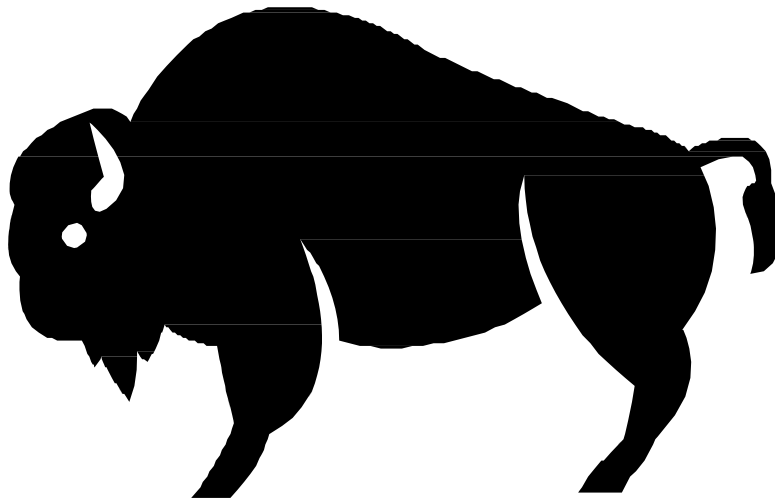


Washita Lodge #288

Where to Go Camping



Boy Scouts of America
CHEROKEE AREA COUNCIL #469
BARTLESVILLE OK
3rd edition 2013

Table of Contents

Where to Go Camping Introduction.....	5
Lodge and Council Activities	6
High Adventure Ethic.....	7
Leave NO Trace.....	7
Outdoor Code.....	11
BSA High Adventure.....	11
Florida Sea Base.....	11
Northern Tier.....	12
Philmont Scout Ranch	12
Summit Bechtel Reserve	12
Philmont Training Center	13
Cherokee Area Council Camp	14
Surrounding Councils and Camps	15
Cimarron Council.....	15
Sundance Scout Camp	15
Williams Scout Reservation.....	15
Will Rogers Scout Reservation	15
Indian Nations Council	16
Camp Fred Darby.....	16
Hale Scout Reservation	16
Camp Keystone.....	16
Jack Graves Outdoor Education Center and Outer Limits	16
John Zink Ranch.....	16
Mabee Scout Reservation.....	16
Quivira Council	18
Quivira Scout Reservation	18
Oklahoma State Parks	19
Adair State Park.....	19
Alabaster Caverns State Park	19
Arrowhead State Park.....	19
Beaver Dunes State Park.....	19
Beavers Bend State Park.....	20
Hochatown State Park.....	20
Bernice State Park	20
Black Mesa State Park	20
Boiling Springs State Park	21
Boggy Depot State Park.....	21
Boswell State Park.....	21
Brushy Lake State Park.....	21
Cherokee State Park.....	21
Cherokee Landing State Park	22
Clayton Lake State Park	22
Crowder Lake State Park	22
Disney/Little Blue State Park.....	22

Fort Cobb Lake State Park	23
Foss State Park	23
Fountainhead State Park.....	23
Great Plains State Park.....	23
Great Salt Plains State Park	24
Greenleaf State Park.....	24
Heavener Runestone State Park.....	24
Honey Creek State Park	24
Lake Eucha State Park.....	24
Lake Keystone State Park	25
Lake Murray State Park.....	25
Lake Tenkiller State Park.....	26
Lake Texoma State Park.....	26
Lake Wister State Park.....	27
Lake Thunderbird State Park	27
Little Sahara State Park.....	27
McGee Creek State Park	28
Natural Falls State Park	28
Okmulgee/Dripping Springs State Park	28
Osage Hills State Park	28
Quartz Mountain State Park	29
Raymond Gary State Park.....	29
Red Rock Canyon State Park.....	29
Robbers Cave State Park.....	30
Roman Nose State Park.....	30
Sequoyah Bay State Park	31
Western Hills Guest Ranch & Sequoyah State Park.....	31
Snowdale State Park.....	31
Spavinaw State Park.....	32
State Capital State Park.....	32
Talimena State Park	32
Twin Bridges State Park	32
Wah-Sha-She State Park	32
Walnut Creek State Park.....	33
Hiking Trails.....	34
David L. Boren Trail	34
Eagle View Hiking Trail.....	34
Greenleaf Lake Trail	34
Jean-Pierre Chouteau Trail	34
Ouachita Trail System	35
Osage Trail	35
Platter/Lakeside Trail.....	35
Short Mountain Hiking Trail.....	36
Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Hiking Trail System	36
Will Rogers Country Centennial Trail.....	36
Canoeing Waterways	37
Barron Fork Creek.....	37

