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Learn more about the Muscogee people at historic sites such as Council Oak Park in downtown Tulsa, or visit the shops and restaurants at Riverwalk Crossing in Jenks for a nice evening along the water.

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Take in exciting sports action at the tribe's state-of-the-art arena, The Mvskoke Dome, which hosts the annual Okmulgee County Tournament and the Oklahoma High School Basketball Playoffs.

It's all here and ready for you, so come "Make a Memory" at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation!

Photos: Top - Annual Muscogee Nation Festival. Middle: Board of Education - Creek Nation Council House. Bottom: Mvskoke Dome Arena



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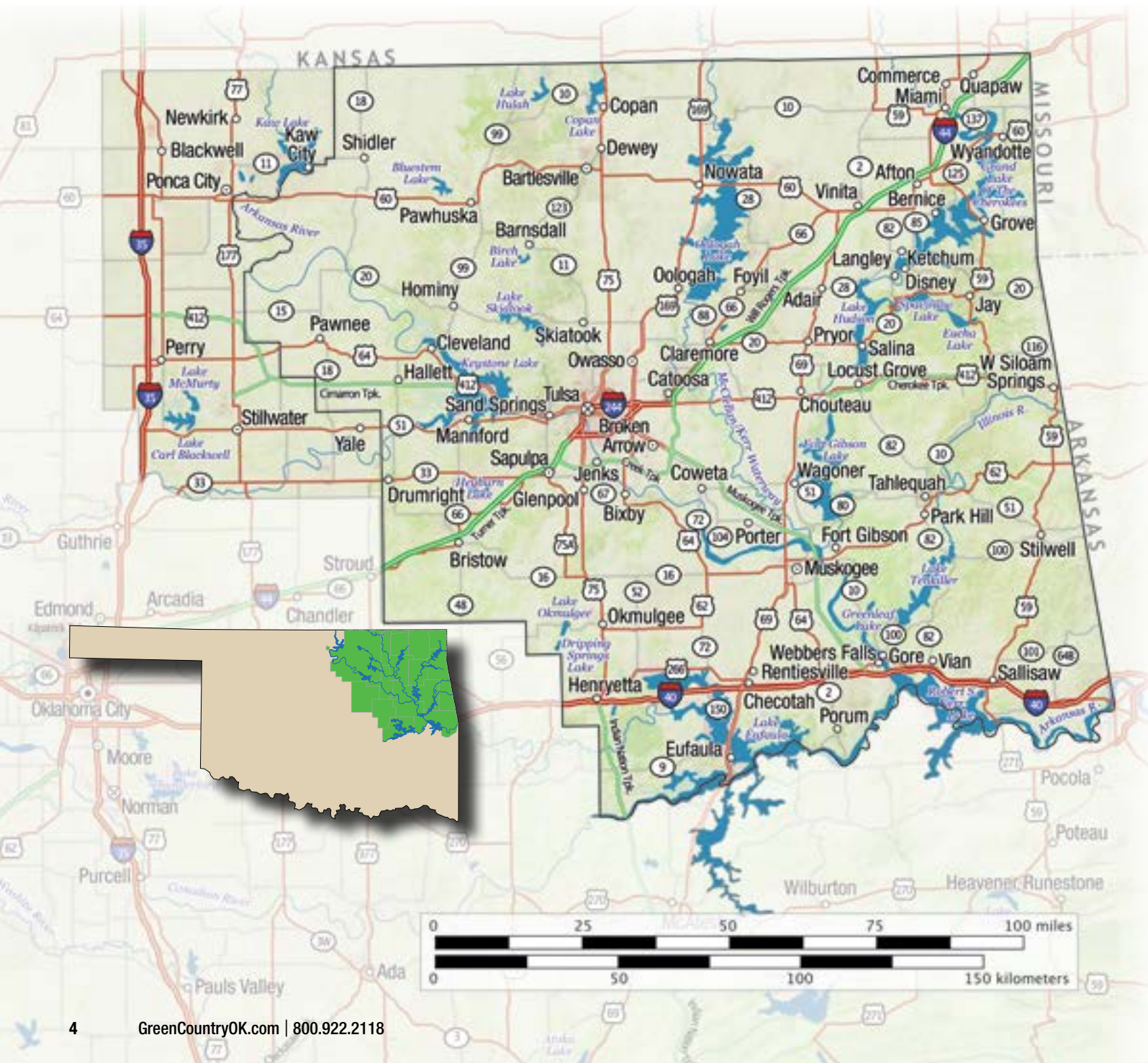
This is Green Country. The following pages will whisk you along the highways and byways of Oklahoma's Green Country. You'll visit back-in-time places, treasured, historic places and down-right fun places. Is it the destination or the journey, either way, enjoy the ride!

Located in Northeastern Oklahoma, our 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.

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OSAGE HILLS STATE PARK - PAWHUSKA



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| Approximate Mileage: |         |
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| St. Louis.....       | 393 mi. |
| Dallas.....          | 263 mi. |
| Wichita.....         | 176 mi. |
| Kansas City.....     | 249 mi. |
| Little Rock.....     | 276 mi. |
| Amarillo.....        | 364 mi. |

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TENKILLER STATE PARK - VIAN

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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 for a very long time. 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, the Tide Water Winery in **Drumright**, located in the historic Tidal School, offers up entertainment and libations on a regular basis. Stop by the Drumright Historical Museum in the restored Santa Fe Depot for a glimpse into this black-gold town’s past. The town is host to the annual Drumright Oil Patch Jamboree each autumn celebrating the

significance of the area’s oil history from the early 20th century.

**Mannford** sits on the banks of Keystone Lake, where it was established after the original town was to be consumed by the newly created lake in the 1960s. You’ll find a Yogi Bear Jellystone Park here along with two state parks.

Heading east, **Sand Springs** is the site of two very popular events held each spring - The Herbal Affair and Chillin’ and Grillin’ BBQ Festival. Nearby the Keystone Ancient Forest 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 lion, bobcat, American eagles, migratory birds, and over 80 varied species of butterflies inhabit this place. 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. Check their Facebook page for updates and cancellations. No reservations are needed. Gates open at 8:00 am. Hikes take about an hour to complete and are typically on your own. Allow enough time for your hiking experience as trail guides will lock the gate at 2:00 pm. No pets are allowed on the trails. Wear comfortable hiking attire, sun screen, and bug spray if you would like. Port-a-potties are available on-site. 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.





KEYSTONE ANCIENT FOREST - SAND SPRINGS

Passing through Tulsa a bit further east, the Rose District in **Broken Arrow** welcomes you and 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. Persimmon Hollow Village, offers weekend shopping in a replica old west town and 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 in May, 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 each fall.

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 available - 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.

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 held the last weekend in



NATIVE AMERICAN WALL MURAL - DRUMRIGHT

April and the Cherokee National Holiday occurring each Labor Day weekend.

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 and thus 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 **Stillwell**, you'll want to plan your journey to arrive here during the annual Strawberry Festival each May; strawberries and ice cream, what a treat.



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# CHEROKEE NATION

Explore the rolling countryside of northeast Oklahoma, and get to know the largest tribal nation in the United States.

Begin your journey in Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation's bustling capital city where you can visit several cultural sites within walking distance, including the Cherokee National History Museum. Located inside the iconic Cherokee National Capitol building, the museum provides an 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.

Take a short walk down the street to visit the Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum and the Cherokee National Prison Museum.

Originally built in 1844, the Cherokee National Supreme Court Museum is the oldest public building in Oklahoma. It features exhibits on the Cherokee judicial system, the Cherokee

Advocate and Cherokee Phoenix newspapers, and the Cherokee language.

The Cherokee National Prison Museum details how law and order operated in Indian Territory. As the only penitentiary in Indian Territory from 1875 to 1901, the interpretive site features exhibits about famous prisoners, daring escapes and much more.

Minutes away in Park Hill, the John Ross Museum shares the life and legacy of Principal Chief John Ross, who led Cherokee Nation through its most critical times, including the Trail of Tears and the American Civil War.

Several sites are available within a short drive from Tahlequah, including Sequoyah's Cabin Museum in Sallisaw, which showcases the home of legendary statesman and inventor of the Cherokee syllabary, Sequoyah. The museum features the original log cabin constructed by Sequoyah in 1829, along with large displays that share his story and provide information

about Cherokee Old Settlers, Cherokee Nation post-removal and the Cherokee Nation today.

Located in Rose, the Saline Courthouse is the last of nine district courthouses built in the 1800s by the Cherokee Nation. After years of ongoing work to restore, preserve and modernize the structure, the site is now home to a museum that offers historical and cultural exhibits and showcases Cherokee artists.

Visitors can learn more about Oklahoma's favorite son at the Will Rogers Birthplace Museum in Oologah. The 162-acre property showcases what life was like on a late 19th century ranch in Indian Territory and shares details about Will Rogers' Cherokee lineage and his family's relocation to Indian Territory as Old Settlers.

Immerse yourself in the rich culture and history of the Cherokee Nation, and plan your visit today at [www.visitchokeenation.com](http://www.visitchokeenation.com).



# CHEROKEE HERITAGE CENTER

For decades, the Cherokee Heritage Center has provided an immersive and engaging experience that showcases the history, culture and arts of the Cherokee people.

Located in Park Hill, it is situated on the grounds of the original Cherokee Female Seminary, which was one of the first institutions of higher learning for women west of the Mississippi and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Visitor favorites include the ancient village, Diligwa, which provides an authentic re-

creation of Cherokee life in the early 1700s, and Adams Corner Rural Village, which represents Cherokee life in the 1890s just before Oklahoma statehood.

Inside the heritage center, guests learn about the devastating effects of forced removal in the Trail of Tears exhibit. The exhibit features six galleries that recount life before, during and after the harrowing period that followed the Indian Removal Act of 1830, which led to the death of about 4,000 Cherokees.

Customize your visit to include interactive storytelling or hands-on activities such as basketry, pottery, cornhusk dolls and more. For more information or to plan your visit, please call 918-456-6007 or visit [www.cherokeeheritage.org](http://www.cherokeeheritage.org).

