can handle up to 50 people each. An additional 94 campsites, mostly shaded, include fire pits and picnic tables. Other camping facilities can be found at wooded Coon Creek Campground. All of this and convenient to the shopping, dining, and entertainment amenities in Ponca City.

KEYSTONE LAKE AND STATE PARK

Just a short distance from Tulsa's downtown, Keystone Lake was created to mitigate Arkansas River flooding downstream and created an ideal destination for family vacations. With almost



55,000 surface acres there's wide-open space for cruising and sailing year-round in Green Country.

The convenient proximity of Keystone Lake makes for many quick trips from the metro area for anglers fishing for white and black bass, crappie, and catfish. Hunting is also a popular option with over 15,000 acres in the Keystone Public Hunting Area.

Keystone Lake offers lake-goers several lodging options. Keystone State Park has one, two, and three-bedroom cabins and numerous RV and tent camp sites. Additionally, guests have use of picnic areas, outdoor grills, and group pavilions. Pier 51 Marina, within the park, offers boat rental and other necessary lake items. At Keystone Harbor guests can bring their own RV or opt to stay in a vintage restored Airstream RV, complete with outstanding lake views. Guests can also rent ski boats and pontoons here and at Salt Creek Marina to add to the outdoor fun.

Outdoor activities are abundant on Keystone. The Keystone Trail, totaling five miles, provides both mountain bike and hikers with four loops to explore. They are rated from the beginner Green Loop to the Black Loop for expert level adventurers. For a change of pace, another mode of transportation can be found at C & A Outlaw Trail Rides, where visitors mount horses to experience both Keystone and nearby Heyburn Lake, and if you would like, a picnic lunch can be provided. Looking for a hole-in-one?

Golfers can tee-up at Keystone Golf Course in Cleveland, located on the north end of Keystone Lake.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, the second in Green Country, can be enjoyed at Keystone Lake. In addition to the Aqua Park, Jellystone Park features sand volleyball, fishing piers, paddle boards, and kayaks for hours and hours of entertainment. Won't the kids sleep well tonight?

Lodging: 22 cabins (5 pet-friendly cabins, \$15 fee/night per pet)

Camping: 41 W/E/S sites; 32 W/E sites, 2 fully accessible; 59 tent sites.

1926 St Hwy 151, Sand Springs. From Sand Springs: 8 mi W on St Hwy 51, 1/2 mi N on St Hwy 151. From Mannford: 5 mi E on St Hwy 51, 1/2 mi N on St Hwy 151. From US Hwy 412: onto St Hwy 151 S across the dam to the park 918-865-4991

Reserve a campsite online at TravelOK.com/Keystone.

LAKE EUCHA AND LAKE SPAVINAW

These Green Country "pocket" lakes are perfect for the dedicated fisher. Boats and fishing are allowed on both, with swimming and other water sports allowed only at Spavinaw. So, pitch a tent, drag out the marshmallows and reminisce over "the one" that got away.

Lake Eucha's RV park is open from April 15 to November 1, with primitive campsites

available year-round. Facilities include group shelters, grills, and restrooms with showers. Lake Eucha offers 2,860 surface acres of water and serves as a water distribution point for the city of Tulsa.

Nearby Spring Valley Ranch is truly a place to get away from the world. This 1,000-acre private ranch resort is located on Spavinaw Creek and offers a variety of outdoor activities and accommodations.

Lake Spavinaw's turquoise water and scenic spillway provide a beautiful setting each spring for the many blooming dogwoods, and it is a perfect location for the family to vacation. RV and tent sites are available along with comfort stations, shaded picnic areas, and playgrounds. Families enjoy this park because the shallow swimming area is ideal for children and evenings are all about roasting hot dogs and listening to the music of the night.

LAKE EUFAULA AND STATE PARK

If you want BIG, Green Country's Lake Eufaula might be just what you're looking for; with 105,000 surface acres and 800 miles of shoreline, it will take a while to navigate around it, either by boat or automobile.

Activities around Lake Eufaula are numerous. Known for being a nation's top ten Crappie Fishing Lake you might want to try your hand at snagging a few of them. White bass and catfish are also abundant in Lake Eufaula. For more adventurous

souls, "noodling" could be an option for landing a big catfish. If hunting is more to your liking, Lake Eufaula boasts 31,000 acres of public hunting land, take your pick – deer, quail, waterfowl.

