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May

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June

Ben Johnson Days - Pawhuska
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• Artisans of the West
• WRCA Ranch Rodeo
• Cattlemen's Ranch Tour & Convention
• Ben Johnson Memorial Steer Roping

July

4th of July Celebrations - Pawhuska, Skiatook, Barnsdall, Hominy, Fairfax, Shidler
Cavalcade Rodeo - Pawhuska
Kihekah Steh Pow-Wow - Skiatook

August

Shidler Car Show - Shidler

September

Osage County Free Fair - Pawhuska
Pioneer Days - Skiatook
Tulsa Rocketry Rocket Launch - Pawhuska
Cow Thieves and Outlaws Reunion - Wolaroc

October

Gathering at the ROC - Wolaroc
National Indian Taco Championships - Pawhuska
Tallgrass Music Festival - Skiatook
WRRRA World Finals - Pawhuska
Fall Festival at the Mercantile - Pawhuska

November

Buffalo Days - Pawhuska

December

Christmas Parades - Pawhuska, Skiatook, Barnsdall, Hominy, Fairfax, Shidler

OSAGE COUNTY



MARTIN SCORSESE IN THE TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

Nestled in the heart of northeast Oklahoma's "Green Country", Osage County beckons with its rich history, culture, and natural beauty. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of Osage County from rolling hills to pristine lakes to hiking trails to fishing spots and a wildlife sanctuary – all offer a perfect retreat.

Dive into the rich cultural heritage and explore museums that weave the story of its past, from Native American roots to the pioneers who shaped its landscape.

Osage County is a living testament to history. Immerse yourself in the tales of the oil boom, the struggles, and triumphs that shaped this county into what it is today. See the filming sites of the movie, "Killers of the Flower Moon". The film is a historical crime drama that sheds light on a dark chapter in American history and the exploitation of the Osage Nation.

Osage County is home to The Pioneer Woman Mercantile. Enjoy a meal at the restaurant, which features a menu inspired by Ree Drummond's (of Food Network fame) recipes. The bakery offers a selection of delicious treats, including pastries and desserts. The store is stocked with a range of items, including kitchenware, home decor, clothing, and gifts.

Osage County comes alive with a calendar full of events catering to every taste. From local culture to adrenaline-pumping rodeos, there's always something happening. Plan your visit around these events for an unforgettable experience.

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Our collection of sites in downtown Tahlequah makes the perfect day trip. Starting at the Cherokee National History Museum, you'll find a remarkable overview of Cherokee Nation's history from pre-

European contact through the Trail of Tears and the revitalization of the tribe after the American Civil War.

The museum is housed in one of the tribe's most iconic structures, the Cherokee National Capitol building, which dates back to 1869. Powerful and inspiring stories are supported in part by artifacts on loan from the Smithsonian Institution, Gilcrease Museum, Oklahoma Historical Society and Cherokee National Archives.

From there you can make your way across the street to the Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum. This is Oklahoma's oldest government building still standing today and is home to exhibits that tell the story of the Cherokee National Judicial System, the Cherokee Advocate and Cherokee Phoenix

newspapers, and the Cherokee language with a variety of historical items, including photos, stories, objects and furniture.

Taking a short walk along the new Cherokee Cultural Pathway, you'll enjoy large-scale art installations featuring the work of Cherokee artists.

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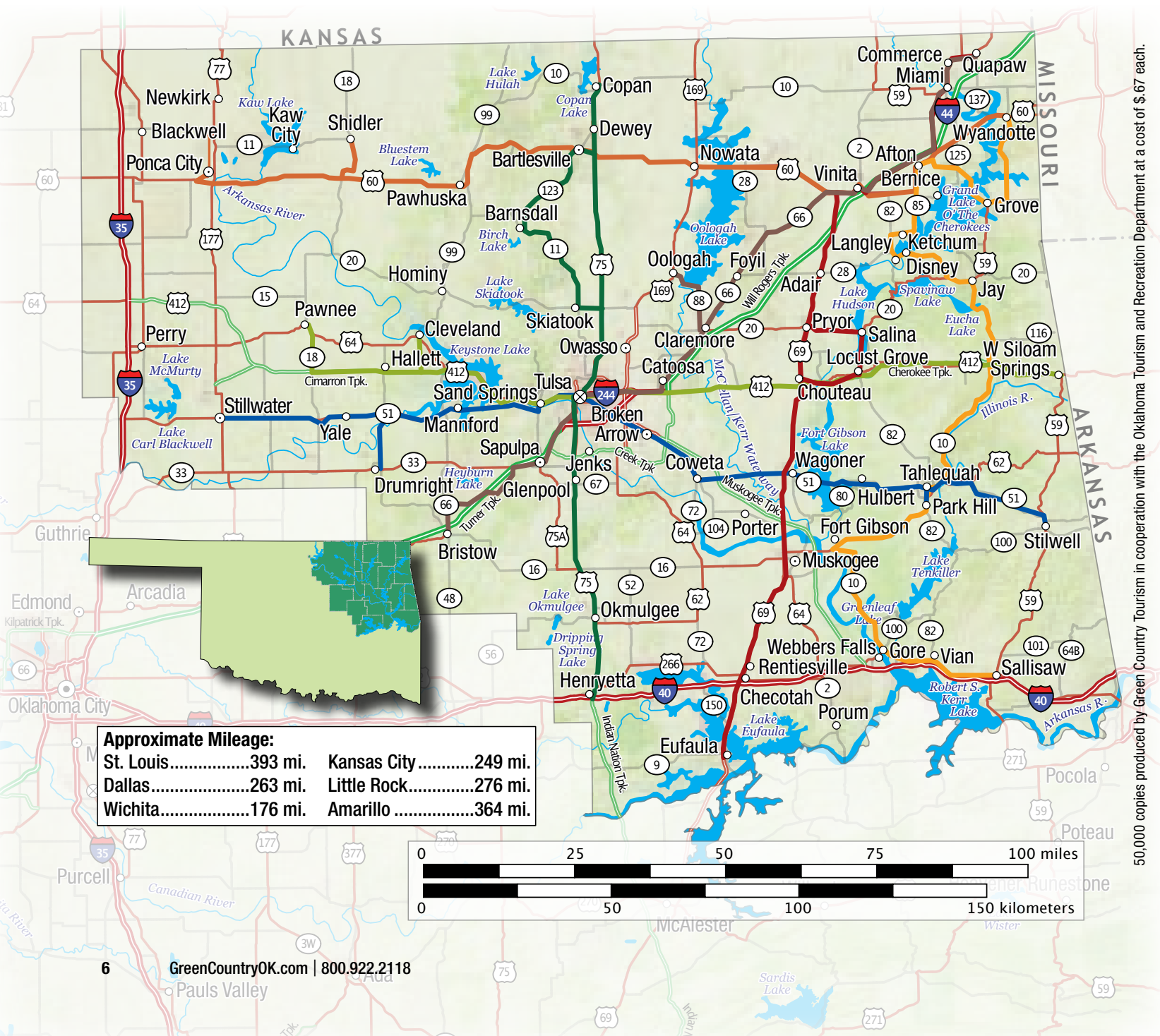
Is it the destination or the journey? In Green Country, it is both. The following pages will whisk you along the highways and byways of Northeast Oklahoma. Suggested routes are color coded, with interesting detours along the way. You will visit back-in-time attractions, treasured, historic locations,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

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 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.

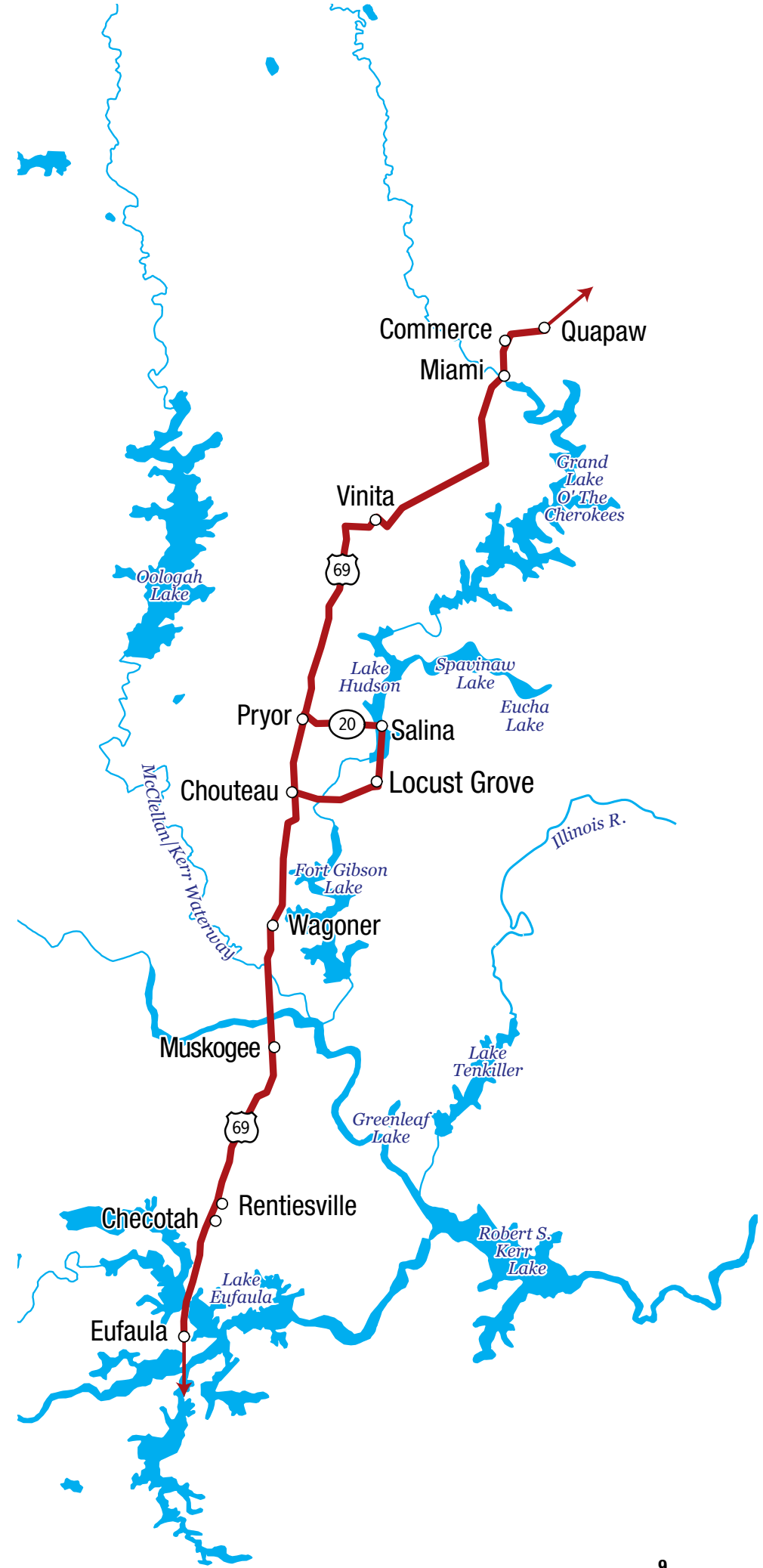
You're in **Miami** before you realize it, and Main Street is a perfect place to engage in a bit of retail therapy in the shops and attractions. Miami's premier attraction is the historic Coleman Theatre, built in 1929, and still sells out performances attracting visitors of all ages.