Flint Creek.....	37
Glover Creek	37
Illinois River.....	37
Lee Creek.....	38
Sand Creek	38
Spring River	38
Upper Mountain Fork River.....	38
Boys Scouts of America Mission Statement.....	39
The Scout Oath, Promises	39
History of Washita Lodge #288.....	40
Lodge Timeline	44
Lodge Chiefs of Washita Lodge 288	45
OA Lodge Lay Advisors	47

Where to Go Camping Introduction

One of the greatest purposes of the Order of the Arrow is to promote troop camping. To help fulfill this purpose, the Lodge's Corresponding Secretary has created this "Where to Go Camping" booklet. The Lodge hopes that the booklet will be instrumental in expanding every troop's camping program by providing information on Council camps, national camps, state parks, canoe trails, hiking trails and many other features.

The 1st edition of this booklet was published in 2002. The 2nd edition (2005) of this booklet was edited by Sam DeFrees, the 2001-2002 Corresponding Secretary of the Order of the Arrow, Washita Lodge #288. The Corresponding Secretary was under the Chieftainship of Bob Sullivan and was aided by advisor Steve DeFrees. Jim Lewis was the Lodge Lay Advisor.

Alex Reid, the 2012-2013 Corresponding Secretary of the Order of the Arrow, Washita Lodge #288, edited this 3rd edition (2013). The Corresponding Secretary was under the Chieftainship of David "Twinkie" Castoe and was aided by advisor Annabeth Robin. Wayde Hamilton was the Lodge Lay Advisor.

With the information provided in this booklet, the Lodge hopes that every scout, as well as the troop, will prosper from the experiences obtained while camping during the upcoming year.

NOTE: If you have any comments and/or suggestions about this booklet please direct them to:

Order of the Arrow
Cherokee Area Council
520 S. Quapaw
Bartlesville, OK 74003



Lodge and Council Activities

January:

OA LLD & Winter Banquet
Scouting for Food

February:

Winter Merit Badge
FOS Patron dinner

March:

Ordeal/Helpful Day
Council Banquet
Pinewood Derby

April:

Cub and One
OA Spring Fellowship
OA Section

May:

GL District Camporee

June:

OH District Cub Scout Day Camp
GL District Cub Scout Day Camp
First Class Weekend

September:

Council Camporee

October:

Cub Scout Belt Loop Festival

November:

Ordeal/Helpful Day
OA Fall Fellowship

December:

District Banquets

High Adventure Ethic

The tremendous rewards of high-adventure treks are drawing more and more people to the backcountry. At the same time, the vast territory suitable for treks is shrinking in size. More people and less land mean we all must be careful not to endanger the wild outdoors we have come to enjoy.

A good way to protect the backcountry is to remember that while you are there, you are a visitor. When you visit a friend, you are always careful to leave that person's home just as you found it. You would never think of dropping litter on the carpet, chopping down trees in the yard, putting soap in the drinking water, or marking your name on the living room wall. When you visit the backcountry, the same courtesies apply. Leave everything just as you found it.

Hiking and camping without a trace are signs of an expert outdoorsman, and of a Scout or Scouter who cares for the environment. Travel lightly on the land.



The BSA is committed to Leave No Trace, which is a nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics awareness program. Its seven principles are guidelines to follow at all times.