Golf lovers can perfect their skills at both Fountainhead Creek and Arrowhead golf courses and family fun does not get any better than Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park and Resort. The massive Aqua Park is just the beginning, families also enjoy miniature golf, a wide sandy beach, paddle boats, and a large swimming pool. Cabins and RV sites round out the resort for a one stop family vacation.

The city of Eufaula is just steps away from the lake water's edge and offers a variety of delightful dining and shopping options. Our Favorite Place is an ideal spot to pick up a unique Oklahoma souvenir and Dobber's Restaurant serves up some very tasty items.

Hiking, biking, and ATV trails are abundant around Lake Eufaula. At Lake Eufaula State Park, the trail system offers hikers and mountain bikers five trails to experience; from a quarter mile to 2 ½ miles the trails are designed for beginner to intermediate hikers. The Lake Eufaula Damsite ATV Trail features 300 acres of Canadian River Valley sand, rolling dunes and wooded areas, the perfect area to "stir-up" some fun.

Numerous cabins, RV parks, tent sites, and motels are all available around Lake Eufaula. Little Turtle RV Park can even house your

horse among its many amenities. Xtreme RV Resort is just that "extreme", 100 RV hookups, massive swimming pool (indoor and outdoor), general store and walking distance to Eufaula Cove. If you are looking for adorable, check out Calico Heights luxury treehouse cabins and their bold colored front doors; they are remote and romantic.

Camping: 3 yurts (1 pet friendly, \$10 fee); 35 W/E/S sites, 1 fully accessible; 62 W/E sites, 2 fully accessible; 108 tent sites. Reserve a campsite online at TravelOK.com/EufaulaSP

Group Camp: 4 air-conditioned duplex cabins accommodate 96. Fully equipped kitchen/dining hall is heated and air-conditioned. The group camp's stocked pond is open year-round.

111563 St Hwy 150, Checotah. Take I-40

Exit 259, go 4 mi S on St Hwy 150
Park Information 918-689-5311
TravelOK.com/EufaulaSP
Nature Center 918-689-4607

LAKE HUDSON

The second in a three-lake chain along the Grand River, Lake Hudson's 12,000 surface acres provide anglers with some fine bass fishing. This Green Country lake is popular year-round for fishing and for whitetail deer and waterfowl during the hunting season. The serene waters here give boaters stunning scenery to view, from splendid bluffs to rolling hills, a fishing pole is not required to really enjoy Lake Hudson.

Several boat ramps and recreational areas are available on Lake Hudson and the Snowdale Area at Grand Lake State Park provides visitors with scenic camping sites for your back-to-nature getaway in Oklahoma.

LAKE OKMULGEE/DRIPPING SPRINGS LAKE

Lake Okmulgee and Dripping Springs Lake are west of Okmulgee off Highway 75. Dripping Springs Lake was designated decades ago as a "Trophy Bass Lake". The timber still standing in the lake makes a great habitat for the sought-after bass, so grab that tackle box, and fishing pole and land a "trophy".

Campgrounds at Okmulgee State Park provide visitors RV and camp sites. A fishing dock, boat ramp, beach, and playground are also available. For hikers, a 3 ½-mile trail is available to scope out natures offering in the area, or guests might wish to just watch the lake waters flow over the peaceful spillway. Time for tall tales around the campfire as you roast those marshmallows.

Dripping Springs offers more extensive campground facilities. RV and tent sites, and a lighted boat ramp along with a playground and pavilion add to fun times and memories, as families enjoy swimming and fishing. A cool stream flowing underneath the lake's surface make for an inviting stay at Dripping Springs Lake. (No water sports are allowed here.)



LAKE TENKILLER AND STATE PARK

No other place in Oklahoma can offer such a variety of enjoyment as Lake Tenkiller. Locally it is known for scuba diving, and trout fishing at its southern end at Gore. Lake Tenkiller, with 13,000 surface acres. is situated in the scenic hills of northeastern Oklahoma's Green Country. Rocky banks and rocky bluffs punctuate the landscape above and below the lake surface. Visitors will find ten marinas and 20 parks with all types of campsites available.