Other attractions in Miami include the Dobson Museum, where numerous historic artifacts and documents relating to Native American and Ottawa County history are found. Waylan's Ku-Ku Drive In, the last of its kind, is an international hot-spot.

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. Vinita holds several events each year, such as the Vinita Route 66 Festival and Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo, that you'll want to attend.

To the south is one of our prettiest lakes and communities—**Pryor** and Lake Hudson. 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. Pryor's annual DAM J.A.M. Bicycle Tour hits the trail in the early fall. Don't miss Pryor's newest annual country festival, Born and Raised, later in September.

Salina, east of Pryor offers shopping, dining, and plenty of outdoor activities. Lake Hudson's shores are perfect for fishing, playing or a picnic. 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, offering cool, shallow water perfect for cooling off on a hot summer day. Tent and RV camping sites are available for rent.

Mayes County has many hidden treasures, and **Locust Grove** is one of them. South of Salina, this small community offers a variety of antique shops, museums, unique shops, and civil war history. Stop at Wonder City Coffee for a home cooked meal and locally sourced organic choices of coffee or tea that will have you coming back. Poetry lovers will enjoy the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry where they can interact and personalize poetry.

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. Daytime visits are welcome, and overnight stays can be arranged by reservation. Wagoner events are worth the drive.

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 look-out 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 daylight 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. Across the street, The Three Rivers Museum is housed in the 1916 Midland Valley Railroad Depot.

Events are big-time here including the Oklahoma Festival of Ballooning in August, and the month-long Azalea and Castle Christmas festivals.

The Battle of Honey Springs in nearby **Chcotah** is reenacted every two years. It was the largest battle of the Civil War to occur in Oklahoma, on a rainy Friday in July, 1863. The 1,100 acre site has several trails with dozens of interpretive signs for self-guided tours and features a museum. You're getting very close to **Lake Eufaula**, Oklahoma's largest lake (within the state borders). It attracts visitors from all four directions and lake-goers will find everything from sandy beaches to rocky bluffs along the 600 miles of shoreline. **Eufaula** provides visitors with numerous dining and shopping venues. There's even a Yogi Bear Jellystone Park for the young and young at heart.

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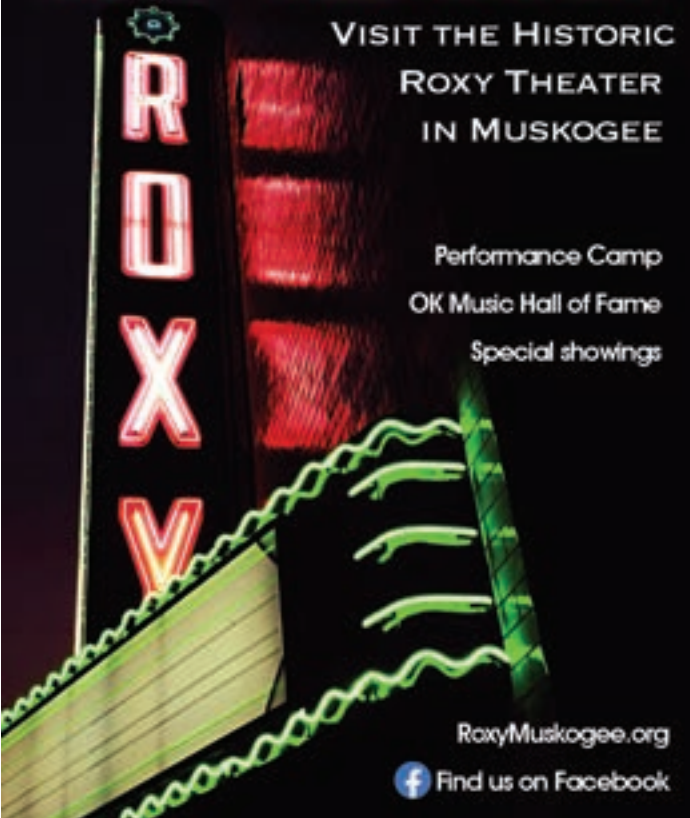
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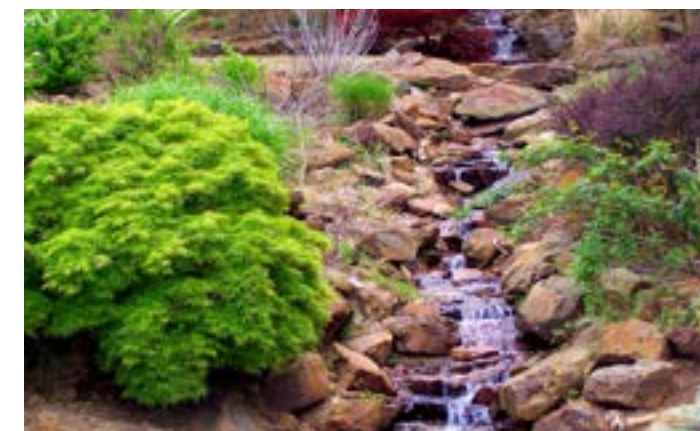
MUSKOGEE PARKS



Here in Muskogee, we have something for everyone. Our parks are more than just green spaces; they're getaways for unforgettable experiences. We have scenic trails perfect for cycling, jogging, or just a leisurely walk. Our family friendly parks offer playgrounds for the young and young at heart and picnic areas for a fun outdoor meal with loved ones.

The Muskogee Azalea Festival is a sight to behold as nature comes to life each Spring in Honor Heights Park. Azaleas of all colors are blooming throughout the park and the air is filled with their sweet fragrance. The Butterfly Papilion garden in Honor Heights Park blooms with over 5,000 tulips during the spring Azalea Festival. The butterfly house is open May through September offering a unique experience for visitors to view butterflies up close and watch the metamorphosis of butterflies hatching daily throughout the summer months.

Experience the wonders of Muskogee's Garden of Lights when Honor Heights Park is filled with animated displays set to music and over 1.2 million shimmering lights at the annual Garden of Lights. Drive through the park and see acres of trees, bushes and water areas decorated for the holiday season. There are also lighted displays of deer, squirrels and birds scattered amongst a wide variety of trees wrapped in lights. Come join us and enjoy the magic of Christmas in Muskogee!




MUSKOGEE PARKS & RECREATION

Honor Heights Park

Azalea Festival	April
Butterfly Papilion and Gardens	May-September
Garden of Lights	Thanksgiving Day-New Year's Day

Events & Festivals

www.muskogee-parks.org

VISIT MUSKOGEE

Nestled along the Arkansas River, Muskogee seamlessly blends the rich tapestry of its Native American heritage with modern-day attractions, making it a must-visit destination for all types of travelers.

The Five Civilized Tribes Museum is a captivating journey through the history and traditions of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole nations.

Find solace in the breathtaking Honor Heights Park, a botanical oasis boasting stunning gardens, serene lakes, the Butterfly Papilion, and miles of walking trails. Springtime unveils a burst of color during the Azalea Festival, transforming the park into a floral wonderland that attracts visitors from everywhere as does the Garden of Lights during the Holiday season.

Cast a line into the Arkansas River for a day of fishing, explore the picturesque Three Forks Harbor, or embark on a scenic river



cruise to witness Muskogee's beauty from a unique perspective

No visit to Muskogee is complete without experiencing its lively festivals. The Oklahoma Renaissance Festival at Castle of Muskogee transports you back in time with jousting tournaments, artisan crafts, and period performances.

Catch a live performance, and other events, at the Roxy Theater. The Muskogee

Little Theatre promises an evening of entertainment with its captivating productions.

Come experience Muskogee – where history, nature, and hospitality come together to create an unforgettable journey.



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.



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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 (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.

