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We are a multi-county tourism organization, instrumental in marketing the Lake Tenkiller Area and its destination partners. In addition to this strategy, we strive to promote recreation, economic development, and tourism. Our partners are local businesses, area attractions, surrounding towns and the stakeholders who share our passion for tourism in the area. We give the Greater Tenkiller Area a seat at the table on decisions affecting the Lakes and Rivers.

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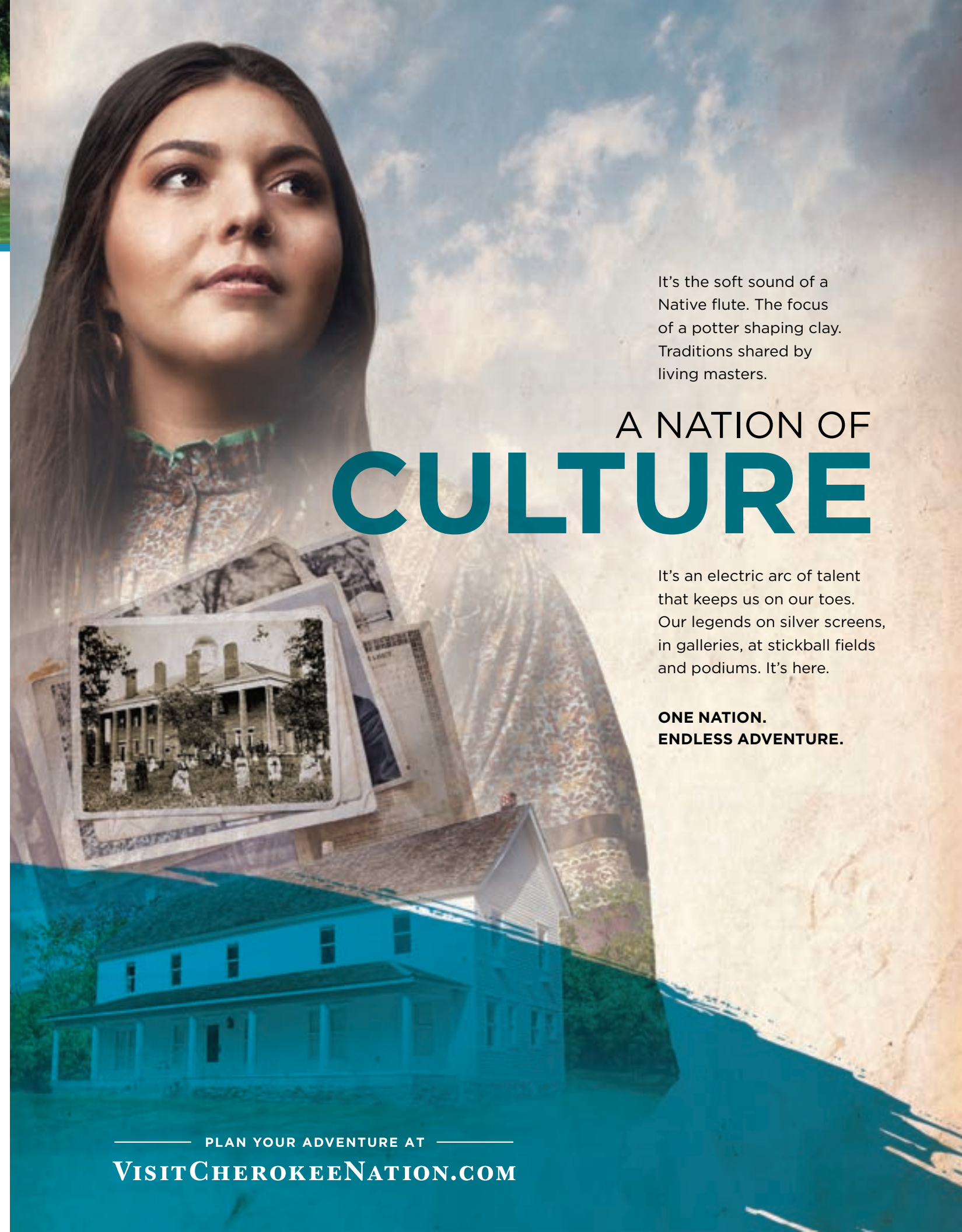
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Named after the Tenkillers, a prominent Cherokee family, who operated a ferry service near where the dam now stands, Lake Tenkiller is Oklahoma's only clear water paradise.

The nearly 13,000 acres of clear waters, and 130 miles of scenic shoreline with rocky banks and rock bluffs above and below the water, provide a great variety of scenic beauty, as well as opportunities for water sports activities and recreation.

Photo by Stan Weed



Tenkiller Lake has 10 marinas and 20 parks managed by the State of Oklahoma Corps of Engineers, with all levels of campsites available. There are 24 boat ramps around the lake and rental boats for fun and adventure are available at most marinas and two state parks.