Accommodations on Lake Tenkiller are plentiful. Single cabins or estates, motels, resorts, campgrounds, RV sites, and all types of camping offerings are available. At Tenkiller State Park, quests will find ten marinas and 20 parks with multiple campsites. Blue Doors at Tenkiller is a beautifully restored motor court with spacious rooms and even offers kavak rental. Marval Resort is known as a wonderful place for family reunions, where cabins. RV. and tent sites are all available and the numerous amenities include swimming pool, miniature golf and all sorts of fishing opportunities.

Fin and Feather's beautifully manicured family resort provides lodging from onebedroom units to eight-bedroom houses sleeping 32. Activities here include sand volleyball, basketball and tennis courts,

disc and mini golf, swimming pool and spa, and not to be missed is dining at Soda Steve's. Several other lodging options include Cookson Bend Resort, Bending Waters. Sixshooter Resort, Elk Creek Resort, and many others can provide an experience to remember.

Scuba divers find Lake Tenkiller to be THE place to dive in Oklahoma. The sparkling. clear water ranges from eight to twentyeight feet. Sunken vehicles, planes, and boats in Tenkiller Scuba Park beckon to would-be underwater treasurer hunters, and many lake divers explore homesteads left behind when the lake was formed decades ago. Land lovers can enjoy a nature trail and two multi-use trails in Tenkiller State Park or try their hand at the trout fishing in the Gore area at the southern end of the lake. The System in nearby Vian offers mountain bikers 8 miles of professionally built trails perfect for all experience levels.

Lodging: 38 cabins, 2 cottages (35 petfriendly cabins and cottages, \$15 fee/night per pet)

Camping: 37 W/E/S sites, 1 fully accessible; 23 W/E sites, 27 E sites with W in area, 1 fully accessible; 100 tent sites. Reserve a campsite online at TravelOK.com/Tenkiller. 448159 E 979 Rd. Vian. 8 mi N of Gore on St Hwy 100, 1/2 mi E of Lake Tenkiller Dam Park Information 918-489-5641 TravelOK.com/Tenkiller Nature Center 918-489-5025

CHEROKEE LANDING STATE PARK

Perched on a peninsula on Lake Tenkiller's north end, this park is a perfect place to set up camp. There's easy boat access to the crystal clear lake — one of Oklahoma's prime fishing spots — along with shallow swimming areas, spacious campsites, and plenty of room for kids to run around. Amenities include swim beach, 18-hole disc golf course, horseshoes, volleyball net, ADA compliant, group shelter, ADA accessible fishing dock, park ranger, picnic area, grills, pull-thru sites, playground, dump station, restrooms, and showers. Pets are allowed on leashes.

fully accessible; 30 tent sites. Group RV Camp: 16 W/E sites 28610 Park 20. Park Hill. 12 mi S of Tahleguah off St Hwy 82. From I-40, take Exit 297 (Vian/Tahleguah), follow St Hwy 82 20 mi N to park | 918-457-5716 Reserve a campsite online at TravelOK. com/CherokeeLanding

Camping: 3 W/E/S sites: 76 W/E sites. 1

MCCLELLAN-KERR NAVIGATION SYSTEM

This water system serves both commercial and recreational purposes and offers flood control, navigation, hydropower, water supply, and wildlife conservation. Three Forks Harbor in Muskogee can accommodate recreational boaters and has a 40-foot boat ramp, automated fuel dock



and 100 metric-ton travel lift. This 20acre harbor provides boating access to the Arkansas, Verdigris and Grand Rivers, and the inland waterway system of the United States, 918,775,4475

NATURAL FALLS STATE PARK

Not far from the Oklahoma/Arkansas border Natural Falls State Park features a stunning 77-foot waterfall. The rocky, forested terrain is especially beautiful in the spring and fall. Overnight accommodations feature "vurts". complete with gueen or bunk beds. Picnic tables, barbecue grills and decks are outside each yurt. Shower and restroom facilities are just a few steps away. Try this unique way to enjoy the great outdoors. Please Note: Swimming is not allowed in the falls. A public swimming area is available nearby at Flint Creek.

RV and tent sites are also available, and the Red Fern Reunion Center (named for some of the scenes shot here for the movie Where the Red Fern Grows) can handle group functions. Guests will also enjoy 4 and ½ miles of nature trails, disc golf, playgrounds, catch and release fishing and a formal garden area.

Camping: 5 yurts. 1 fully accessible: 8 W/E/S sites. 1 fully accessible: 34 W/E sites, 1 fully accessible; 2 camp host sites; 17 tent sites.