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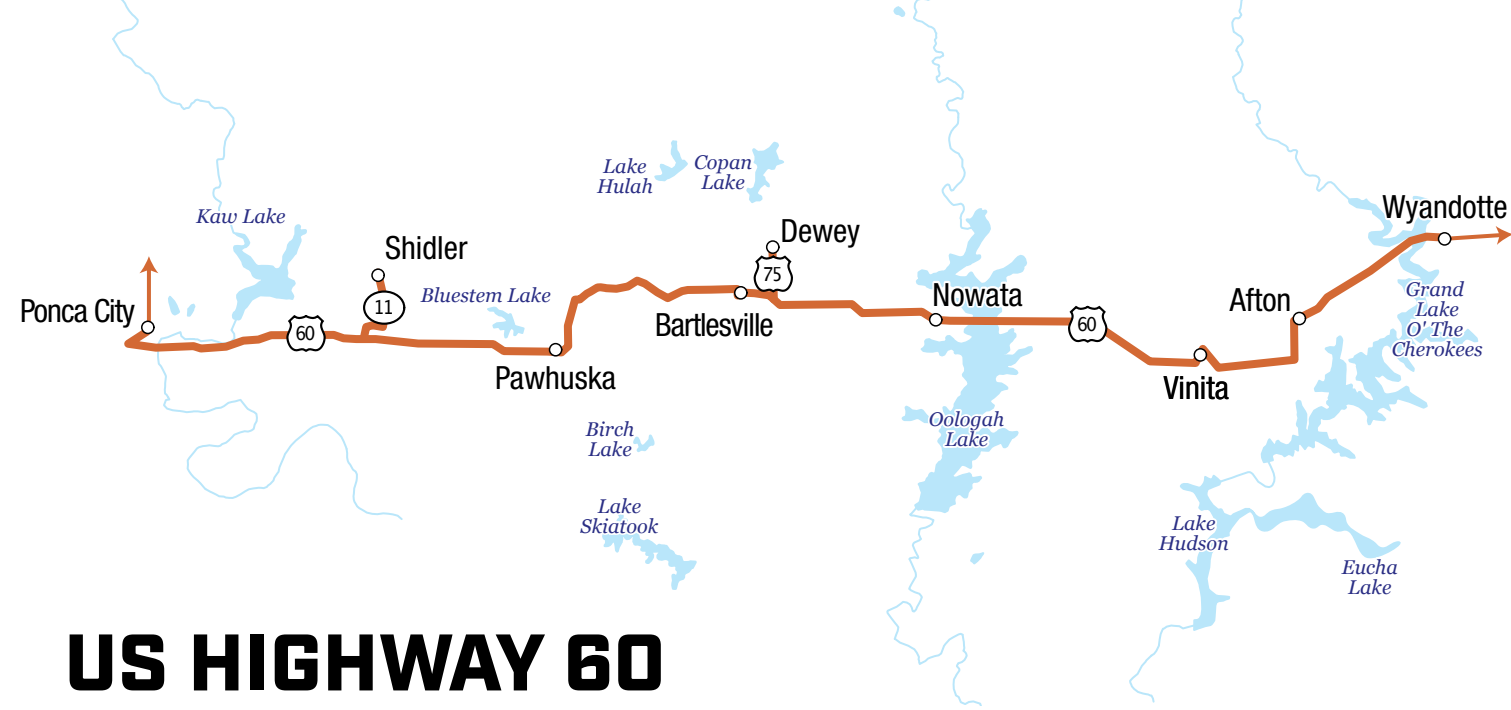






MARLAND MANSION - PONCA CITY

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## US HIGHWAY 60

### Oil Barons and Great Plains

Begin your Highway 60 travels in **Ponca City**, one of Oklahoma's noted oil communities. There are many "must sees" here, so you'll need a day or two to visit everything. 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 & Museum, just down the street from the

Mansion. 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 the contest to showcase these women is transformed into a much larger than life bronze that welcomes you to the Museum.

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.

If time permits check out the Wentz Pool and Camp, built in 1928 and located high above Lake Ponca. The setting, dramatic architectural style and size, scream out for a Gatsby Party, don't you think? Then stop by the Poncan Theatre, a treat for those interested in historic "movie houses."

From Ponca City, and a bit off of Highway 60, you'll visit one of the largest lakes in the area, Kaw Lake, a definite playground for locals and visitors alike. Special activities here include eagle watching in January and trail rides through the year - giddy-up go!

**Shidler** is just a few miles east of Kaw Lake where there's a little oasis you might check out. Molly Bivin has created Bivin Garden over the past few decades, a lovely garden on this Osage County high prairie. Take a stroll or just sit and be pensive, this peaceful garden's only disturbance is an occasional hawk screeching high above. (Open May-September.)

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—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"





WENTZ POOL - PONCA CITY

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 that includes 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 so on a sunny day. (Prior arrangement.)

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; the Copper Restaurant and Bar high atop the Inn serves dinner and drinks complete with sweeping

views of the surrounding countryside. 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 Co. 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.

You really never know you’ve left Bartlesville and arrived in **Dewey**. Another of Green Country’s quaint towns is home to the Tom Mix Museum and the historic Dewey Hotel (accommodations are no longer available). Handsome Tom Mix was King of the

Cowboys, sheriff of Dewey, silent movie star and the namesake of the annual Tom Mix Festival and Western Heritage Weekend. The Museum houses items related to Tom including a replica of his trusty steed Tony; a theater shows many of his films. Shopping is delightful in this quaint community.

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. More glass, as in stained glass windows, is found in the historic Presbyterian Church. They were imported from Europe and are every bit as beautiful today as they were in 1912.

Top off your Nowata visit to a local favorite burger joint housed in the Historic Train Depot.

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 and the Eastern

Trails Museum for a glimpse at the area’s history. If you’re really lucky perhaps you’ll be in Vinita during the annual “Vinita Route 66 Festival” each June. Vinita is proud to celebrate their Sesquicentennial (150th year) in 2021 with events and celebrations all year long! Continuing east, Darryl Starbird’s National Rod & Custom Hall of Fame at **Afton** showcases some out-of-this-world vehicles. Last stop on Highway 60 takes you from out of this world to largest in the world, it’s the annual Oklahoma D-Day paintball event at **Wyandotte** each June, where 4,000 players track each other over 600 acres of varied terrain for a week. Certainly sounds like fun, don’t you think? 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.



J. WOOD GLASS MANSION - NOWATA





TOWER CENTER AT UNITY SQUARE - BARTLESVILLE

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# WELCOME TO PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA — IMMERSE YOURSELF IN OUR HISTORY!



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

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

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

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

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

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

Ponca City is also known for oil, and with oil came money. Money that left its indelible mark on our community -- beautiful golf courses, posh hotels, lavish homes, rich gardens, a grand theatre -- an elegant legacy upon which our citizens today continue to build.

Visit Ponca City Today!

Photos: Marland Mansion; Marland Grand Home; Pioneer Woman Statue - Pioneer Woman Museum; Standing Bear Monument; Poncan Theatre.



## 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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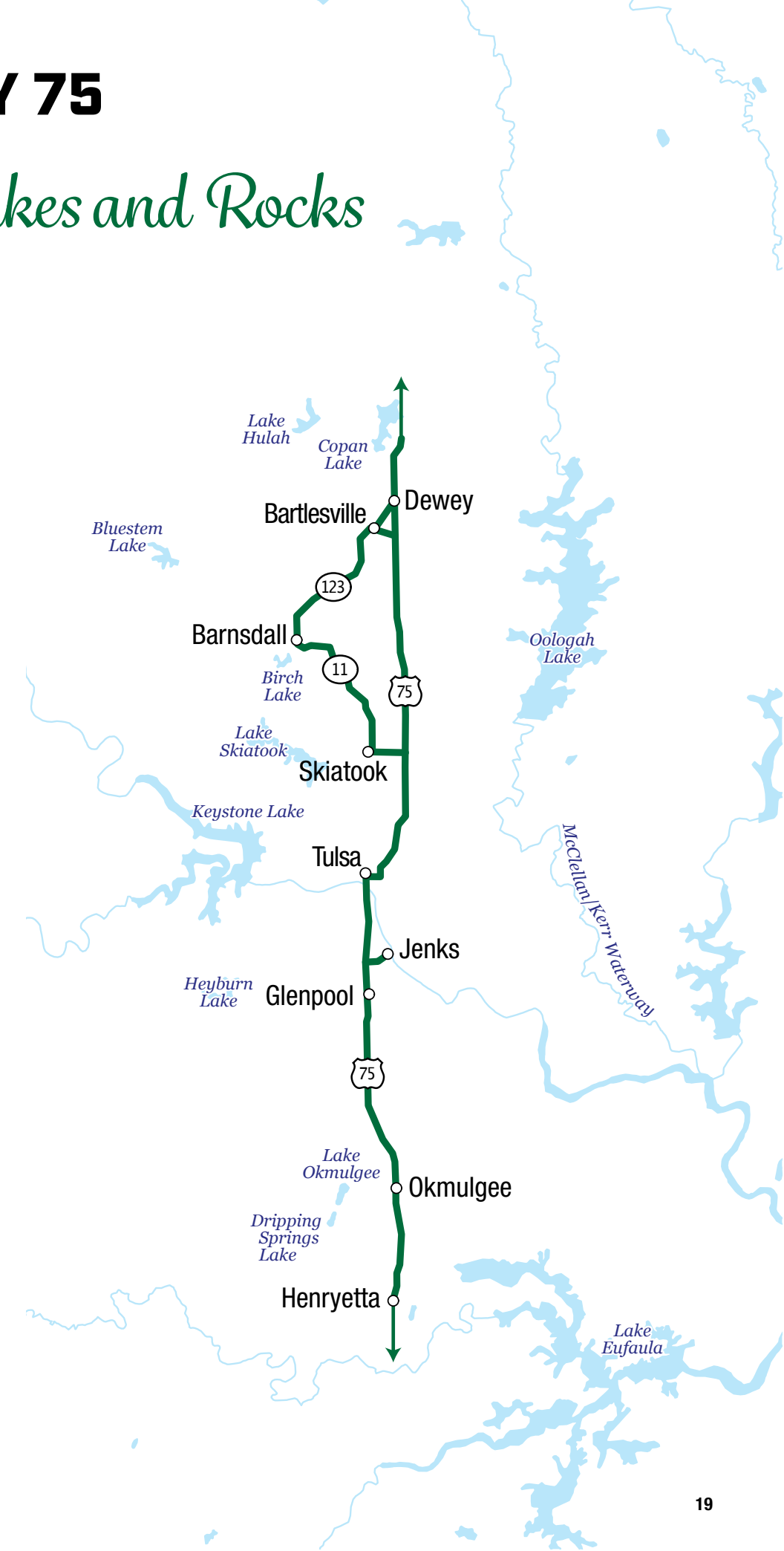
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# US HIGHWAY 75

## Woods, Lakes and Rocks

As you enter Green Country from Kansas on Highway 75 you are immediately greeted by one of Northeast Oklahoma's lakes. Some camping facilities are available at Copan Lake along with fishing and other lake activities. Before you know it you've arrived in **Dewey**. Another of Green Country's quaint towns, this one is home to the Tom Mix Museum and historic Dewey Hotel. Handsome Tom Mix was King of the Cowboys, sheriff of Dewey, silent movie star and the namesake of the annual Tom Mix Festival and Western Heritage Weekend. The Museum houses items related to Tom including a replica of his trusty steed Tony and a theater where you can see them in action in one of his many films. The Dewey Hotel 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.

Almost before you know it, you're in the community of **Bartlesville**. Bartlesville offers so many activities and attractions you'll perhaps 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. Dining at Copper Bar, high atop the Inn, is a very special treat, where draped outside the windows, the gently rolling terrain meets up with energy giant towers next door. Adjacent to the Inn, the Price Tower Museum showcases a variety of exhibits year-round.