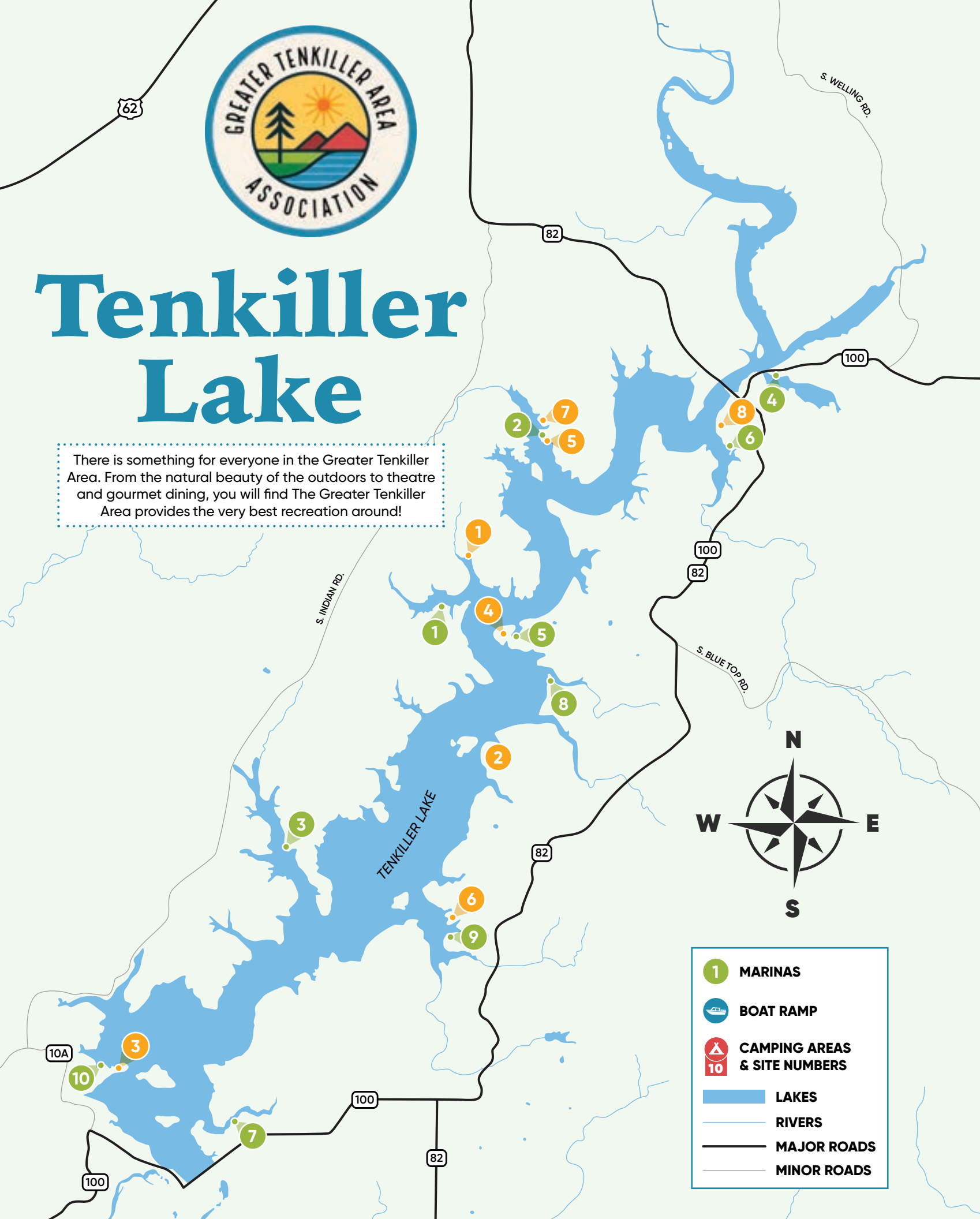
Visitors can find excellent lodging and dining at the many resorts, rental homes, cabins, lodges, restaurants, and bed & breakfasts around the lake. For dining pleasure, there are floating restaurants, as well as a variety of excellent land-based restaurants in the communities surrounding the lake and river - all happy to serve with a smile.





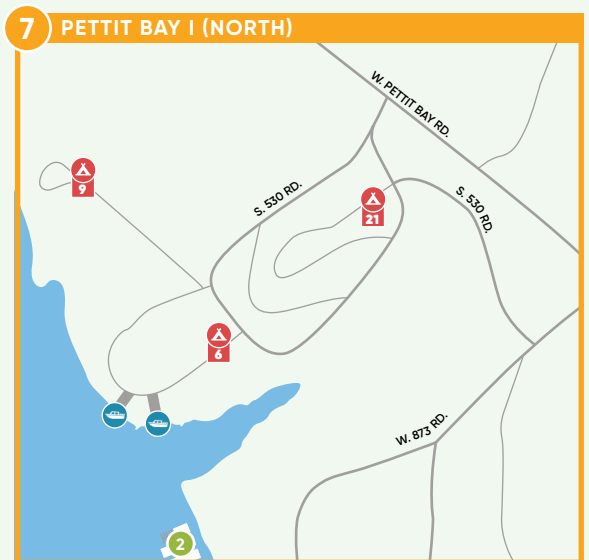
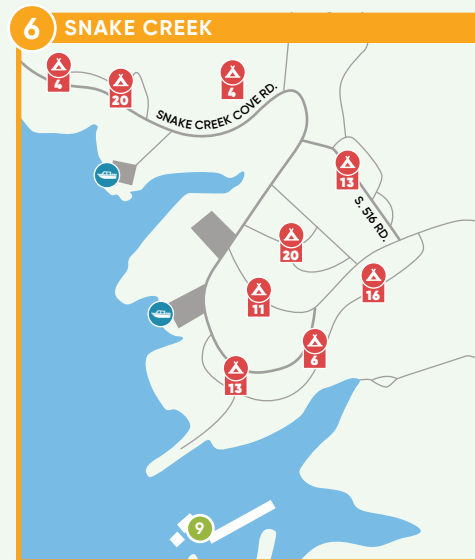
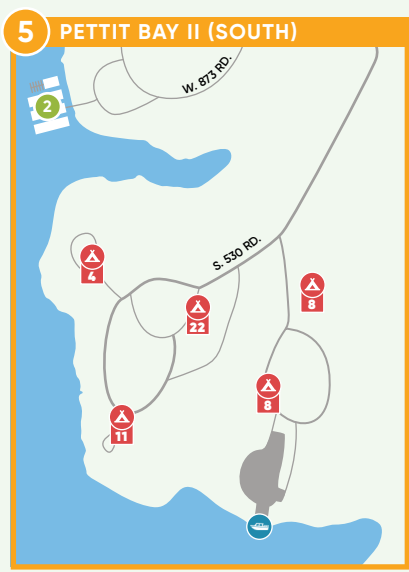
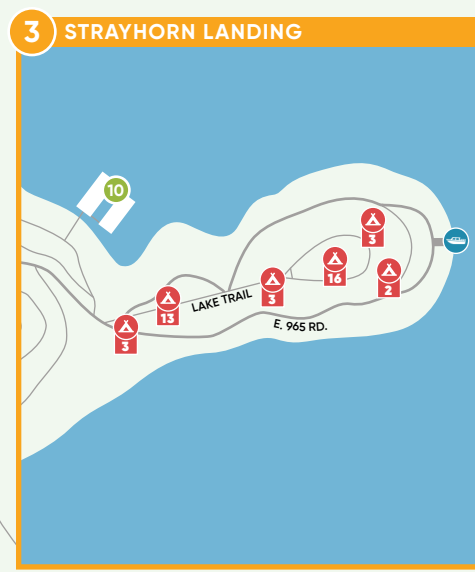
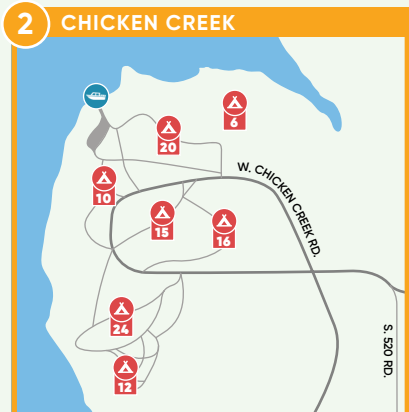
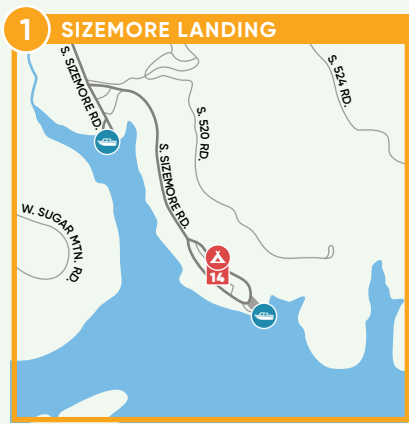
Tenkiller Lake