Leave NO Trace

1. PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

Proper trip planning and preparation helps hikers and campers accomplish trip goals safely and enjoyably while minimizing damage to natural and cultural resources. Campers who plan ahead can avoid unexpected situations, and minimize their impact by complying with area regulations such as observing limitations on group size. Schedule your trek to avoid times of high use. Obtain permits or permission to use the area for your trek.

Proper planning ensures:

- Low-risk adventures because campers obtained information concerning geography and weather and prepared accordingly
- Properly located campsites because campers allotted enough time to reach their destination

- Appropriate campfires and minimal trash because of careful meal planning and food repackaging and proper equipment
- Comfortable and fun camping and hiking experiences because the outing matches the skill level of the participants

2. TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

Damage to land occurs when visitors trample vegetation or communities of organisms beyond recovery. The resulting barren areas develop into undesirable trails, campsites, and soil erosion.

Concentrate Activity, or Spread Out?

- In high-use areas, campers should concentrate their activities where vegetation is already absent. Minimize resource damage by using existing trails and selecting designated or existing campsites. Keep campsites small by arranging tents in close proximity.
- In more remote, less-traveled areas, campers should generally spread out. When hiking, take different paths to avoid creating new trails that cause erosion. When camping, disperse tents and cooking activities—and move camp daily to avoid creating permanent-looking campsites. Avoid places where impacts are just beginning to show. Always choose the most durable surfaces available: rock, gravel, sand, compacted soil, dry grasses, or snow.

These guidelines apply to most alpine settings and may be different for other areas, such as deserts. Learn the Leave No Trace techniques for your crew's specific activity or destination. Check with land managers to be sure of the proper technique.

3. Dispose of Waste Properly (Pack It In, Pack It Out)

This simple yet effective saying motivates backcountry visitors to take their trash home with them. It makes sense to carry out of the backcountry the extra materials taken there by your group or others. Inspect your campsite for trash or spilled foods. Accept the challenge of packing out all trash, leftover food, and litter.

Sanitation

Backcountry users create body waste and wastewater that require proper disposal.

Wastewater. Help prevent contamination of natural water sources: After straining food particles, properly dispose of dishwater by dispersing at least 200 feet (about 80 to 100 strides for a youth) from springs, streams, and lakes. Use biodegradable soap 200 feet or more from any water source.

Human Waste. Proper human waste disposal helps prevent the spread of disease and exposure to others. Catholes 6 to 8 inches deep in humus and 200 feet from water, trails, and campsites are often the easiest and most practical way to dispose of feces.

4. Leave What You Find

Allow others a sense of discovery, and preserve the past. Leave rocks, plants, animals, archaeological artifacts, and other objects as you find them. Examine but do not touch cultural or historical structures and artifacts. It may be illegal to remove artifacts.

Minimize Site Alterations

Do not dig tent trenches or build lean-tos, tables, or chairs. Never hammer nails into trees, hack at trees with hatchets or saws, or damage bark and roots by tying horses to trees for extended periods. Replace surface rocks or twigs that you cleared from the campsite. On high-impact sites, clean the area and dismantle inappropriate user-built facilities such as multiple fire rings and log seats or tables.

Good campsites are found, not made. Avoid altering a site, digging trenches, or building structures.

5. Minimize Campfire Impacts

Some people would not think of camping without a campfire. Yet the naturalness of many areas has been degraded by overuse of fires and increasing demand for firewood.

Lightweight camp stoves make low-impact camping possible by encouraging a shift away from fires. Stoves are fast, eliminate the need for firewood, and make cleanup after meals easier. After dinner, enjoy a candle lantern instead of a fire.

If you build a fire, the most important consideration is the potential for resource damage. Whenever possible, use an existing campfire ring in a well-placed campsite. Choose not to have a fire in areas where wood is scarce—at higher elevations, in heavily used areas with a limited wood supply, or in desert settings.