BOSTON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH - TULSA

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

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

Upon leaving Woolaroc, 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 Day Festival each September and the "toe-tappin'" Tallgrass Music Festival in June. Skiatook is located near Skiatook Lake, where fishing and multiple other outdoor activities await you. The Osage Casino here provides the traveler with luxury accommodations and a multitude of entertainment options.

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

Circling around downtown Tulsa and continuing south, you'll arrive in the suburb of **Jenks**, locally known as the Antique Capital of Oklahoma. You'll completely understand once you settle into the Main Street area - shops, shops and more shops to browse. The Oklahoma Aquarium is located in Jenks on the banks of the Arkansas River. Housing the largest bull sharks in captivity, their "residence"

includes a tunnel and dome where visitors can get up-close and personal with these swimmers. Several other exhibits feature local, and sometimes prehistoric, aquatic life in their natural habitat. The sea turtle experience gives visitors a look-see at these gentle giants. Also on the west bank of the Arkansas River, The Flying Tee provides outstanding family fun and dining - FORE!

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

**Okmulgee**, Capital of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and home to the Creek Council House on the downtown square, which showcases the Nation's political structure through art and artifacts. Each June the Nation celebrates the annual Muscogee (Creek) Festival complete with stomp dances, sports tournaments, arts and crafts, big-name entertainment and numerous other activities. Also in June, Okmulgee celebrates the fabulous tree nut, the pecan, at the "Pecan Festival." Oklahoma ranks as one of the top pecan producing states in the US.

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

## FIND YOURSELF IN BARTLESVILLE

Bartlesville, located in the northeast corner of Oklahoma, invites you to explore history, architecture, culture, and hospitality. From **Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower** you can see the beautiful Osage Hills, home of the unique **Woolaroc Museum and Wildlife Preserve**. Understand the energy and history of the American West by visiting the **Frank Phillips Home**, **Nellie Johnstone No. 1 Oil Well**, or the **Phillips Petroleum Company Museum**. Learn more history at places like the **Bartlesville Area History Museum**, **Delaware Tribal Archives Museum** or the **Tom Mix Museum** and the **Dewey Hotel & Museum** located in Dewey.

The attractions and events of Bartlesville and Dewey represent a story of human spirit and perseverance. A new addition, opening early in 2020, is **Tower Center at Unity Square**. It will provide a public outdoor green space for visitors of all ages and numerous events. It is located at

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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**

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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 downtown that will provide hours of shopping and family entertainment. Western Days is an annual tradition where they have a real cattle drive right down the middle of the street!

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. She's "The Grand Ole Lady of the Prairie".



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

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

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

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

Prairie Song Pioneer Village is a replica of a historic town with log structures and other period buildings located about 5 miles East on Durham Avenue in Dewey.

## OKMULGEE

Many communities are experiencing a re-birth, a re-awakening and Okmulgee is one such place. The renovation of the historic Creek Nation Council House, seat of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, is the center of Okmulgee's downtown square and just one of the dozens of refinements that have taken place over the past decade. Over 50 million dollars worth of renovation, renewal and volunteerism have been invested in the downtown area. Visitors will enjoy the quaint downtown square, visiting the Council House and the 100-year-old Orpheum Theatre where first-run movies, can be seen. Shopping includes a strictly Native-made shop, Red Stick Gallery and many dining options like the ever-popular Coleman's Bakery, Tavern 56 and Kirby's Diner among other options.

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

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

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

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

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

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# HISTORIC ROUTE 66

## America's Mother Road



One of America's most famous, if not the most famous highway, is historic Route 66. Known also as "The Mother Road" the highway arrives in Oklahoma from the east at **Quapaw**, located 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 on 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—can't you almost hear Mickey with his Dad and brothers whooping it up as they played ball?

You're in **Miami** almost before you realize it, and in Oklahoma we pronounce it "My-am-uh". Miami's Main Street is a treasure trove of shops and attractions, so plan on 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 in existence. 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.

Miami's Dobson Museum contains numerous historic artifacts and documents pertaining to Native American tribes and Ottawa County.

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



A short detour off Route 66 and south from Miami is **Grand Lake O' The Cherokees** and certainly one of Oklahoma's favorite playgrounds. It's not just a big Bass lake but offers some outstanding activities for anyone. En route, stop by Darryl Starbird's National Rod & Custom Hall of Fame at **Afton** to see some out-of-this-world vehicles. Your next stop, Har-Ber Village Museum in **Grove**, where dozens of tiny buildings make up the pioneer-era village and history museum complex. It's a must see attraction that also offers multiple events and hands-on activities throughout the year. A bit further south around Grand Lake at **Langley**, you'll cross Pensacola Dam. This PWA-style Art Deco dam is the longest multiple arch dam in the world and is open for tours daily during the summer.

With a bit of advance planning, a visit to Oasis Animal Adventures in **Disney** is a refreshing treat. Here you'll meet Zola the zebra, Simon the camel, Roo the Kangaroo, a character named Omar, he's an adorable

lemur that will steal your heart and a host of other friendly critters. (By appointment only). Oasis Animal Shelter is also home to Picture in Scripture Amphitheater, a 1,000 seat outdoor theater with performances including life animals, pyro-technics and state of the art sound. Enjoy dinner before the show with your choice of catfish, charbroiled hamburgers or chicken.

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. A Wyndham Vacation property is located on Monkey Island, and there are countless other cabins, resorts and RV facilities to consider in the area. Seemingly endless are your options for nightlife around Grand Lake 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.

It's now back to the Mother Road and **Vinita**, home to Clanton's Café which has been featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives. Afterward, stop in at the Eastern Trails Museum and if you're really lucky, perhaps you'll be in Vinita in June during the annual "World's Largest Calf Fry Festival", now that's some really tasty eatin'! Later in the month you can enjoy the Vinita Route 66 Fest as well.

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 memorial to "I never met a man I didn't like," Will Rogers, is full of memories and memorabilia about Oklahoma's Favorite son. For good-luck rub Will's boot in the Museum, 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 'cause 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 difficult 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**, 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, nearing Tulsa you'll travel by the iconic Blue Whale and the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in **Catoosa**, where

entertainment and lavish accommodations are found.

As you reach the metropolitan area a couple of suburbs offer a variety of events and activities. The Garden Spot of Oklahoma, **Bixby** straddles the Arkansas River and is ideal for all things "grown," celebrated during the annual Green Corn Festival each June. The BBQ and Blues Festival in May really draws a crowd for finger-lickin' good barbeque.

There are many attractions and events in **Tulsa**—far more than could be mentioned here—so here are a few highlights. The Gilcrease Museum is another "must-see" in Green Country. Housed here is the largest collection of art and artifacts of the American West in the United States, pretty much sums it up in a sentence. A stroll through the gardens is lovely anytime, but is especially stunning when azaleas are blooming in April. Speaking of gardens, 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.

New to the area is Tulsa's Gathering Place, this 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.

The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, (ranked as one of the top 5 Jewish museums in the US and Canada by Jewish Living Magazine), features the American West's largest collection of Judaica and the Kaiser Holocaust Exhibition must not be missed on any Tulsa visit. The Tulsa Zoo and Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium are situated convenient to one another and supply hours of fun and learning for all. The Tulsa Zoo's latest experience, the Lost Kingdom, is receiving rave reviews.

Other attractions include the Woody Guthrie Center, OK Jazz Hall of Fame, Philbrook Museum of Art, Route 66 Village, Tulsa

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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. For your dining pleasure, Freddie's Steakhouse, a Sapulpa Lebanese restaurant features many tasty Lebanese delights – definitely a place you'll try more than once. In **Bristow**, home to more Lebanese food, the annual Tabouleh Fest happens each May.



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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. 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, home to one of the longest running rodeos in Oklahoma, crossroads of two major railroads, 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](http://www.cityofvinita.com), for the latest information on attractions, activities, and events.

Founded in 1871, Vinita will be celebrating 150 years of history throughout 2021! From art shows and musical events to an escape room and mounted shooting contest, plus many other activities in between, Vinita's year long celebration will offer something for everyone. Updates are made frequently to the 150Fest schedule on our Facebook page [Vinita-150-Fest](http://Vinita-150-Fest).







BLUE WHALE ON ROUTE 66 - CATOOSA

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## STATE HIGHWAY 10

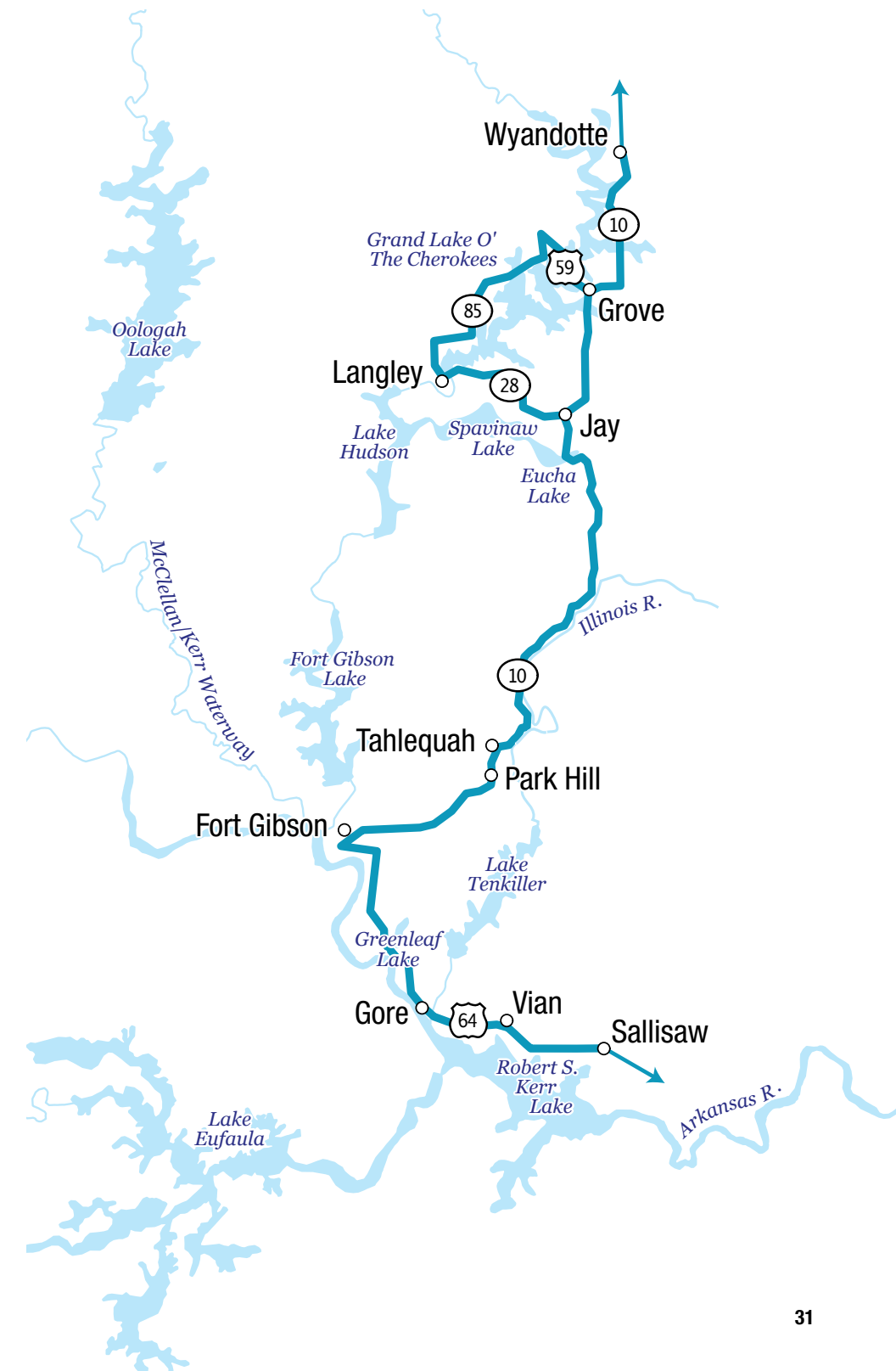
### Picturesque Lakes and Forests

Scenic Highway 10 travels down the far eastern edge of Oklahoma where the first stop is **Wyandotte**. Their annual week long Oklahoma D-Day paintball event in June, the largest of its kind in the world, finds 4,000 players tracking each other over 600 acres of varied terrain. Certainly sounds like fun, don't you think?