US Hwy 412 W, West Siloam Springs. 6 mi W of Siloam Springs, Ark., and 1/8 mi S of US Hwv 412 | 918-422-5802 Reserve a campsite online at

TravelOK.com/NaturalFalls

DOLOGAH LAKE

Take a short detour off the Mother Road to visit Oologah Lake, where wide expanses of water and gentle prevailing breezes make it a local favorite for sailing. Mountain biking. swimming, RV, and tent camping are all available and the Oologah Public Hunting Area comprises 13,000 acres for hunting. The Will Rogers Country Centennial Trail winds around the east side of the lake for 18 miles, for the avid hiker,



Situated on the far southern fringe of Green Country among the scenic Cookson Hills, the observation decks at the Robert S. Kerr Reservoirs' visitor center provide an excellent view of the reservoir and the barges traveling through the lock on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. The almost 11.000-acre project land around the reservoir is managed by the Army Corps of Engineers for public hunting: numerous hiking and nature trails are also offered. Boat ramps. RV and tent campsites and picnic areas are among other amenities in this rustic and beautiful Cookson Hills

ROBERT S. KERR RESERVOIR

options to set-up the camp and prepare to enjoy the beauty of Green Country.

Set amid rolling hills and tree-lined valleys.

facilities, picnic shelters, a playground and

interpretive nature trail. Spencer Creek

Campground offers campsites, a playground

and boat ramp. Any one of these areas can

provide hours of family fun. All are ideal

OSAGE HILLS STATE PARK

this park is as serene as it is beautiful. Visitors can paddle out on Lookout Lake in a rented rowboat, spend an afternoon walking the trails or cool down in the pool. Anglers will want to scour the lake or Sand Creek for bass, crappie and sunfish, Amenities include outdoor pool, rowboat and kayak rentals, volleyball net, tennis/basketball court, group shelter, ballfield, picnic area, grills, dump station, restrooms and showers. Pets are allowed on leashes.

Lodging: 8 cabins (all pet-friendly, \$15

Camping: 2 wall tents, 20 W/E sites, 24 tent sites.

Group Camp: 10 bunkhouses accommodate 12 guests each. Fully equipped kitchen and dining hall with fireplace. Available April 1 to Dec. 1. 2131 Osage Hills Park Rd, Pawhuska.

SKIATOOK LAKE

setting.

Located close to the Tulsa metro area in Green Country, Skiatook Lake is just minutes away from family fun. Boating, fishing, swimming, and RV and tent camping are available. Additionally, two marinas offer all the comforts of home. Crystal Bay Marina features 15 quaint cottages, and a sizeable meeting/dining facility delivers stunning lake views. Cross Timbers Marina's nicely appointed cabins provide visitors with stunning lake and nature views, the setting is ideal for pleasant evenings on the lake.





GROVE AND GRAND LAKE O' THE CHEROKEES

Grove and Grand Lake O' the Cherokees is Oklahoma's #1 Lake Destination. Whether you are looking for outdoor recreation, world-class fishing, Native American history, the natural beauty of the Ozarks, or family fun, it all comes together at Grove and Grand Lake.

At 46,500 acres, the big draw is Grand Lake O' the Cherokees - a year-round playground. Fishing is wonderful year-round and popular species include largemouth bass, crappie, catfish - but the lake is gaining wide notoriety for being the world's

top spoonbill (paddlefish) fishery. The lake regularly hosts some of the top professional bass fishing tournaments at Grove's Wolf Creek Park, a world-class tournament venue. During the warm months. Grand Lake is a boater's delight and offers a wide variety of water sports opportunities and fun. Fishing guide services, sporting goods stores, boat rentals, and waterside dining & entertainment opportunities all add to the "Lake Life" fun in and around Grove.

But the lake is just the beginning. Visitors love Grove's downtown and it's many charming shops, galleries, and restaurants. Grand Lake is also home to many fun attractions and entertainment venues like Har-Ber Village – a pioneer-era museum village on the shores of Grand Lake with exhibits and living history demonstrations. There are also botanical gardens, dam tours, parasailing, miniature golf, casinos, horseback riding, a winery, and some of Oklahoma's top golf courses to keep visitors entertained for days. The lake is also home to multiple festivals throughout the year, adding to the fun.