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

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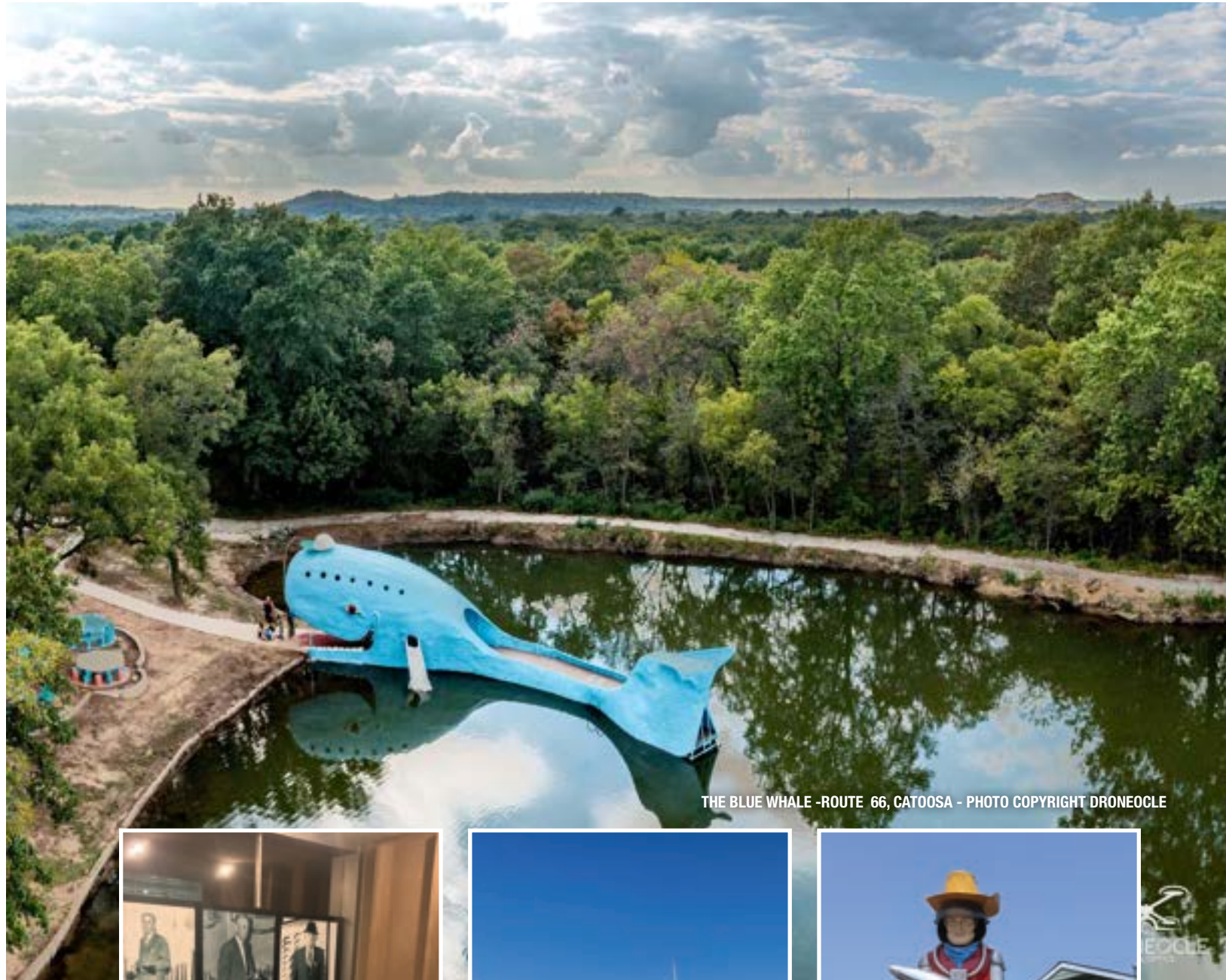
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HISTORIC ROUTE 66

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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 ball.

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

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

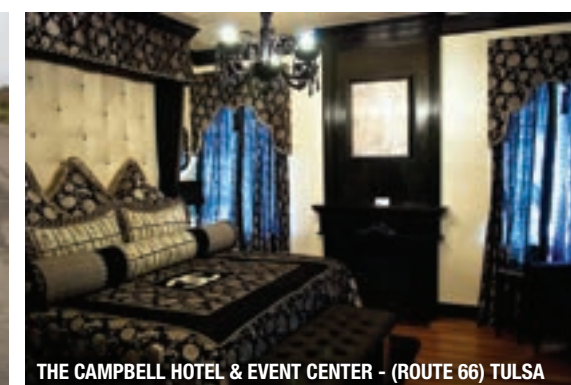
travelers along Route 66 alike. Originally calling it Nature's Acres, Mr. Davis continued to add to the roadside attraction until it included The Fun and Swim Blue Whale and the A.R.K. (Animal Reptile Kingdom). The attraction also featured Hugh's brother-in-law, Indian Chief Wolf-Robe Hunt, a full blooded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



MOTHER ROAD MARKET - (ROUTE 66) TULSA



THE CAMPBELL HOTEL & EVENT CENTER - (ROUTE 66) TULSA

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.



THE GATHERING PLACE - TULSA

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CLAREMORE - THE MOTHER ROAD IS CALLING

Claremore, located in the center of Northeast Oklahoma on Historic Route 66, is a hidden jewel with all the sights, sounds and heart of authentic America.

Will Rogers once said "I think the time will come when everybody will be made to stop off at Claremore on their way to any place they may be going." Will claimed Claremore as his hometown, along with many other famous folks, such as The Singing Rage, Miss Patti Page; and Stuart Roosa, Command Module Pilot of Apollo 14 and Lynn Riggs, a play write whose work became the basis for Oklahoma!

Known as Museum City, Claremore is home of the most museums per capita in the US. The world class museums J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum and



the Will Rogers Memorial Museum are wonderful examples of our history and culture. The Claremore Museum of History is an amazing exhibit of Claremore's history; it houses the original Surrey with the Fringe On Top from the movie, Oklahoma! and a Patti Page Collection. But we cannot forget our Veterans, those cadets who attended the Oklahoma Military Academy which is now Rogers State University. As a tribute to the 10,000 plus cadets, the University operates the completely renovated OMA Museum.

Spend the day, or days, shopping in The Lilac District enjoying the boutiques, antiques and uniques. Claremore is home to a variety of local favorite eateries, and specialty stores like The Nut House on Route 66, Walke Brothers Meats, Front

Porch Bakery and S & Y Meat Market, just to name a few.

Looking for outdoor adventure? Try a round of golf at Heritage Hills Golf Course, or the Claremore Mountain Bike Trails with over 16 miles of trails (for the beginner or the most experienced of riders) along the shore of Claremore Lake. Claremore Lake Park is the place you want to be for your next family outing! From picnic areas/shelters, a splash pad, disc golf, outdoor "gym", kayaking, boating and beautiful walking trails surrounding the park, you will enjoy this beautiful park the citizens of Claremore have enjoyed for many years.

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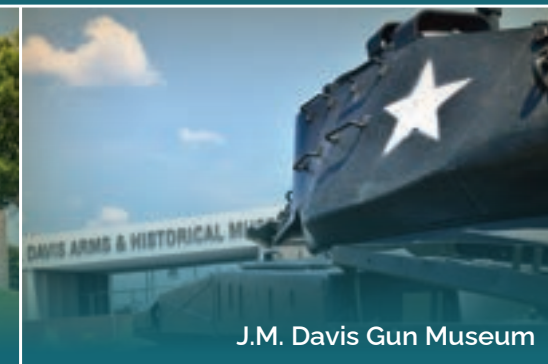
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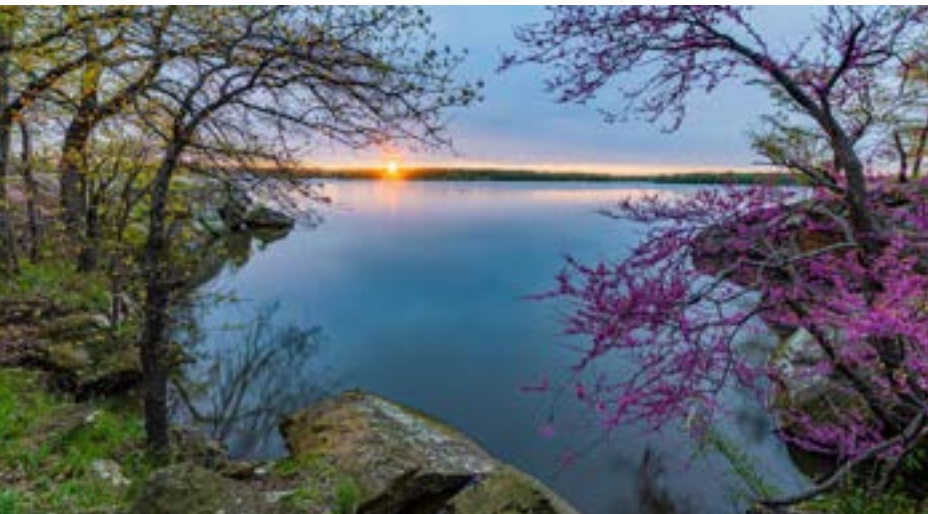


DISCOVER ROGERS COUNTY

Rogers County is a warm, welcoming community of eight towns connected by the best of everything Oklahoma. Surprisingly beautiful, charming, authentic and eclectic are qualities represented in every town.

The Will Rogers Highway, Historic Route 66, runs more than 40 miles across the county. From Chelsea, Foyil, Claremore, and Verdigris to Catoosa, you will experience some of the most famous Route 66 icons, such as the world's largest Totem Pole in Foyil, and the Blue Whale in Catoosa. Experience the nostalgic drive, shop and dine along the way, while making memories on this famous highway.

Claremore, is the hub of Rogers County and is known as Museum City, boasting more museums per capita in the US. Enjoy the history of our famous residents, such as Will Rogers and Patti Page, to a booming



community of local boutiques, antiques and a wonderful variety of local favorite eateries. Talala, a small town with southern charm and a strong farming community, is the gate way to Will Rogers country coming south from Kansas, leading to Will's birthplace in Oologah. Enjoy the great outdoors at Oologah Lake with camping, boating, swimming, fishing, horse back riding and beautiful hiking trails.

Inola, known as Hay Capitol of the World, an agriculture community full of local shops and restaurants that make a great day trip.

Rogers County is a place of wonderful sights to see, music to hear, art to appreciate, nature to explore, culinary treasurers

to discover, and people to meet. It is an affordable getaway for the whole family and perfect for a day trip or weekend away. You'll never run out of things to do and see, and you'll be making plans to return before you get home.



Rogers County: the Mother Road of all adventures.

Home to iconic Route 66 attractions, world-class museums, outdoor adventures, culinary delights, and charming shopping destinations, Rogers County offers an endless array of things to do and see. From festivals and fairs to unique community gatherings, there is always something happening here.

Whether you want to experience the heritage and culture of the Cherokee Nation, plan the perfect wedding, find day trip itineraries or book group travel, DiscoverRogersCounty.com has everything you need to make your trip a success.

ROGERS COUNTY IS: Catoosa | Chelsea | Claremore | Foyil | Inola | Oologah | Talala | Verdigris



IN 2024, TAKE AN OLD ROAD TO FIND NEW ADVENTURE

The AAA Route 66 Road Fest happens June 22-23, 2024 in Tulsa



For the last two years, the AAA Route 66 Road Fest in Tulsa has drawn car enthusiasts, travelers and families from around the world to celebrate the iconic Mother Road. But what's in store for the 2024? The AAA Route 66 Road Fest is gearing up to be bigger and better than ever before in the Green Country. With a perfect blend of tradition and innovation, it promises to be another unforgettable experience with new attractions for fans.

"You might say we're 'souping up our ride.' We're taking everything people loved about last year's Road Fest, like The Journey, the classic car show and the speakers, and turbocharging them for 2024," says Jared Peterson, executive director of AAA of Oklahoma. "It's something your family and friends will talk about for years to come because we're putting the pedal to the metal."