Continuing south, one of the most popular playgrounds in Oklahoma is Grand Lake O' The Cherokees. It's not just a big Bass lake but offers some outstanding activities for everyone. At Har-Ber Village Museum in **Grove**, dozens of tiny buildings make up the pioneer-era village and history museum complex and its setting is lovely, right on the shores of the lake. It's a must see attraction that also offers multiple events and hands-on activities throughout the year.

A bit further south at **Langley**, you'll cross Pensacola Dam. This PWA-style Art Deco dam is the longest multiple arch dam in the world and is open for tours daily during the summer. A Wyndham Vacation property on Monkey Island provides comfortable accommodations for those wanting to spend a bit of time here. This area is also home to Grand Country RV Park and countless other cabins and accommodations to consider.

Lakes Spavinaw and Eucha are located near the city of **Jay** and provide an area of pristine beauty. The area has a multitude of great facilities, including numerous scenic campsites, picnic areas, playgrounds, fishing docks and group shelters. Marina and concessions are available and fishermen love the wide variety of fish.





The thriving community of **Tahlequah**, notable for being the capital of the Cherokee Nation, is the largest community along Highway 10. There are several attractions to see here including Diligwa (dee-lee-gwah) - 1710 Cherokee Village at the Cherokee Heritage Center, in **Park Hill** (you don't realize you've left Tahlequah, they're that close). Here you'll experience Cherokee life as it was 300 years ago, at interpretive stations where crafts are demonstrated and stories told. Nearby, Hunter's Home is a lovely restored Greek revival style home built in the late 1830s by a prominent Cherokee family. Several other historic sites are 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, especially during really warm weather. The green forested banks and occasional sandy beaches make for a grand time. The wise river-goers always secure everything, there's a possibility of a turn-over, generally it's all in fun; and speaking of fun,

Arrowhead/Thunderbird Resort, combines 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.

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, they can take good care of you, they've been doing it for decades.

Your trek through the eastern side of Green Country on Highway 10 comes to an end

as it reaches its southern edge (I-40) but we'll continue just a bit further east to the communities of Gore, Vian and Sallisaw. Even though they're small they offer visitors some charming shops and restaurants.

A must visit in **Gore** is Emily's Tea Room and to be safe, you should just go ahead and start out with dessert, they are sinful. Afterward there's a maze - really, a maze of aisles to wind through in the attached antique store and you'll probably not get out without a treasure or two. Just to the east in **Vian** there's the cutest ladies boutique, Morning Sky, it offers 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 and **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.

## HISTORIC FORT GIBSON

Our little town sits like a jewel in the crown of blue lakes, sparkling rivers and green hillsides. Located in the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma - the oldest community in the State - Fort Gibson offers the quality of small town life with a solid pioneer spirit.

The surrounding rivers and lakes offer limitless opportunities for fishing, hiking, boating, kayaking and other fun outdoor activities and recreation. Visitors will enjoy the picturesque hillsides, wintering bald eagles, and nature in its purest state. Fort Gibson Dam and overlook is one of three dams on the Grand River. Three Forks Harbor and Marina on the Arkansas river provide marina services and access to the McClellan Kerr Water Way which goes all the way to New Orleans.

Fort Gibson National Cemetery is the first National Cemetery in Oklahoma. Established in 1868, the cemetery is the final resting

place for veterans from every war since 1812.

Built in 1824, Fort Gibson served as a staging area for several military expeditions exploring the west and seeking peace between the Indians.

The post was abandoned in 1857 and reactivated during the Civil War. The army stayed through the Reconstruction and Indian War periods, combating the problem of outlaws and squatters. In 1890, the army abandoned Fort Gibson for the last time.

Visitors to the site can see a reconstruction of the early log fort, as well as original buildings from the 1840s through 1870s.

Local shopkeepers and proprietors exemplify the pioneer spirit as front-line ambassadors to the town. Each visit to boutiques and antique shops puts you close

to reliving history. From shopping, to food, to seasonal entertainment - our downtown square is a growing attraction for locals and visitors alike.

Cherokee National Cemetery, a National Historic Landmark, was maintained by the Cherokee Nation from before the Civil War until its transfer to the Town of Fort Gibson in 1906. There are multiple historic homes dating to the late 1800s in the area surrounding this historic site.

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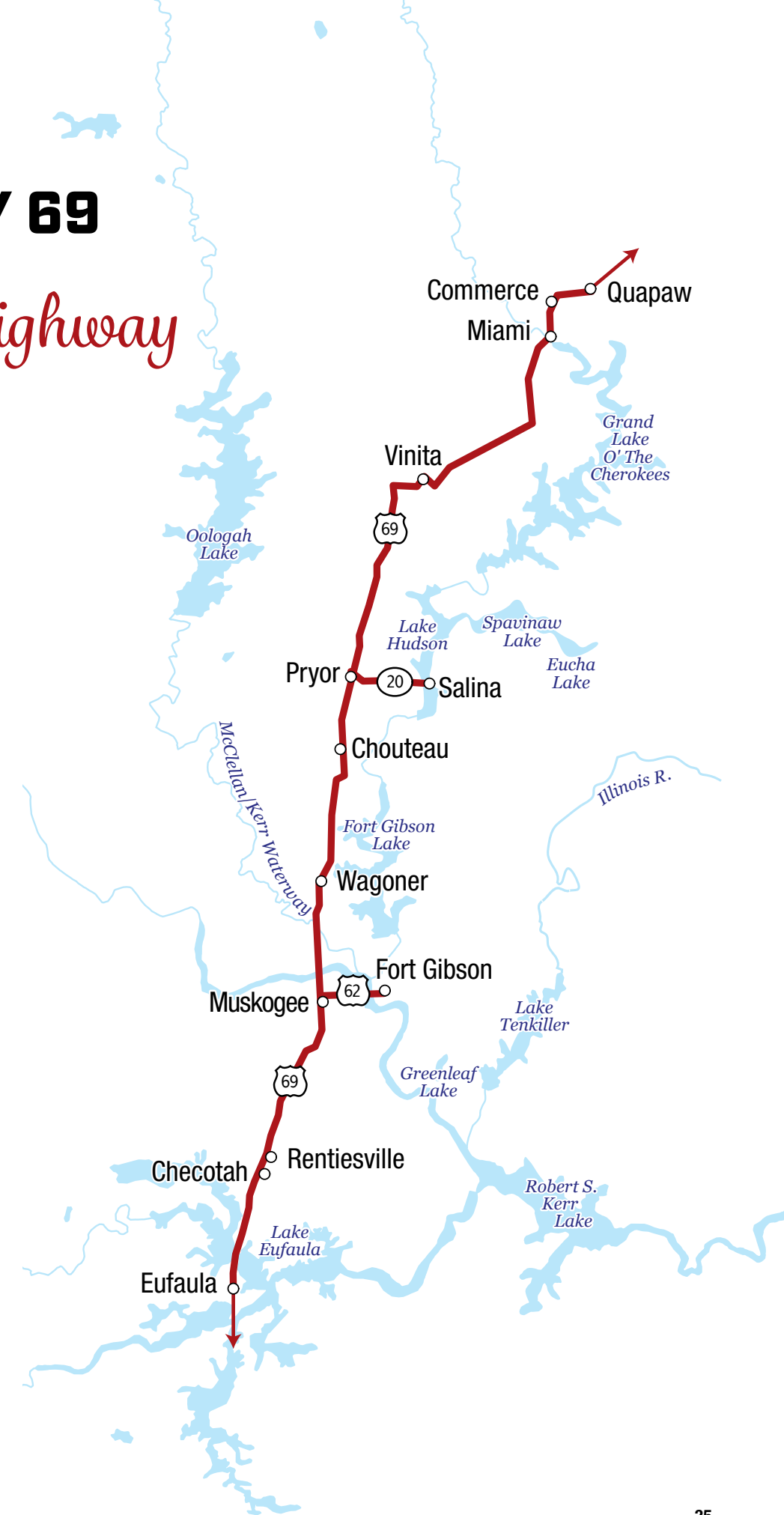
## Jefferson Highway

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 County at the northeast corner of Oklahoma very close to **Quapaw**, where a quick side trip takes you to the Quapaw Museum where the history of the Quapaw Indian Nation is preserved.

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

You're in **Miami** almost before you realize it, and in Oklahoma we pronounce it My-am-uh. Miami's Main Street is a perfect place to engage in a bit of retail therapy in the shops and attractions, so plan on extra time here. Miami's premier attraction is the historic Coleman Theatre, where entertainers have performed to thousands of audiences over its ninety years in existence. Will Rogers, Bob Hope, even Groucho Marx shared their humor with theater goers. The Coleman, built in 1929, has been completely restored and still sells out performances attracting visitors of all ages.

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





**Vinita**, home to Clanton's Café which has been featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives is the next community on Highway 69. The Eastern Trails Museum here provides a glimpse at the area's history and if you're really lucky perhaps you'll be in Vinita in June, during the annual "World's Largest Calf Fry Festival", now that's some really tasty eatin'!