True Leave No Trace fires are small. Use dead and downed wood that can be broken easily by hand. When possible, burn all wood to ash and remove all unburned trash and food from the fire ring. If a site has two or more fire rings, you may dismantle all but one and scatter the materials in the surrounding area. Be certain all wood and campfire debris is dead out.

6. Respect Wildlife

Quick movements and loud noises are stressful to animals. Considerate campers practice these safety methods:

- Observe wildlife from afar to avoid disturbing them.
- Give animals a wide berth, especially during breeding, nesting, and birthing seasons.
- Store food securely and keep garbage and food scraps away from animals so they will not acquire bad habits.

Never feed wildlife. Help keep wildlife wild. You are too close if an animal alters its normal activities.

7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Thoughtful campers respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.

Travel and camp in small groups (no more than the group size prescribed by land managers).

Let nature's sounds prevail. Keep the noise down and leave radios, tape players, and pets at home.

Select campsites away from other groups to help preserve their solitude.

Always travel and camp quietly to avoid disturbing other visitors.

Make sure the colors of clothing and gear blend with the environment.

Respect private property and leave gates (open or closed) as found.

Be considerate of other campers and respect their privacy.

For additional Leave NO Trace information, contact your local land manager or local office of the Bureau of Land management, the Forest Service, the National Park Service, or the Fish and Wildlife Service. Or, contact Leave NO Trace at (800) 332-4100 or on the Internet at <http://www.lnt.org/>.

For posters, plastic cards listing the six Leave NO Trace principles, or information on becoming a Leave NO Trace sponsor, contact Leave NO Trace Inc., RO. Box 997, Boulder, CO 80306, (303) 442-8222.

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.

BSA High Adventure

Get out of the house and into the excitement offered at one of the BSA's High Adventure Bases! You've got four choices: a unique aquatic quest at Florida Sea Base; a canoeing or winter camping challenge at Northern Tier; a wild west backpacking expedition at the Philmont Scout Ranch; or BSA's newest high adventure base at The Summit Bechtel Reserve.

All four bases have year-around opportunities. Write or call for more information.

Florida Sea Base

Make a splash! Head to the Florida Keys and dive into an amazing Florida Sea Base adventure and wade into more excitement than you ever thought possible. Snorkeling, SCUBA, boating, and beach camping are among the many possibilities.

Florida Sea Base

P.O. Box 1206

Islamorada, FL 33036

Phone: (305) 664-4173

Web: www.bsaseabase.org

General Manager: Captain Paul Beal, 305-664-4173, Paul.Beal@scouting.org

Registrar: Nancy Wells, 305-664-5616, Nancy.Wells@scouting.org

Program Director Bahamas: Rob Kolb, 305-664-5614 Robert.Kolb@scouting.org

Program Director Scuba: Captain Steve Willis, 305-664-5625, Steve.Willis@scouting.org

Program Director Sailing: Captain Luke Knuttel, 305-664-5626,

Lucas.Knuttel@scouting.org

Program Director Brinton Environmental Center: Captain Scott Martin, 305-664-5640,

Scott.Martin@scouting.org

Northern Tier

Don't miss the boat! One of the most beautiful, and remote parts of North America offers a unique opportunity for Scouts. Canoeing, hiking, fishing, and winter camping in and around the beautiful lakes of northern Minnesota and southern Canada await you at the Northern Tier.

Northern Tier
P.O. Box 509
Ely, MN 55731
Phone: (218) 365-4811
Web: www.ntier.org
Email: info@ntier.org

Philmont Scout Ranch

Take a hike! The mountains of New Mexico offer the adventure that you have always dreamed about. Backpacking, rock climbing, western lore, living history, and the views from peaks over 10,000 feet tall will make memories that last a lifetime.

Philmont Scout Ranch
Attn: CHQ
17 Deer Run Road
Cimarron, NM 87714
Phone: (505) 376-2281
Web: www.philmont.com
Email: camping@philmontscoutranch.org

Summit Bechtel Reserve

Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit is an adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America. And anyone who loves the outdoors. And home to the National Scout Jamboree. And the 4th BSA High Adventure Base. It's the beginning of the next century of Scouting. With incredible facilities and intense outdoor programs, The Summit is a place that takes kids to the limits of what they think they can do, and then goes further.