There is something for everyone in the Greater Tenkiller Area. From the natural beauty of the outdoors to theatre and gourmet dining, you will find The Greater Tenkiller Area provides the very best recreation around!



- 1 MARINAS
- BOAT RAMP
- CAMPING AREAS & SITE NUMBERS
- LAKES
- RIVERS
- MAJOR ROADS
- MINOR ROADS

Marinas & Amenities		Phone	Covered Boat Slips	Dry Boat Slips	Day Slips	Sail Boat Slips	Concession	Boat/Motor Repair	Floating Restaurant	Bait/Tackle	Wave Runner Rental	Ponoon Rental	Heated Fishing Dock	Waterfront Lodging
1	Barnacle Bill's Marina	918.414.5411	●	●	●					●	●		●	●
2	Bluewater Bay Marina	918.489.5735	●	●						●	●		●	●
3	Burnt Cabin Marina	918.457.5421	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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5	Cookson Bend Marina	918.457.5161	●	●						●	●		●	●
6	Elk Creek Marina	918.457.5142	●	●						●	●		●	●
7	Pine Cove Marina	918.489.5735	●		●					●	●		●	●
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9	Snake Creek Marina	918.457.5674	●							●			●	●
10	Strayhorn Marina	918.930.8600	●	●		●				●			●	●





Heaven in the Hills TENKILLER STATE PARK

The sparkling blue waters of Tenkiller Lake offer water enthusiasts an abundance of recreational opportunities including water skiing, fishing, boating, tubing and scuba diving. Guests may choose from 39 cabins ranging from one to three bedrooms. All cabins, except for two three bedrooms, are duplexes. Cabins have linens, full kitchens, plus heat and air. The park also offers RV and tent campsites, as well as restrooms and showers.

The 18 hole flying disc golf course is open year round. The park's Pine Cove Marina offers fuel, gifts, sportswear, snacks, repairs and boat slip rentals, pontoon rentals as well as featuring the floating Clearwater Cafe. The underwater scuba diving park features underwater attractions ranging from a completely submerged school bus, various sunken boats, aircraft fuselage and more. All reservations for camping and cabins are now on TravelOK.com/Tenkiller.

CONTACT TENKILLER PARK

PHONE: 918-776-8180

EMAIL: TenkillerCabins@TravelOK.com

NATURE CENTER: Leann.Bunn@TravelOK.com

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

DRIVING EAST ON 1-40

Take Exit 287
Follow Highway 100
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to the park.

DRIVING WEST ON 1-40

Take Exit 297.
Go 10 miles north on
State Highway 82 to
State Highway 100
then three miles
south to the park.

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- **Lake and river view**
- **Splash Pad**
- **Outdoor swimming pool**
- **Pets allowed**
- **Restaurant on site (seasonal)**
- **Senior discount**
- **Military discount**
- **Credit cards accepted**
- **1,190 acres of park**
- **Nature center**
- **Nearly 13,000 acres of lake**
- **Tenkiller Ferry Dam**
Oklahoma's second tallest at 97 feet
- **39 cabins, some with fireplaces**
- **10 camping areas with 240 campsites**
- **Assigned campground**
- **Community building**
- **Boating**
- **Fishing**
In lake and trout-stocked streams.
- **Water skiing**
- **Scuba diving and scuba dive park**
- **Marina**
- **Amphitheater**
- **Naturalist**
- **Two swim beaches**
- **Picnic shelters**
- **Playgrounds**
- **Volleyball and basketball courts**
- **Hiking and nature trails**
- **Hayrides and campfire programs**