We'll take off to the south to one of our prettiest lakes and communities—**Pryor** and Lake Hudson—where you can while away the hours on the lakes peaceful waters. The scenic shoreline ranges from majestic bluffs to inviting coves and the fishing is an opportunity for those searching for that trophy catch. Nearby Pryor is a booming community with plentiful shopping and dining options and some of the finest events in the area. Each Memorial Day weekend rocks with Rocklahoma, featuring hit bands banging their way late into the night, with thousands of adoring fans begging for more. Pryor's annual DAM J.A.M. Bicycle Tour hits the trail in the early fall with winding routes through the local countryside. If time permits, stop by the Mayes County Historical Museum for a glimpse into Pryor area history.

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

In **Chouteau**, the Dutch Pantry is a great stop for fine home-cooking and delicious desserts. The Amish Cheese Store is also a tasty stop for cheese, fudge, ice cream, what more could anyone want?

Moving toward **Wagoner**, there are numerous dining choices, from barbeque to bistro and shopping from antique to unusual and if time permits check out the Wagoner City Historical Museum. Going off course once again, you'll enter the Fort Gibson Lake area for an 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 - 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.

It wouldn't be Oklahoma if we didn't mention "Okie", a term now considered endearing and quite notable in **Muskogee**. Muskogee has so many attractions, you'll need to get a room for a couple of nights for sure; and as you travel the city streets be on the look-out for over 30 hand-painted guitars celebrating Muskogee's rich musical heritage. (Phase 2 is under way so more guitars are being added in public areas across the city.) The Papilion (think butterfly) and the Five Civilized Tribes



Museum are located within Honor Heights Park, sight of the annual and hugely popular Azalea Festival, so big that it lasts the entire month of April. Lots of fun here for kids. The Castle is one of the very best locations to celebrate Halloween. A month of weekends are designed to scare the daylights out of you. In the spring jousting comes to life at their Renaissance Festival.

The USS Battfish is a part of War Memorial Park, where you'll learn much about World War II; however due to historic flooding the battfish almost got away and it is currently undergoing restoration and realignment. Please contact the War Memorial Park (918.682.6294) for updates on their progress and reopening date.

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

Events are big-time here including the wildly popular River Rumba and Cardboard Boat Race, and the Oklahoma Festival of Ballooning in August, and the month-long Azalea and Castle Christmas festivals.

You'll be humming "I'm proud to be an Okie from Muskogee" as you leave town and cross over the McClellan-Kerr Navigation channel on your way to **Fort Gibson**. Its namesake, the Fort Gibson Historical Site, 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. Also you won't want to miss the nearby Fort Gibson National Cemetery. It is a lovely final resting place for over 22,000.

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

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

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

## PRYOR

One of Pryor's most appealing qualities is its far reaching lifestyle options and quality of life features. Visitors will find many distinct lifestyles to explore.

### Beautiful Scenery

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

### Parks

Enjoy an abundance of lush parks. Whitaker Park, located in the town center, provides a splash pad, tennis courts, a swimming pool, measured walking trail, fishing pond, sand volleyball and basketball courts, playgrounds

and picnic pavilions. Centennial Park is also equipped with a measured walking trail, as well as fitness stations along the trail.

### Downtown Pryor

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


### Art Gallery and Museum

The Rabbit Studio Gallery is a working studio and gift shop of nationally acclaimed Native American Artists, Bill and Traci Rabbit. The Rabbit Gallery exhibits original paintings and reproductions featuring imaginative Native American Imagery, nature scenes and portraits.



Formerly known as the Coo-Y-Yah Museum, which means "place of the huckleberries," the Mayes County Historical County Museum is housed in the Katy Railroad Depot. Artifacts and exhibits feature the Cherokee and Osage Indians, art and local history.

**QUALITY OF LIFE  
PRIORITY #1**



**WORK, LIVE & PLAY IN  
PRYOR, OKLAHOMA**

PRYOR AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

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

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

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## EXPLORE MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

We've all heard the song, but have you experienced Muskogee for yourself? With everything from a full renaissance castle to a World War II Submarine, Muskogee has it all!

Located on Highway 69, just thirty miles north of I-40, Muskogee is the perfect place to make a stop on any trip. Enjoy shopping in the downtown KATY District (named after the original KATY Railroad) the Depot Arts District (full of museums and nightlife) or grab a bite at one of Muskogee's original restaurants such as American Pie Wood-fire Pizza or The Muskogee Brewing Company.

Do we have your attention yet? Did you know that Muskogee is home to the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame, War Memorial Park, The Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Three Rivers Museum, Oklahoma Renaissance Faire, The Muskogee Azalea Festival, The Castle of Muskogee Halloween Festival, Garden of Lights, Castle Christmas, The Muskogee Exchange Club Chili & BBQ Cook-off, AND Pecan Creek Winery?! The list goes on, but we hope you get the point. Muskogee is a place for everyone, and truly is "a place where even squares can have a ball".

Make plans to visit Muskogee, and plan your trip at [www.VisitMuskogee.com](http://www.VisitMuskogee.com).



Photos: Top: Katy District, Bottom Left: Fink House, Bottom Right: The Castle of Muskogee



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## VISIT EUFAULA!

Eufaula remains one of Oklahoma's best-kept secrets for tourism and recreation. Surrounded on three sides by the lake that shares its name, Eufaula gives visitors the rare opportunity of an authentic getaway experience. The area gives you the chance to be in Arrowhead State Park in the morning, on the lake during the day, and still enjoy a great selection of shopping and dining when evening arrives.

Eufaula allows people of all ages to find their little slice of heaven. From exciting weekly events, music concerts, and festivals to the

lake life's relaxed pace, Eufaula is rapidly becoming Oklahoma's premiere spot for friends and family to enjoy. Eufaula is your community to make genuine friends and extraordinary memories.

Eufaula has a growing public art community that hosts festivals several times per year with world-famous artists. Many pieces of art are interactive, and the scenery provides excellent places for photographs year-round. Are you more into fine dining than fine arts? Eufaula's historic downtown district hosts several top-rated restaurants in the region.

Eufaula also has some of the most fun and unique shopping areas in eastern Oklahoma. There is always something new and exclusive in the community, from lake gear to local artisans to entertainment needs. If you are looking for something new to do this week, look to Eufaula. This small town always enjoyably surprises you. After spending a few days in Eufaula, you realize a place remains where the good old days still exist.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

## SANDY BEACHES AND BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS YEAR ROUND!



Beautiful sunsets and sandy beaches are one of the first things people notice at Lake Eufaula. Then the massive size of Oklahoma's largest lake sets in. With 105,000 acres of water, there's plenty of room for any type of water sports. Plus, there's the sandy beaches for building sand sculptures, catching some rays or strolling along looking for treasures.

Nature abounds in the 800 miles of shoreline. It's a fisherman's paradise with an abundant supply of crappie and bass. Anglers can cast a line for catfish too or just grab 'em up noodling. Hunters can find a

spot in the Corps of Engineer Public Hunting areas for deer, turkey, ducks and wild hogs.

Two state parks and Corps of Engineer Campgrounds offer a variety of camping options, tent, yurts and RV's. There are two Good Sam Parks and private RV Parks in the area as well. Traditional hotels/motels and all types of rentals are available from small one-room to luxurious elevated cabins and more.

Seven marinas around the lake offer fuel, slips and boat rentals. Several have ship stores with accessories for your lake fun.

Pleasing your palate is easy with all the eateries. Deli's at the convenience stores, numerous local flavor restaurants plus on the water or overlooking the water dining give visitors great venues for quality meals. Just a few miles from the lake is Oklahoma's Little Italy, Krebs, OK. Feasting on great Italian food there is a must with a visit to Lake Eufaula.

Sandy beaches and sunsets are here all year long! Plus they're free!

**For a free Guide to Lake Eufaula call 918-689-7751 VisitLakeEufaula.com**



## The Visit Eufaula Challenge

### How to Win

From January 1st to December 31st, you must complete 22 of the 26 events. Post pictures on any social media with [#EufaulaChallenge](#) to confirm completion

### "I won! Now what?"

Call City Hall and pick up your Eufaula Challenge Shirt. We will post your winning photo in the Tourism Office and Website to share with your friends!

### Play Memorably

- Play Frisbee Golf
- See a Bald Eagle
- Catch a Fish
- Group Photo by the 3-D Mural
- Go to a Cove Concert
- Walk or Bike the Lakeshore Trail
- Take an Art Class
- Boating, Jet-Ski, or Waterski
- Celebrate Whole Hawg Days
- Play a Sport or Game Outside
- Visit the Museum
- Ride a Horse at Arrowhead
- Relax on the Beach

### Eat Uniquely

- I Smell Bacon
- Mr. Doughnut
- Anglers Cafe
- Flavors Grill
- Hanging 8 BBQ
- Mama Tig's Wood Fire Pizza
- E's Hideaway
- Kat Daddy's Cove
- La Finca Mexican Grill
- Chaney's Pizza
- Beaver Bar and Grill
- The Belt 40
- Any Food Truck or Drink Shop

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**Eufaula**



### Beach Bucket List

1. Build a Sand Creature
2. Catch Some Rays
3. Dance in the Sand
4. Hike Along the Sandy Shore
5. Jump the Waves
6. Make a Beach Bonfire
7. Play Beach Volleyball
8. Reel in a Fish
9. Star Taze
10. Watch the Sunset