Summit Bechtel Reserve
68 Crossroads Mall
Mount Hope, WV 25880
Fax: 304-252-3584
Web: <https://summit.scouting.org/>
Email: summit.program@scouting.org

High Adventure is a chance to try something you may never experience again. So take adventure to the limit. You'll never forget it.

Philmont Training Center

Located at the world-famous Philmont Scout Ranch, the Philmont Training Center has served as the National Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America since 1950. Thousands of Scouters and their families have enjoyed the fun, fellowship, and education summer.

A wide range of conferences are offered by the divisions and committees of the National Council. Scouters must be approved by their council and are challenged to return and share the information in local training.

While a Scouter is participating in a conference, every member of his or her family (from infants to adult children) is involved in a full schedule of age- specific activities. After hours fun for the entire family is also offered.

The Training Center also has year-around facilities for Scouting conferences and training events, and hosts local council Wood Badge courses.

For more information, write or call:

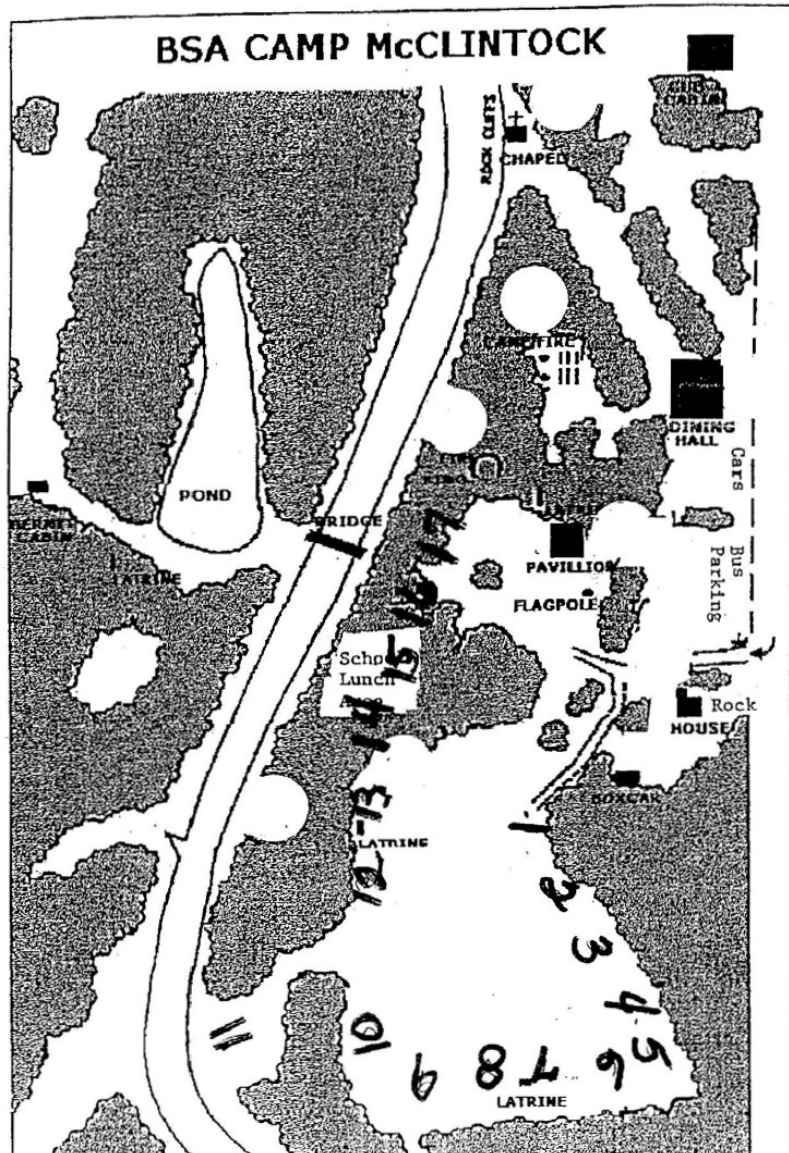
Philmont Scout Ranch
Attn: PTC
17 Deer Run Road
Cimarron, NM 87714
(505) 376-2281
Email: training@philmontscoutranch.org
Web: <http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx>