Accommodations

	CABINS	CONDO/HOMES	MOBILE HOMES	MOTEL ROOMS	KITCHEN/KITCHENETTE	AIR CONDITIONING	OUTDOOR GRILLS	LAUNDRY FACILITIES	FIREPLACE	MEETING ROOM	GAME ROOM	RV HOOKUPS	SWIMMING POOL	PLAYGROUND	PICNIC AREA	ALLOW PETS	WALK TO WATER	OPEN YEAR-ROUND	FREE WIFI	
BURNT CABIN RESORT - THE TIMBERS	●						●	●	●	●			●						●	●
CANEY RIDGE MARINA	●						●	●	●										●	
CHICKEN CREEK HEN HOUSE RETREAT							●	●	●			●								●
CHICKEN CREEK STORE	●					●	●	●	●								●	●		●
COOKSON BEND MARINA	●					●	●	●	●										●	●
COOKSON VILLAGE DECK & GALLEY	●						●	●					●						●	●
FIN & FEATHER RESORT	●					●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
FOREST VIEW CABINS	●						●	●	●	●	●		●				●			●
GREEN LEAF STATE PARK	●						●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
MARVAL FAMILY RESORT	●						●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SIXSHOOTER RESORT				●			●	●	●	●	●		●				●		●	●
SUNDOWN CABINS	●						●	●	●	●	●									●
SUNDOWN COTTAGE	●						●	●	●	●										●
TENKILLER LODGE						●	●	●	●		●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●
TENKILLER STATE PARK	●						●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
TERRAPIN PEAK BED BREAKFAST & BEYOND	●	●					●	●	●	●		●	●	●						●

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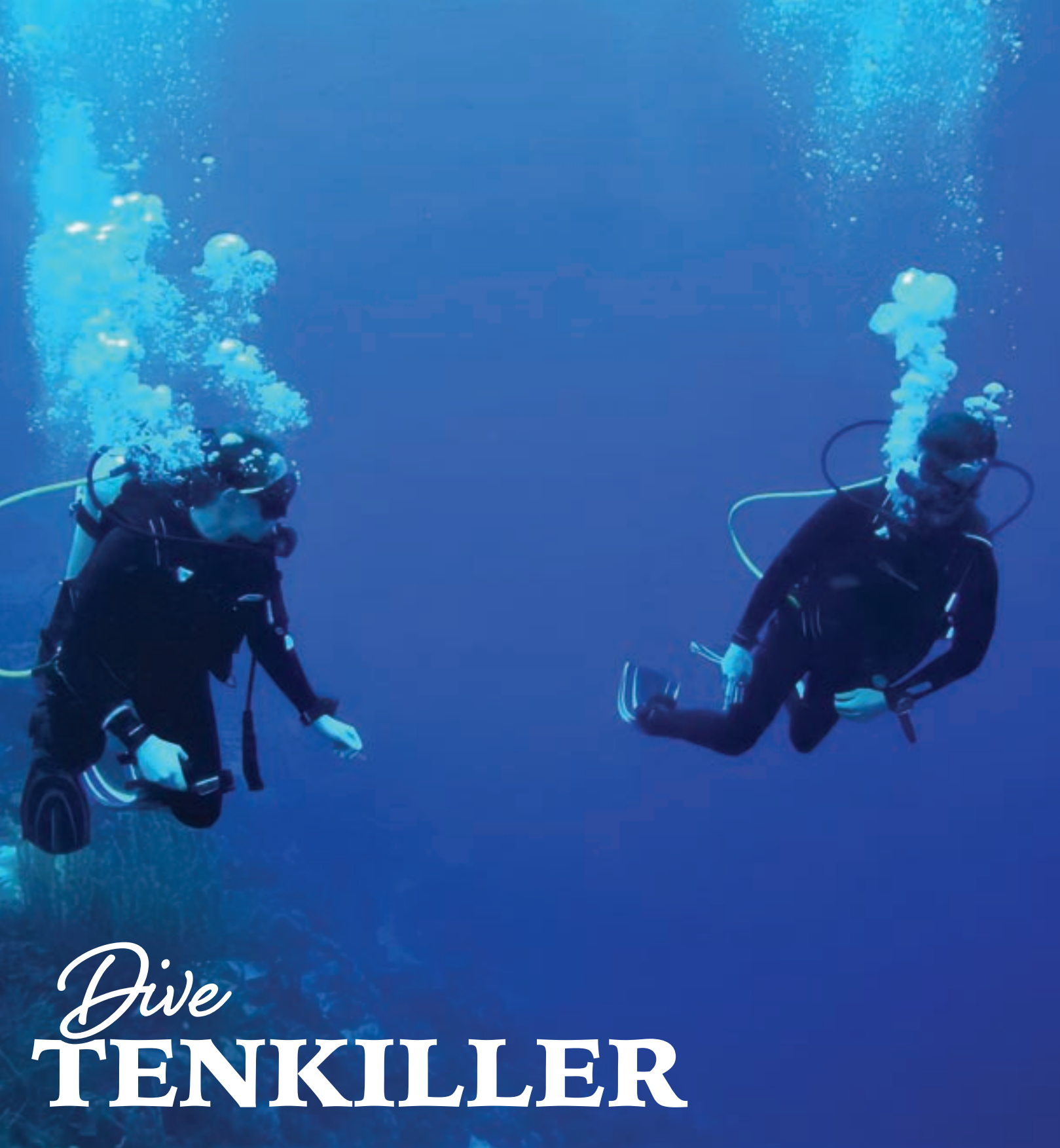
AHOY THERE, WELCOME TO BARNACLE BILLS MARINA -
WHERE LAND AND LAKE COLLIDE TO CREATE A WATER PARADISE!

NESTLED IN THE TRANQUIL SIZEMORE COVE, YOU'LL FIND US RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE LAKE, MAKING US THE PERFECT PIT STOP FOR YOUR AQUATIC ESCAPADES.