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Dewey Hotel Museum - 801 Delaware, Dewey, OK 74029 918.534.0215 • WCHS-OK.org

Mimi's Antique Market - 402 E Don Tyler Ave, Dewey, OK 74029 • 918.534.0500 • Facebook

Sippin' Sweet Company - 306 E Don Tyler Ave, Dewey, OK 74029 • 918.332.2132 • SippinSweet.co

The Vintage Loft - Home Decor - 410 E Don Tyler Ave, Dewey, OK 74029 • 918.534.3378 • Facebook

GROVE - GRAND LAKE 0' THE CHEROKEES

Grove Convention & Tourism - 9630 U.S. Highway 59 N. Grove, OK 74344 • 918.786.9079 • CityofGroveOK.gov

Har-Ber Village Museum - Pioneer-era Village - 4404 W 20th St, Grove, Oklahoma 74344 • 918.786.6446 Har-BerVillage.com

Lendonwood Gardens - 1308 Har-Ber Rd, Grove, OK 74345 • 918,786,2938 • Lendonwood.com

Oasis Animal Adventures - By appointment only Disney, OK • 918.435.8207 • OasisAnimals.com

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Visit Muscogee Nation - Creek Nation Council House 100 W Main St, Okmulgee, OK 74447 • 539.286.4663 VisitMuscogeeNation.com



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Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce - 210 W Main St, Pawhuska, OK 74056

918.287.1208 • PawhuskaChamber.com

Gypsy Cowgirl - 127 E Main St, Pawhuska, OK 74056 620.705.2057 • TheGypsyCowgirlPawhuska.com

Mudpies² - 537 Leahy St, Pawhuska, OK 74056 918.287.3900 • Facebook

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Saltcreek Marketplace - 523 Kihekah Ave, Pawhuska, OK 74056 • 918.376.3070 • ShopSaltCreek.com

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Sunset Ridge Gallery - 703 Kihekah, Pawhuska, OK 74056 918.629.0354 • Facebook

The Waterbird Gallery - 134 E 6th St, Pawhuska, OK 74056 918.287.9129 • WaterBirdGallery.com

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Hurricane Dixie Leather - Shopping - 653 Harrison St, Pawnee, OK 74058 • 405.714.0598 HurricaneDixieLeather.com

Pawnee Bill Ranch & Museum - 1141 Pawnee Bill Rd. Pawnee, OK 74058

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Marland Mansion - 901 Monument Rd, Ponca City, OK 74604 • 580,767,0420 • MarlandMansion.com

Marland Grand Home - 100 E Grand, Ponca City, OK 74604 • 580.767.0420 • MarlandMansion.com

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The Book Exchange & Bible Bookstore - 3 N Adair St, Pryor, OK 74361 • 918.825.6015 PryorBookExchange.com

The Village Shop - Home Decor - 219 E Graham Ave, Pryor, OK 74361 • 918.825.1661 • TheVillageShop.net

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Antique Depot - 2196 W Rogers Blvd, Skiatook, OK 74070 918.396.1279 • Antique-Depot.business.site

Boar's Nest Bar - 9445 St Hwy 20, Skiatook, OK 74070 918.240.4400 • Facebook

Cowboy & Cactus Company - 206 E Rogers Blvd. Skiatook, OK 74070 • 918.403.9005 CowboyandCactusCo.com

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Osage Hills Retreat - 4800 W Munson Rd, Skiatook, OK 74070 • 918.630.7053 • OsageHillsRetreat.com

Sausage Brothers Meat Market & Deli - 1355 W Rogers Blvd. Suite 4. Skiatook. OK 74070 918.587.5030 • Facebook

Skiatook Museum - 115 S Broadway, Skiatook, OK 74070 918.396.7558 • Skiatook.com/Skiatook/Museum



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City of Vinita - 918.256.6488 • CityofVinita.com

66 Apparel - 117 S Wilson St, Vinita, OK 74301 918.256.8573 • Facebook

Clantons Cafe - 319 E Illinois, Vinita, OK 74301 918.256.9053 • Facebook

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Piquet's Prime Time - 440626 E 230 Rd. Vinita. OK 74301 • 918.244.0864 • PiguetsPrimeTime.com

Vinita Antique Mall on Route 66 - 127 S Wilson, Vinita,

OK 74301 • 918.343.0310 • Facebook

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The Canebrake - 33241 E 732nd Rd, Wagoner, OK 74467 918.400.1120 • Canebrake.net

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GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66!