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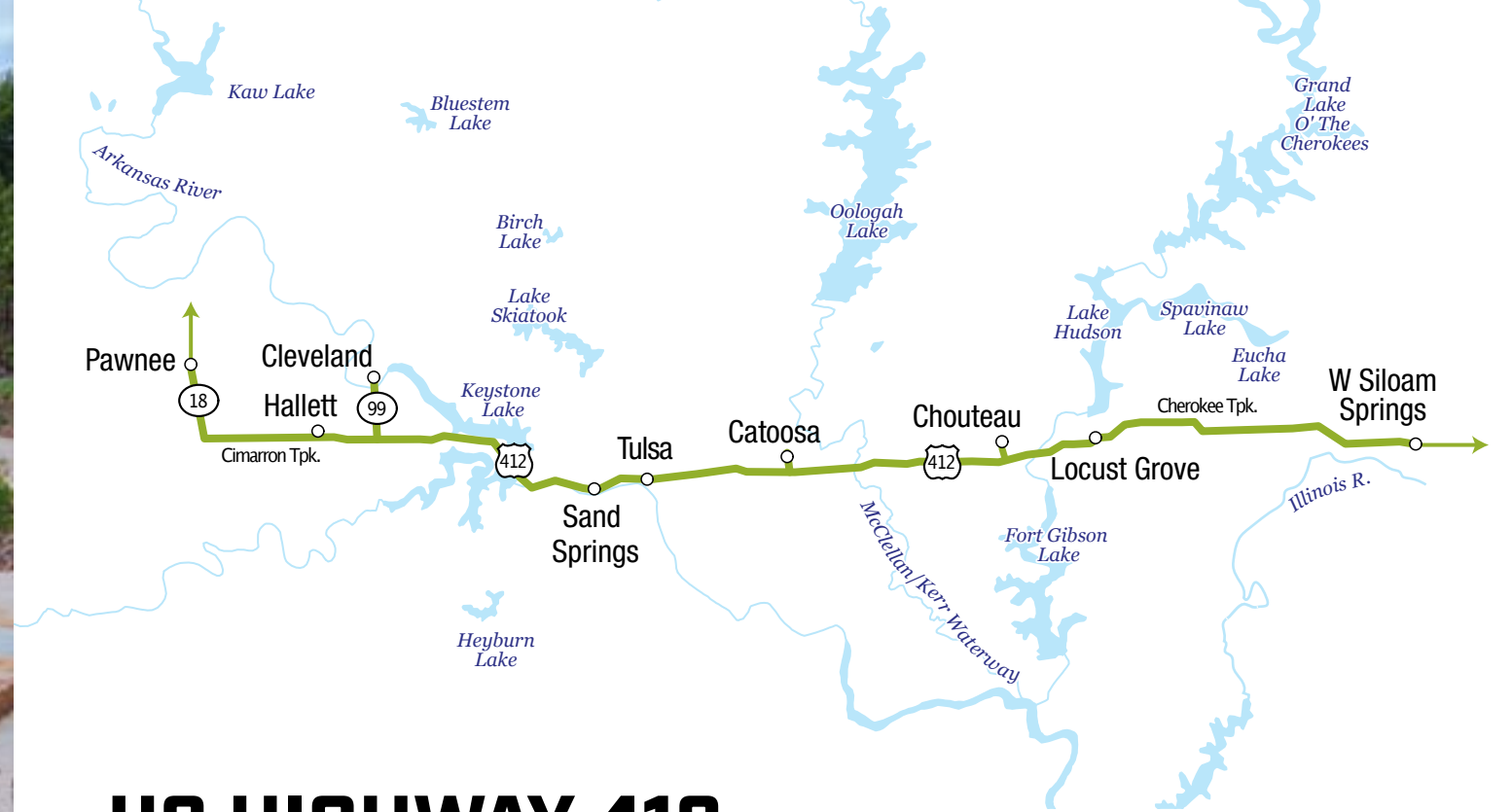




TULSA BOTANIC GARDEN - TULSA



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## US HIGHWAY 412

### *Dick Tracy & Pawnee Bill*

### *Meet the Blue Whale*

In entering Green Country on highway 412, which is also known as the Cimarron Turnpike, you're not far from Chester Gould's hometown of **Pawnee**. Gould is the creator of Dick Tracy and giant murals of him are on display in 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. If you're visiting in June you might be lucky enough to see the Wild West Show scheduled each year.

Next stop **Hallett**, where revving engines and squealing tires are heard on many weekends at the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. Nearby **Cleveland**, on the upper end of Keystone Lake, offers recreation sites for lake goers. 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 the all-new 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 new resort-style property is like no other. Read about **Tulsa**, Green Country's largest city, in the Route 66 section beginning on page 15.





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Continuing east, stop in at the massive Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Why not try your hand at “lady Luck”; then just a mile further and you’ll find yourself in **Catoosa**, home of the “Blue Whale” and where you’ve now connected with Route 66. The iconic Blue Whale is a perfect photo stop, then it’s back to Highway 412. You’ll cross over the McClellan-Kerr Navigation System that provides mid-American goods access to the world, via the Arkansas and Mississippi rivers. The next town is one of Oklahoma’s Amish communities, **Chouteau**. The Dutch Pantry here is a great stop for fine home-cookin’ and delicious desserts. The Amish Cheese Store is also a perfect stop for cheese, fudge, 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. You can see many of his works at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa.

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



PAWNEE BATH HOUSE - PAWNEE

## 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  
Red Trail - .8-mile loop  
Blue Trail – 1.5-mile  
Yellow Trail – 4.4-mile  
Pink Trail 5.7-mile

### SAND SPRINGS

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

### VIAN

The System – 8-mile mountain bike trail





# US HIGHWAY 75 LAKES

The lakes sprinkled along this route offer guests serene waters and bountiful scenery and make for fun-filled times year-round.



## HULAH LAKE

This is one of those little Oklahoma hidden gems many locals and visitors frequent 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.

## 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.

## BIRCH LAKE

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

## SKIATOOK LAKE

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

## LAKE OKMULGEE/DRIPPING SPRINGS

As you continue further south on Highway 75 you reach Okmulgee and Dripping Springs lakes. 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 in Green Country provide visitors RV, and camp sites. A fishing dock, boat ramp, beach, and playground are also available. For hikers, a 3 1/2-mile trail is available to scope out nature's offerings 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.)

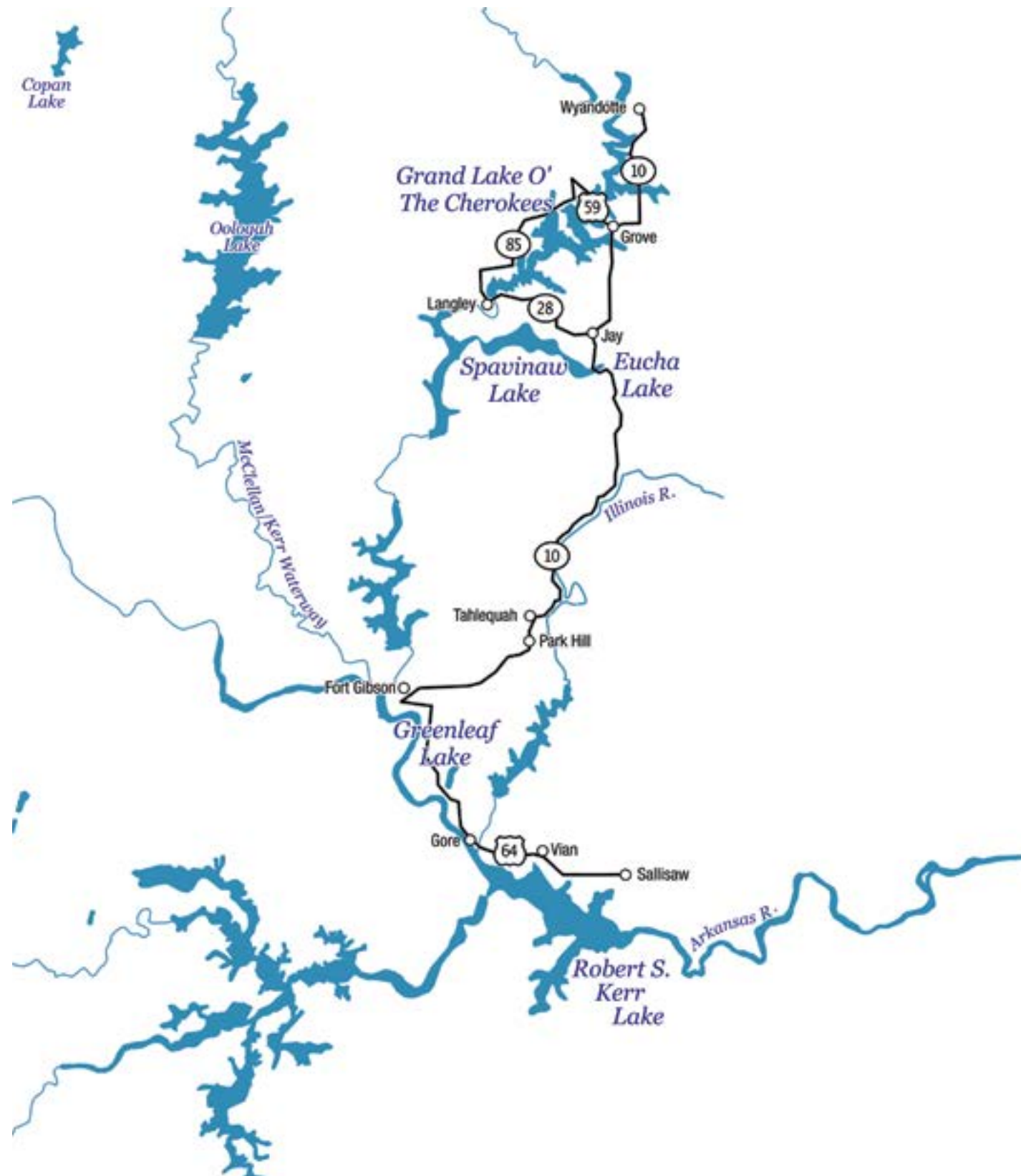
Dripping Springs and Okmulgee lakes are close together so visitors can easily enjoy both.





# HIGHWAY 10 LAKES

Green Country's far eastern region offers numerous lakes, each with their own "claim-to-fame". Paddlefish, waterfalls, and metropolitan area water supplies.



## GRAND LAKE

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

## FISHING

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

## ACTIVITIES

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

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

If you are looking for someone else to do the driving, the Grand Lake Queen offers a relaxing cruise while enjoying the stunning scenery. This charming paddlewheel boat offers cruises from late May through early October.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

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

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

## STATE PARKS

Visitors will find several Oklahoma state parks on Grand Lake, including Little Blue, Honey Creek, Twin Bridges and others. They offer a variety of amenities for lake-goers and include swimming, playgrounds, off-roading, camping, boat ramps and many other features. For detailed information on each area see Oklahoma State Parks at [TravelOK.com](http://TravelOK.com).



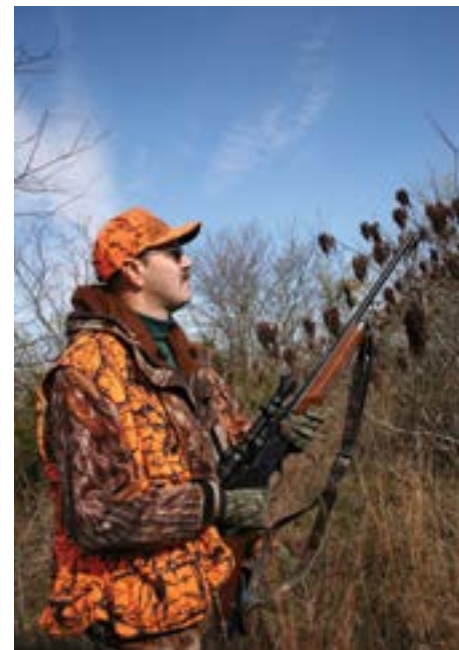
## LAKE EUCHA & LAKE SPAVINAW

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

Lake Eucha’s RV park is open from April 15 to November 1, with primitive campsites available year-round. Facilities include group shelters, grills, and restrooms with showers. Lake Eucha offers 2,860 surface acres of water and serves as a water distribution point for the city of Tulsa.

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

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



## NATURAL FALLS

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.

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.

## GREENLEAF LAKE

A bit further south in Green Country on Highway 10, Greenleaf Lake offers visitors a family-friendly destination. Cabins, campgrounds, hiking trails and dazzling scenery are found year-round. Check in at the Greenleaf State Park office for a wrist band to access many of the Park amenities including a splash pad and 18-hole miniature golf course. Enjoy the swimming area, playgrounds, hiking trails, volleyball, and basketball courts to add to your vacation delight. The sounds of nature abound here as no motorized personal watercraft is allowed on Greenleaf Lake.