OUR MARINA HAS UNDERGONE A MAJOR TRANSFORMATION SINCE SUMMER 2019. OUR NEW RESTAURANT AND BARS, INCLUDING OUR SIGNATURE SLUSHY BAR, HAVE GOT YOU COVERED! AND IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO STAY AWHILE, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED TOO! OUR RV CAMPGROUND IS RIGHT ON THE WATER'S EDGE. WITH TWO BOAT RAMPS TO MAKE YOUR LIFE EASY. PLUS, OUR TWO-BEDROOM CABINS CAN FIT UP TO SIX PEOPLE

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SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? COME JOIN US AT BARNACLE BILLS MARINA



Dive TENKILLER

Lake Tenkiller has been Oklahoma's most popular scuba diving destination since the lake was established in 1954. The clear water and diversity of terrain attracts divers from not only Oklahoma, but the surrounding states and visitors from around the country. While most divers may discover its diversity during scuba certification courses, the attraction for certified divers includes wall dives, multiple islands, and the unknown allure of history!

Lake Tenkiller offers three full-service scuba facilities that offer everything divers need to discover the depths and history, including rental equipment, certification courses, guided dives, and air fills. Tenkiller State Park is a popular destination featuring three locations to explore that offer simple shore entries.



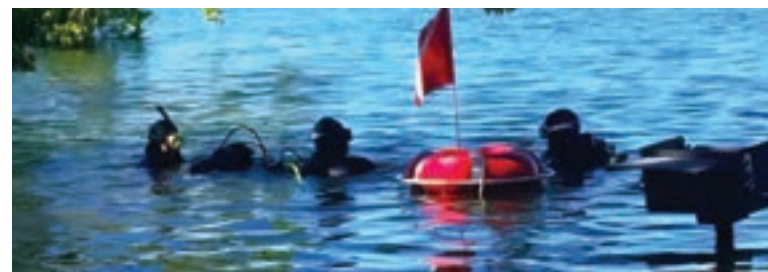
SCUBA PARK

The Tenkiller Scuba Park is the main attraction for scuba divers at Tenkiller State Park. Featuring a multitude of sunken vessels, artifacts, monuments, treasures, trinkets, and lots of fish. The dive park is one of the best dive sites found in Lake Tenkiller. From boats, a bus, a plane, and even a United States Coast Guard helicopter; divers can explore and even swim through the attractions providing a diving experience similar to wreck diving. Established in 2005, Tim Knight, of Nautical Adventures Scuba, worked closely with the Army Corps of Engineers and Tenkiller State Park to provide an attraction for scuba divers to experience the joy of lake diving.



BLUFF VIEW

South of the Dive Park is an area accessible by the Bluff View picnic and camping areas. This location has been a popular training area for Open Water students from around the tri state area. Divers can follow the rocky slopes from one training platform to another before reaching spectacular bluffs near Crappie Point. The bluffs span an area larger than 50 feet across with overhangs as deep as 20 feet. See if you can find the infamous "Buddy Phone" and don't forget to ring the bell on your way out .



HICKORY FLATS

Located across the channel from Fisherman's Point, Hickory Flats offers a dive experience much different from the other two locations. Here divers can find a gradual slope and patchy areas of white sand sprinkled amongst the rocky floor. The main attraction at Hickory Flats are the massive boulders that create small canyons, creating the perfect hiding places for flathead catfish. Tenkiller has something for everyone!



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A Camper's Paradise LAKE TENKILLER

With two state parks and a host of campgrounds that are privately owned or managed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, there is room for everyone with a range of facilities from RV hookups to the most primitive settings.



Individual campsites may be reserved 240 days in advance, while group facilities may be reserved 360 days in advance. Reservations are not required but are recommended for holidays and peak season. For information on all privately-owned campsites, call the Greater Tenkiller Area Association at 1-888-867-4403 or 918-457-4403.

The **PARKS** have boat ramps, bathrooms equipped with showers, picnic shelters and tables, drinking fountains, swimming areas, playgrounds and grills.

GROUP CAMPING AREAS are plentiful, and packages may be arranged by calling any of the state parks or privately-owned businesses. Special programs also are available through Tenkiller State Park's Nature Center.

All **LAKE SWIMMING AREAS** are protected from boats with buoy safety markers, and most camping grounds are patrolled 24 hours a day by the State Park Rangers, Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission Rangers and the Corps of Engineers.

There are several **FREE PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS** along the Upper Illinois River. Campsites for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers parks and recreation areas can be reserved by calling **1-877-444-6777**.

- CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- STATE OF OKLAHOMA
- PRIVATE

Camping Facilities	TOTAL CAMPSITES	Facilities																			
		PRIMITIVE CAMPSITES	MODERN CAMPSITES	PICNIC SHELTERS	LODGING	PICNIC SITES	SWIMMING/BEACH	MODERN REST ROOMS	CHEMICAL TOILETS	DRINKING WATER	DUMPING STATION	BOAT LAUNCH RAMP	MARINA	GROCERIES/SUPPLIES	HEATED FISHING DOCK	BOAT LAUNCH RAMP	BOUTIQUE/RESTAURANT	FLOATING RESTAURANT	WAVE RUNNER RENTAL	SKI BOAT RENTAL	
BARNACLE BILLS	43	●		●					●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
BURNT CABIN	24	●	●	●	●			●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
CANEY RIDGE				●										●	●	●			●		●
CARTER'S LANDING	31		●			●				●		●									
CATO CREEK LANDING	6		●			●				●				●	●						
CHEROKEE LANDING	108	●	●					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
CHICKEN CREEK		●		●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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DAMSITE & OVERLOOK	8		●					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
ELK CREEK LANDING	43	●		●		●		●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
PETTIT BAY	98	●		●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SIXSHOOTER				●				●				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SIZEMORE LANDING	32		●		●	●				●		●									
SNAKE CREEK		●		●				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
STANDING ROCK	10									●		●			●						
STRAYHORN LANDING	50	●		●		●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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Fishing Fun
**LAKE TENKILLER &
 THE ILLINOIS RIVER**

Eastern Oklahoma is one of the most diverse fishing regions in America. Around Lake Tenkiller you'll find what you'd expect: prime largemouth bass fishing lakes, as well as some pleasant surprises, like trout fishing and exceptional smallmouth bass fishing in the Illinois River. Add catfish, white bass, striped bass, crappie and carp into the mix, and you get the picture.