IF YOU PLAN TO MOTOR WEST, TAKE THE HIGHWAY THAT'S BEST TO THE AAA ROUTE 66 ROAD FEST NEXT JUNE

The road has been immortalized in songs by Nat King Cole, Depeche Mode and the Rolling Stones. Made iconic by dozens of movies like The Outsiders, Little Miss Sunshine and Rain Man. Etched in history with the words of writer John Steinbeck. Now you and your family can experience the music and memories of Route 66 first-hand during the AAA Route 66 Road Fest June 23–25, 2023 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the SageNet Center at Expo Square.



The three-day event will feature immersive historical journeys through the decades, allowing visitors to travel through time from the 1920s to futuristic visions of the

Great American Road Trip. There will be food, interactive exhibits, vendors, and an assortment of family attractions. A major highlight will be the automobile itself, a Route 66 icon that transcends generations. The event will include RVs, motorcycles, and especially cars, ranging from classic cars to the automated vehicle technology of tomorrow.

One of the nation's first interstate roads, Route 66 winds through eight states from Chicago to Santa Monica. A slow and easy 400-plus miles meander through Oklahoma, more than any other state, making it the perfect location for the AAA Route 66 Road Fest in 2023.

"The highway, if you just think about it, is peppered with hope; it is peppered with tears," said Angel Delgadillo, an American business owner who has been dubbed the "guardian angel" of Route 66 for his efforts to protect and revitalize it.

During the AAA Route 66 Road Fest in June 2023, the legendary road will be

96 1/2 years old and one step closer to its centennial birthday in 2026, when eight states are expected to celebrate the anniversary.



Grab your family and friends and go on a road trip this June to the AAA Route 66 Road Fest. Drive along the most famous highway in the world that's inundated popular culture for decades. Slow your roll, step back in time, and celebrate the history of what author John Steinbeck deemed "The Mother Road." Detailed information, up-to-date schedules, and tickets are available at Route66RoadFest. com. You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/route66roadfest.





THE **MOTHER** OF ALL **ROAD** FESTS!

A weekend celebration of Route 66's past, present, and future.

You've never seen The Mother Road like this!



This June, AAA Oklahoma will present the second annual AAA Route 66 Road Fest. If you are a fan of Route 66, classic cars, Americana, the colorful history of the The Mother Road, or just looking for a fun, family-friendly weekend activity — mark your calendar!

The Road Fest is a one-of-a-kind celebration giving you the chance to take your own journey through the history, attractions, characters, and fun of one of America's most enduring treasures. It's also a great opportunity to experience the Route itself. Make a weekend of it, and hit the road to explore some of the 400-plus miles of Route 66 that run through Oklahoma. We hope to see you there!

Route 66 History – Classic Cars – Vendors – Activities for the Whole Family – and More!



June 23 - 24 - 25
SageNet Center at Tulsa Expo Square
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JANUARY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Downtown Winter Blues Sale

FEBRUARY

"Princess for a Night" Father/ Daughter Dance A Purple Affair

MARCH

Spring Ladies Night

APRIL

City Wide Garage Sale Meal to Heal

MAY

Jockeys & Juleps Cowboy Ball Colorblast Fun Run Schatte Memorial Cook-Off

JUNI

Draggin' Grand Schooners Car Club Car Show Herb Festival

IUNE

101 Wild West PRCA Rodeo 101 Wild West Rodeo Parade Juneteenth Celebration Fish Fry for the Small Fry

JULY

FreedomFest Fireworks Crazy Days

AUGUST

Marland's Place Family Fun Day Party at the Palace Ponca City Open (Disc Golf) Ponca Tribal Annual Celebration

SEPTEMBER

Cherokee Strip Golf Classic Cherokee Strip BBQ Cook-Off Arts Festival Prairie to Palate Standing Bear Pow Wow Camp McFadden Annual Beast Feast

OCTOBER

Octoberfest
Ponca City Motocross
Championship
Goblins on Grand Halloween
Carnival
Camp McFadden Outdoor Expo

NOVEMBER

Veterans Day Parade Festival of Angels Lighting Display Holiday Happenings Fall Ladies Night

DECEMBER

Downtown Lighted Parade Holiday Happenings Festival of Angels Christmas Market Oklahoma

1ST SAT. OF EACH MONTH

Fly-In Breakfast

LIVE PERFORMANCE

Ponca Playhouse Poncan Theatre