The AAA Route 66 Road Fest will be held again at the SageNet Center at Expo Square in Tulsa Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23, 2024. The event will mark the two-year countdown to the iconic highway's huge 100th birthday bash in 2026!

In June 2024, look for more interactive experiences with The Journey, which is a historical time capsule of the last 100 years of Route 66. Get lost in the sights and sounds of other eras, complete with time period actors and memorabilia, by walking through and immersing yourself in The Journey. Then, prepare to walk into the future with an exhibit that highlights where Route 66 will lead people, vehicles and business in the decades ahead.

Visitors will have the opportunity to ask famous speakers questions, learn about automobiles, and get their hands dirty with some DIY projects. The already incredible classic car show will be even grander. Participants will be able to stroll through an extensive collection of classic cars, vintage vehicles, and rare models that will take you on a journey through automotive history. For car enthusiasts, this is an opportunity to witness the evolution of the American road culture up close.

If you're a fan of unique and handcrafted items, the shopping area will be a delightful experience at the Road Fest. It will feature an array of local vendors selling one-of-a-kind, retro-inspired products, treats, and vintage collectibles. This market offers an excellent opportunity to pick up Route 66 memorabilia and other unique treasures from the Tulsa area.

The AAA Route 66 Road Fest is not just for road and car aficionados; it's a family-friendly event. In 2024, expect even more activities catering to kids and families. From the Pinewood Derby to miniature golf, dinosaurs and interactive games, the festival will ensure that children have as much fun as the adults.

"Given the turmoil around the world, Route 66 is a message of love and peace and harkens back to a quieter, simpler time. It's the best of America," says Ken Busby, CEO of the Route 66 Alliance.

Last June, 5,600 people around the country checked out 200 classic cars, shopped at 100 vendor booths, toured the Vintage RV Park, and enjoyed family fun like interactive art and Hot Wheels races and explored the incomparable, immersive exhibit called The Journey through the 100-year history of Route 66.

"It was an unforgettable weekend! The Road Fest was more exciting than any road trip. My family and I especially loved The Journey," said Oklahoma Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell.

"It felt like we stepped back in time as we heard music and news from the time period, interacted with actors, and checked out the classic cars and other memorabilia from the decades. We can't wait to see what's in store next year!"

A survey about the event shows 93% of attendees called the AAA Route 66 Road Fest "amazing," "incredible" and "fun!" The top three favorite activities were The Journey, the classic car show, and the Vintage RV show. People were also big fans the speakers including author Candacy Taylor, Edward Threatt, Senior (whose grandfather ran the only Black-owned gas station along Route 66); Stephanie Stuckey from the famous "Stuckey's"; historian Bob Blackburn, and journalist Mike Wallis who is the voice of 'Sheriff' in the movie Cars.

"There were plenty of things to look at and explore. Overall, a wonderful and enjoyable experience," says a visitor.

In the survey, 60% of folks say they'll definitely be back next year! We also hope to see you there. With more interactive experiences, a classic car show, and family-friendly activities, it's a must-attend event for anyone with a passion for automobiles, history, and good old-fashioned fun. Mark your calendars for June 22-23, 2024 and get ready to hit the road for an unforgettable journey along the Mother Road.



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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!*

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STATE HIGHWAY 10 AND CHEROKEE HILLS SCENIC BYWAY

Picturesque Forests and Lakes

Scenic Highway 10 travels down the far eastern edge of Oklahoma where the first stop is **Wyandotte**. D-Day Adventure Park hosts apocalyptic events, camping, long-range hiking and more.

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 offers multiple events and hands-on activities throughout the year.

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 meets all expectations, and the Anchor Activity Park is a must do.

There are countless other hotels, cabins, resorts and RV facilities to consider in the area.

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.

The thriving community of **Tahlequah**, notable for being the capital of the Cherokee Nation, boasts several historic sites open to the visitor in Tahlequah. Check out the street signs labeled in both Cherokee and English languages.

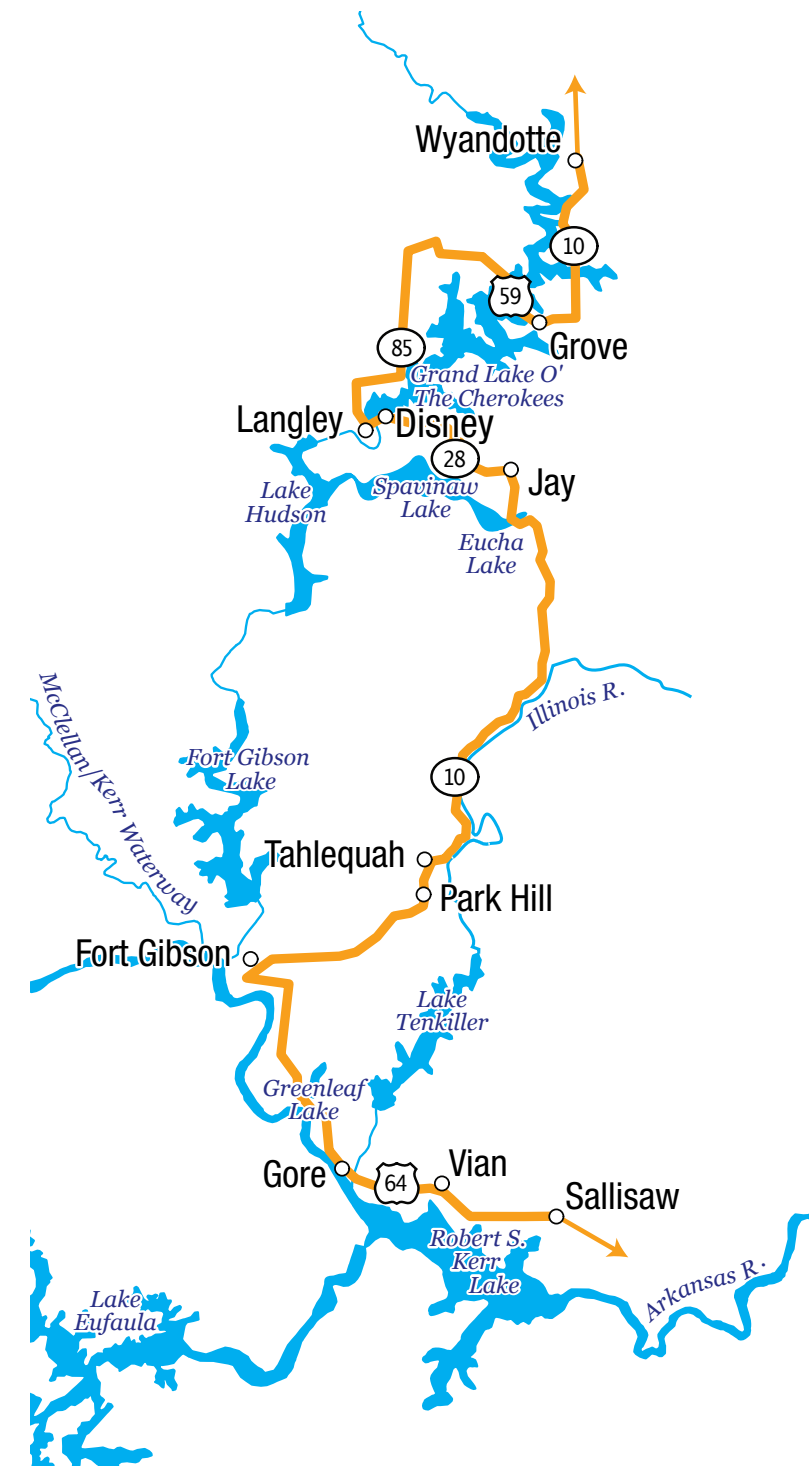
Staying and playing is a must. During warmer weather the Illinois River is chock-full of kayakers, rafters and canoers. This scenic river is perfect for a refreshing float, and the green forested banks and occasional sandy beaches make for a grand time. The wise river-goers always secure everything as there's a possibility of a turn-over, generally it's all in fun. River outfitters 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.

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. 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 Sequoyah'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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The Tahlequah area is known for the setting of Wilson Rawls novel "Where the Red Fern Grows", so it is only natural that the Red Fern Festival is held here each year in April. The festival spans seven blocks with over 150 arts and crafts vendors and gourmet food trucks. Don't miss the rubber duck race through the Town Branch Creek or the Hound Dog Field Trials to determine the top dog. Other annual events include the Crawfish Festival – also in April, and OksWagen in October featuring Volkswagen classics, live music, German food and beer garden, and more at this family friendly event.

The splendor of the outdoors beckons you to explore nature in Tahlequah. Hike or bike along the many trails through the foothills of the Ozark Mountains. Sparrow Hawk Primitive Area is a moderate 3.8 mile heavily trafficked out and back trail along the river that offers breathtaking views from bluffs above the river. J.T. Nickels Preserve includes three self-guided trails ranging from .5 to 1.5 miles. Wildlife viewing includes deer, turkey, and elk. Tahlequah is one of Oklahoma's most popular float destinations. The Illinois Rivers is lined with outfitters to help plan your float adventure.

Tahlequah and the surrounding area offer so much to see and do that a weeklong stay may not be long enough to explore everything. Visit www.TourTahlequah.com to plan your stay now.

TAHLEQUAH

Yes – this is Oklahoma! Tahlequah is one of the most scenic areas in northeast Oklahoma. Nestled next to the Illinois River at the foothills of the Ozark Mountains, home to Northeastern State University, and capital of Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah truly has something for everyone. The laidback atmosphere invites you to stroll through town exploring all the possibilities.

Walk the oldest main street in the state of Oklahoma and enjoy shopping at one of the many local boutiques for that perfect souvenir you will treasure for years to come. Enjoy consignment stores, art galleries, antiques, jewelry, home décor and clothing. Grab a bite to eat Sam and Ella's, a local favorite known for its pizza and chicken, Kawi Café, sushi at Red Moon, or try the coconut cake at Newks Eatery. Tahlequah's abundant dining choices are sure to please everyone's appetite.



Immerse yourself in Cherokee heritage and culture at one of the many Cherokee attractions. Cherokee National History Museum offers 7,000 square feet of timeless art and tribal heritage. Other Cherokee sites include the Cherokee National Prison Museum, Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum and John Ross Museum.