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**MILES OF
 SHORELINE**

Tenkiller Lake offers many secluded spots to spend the day watching your pole in the water.



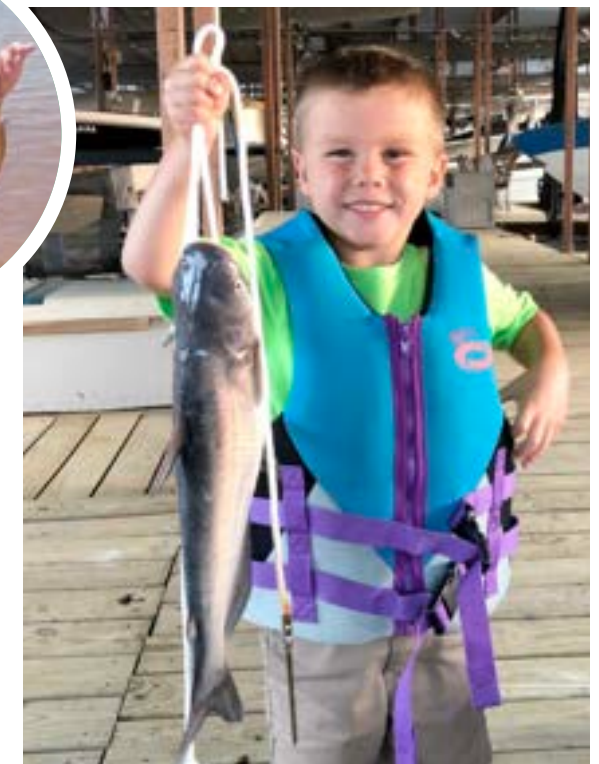
Record **FISH**

**CAUGHT IN THE
 LOWER ILLINOIS RIVER**

- RAINBOW TROUT** **11Lbs 4oz**
 PAUL GLOVER • APR. 4, 2015
- AMERICAN EEL**.....**5Lbs 8oz**
 BILLY DAVISON • AUG. 15, 2002
- STRIPED BASS**.....**47Lbs 8oz**
 LEWIS PARKER • JUN.. 10, 1996
- BLACK BUFFALO****57Lbs 12oz**
 CHESTER PENN • JUN. 30, 1984
- REDHORSE RIVER****10Lbs 9oz**
 CARL WILLIAMS • MAR. 17, 2010

Children

**CAN GET INTO
 THE ACTION
 TOO!**



Help them hone their fishing skills on the easy waters of Lake Tenkiller. Bass, crappie and carp in these waters draw families as well as seasoned fishermen.



PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS

- 1 Boy Scout Hole
- 2 Carne's Ford (Low Water Slab)
- 3 Chewey Bridge
- 4 City-Riverside Park
- 5 Echota Public Access Area
- 6 Edmondson Public Access Area
- 7 Eldon Bridge
- 8 Lake Frances Dam Access
- 9 No Head Hollow Public Access Area
- 10 Peavine Hollow Public Access Area
- 11 Round Hollow Public Access Area
- 12 Stunkard Public Access Area
- 13 Todd Public Access Area
- 14 US 59 Illinois River Bridge
- 15 US 62 Public Access Area
- 16 US 412 Flint Creek Bridge
- 17 Welling Bridge
- 18 Wolf Springs

Possession of an open container, or consumption of alcohol (including spirits, wine, beer and light or 3.2 beer) is prohibited in the following public access areas:
 8 Lake Frances Dam 12 Round Hollow 14 Todd 15 US 59 16 US 62

RESORTS & FLOAT OPERATORS

- 1 All American Floats
- 2 Arrowhead Resort
- 3 Diamondhead Resort
- 4 Eagle Bluff Resort
- 5 Echota Village
- 6 Falcon Floats
- 7 Flint Creek Water Park
- 8 Flint Ridge RV Park
- 9 Hanging Rock Camp
- 10 Illinois River Outfitters
- 11 Peyton's Place Resort
- 12 Riverbend by the Bridge
- 13 Riverbend Floats
- 14 Riverside Resort
- 15 Rock-A-Way Lodge
- 16 Sparrow Hawk Camp
- 17 Town Branch Guest Ranch
- 18 War Eagle Resort

CONVENIENCE STORES

- 1 Flint Creek Convenience Store

MEMBERS ONLY

- 1 Camp Fred Darby Boy Scout Club
- 2 Camp Lutherhoma
- 3 Egan Camp & Retreat Center
- 4 Fidler's Bend Village
- 5 Flint Ridge Resort
- 6 Heart of the Hills Salvation Army Camp
- 7 Illinois River Ranch
- 8 Illinois River Village
- 9 New Life Ranch
- 10 Northeastern Outing Club
- 11 Sparrowhawk Village
- 12 Sequoyah Outing Club
- 13 Wauhullau Outing Club

RIVER MILEAGE PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS SHOWN IN BLUE

0.0.....State Line	40.0.....Diamondhead Resort
2.7.....Lake Frances Dam	40.0.....Illinois River Outfitters
3.1.....US 59 Bridge Access	41.5.....No Head Hollow Public Access
10.4.....Carne's Ford Public Access*	47.0.....Todd Public Access
16.2.....Flint Creek joins Illinois River	50.0.....Elephant Rock Outfitters
16.3.....Fidler's Bend	52.2.....Sparrow Hawk Camp
23.6.....Chewey Bridge	53.2.....Echota Public Access
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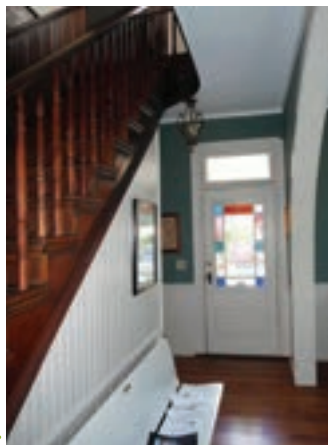
THE CHEROKEE ARTS CENTER

The Cherokee Arts Center offers artists a place to meet, share their knowledge and learn new techniques. The creative space can be used for a variety of artistic mediums such as metal smithing, pottery, loom weaving, painting, basket weaving and more. The retail gallery is available to Cherokee artists to have a venue to show and sell their work.