## ROBERT S. KERR RESERVOIR

Situated on the far southern fringe of Green Country among the scenic Cookson Hills, the observation decks at the Robert S. Kerr Reservoirs’ visitor center, provide an excellent view of the reservoir and the barges traveling through the lock on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. The almost 11,000-acre project land around the reservoir, is managed by the Army Corps of Engineers for public hunting; numerous hiking and nature trails are also offered. Boat ramps, RV and tent campsites and picnic areas are among other amenities in this rustic and beautiful Cookson Hills setting.

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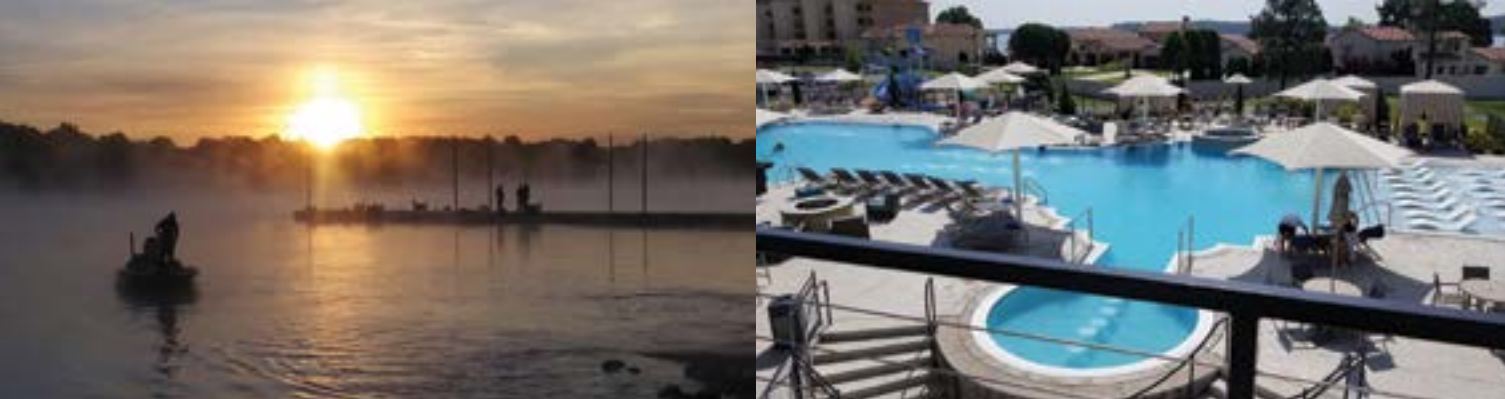
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## GROVE AND GRAND LAKE O' THE CHEROKEES

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 and 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 cultural district and its many charming shops, galleries,

and restaurants. Grove and Grand Lake is also home to many fun attractions and entertainment venues, to include Oklahoma's only riverboat cruises, miniature golf, escape rooms, parasailing, casinos, Pensacola Dam tours, Lendonwood Gardens, and Har-Ber Village. Duffers love Grand Lake, as it is Oklahoma's top golf destination with top golf courses such as Shangri-La Resort and Patricia Island Country Club. The lake is also home to multiple festivals and special events throughout the year, adding to the fun.

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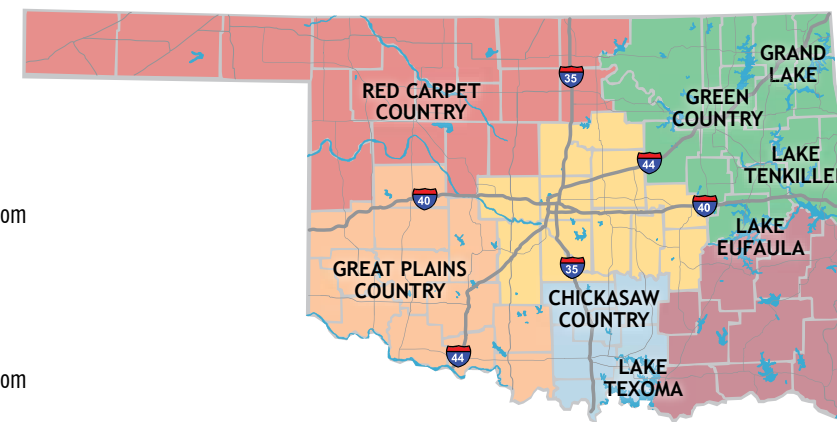
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# US HIGHWAY 69 LAKES

Lake activities abound along this Oklahoma stretch of the century-old Jefferson Highway. The lakes range from “serious fishing” to “serious entertainment”, we’ll let you be the judge of which lake represents each.



## 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 during the hunting season for whitetail deer and waterfowl. The serene waters here give boaters stunning scenery to view, from splendid bluffs to rolling hills, a fishing pole is not required to really enjoy Lake Hudson.

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

## FORT GIBSON LAKE

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

Cypress Cove Marina provides cabins and rental water equipment and while there enjoy at bite at Giggle Fish Grill; Pelican Point Marina offers rental water equipment, RV sites and a motel for those just wanting to get away to nature. Paradise Cove Marina has a variety of water sports equipment for rent; Whitehorn Cove Marina has RV sites, a floating restaurant, airplane landing

strip and boat ramps; Long Bay Marina's amenities include RV sites and long term camping sites; and Mazie Landing Marina has RV parking and camping. So, you see there are an abundance of retreat areas on Fort Gibson Lake for creating lasting memories.

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

## LAKE EUFAULA

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

Activities around Lake Eufaula are numerous. Known for being a nation's top ten Crappie Fishing Lake you might want to try your hand at snagging a few of them. White bass and catfish are also abundant in Lake Eufaula. For more adventurous souls, "noodling" could be an option for landing a big catfish. If hunting is more to your liking, Lake Eufaula boasts 31,000 acres of public hunting land, take your pick – deer, quail, waterfowl.

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

The city of Eufaula is just steps away from the lake water's edge and offers a variety of delightful dining and shopping options. My Favorite Place is an ideal spot to pick up a unique Oklahoma souvenir and

Katt Daddy's Cove, JM's Restaurant and Dobber's Restaurant serve up some very tasty items.

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

Numerous cabins, RV parks, tent sites, and motels are all available around Lake Eufaula. Little Turtle RV Park can even house your horse among its many amenities. Xtreme RV Resort is just that "extreme", 100 RV hookups, massive swimming pool (indoor and outdoor), general store and walking distance to Eufaula Cove. If you are looking for adorable, check out Calico Heights luxury treehouse cabins and their bold colored front doors; they are remote and romantic.

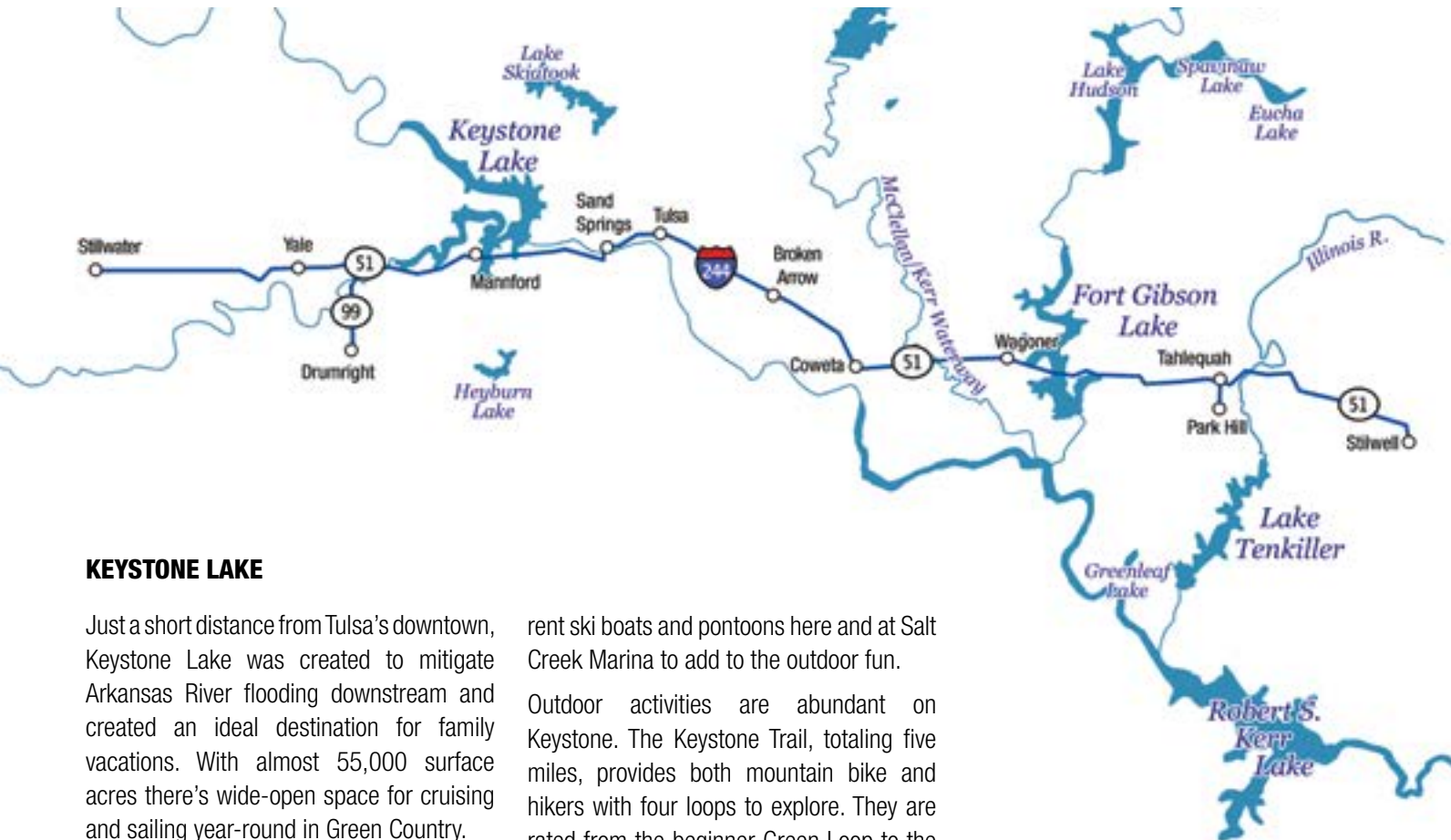


LAKE HUDSON - PHOTO: JEREMY SCHEFFEL



# STATE HIGHWAY 51 LAKES

Cutting across Green Country, the Oklahoma lakes along Highway 51 stretch from the plains to the forests and provide dramatic scenery on the entire route.



## KEYSTONE LAKE

Just a short distance from Tulsa's downtown, Keystone Lake was created to mitigate Arkansas River flooding downstream and created an ideal destination for family vacations. With almost 55,000 surface acres there's wide-open space for cruising and sailing year-round in Green Country.