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Beautiful Cherokee County in northeastern Oklahoma includes the towns of Tahlequah, Park Hill, Hulbert, Cookson, and numerous smaller communities. Nestled near the Arkansas state line, just south of Highway 412, and bordered by Grand River on its western boundary, Cherokee County covers 776 square miles. 749 square miles is land, and the remaining 27 square miles is water from Fort Gibson Lake, Tenkiller Ferry Lake, and the Illinois River which runs through it.

Discover an abundance of opportunities to explore outdoors at Fort Gibson Lake, Tenkiller Ferry Lake, Illinois River, and the foothills of the Ozark Mountains. Local trails give access to hiking, sightseeing, wildlife watching, and horseback riding. Fishing and hunting are allowed in some areas, but a valid Oklahoma permit is necessary. Some areas also require a wildlife passport to gain access. Please check the regulations at www.WildlifeDepartment.com.



Cherokee County is a water lover's paradise! Enjoy direct access to over 350 miles of shoreline at Fort Gibson Lake and Tenkiller Ferry Lake. The scenic beauty of high cliffs, secluded coves, and tree lined shores is a spectacular bonus. Enjoy boating, paddle boarding, water skiing, jet skis, kayaks, and swimming. Marinas in the area offer rentals, docks, supplies, service and more.

Take an afternoon or overnight exploration down the Illinois River in a canoe, kayak, raft, or inner tube. Enjoy a picnic, swimming, and camping spots along the way. Over 14 river outfitters are available to book a relaxing float down the river.

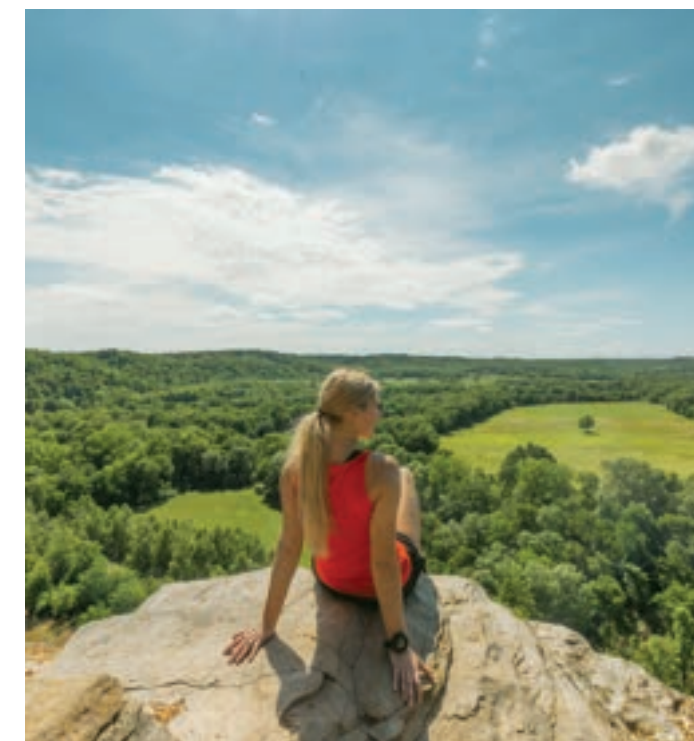
Oklahoma's climate provides great opportunities for camping, and Cherokee County boasts more than twenty of them. Three state parks – Sequoyah, Tenkiller and Cherokee Landing - offer activities from hiking to horseback riding and even scuba diving. The Corp of Engineers has campsites all over the lake with easy access to boat ramps and docks. The campgrounds offers RV and tent camping



with options for electric hookups. A detailed map can be found at www.ExploreCherokeeCountyOK.com/Camping.

Cherokee County is indeed beautiful, but it is also rich in Cherokee history and culture. Take a day to visit one of the many museums and experience this fascinating culture. Cherokee National History Museum is housed in the renovated Cherokee National Capitol in downtown Tahlequah and tells the Cherokee story through augmented reality and immersive exhibits. Adorned with art by Cherokee Nation artists and artifacts on loan from Gilcrease Museum, Oklahoma Historical Society, Cherokee National Archives, and the Smithsonian – the museum is appropriate for all ages. Other must-see sites include the John Ross Museum in Park Hill; Hunter's Home – the only remaining pre-Civil War plantation home in Oklahoma – also located in Park Hill; Cherokee National Prison Museum and Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum, both in Tahlequah.

For more information about events and places to stay and eat, visit www.ExploreCherokeeCountyOK.com



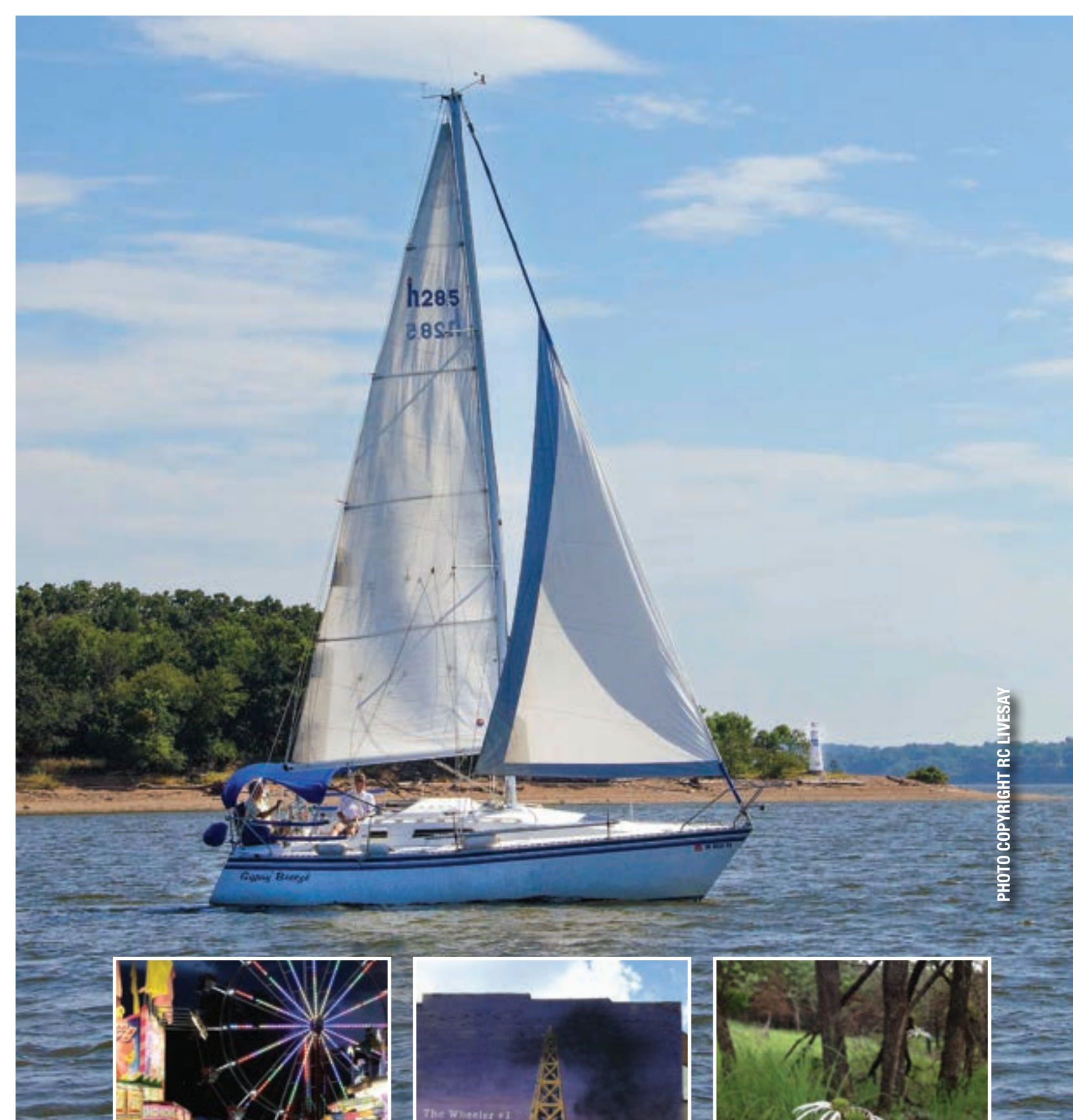
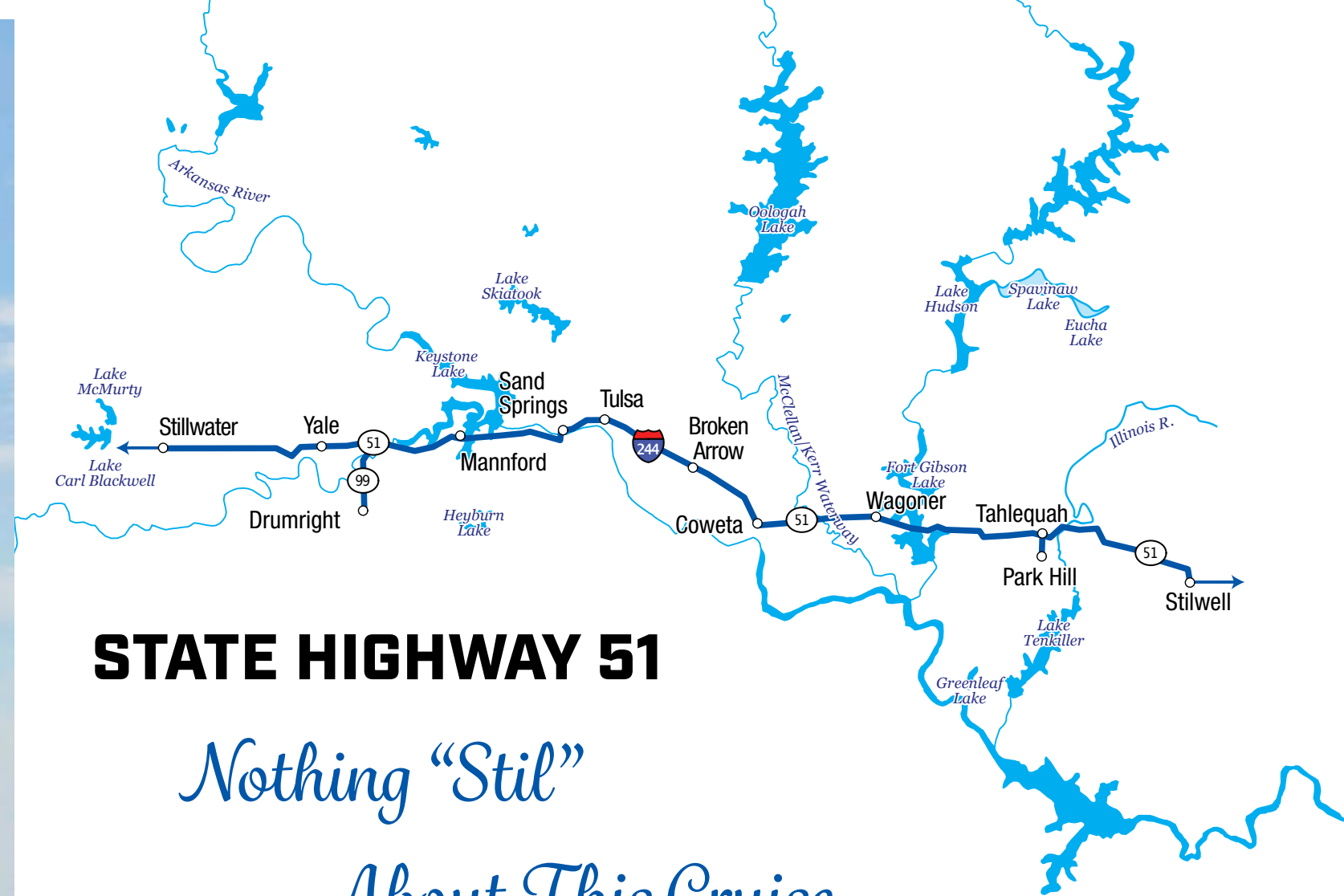