THE THOMPSON HOUSE

The Thompson House is one of nearly 20 properties in and around Tahlequah listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house was built in 1882 by Johnson Thompson, and the two-story house's architectural style is Queen Anne Carpenter Gothic with Eastlake style interior woodwork.



SPIDER GALLERY

The Spider Gallery displays art by more than 50 Cherokee artists from eight area counties, as well as Alabama, New Mexico and Texas. The works range from traditional pottery, jewelry and paintings to contemporary assemblage sculptures.



JOHN ROSS MUSEUM

The John Ross Museum highlights the life of John Ross, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation for more than 38 years. It houses exhibits and interactive displays on the Trail of Tears, Civil War, the Cherokee Golden Age and the Cherokee Nation's passion for the education of its people. The museum is located adjacent to Ross Cemetery.



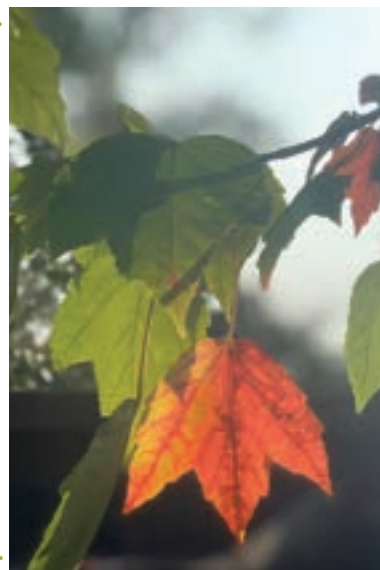
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George Murrell built this home in the new Cherokee Nation about 1845, and it is the only remaining ante-bellum home in Oklahoma. The home contains original and period artifacts and furnishings. Several special events are held throughout the year, including ghost stories in October, the 1850s Lawn Social in May and the Victorian Holiday Open House.



FOLIAGE EXCURSIONS

The roads in and around Tahlequah are ablaze with color in the spring and autumn. The Cherokee Hills National Byway, which runs through downtown Tahlequah, is an excellent starting point for whichever direction you decide to take. The Tahlequah Area Tourism Council is always happy to suggest driving routes.



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Rich in history and tradition, the university dates back to the founding of the original Cherokee National Female Seminary. After the original Seminary burned on Easter Sunday 1887, construction began on the new building. The majestic building continued as the female seminary until statehood. Now known as Seminary Hall, it is the centerpiece of NSU. In the lobby is a mural, which was commissioned as a WPA project, by the Kiowa Five.

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2. In what watershed is Tenkiller Lake?
3. What nutrient is the major pollutant for the Illinois River watershed?

1. A watershed is the area that drains to a common waterway such as a stream or lake.
2. Tenkiller Lake is in the Illinois River watershed of one million acres in Arkansas and Oklahoma.
3. Phosphorus is the nutrient in the Illinois River watershed that promotes growth of potentially toxic algae.

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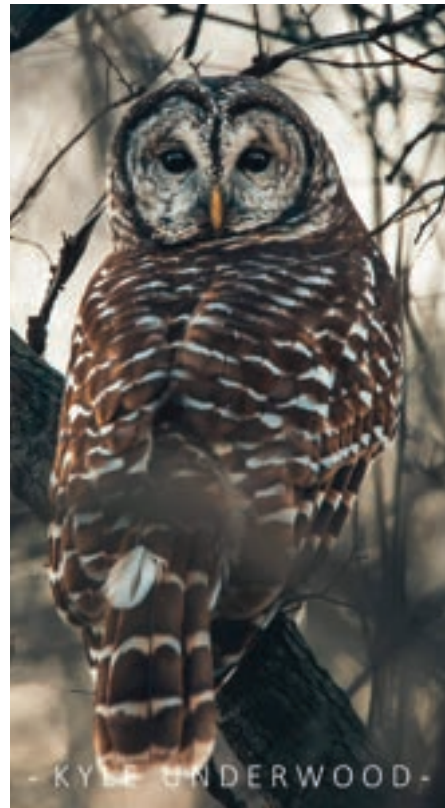


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SEQUOYAH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge is located on the Arkansas River between Gore and Vian. Nestled in the gently rolling foothills of the Ozark Mountains, Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge is home to wildlife as unique as the bald eagle and as elusive as the bobcat. Fertile bottom lands at the confluence of the Arkansas and Canadian Rivers make this refuge a terrific wildlife viewing destination. The refuge was established in 1970 to provide habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds and to provide food and cover for resident wildlife. For more information, contact Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge at **(918) 773-5251**.



Lake Communities

COOKSON

The town took its name from Jack Cookson, who operated the local post office from his home before statehood. Cookson was on the shore of the Illinois River, near Cookson Bluff. One of the first buildings was the Ballew Brothers' Store. They supplied locals with everything from food to guns and tools. Several of the structures from the town were moved to higher ground. Among these were the old store and several small cabins, which were relocated to their present location on Highway 82 in Cookson. Several structures from the old town could not be moved and were left behind at the bottom of the lake. They now are a popular underwater destination for scuba divers.