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

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

rent ski boats and pontoons here and at Salt Creek Marina to add to the outdoor fun.

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

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

## LAKE TENKILLER

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. Blue Doors at Tenkiller is a beautifully restored motor court with spacious rooms and even offers kayak rental. Marval Resort is known as a wonderful place for family reunions, where cabins, RV, and tent sites are all available and the numerous amenities include swimming pool, miniature golf and all sorts of fishing opportunities.

Fin and Feather's beautifully manicured family resort provides lodging from one-bedroom units to eight-bedroom houses sleeping 32. Activities here include sand volleyball, basketball and tennis courts, disc and mini golf, swimming pool and spa, and not to be missed is dining at Soda Steve's. Several other lodging options include Cookson Bend Resort, Bending Waters, Sixshooter Resort, Elk Creek Resort, and many others can provide an experience to remember.

Scuba divers find Lake Tenkiller to be THE place to dive in Oklahoma. The sparkling, clear water ranges from eight to 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.

## ILLINOIS RIVER

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

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





# HIGHWAY 60 LAKES

Homes of Green Country oil barons and favorite sons can be viewed in the communities along this route. It makes for a historic Oklahoma tour.



## KAW LAKE

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

Eagle View Hiking Trail, along the eastern shore of Kaw Lake, runs approximately twelve miles and is popular with hikers and horseback enthusiasts. Sarge Creek Campground has several campsites, seven

of which have spaces for those bringing their horse. A group campsite can accommodate up to 60 people; a playground and boat ramp are also available. Sandbur RV Park offers several sites situated in a lovely stand of large shade trees and is convenient to a secluded beach area.

Need extra space? Osage Cove Campground has three group campsites that can handle up to 50 people each. An additional 94 campsites, mostly shaded, include fire pits and picnic tables. Other camping facilities

can be found at wooded Coon Creek Campground. All of this and convenient to the shopping, dining, and entertainment amenities in Ponca City.

## 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.



## 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 include Blue Creek, which has several campsites, playgrounds, swimming beach and many hiking and horseback riding trails. Hawthorn Bluff has numerous campsites, group facilities, picnic shelters, a playground and interpretive nature trail. Spencer Creek Campground offers campsites, a playground and boat ramp. Any one of these areas can provide hours of family fun. All are ideal options to set-up the camp and prepare to enjoy the beauty of Green Country.



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# GREEN COUNTRY IS THE PLACE FOR ME — AND YOU

Known for its winding rivers, rolling hills, expansive lakes and tallgrass prairies, Green Country is ripe for exploration. While it's home to Tulsa's bright city lights, there's so much more to do and see — like eight gorgeous state parks.

Keystone State Park is known for its abundant family-friendly activities on water and land alike. There's hiking, biking, fishing, watersports and wildlife watching — just to name a few.

At Osage Hills State Park, explore lush forests, rocky bluffs and serene waters on foot or bike. If you're lucky, you'll catch a glimpse of a white-tailed deer or wild turkey.

To learn about the region's native animal and plant species, visit the Deep Fork Nature Center at Lake Eufaula State Park. Or saddle up for a guided horseback ride. There's also free disc golf, archery, fishing, swimming, volleyball and hiking.

And if you're on a quest for a watersport paradise, check out the 225 miles of shoreline at Sequoyah State Park. While you're there, enjoy the nature center, swim beach, playgrounds and nature trails.

Tucked away in the hills of eastern Oklahoma lies Greenleaf State Park. Its lush scenery invites you to kick back and relax or explore endless recreational opportunities. There's a mini golf course, swim area, covered fishing dock, discovery center, hiking trails and kids' fishing pond.

Located in the Cookson Hills on Lake Tenkiller, Cherokee Landing State Park is known for watersports and fishing. Play a round of disc golf, or set-up camp in your RV or tent and enjoy the spectacular lake views from every campsite. On the opposite side of the lake, Tenkiller State Park is known as "heaven in the hills." Its sparkling blue waters provide an abundance of watersport opportunities, including a scuba diving area. Additional amenities include a kids' fishing pond, the Driftwood Nature Center and hiking trails.

If you can't get enough of lake life, visit Grand Lake's five scenic areas. There's the Cherokee Area, adjacent to the expansive Pensacola Dam, with a 9-hole golf course below the dam for recreation. The shallow waters of the Little Blue Area are perfect for family fun. The Bernice Area has been

dubbed the "Crappie Capital of the World," because of its fishing opportunities. The Twin Bridges Area offers a picturesque, quiet country atmosphere and views of the merging Spring and Neosho Rivers. And nestled near the charming community of Grove lies the Honey Creek Area, a 38-acre park with an outdoor swimming pool and fishing dock.

At Natural Falls State Park, explore the stunning 77-foot waterfall that cascades through rock formations. One fun fact about this park is that multiple scenes from the film "Where the Red Fern Grows" were shot on site.

Whether you're traveling as a family, group of friends, a couple — or flying solo — Green Country's state parks are the place to do it. Visit [TravelOK.com/Parks](http://TravelOK.com/Parks) to start planning your Green Country adventure.



*When I walked into our Osage Hills cabin, I instantly felt at home. Unplugging and unwinding? More like rejuvenating. As we biked at Sequoyah, we noticed the first signs of fall foliage emerging between summer's lingering leaves. It reminded us that change is as natural as the seasons. Hiking at Natural Falls? Bliss. Watching the water's endless flow made me wish that moment would never end. Life moves so fast sometimes. In Oklahoma State Parks, we got to slow down.*



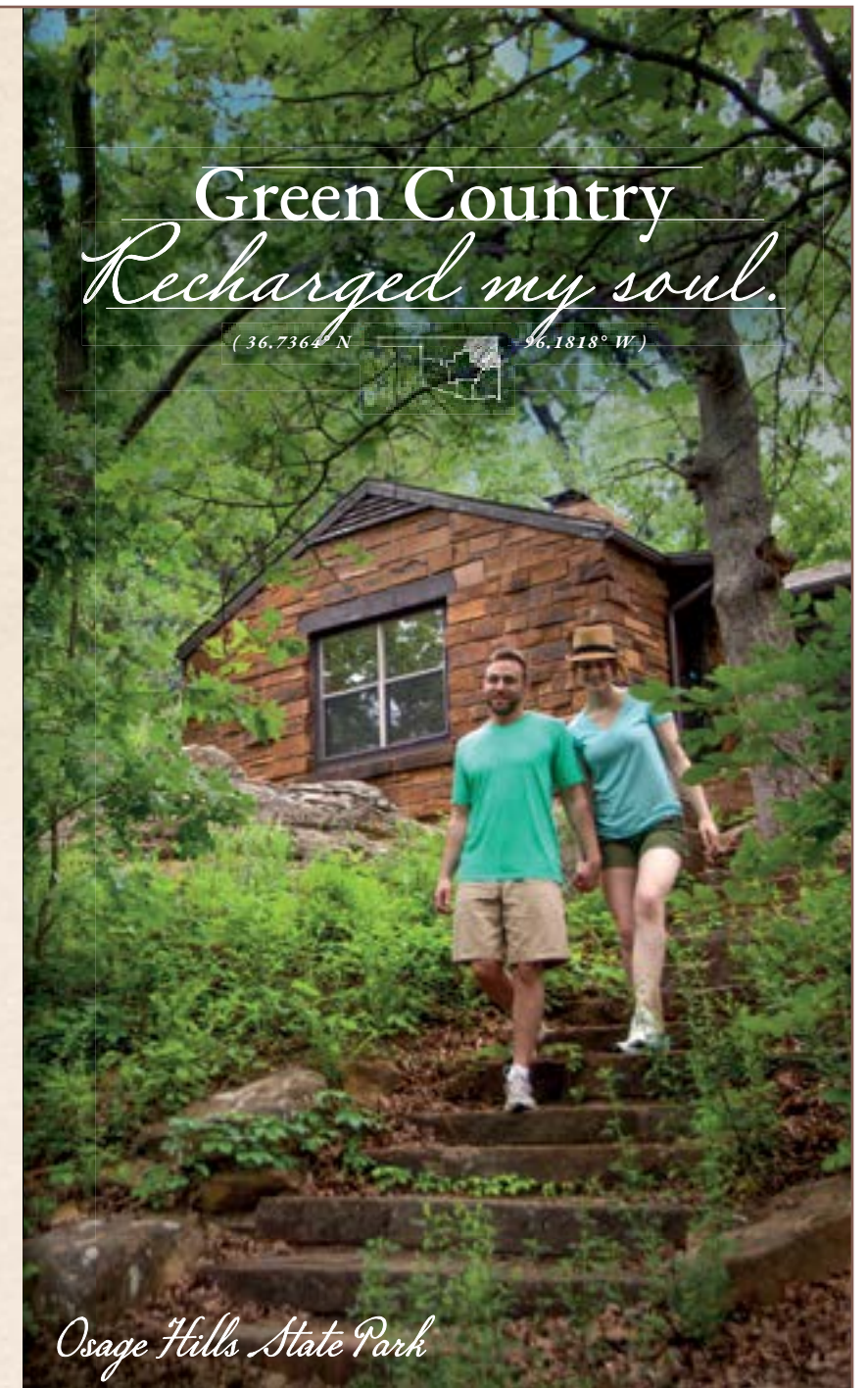
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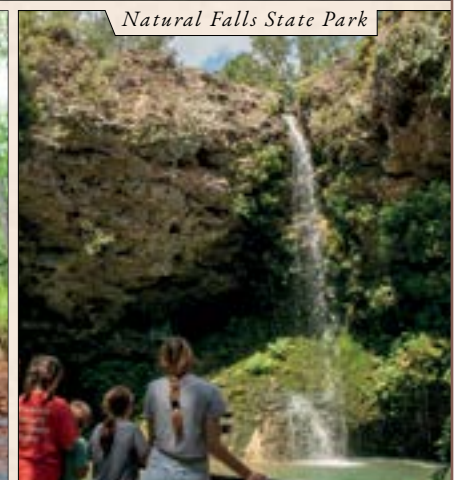
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Osage Hills State Park

Sequoyah State Park

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OSAGE HILLS STATE PARK - PAWHUSKA





## CLAREMORE - ROAD TRIPPIN' ON THE MOTHER ROAD

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

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

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



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

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

Oologah Lake offers boating, fishing, kayaking and numerous campgrounds perfect for a family outing. The area is also surrounded by trails for horse rides, hiking, or just a peaceful afternoon walk. If you fancy a round of golf, then Heritage Hills Golf Course is a must! A beautiful, 18-hole

public golf course with 35 sand bunkers and 4 grass bunkers. Pro Shop, practice greens, golf cars and more all offered on site.

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

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

[VisitClaremore.org](http://VisitClaremore.org)




Photos: Clockwise from top: Will Rogers Memorial Museum; Totem Pole Park; Claremore Mountain Bike Trails.


# Histoire


# ROUTE 66

Where you can see America




*Pryor Creek Bridge*







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