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STATE HIGHWAY 51

Nothing “Stil” About This Cruise

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 Tidewater 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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KEYSTONE ANCIENT FOREST - SAND SPRINGS

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 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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EXPLORING BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA

A City of Safety, Happiness, and Charms

Nestled in the heart of Oklahoma, Broken Arrow stands as an alluring gem waiting to be discovered. With a rich tapestry of accolades, from being named the 11th Safest City in America by MoneyGeek.com (2020) to being crowned the Happiest City in Oklahoma according to Zippia (2020), it's evident that this city offers a unique blend of safety and contentment for its residents and visitors alike.



One of the city's crown jewels is the Rose District, a vibrant and picturesque Main Street that earned its spot on USA Today's list of the Top 50 Charming Main Streets in America in 2018. Strolling along the Rose District's quaint boutiques, cozy cafes, and enjoying its lively arts scene, visitors can experience the true essence of Broken Arrow's charm and community spirit.

For those who appreciate the outdoors, the Ray Herral Nature Center offers a serene retreat with its tranquil trails and the chance to immerse oneself in Oklahoma's natural beauty. From hiking to birdwatching, this nature center caters to a wide range of outdoor enthusiasts.

Sports enthusiasts will also find themselves at home in Broken Arrow, with top-notch sports facilities for both athletes and spectators. The city's commitment to sports is a testament to the diverse interests of its



residents and their dedication to fostering a strong sense of community.

In conclusion, a visit to Broken Arrow promises not only a safe and happy experience but also a journey through charming streets and the wonders of nature. This city beautifully combines safety, happiness, and attractions to create an unforgettable destination that's perfect for travelers seeking a unique and welcoming experience in the heart of America.

VISIT STILLWATER

Stillwater is the place where smiles from strangers are abounding and hometown hospitality is a way of life. Stillwater's "college town" atmosphere lends itself to a variety of dining, night life, recreation, museum, gallery, and shopping options.

From a cozy wine bar ambiance to the two-stepping, honky-tonk scene, Stillwater has an after-hours hot spot to suit your style. There is no lack in the restaurant department either. From barbeque to fine dining, plus world famous stops such as Eskimo Joe's and The Original Hideaway



Pizza, you will always find something to satisfy your appetite.

Browse through the largest collection of wrestling memorabilia in the world at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame or explore the nation's largest Student Union at Oklahoma State University and learn about all of the on-campus amenities and venues.

For the outdoor enthusiast, grab a fishing pole, pack a picnic, or take a bike ride and fill your lungs with fresh Stillwater air at one of our many outdoor recreation areas. Our trails, parks, and lakes provide the perfect backdrop to take in the Oklahoma landscape. The Botanic Garden at OSU showcases a variety of garden options, and is the perfect location to stop and smell the roses – literally.

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TALLGRASS PRAIRIE PRESERVE - OSAGE COUNTY



J. WOOD GLASS MANSION - NOWATA

US HIGHWAY 60

Oil Barons and Great Plains

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 Ponca 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. 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.

Call it a day at Indigo Sky Casino and Resort. Voted the "Very Best Casino," it has all the amenities you need. Stay, play, win, dine and relax.



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The Marland Mansion is a 43,561-square-foot, 55-room castle.

The Pioneer Woman Statue stands at 17 feet tall.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Downtown Winter Blues Sale</p> <p>FEBRUARY
"Princess for a Night" Father/Daughter Dance
A Purple Affair</p> <p>MARCH
Spring Ladies Night</p> <p>APRIL
City Wide Garage Sale
Meal to Heal</p> <p>MAY
Jockeys & Juleps
Cowboy Ball
Colorblast Fun Run
Schatte Memorial Cook-Off</p> <p>JUNE
Draggin' Grand
Schooners Car Club Car Show
Herb Festival</p> | <p>JUNE
101 Wild West PRCA Rodeo
101 Wild West Rodeo Parade
Juneteenth Celebration
Fish Fry for the Small Fry</p> <p>JULY
FreedomFest Fireworks
Crazy Days</p> <p>AUGUST
Marland's Place Family Fun Day
Party at the Palace
Ponca City Open (Disc Golf)
Ponca Tribal Annual Celebration</p> <p>SEPTEMBER
Cherokee Strip Golf Classic
Cherokee Strip BBQ Cook-Off
Arts Festival
Prairie to Palate
Standing Bear Pow Wow
Camp McFadden Annual Beast Feast</p> | <p>OCTOBER
Octoberfest
Ponca City Motocross Championship
Goblins on Grand Halloween Carnival
Camp McFadden Outdoor Expo</p> <p>NOVEMBER
Veterans Day Parade
Festival of Angels Lighting Display
Holiday Happenings
Fall Ladies Night</p> <p>DECEMBER
Downtown Lighted Parade
Holiday Happenings
Festival of Angels
Christmas Market Oklahoma</p> <p>1ST SAT. OF EACH MONTH
Fly-In Breakfast</p> <p>LIVE PERFORMANCE
Ponca Playhouse
Poncan Theatre</p> |
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Standing Bear Statue is the tallest bronze statue in the state, standing at 22 feet!



MARLAND ESTATES

The Grandeur of the historic Marland Grand Home and the E.W. Marland Mansion continue to grace Ponca City, Oklahoma.

"The saga of the Marland Family of Ponca City is perhaps the most intriguing story in the bold and exciting history of Oklahoma." Bob Burke, Author

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.

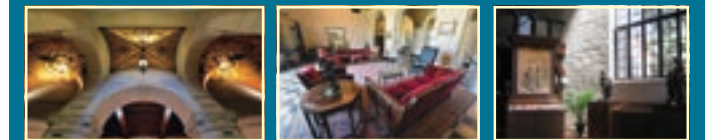
Even after losing control of Marland Oil and marrying his formerly adopted daughter, Lydie, Marland was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1932 and Governor in 1935. Along the way he built both his Grand Home and the Mansion, two of America's most magnificent homes.

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.

E.W. Marland was an oil baron, Congressman, and Governor of Oklahoma, who won and lost fortunes and left the history and a profound legacy in Ponca City and the world. Just imagine mysteries that were left behind... Shouldn't you visit today?



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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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
PAWHUSKA, CATHEDRAL OF THE OSAGE

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



TALLGRASS PRAIRIE PRESERVE









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

rode 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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POINTS OF INTEREST

Cathedral Of The Osage | Pioneer Woman Mercantile | National Indian Taco Championship
 Osage Nation Tribal Museum | Tallgrass Prairie Preserve | Ben Johnson Cowboy Museum
 National Historical District | Cavalcade Rodeo | Ben Johnson Steer Roping
 Old West Buffalo Co. | Osage County Historical Museum & Boy Scout Monument

Visit www.pawhuskachamber.com for shopping, dining, and accomodations (918) 287-1208

NOWATA

Nowata is a lot like Mayberry; it's a community that welcomes you with open arms. Feel the warmth of genuine hospitality as you explore the heart and soul of this charming town.

Learn about the history of Nowata and the surrounding area at the impressive Nowata County Historical Society Museum. Celebrate the spirit of Nowata through the lens of its people and pioneers. Engage with stories of triumph and tragedy, and courage that have created our story. Our museum is a testament to the strength of a community that cherishes its roots and Okie legends.

Nowata Museum is host to the 2024 Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit, "Voices And Votes" (April 16 thru May 31) preserving the history of democracy in America.

Welcome to the enchanting Glass Mansion, where every step unveils a tapestry of the past. This early 1900's mansion - built by the same Architect as Ponca City's Marland Mansion - is a living testament to the lives of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood Glass. Together they helped cultivate the arts, develop the Oil Fields, and tame Indian Territory. Some of Mrs. Glass's elegant wardrobe is displayed around the home and the furnishings - complete with china, crystal, and oil paintings - are original.



Come experience the 1908 Presbyterian Church Bells that still ring over the rooftops daily. An amazing Pipe Organ under iconic domed architecture and legendary Stained-Glass Windows create a feast for the senses. This building is home to Oklahoma's oldest stained glass window (created 500 years ago for a chapel in France) and a choir stall dated 1599 from Spain.

Nowata's unique charm, eclectic history, and a sense of community make the visit worthwhile. ... not to mention a famous cinnamon roll from the restored Old Depot Café!

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, Oklahoma legends, and well-known celebrities. However, the most important visitor is the one that hasn't yet 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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May Pioneer Days

Jun Hillbilly Handfishin' Tournament

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Aug Kan-Okla 100 Mile Yard Sale

Sep Wesson Arena Bull Blast

Oct Native American Culture

Nov Veterans Day Parade

Visit the Museum Tue-Sat 10am to 4pm (Sun/Mon Groups by appointment)

The Smithsonian is coming to Nowata!
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NELLIE JOHNSTONE NO. 1 OIL WELL
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TOM MIX MUSEUM - DEWEY



HENRYETTA TERRITORIAL MUSEUM

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 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.