SALLISAW

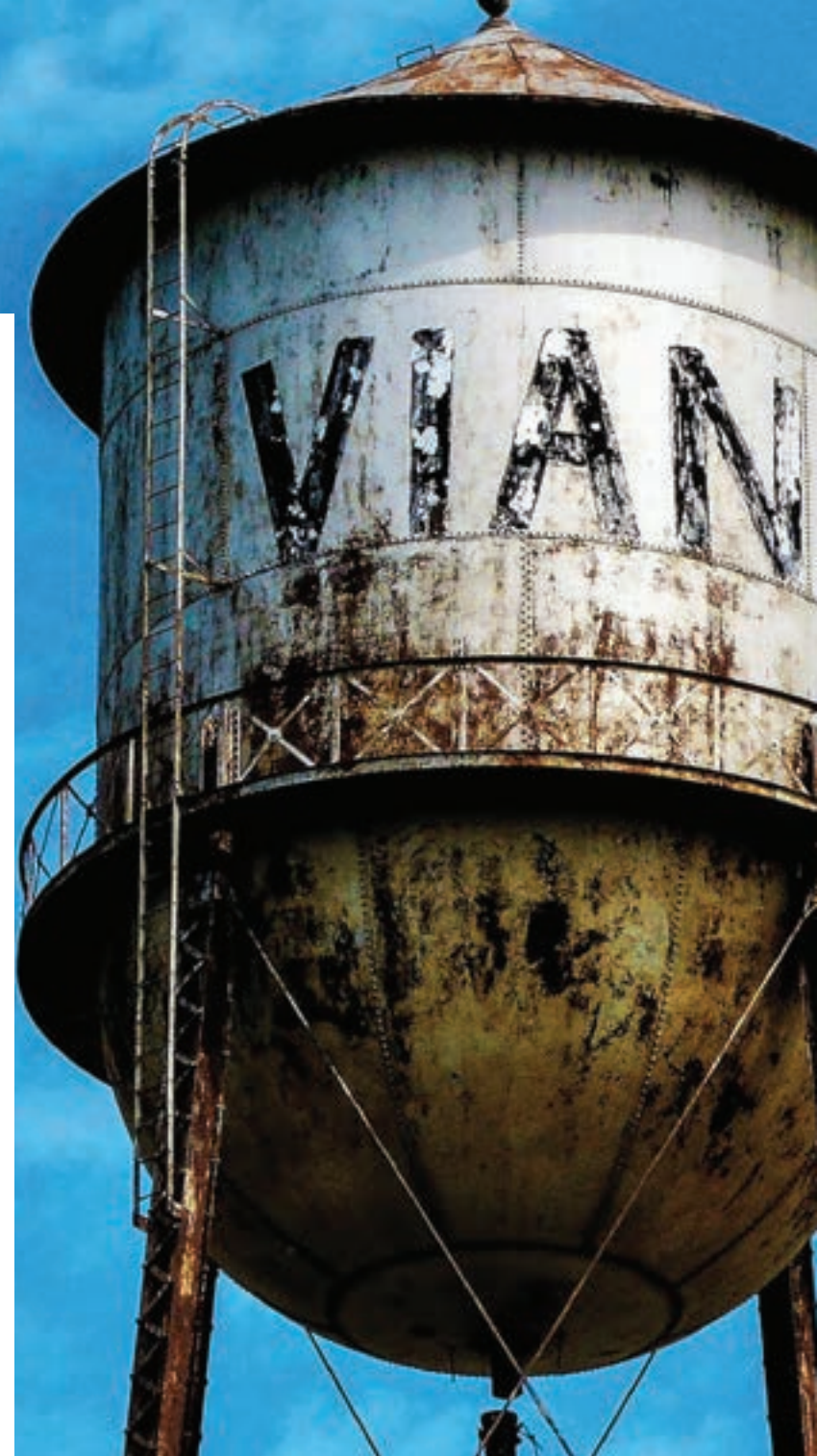
Sallisaw, the county seat of Sequoyah County, is located at the southern edge of the famed Cookson Hills, and near the navigation channel of the Arkansas River. Its name is from the French "salaisiau" meaning "salt provision." Native Americans, explorers, trappers and early settlers were familiar with the natural salt deposits found near area streams. For more information, contact the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 251, 301 E. Cherokee Ave., Sallisaw, OK 74955. The phone number is (918) 775-2558.

KEYS

The Keys community is located south of Tahlequah at the junction of Oklahoma State Highway 82, which traverses the east side of the lake, and Indian Road, which traverses the west side. Because of its location as a gateway to both sides of Lake Tenkiller, Keys is a focal point for a variety of businesses, including convenience stores, banks, restaurants, hair/nail salons, real estate agencies, churches, a donut shop, boat repair shop, auto repair shop, hotel, agriculture and feed store and Jimmy Houston's Outdoor Store.

VIAN

Vian began as a trading post in the mid 1800s and was established as a town in 1902. No one is sure where the name Vian came from, but one popular version is that the town was named after an early settler, George Vi. The second syllable, 'an' was added making it Vian, which in the Cherokee language means "garfish." Vi'an is located nine miles south of Lake Tenkiller on Oklahoma State Highway 82 and just off Interstate 40. For information, contact the Vian Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 687, 603 N. Thornton St., Vian, OK 74962 or phone (918) 773-5446.



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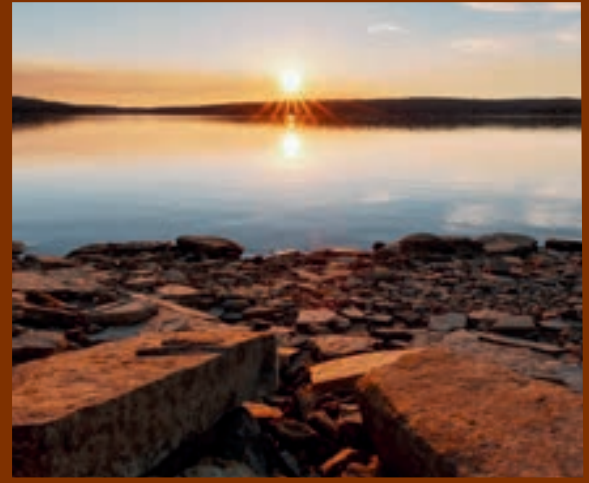


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