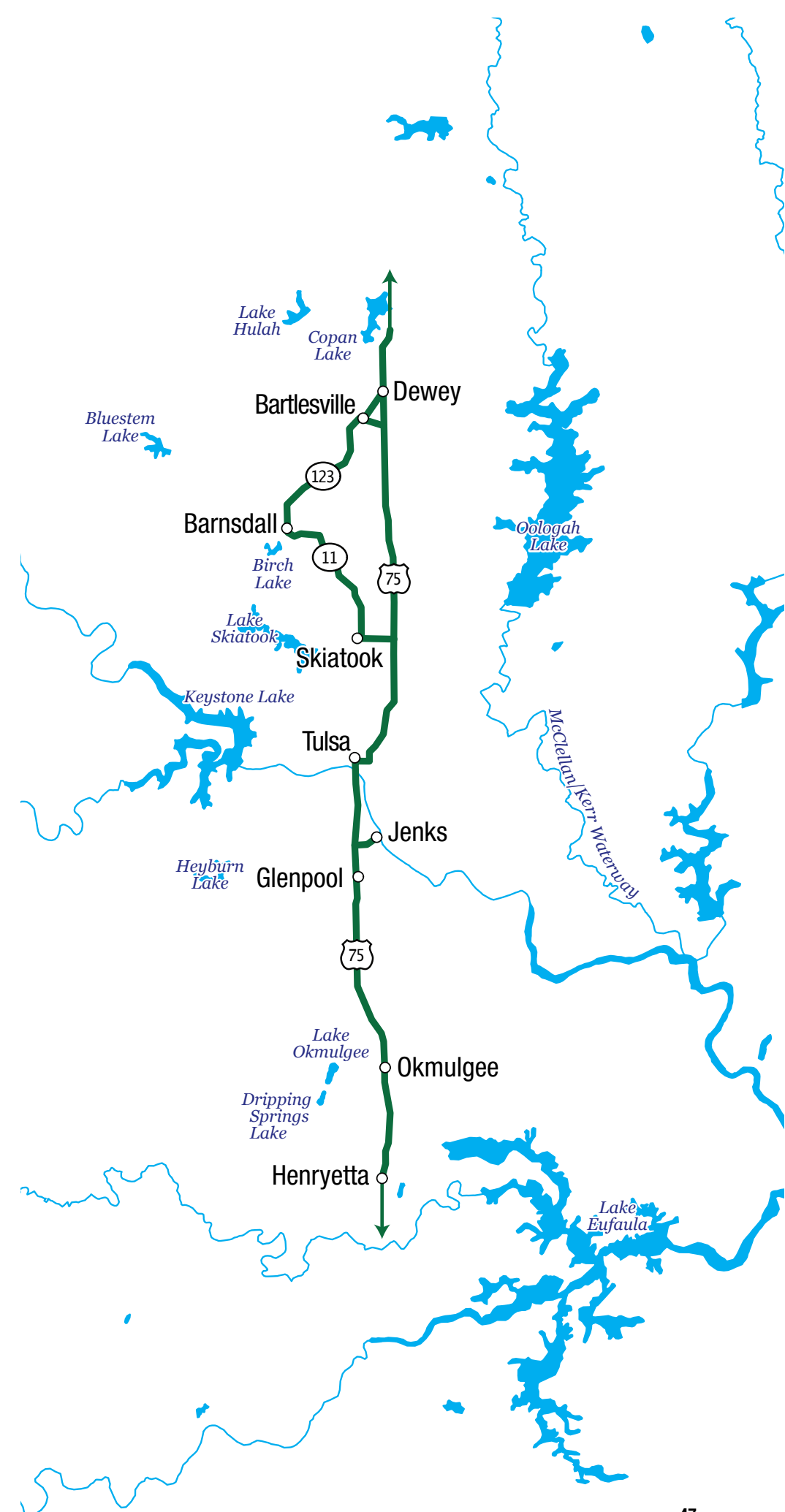
Other attractions include the Frank Phillips Home (Phillips 66), the Phillips Petroleum Co. Museum and the Bartlesville Area History Museum. The annual OKM Music Festival features world-wide talent during its multi-day run each June. Dining is a treat in Bartlesville.

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.

Just a bit further, the community of **Barnsdall** is 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





BOSTON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH - TULSA

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. 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**, home to The Oklahoma Aquarium, located 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. 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.

Okmulgee, Capital of the Muscogee Nation, and home to the Creek Council House, 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.

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.



HENRYETTA TERRITORIAL MUSEUM - HENRYETTA

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, while visiting the Muskogee Council House. Shopping includes a strictly Native-made 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 areas. The spillway from Okmulgee Lake is a soothing and peaceful backdrop, an image not to be missed during your visit. Dripping Springs Lake is



OKMULGEE LAKE

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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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.



LINGER LONGER ANTIQUES & SODA SHOPPE

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.

DEWEY IS ... FAMILY FUN!

Antique and specialty stores will keep you shopping for hours. Take the family to visit the Tom Mix Museum, Dewey Hotel Museum, and Tom Mix Jail.

DEWEY HOTEL MUSEUM

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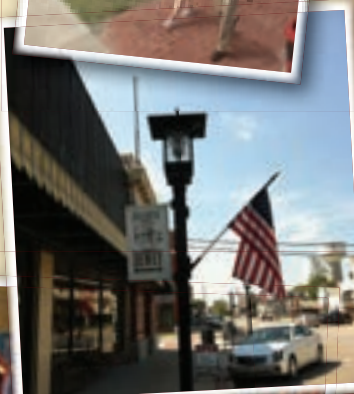
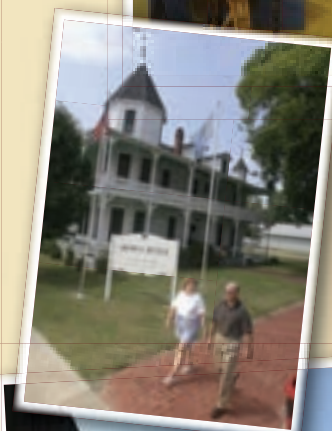
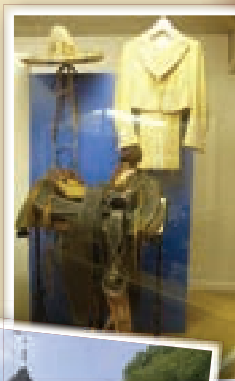
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EXPLORE THE MUSCOGEE NATION RESERVATION

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.



CREEK NATION COUNCIL HOUSE - OKMULGEE

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.



THE GATHERING PLACE - TULSA

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.

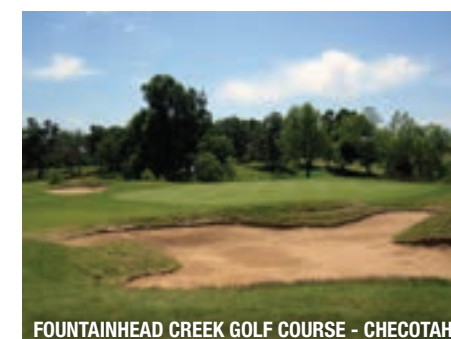


RIVER SPIRIT CASINO RESORT - TULSA

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



FOUNTAINHEAD CREEK GOLF COURSE - CHECOTAH

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.



MUSCOGEE NATION FESTIVAL RODEO - OKMULGEE

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MOUND BUILDING - OKMULGEE



US HIGHWAY 412

Dick Tracy & Pawnee Bill

Meet the Blue Whale

When entering Green Country on highway 412, 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. 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. 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

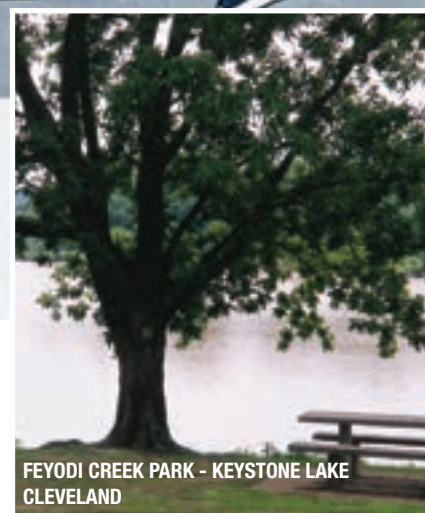
gardens. Well worth the visit, you will see a spectacular layout of color and interactive garden displays. **Tulsa's** downtown core looms in the distance and offers numerous activities. The high-energy central business district is chock-full of restaurants, bars, attractions and entertainment venues. If you are feeling lucky, you should take time to visit River Spirit 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 along the route 66 corridor, stop in at the massive Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Try your hand at "lady Luck"; then just a mile further you'll find yourself in **Catoosa**, home of the "Blue Whale", a perfect photo stop, then it's back to Highway 412. You'll cross over the McClellan-Kerr



PAWNEE BILL RANCH - PAWNEE



BLUE WHALE - ROUTE 66 - CATOOSA



FEYODI CREEK PARK - KEYSTONE LAKE CLEVELAND

Pawnee Bill Ranch & Museum



Maj. Gordon W. Lillie

Explore the myth, the legend and the reality of Pawnee Bill at his ranch and home in Pawnee, Oklahoma. See Pawnee Bill's mansion, artifacts, art, memorabilia, and live buffalo, Longhorn cattle and Clydesdale horses on one of Oklahoma's most beautiful historical working ranches.



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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. Nearby, visit Cherokee Casino at **West Siloam Springs**. South of Siloam Springs, on Hwy 59, you will have a "swell time" at WOKA Whitewater Adventure Park with eight "drops" for the beginner to a challenging whitewater experience.



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
Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve
Lake Pawhuska
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

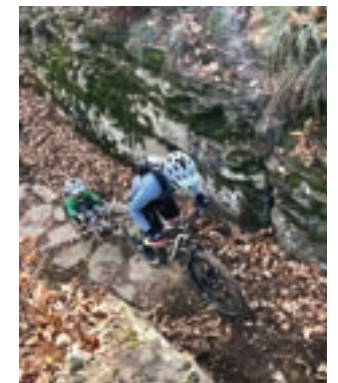


TAHLEQUAH
Elephant Rock Nature Park – multiple trails
J.T. Nickel Family nature & Wildlife Preserve
Savanna Trail
Pine Ridge
Trail & Wetland Trail
Sparrow Hawk Primitive Area Trail; 3.8-miles; dogs and horses welcome
Trolley Trail – 1.7-mile



TULSA
Chandler Park – Lost City Trail
Gathering Place – Paved walking trails with stairs, bike trails
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

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



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



PAWNEE BATH HOUSE - PAWNEE

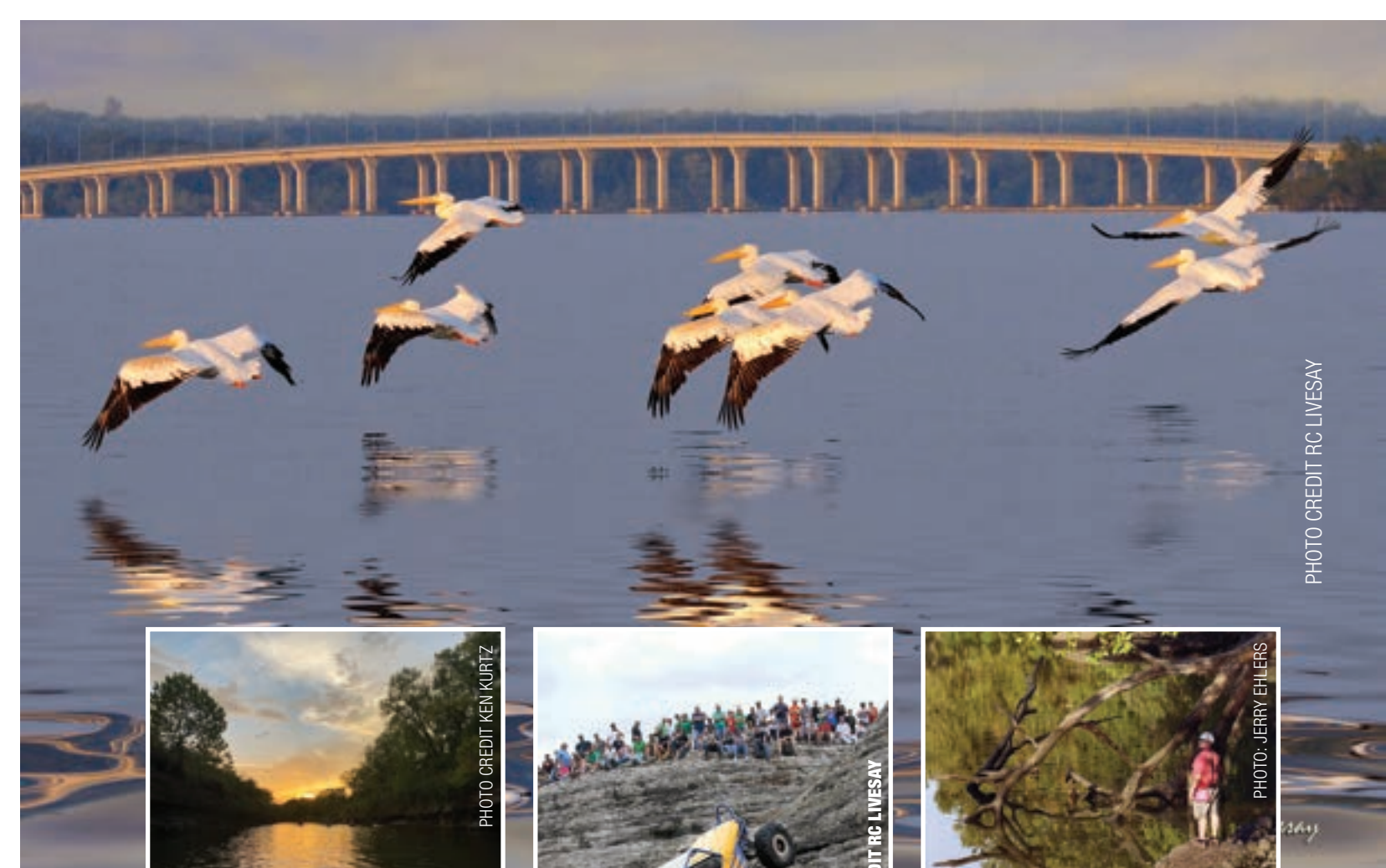


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SPOOKY CREEK - KEYSTONE LAKE



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ROCK CRAWLING - DISNEY



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FISHING DAY

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

Fort Gibson Lake is known for its excellent bass and crappie fishing and a hunting area that covers just shy of 22,000 acres near Wagoner. Amenities abound around this lake and include cabins, a lodge, boat ramps, a golf course, restaurants, marinas, fishing, trail rides, and a nature center.

Two state parks are home on this lake – Sequoyah Bay State Park and Sequoyah State Park and Lodge. This serene lake invites you to unwind surrounded by lush greenery of tall and graceful trees. TravelOk.com/SequoyahSP

GRAND LAKE

It is unending lake adventure at Grand Lake with a myriad of activities that include fishing with varieties such as crappie, bass, bluegill and the highly prized paddlefish. Cast your line and expect a tug! Ever popular boating, from kayaking to massive cruisers can be seen on Grand Lake and numerous marinas provide boating equipment for fun on this paradise. Swim beaches, picnic areas, boat ramps, off-road areas, golf courses – it is all available here.

Accommodations are plentiful too! From cozy cabins to lakeside resorts each accommodation choice offers a unique vantage point to appreciate the beauty of the surroundings.

Lodging ideas can be found at GreenCountryOk.com or TravelOk.com.

GREENLEAF STATE PARK

Greenleaf 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.

918-487-5196
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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. Cabins, bunkhouses, motels, and lodges are available, so, grab your courage, pitch a tent, roast the wienies and smores, and relive the Illinois River experiences of the day.

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.

Group campsites that can handle up to 50 people each are available and an additional 94 campsites, mostly shaded, include fire pits and picnic tables. 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.

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?

918-865-4991
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.

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.

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 Arrowhead golf course 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.

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.

TravelOK.com/EufaulaSP
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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. Lake Hudson provides visitors with scenic camping sites for your back-to-nature getaway.

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, guests will find ten marinas and 20 parks with multiple campsites. Several lodging options are available, and many 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 twenty-eight feet. Sunken vehicles, planes, and boats in Tenkiller Scuba Park beckon to would-be underwater treasure 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.

TravelOK.com/Tenkiller

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.

918-457-5716
TravelOK.com/CherokeeLanding

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 20-acre 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 "yurts", complete with queen 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.

918-422-5802
TravelOK.com/NaturalFalls

OOLOGAH 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.

Campgrounds around Oologah Lake abound with playgrounds, swimming beach and many hiking and horseback riding trails, numerous campsites, group facilities, picnic shelters, a playground and interpretive nature trail, ideal options to set-up the camp and prepare to enjoy the beauty of Green Country.

OSAGE HILLS STATE PARK

Set amid rolling hills and tree-lined valleys, 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.

918-336-4141
TravelOK.com/OsageHills

SKIATOOK LAKE

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 and cottages, meeting/dining facilities that deliver stunning lake views.



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.



TULSA

The Capital of Route 66, Tulsa's ornate architecture, vibrant music scene and rich cultural heritage bring history to life. Visitors can explore 28 miles of the legendary Mother Road complete with iconic roadside attractions—and, along the way, discover the locally-owned shops, interactive museums, experimental craft breweries and diverse restaurants that make up Oklahoma's second-largest city.

Family Fun:

Treat the family to an adventure they won't forget with attractions like the epic (and free) Gathering Place and ever-growing Tulsa Zoo. Take photos at larger-than-life landmarks like Buck Atom's 21-foot-tall muffler man and the Route 66 Rising statue that stand along Tulsa's stretch of the Mother Road.

Discovery Lab provides children hands-on activities—and giant tape tunnels—that encourage critical thinking and problem solving. Then, the Tulsa Air & Space Museum offers life-size, interactive exhibits where kids can see what it's like to pilot a plane and use a robotic arm like an astronaut.

Music:

Discover the "Tulsa Sound" through T-Town's thriving music scene. By day, learn about legends at the Bob Dylan and Woody Guthrie Centers in the Tulsa Arts District. Then, head to Studio Row to visit



the recently restored The Church Studio. Formerly owned by Tulsan Leon Russell, the Church is once again a world-class recording studio—plus a shrine to its former owner and the musicians like George Harrison and Eric Clapton who recorded there.

With live shows taking place every night, Tulsa's music scene offers something for everyone, from jazz and indie rock to country tunes. Be sure to check out shows at venues from the underground LowDown to the Historic Big 10 Ballroom.

Historic Greenwood District:

The Greenwood District, also known as "Black Wall Street," is one of the nation's most prominent destinations for Black history and culture. Learn about Tulsa's complex history in the Greenwood District at monuments like John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park, which serves as a poignant reminder of the Tulsa Race Massacre, honoring the victims and striving for reconciliation.

Today, Greenwood is one of T-Town's fastest-growing neighborhoods and home to Black-owned businesses like Cobbler Mom and Silhouette Sneakers & Art.

Architecture:

An architecture junkie's dream, Tulsa boasts more than 100 locations on the National Register of Historic Places. From its days as the "Oil Capital of the World," Tulsa boasts one of the best Art Deco collections in the world.

Visitors can also find Brutalist examples at places like the downtown public library and the Brut Hotel, which just opened in a renovated apartment building. And don't miss Westhope—one of the largest residences designed by world-renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

Craft Brewery and Dining Scene:

Tulsa's dining scene offers a culinary tapestry (and plenty of James Beard Award nominees), inviting exploration from farm-to-table to global fusion. Mother Road Market, named "Best Food Hall in the U.S." by USA Today, showcases cuisine from burgers to Brazilian. Then, Tulsa's innovative craft breweries beckon enthusiasts with offerings from standard lagers and IPAs to sour beers and even an entirely gluten free brewpub.



ADVENTURE JUST MET ITS MATCH.

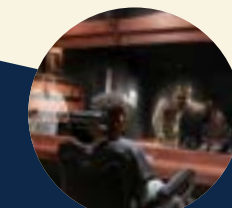
SO DID FUN, ATMOSPHERE AND CULTURE.

Once "The Oil Capital of the World," T-Town is now rich with resources like countless outdoor and indoor attractions enjoyed by any age like Gathering Place and Greenwood Rising Black Wall Street History Center, a legendary music scene including Cain's Ballroom, The Church Studio and the Bob Dylan Center; and dining scene bursting with James Beard Award nominations. Throw in that it's the Capital of Route 66 (with 28 miles of it), and Tulsa really is the city of everything you could ask for... and more.

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