Cherokee Area Council Camp

Camp McClintock is available Unit ScOUTing activities! An advance permit must be secured from the Council Office. [Camp fees](#)

Location: To get to Camp McClintock, go 9.5 miles West of Bartlesville on U.S. Highway 60, then South at camp sign 3 miles, bearing right at both forks in the road. Or, go 14.5 miles East of Pawhuska on U.S. Highway 60, then go South at the camp sign 3 miles, bearing right at both forks. See maps on pages 17 and 18.

Facilities: Cub Scout Day Camp, Cub Scout Family Camping, C.O.P.E.S., mountain bike rental, training facilities, Dining Hall, Cabins, canoeing, 3 ½-mile Osage Trail, swinging bridge, and weekend unit camping.



Surrounding Councils and Camps

Cimarron Council

An advance permit must be secured from the Council Office. For camp fees, advance permits or more information contact:

PO Box 3146 • 317 N Grand
Enid, OK 73701
Business phone: (580) 234-3652
Fax: (580) 234-3537
Email: council@cimarronbsa.org
Web: www.cimarronbsa.org

Sundance Scout Camp

Location: 14 miles south of Enid, OK near the town of Bison on US 81

Facilities: no developed campsites, some picnic tables out in the fields by the lakes, program barn for training which also includes a room for conferences, banquets, or other ceremonies, airport hangar and runway

Williams Scout Reservation

Location: 26.5 miles west of Enid, OK near the towns of Cleo Springs and Fairview

Facilities: Small lake, swimming pool, southwestern adobe-style mess hall, a trading post, a water front for boating activities, camp office, ranger cabin, and 11 well shaded camp sites.

Will Rogers Scout Reservation

Location: Five miles West of Cleveland, OK on Highway 64. The camp overlooks the Arkansas River.

Facilities: Pond, rappelling, hiking, shelters, dining hall, shooting ranges, unit weekend camping and Boy Scout "long-term" camp.

Indian Nations Council

An advance permit must be secured from the Council Office. For camp fees, advance permits or more information contact:

3206 S. Peoria
Tulsa, OK 74105

Business phone: (918) 743-6125

Business phone: (800) 367-1272

Email: info@okscouts.org

Web: www.okscouts.org

Camp Fred Darby

Location: Seven miles Southeast of Tahlequah near Welling. The terrain is wooded and rocky, Near the Barren Fork River.

Facilities: Cave exploring, unit camping, C.O.P.E.S., canoeing, restrooms and shower facilities, sports fields

Hale Scout Reservation

Location: Follow Highway 10, 0.6 miles North of Highway 63, near Tahlequah, OK.

Facilities: Shooting ranges, pool, dining hall, climbing tower, Boy Scout “long-term” camps, and unit camping.

Camp Keystone

Location: From Tulsa take Highway I-244 West, which turns into Highway 64. Exit on State Highway 48 South. Turn West onto Terlton Road. I mile on the left is the camp gate.

Facilities: Unit camping, canoe access to Lake Keystone, training center and ponds.

Map: <http://www.okscouts.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Directions-to-Camp-Keystone.pdf>

Jack Graves Outdoor Education Center and Outer Limits

Location: In Broken Arrow on 101st East of 193rd East Avenue.

Facilities: The Robson Family OuterLimits Center is an experiential-based learning program which includes a variety of team building activities that youth and adults utilize on a year round basis. The OuterLimits Center fosters development in leadership skills, problem solving, communication, trust, teamwork, self-esteem and decision-making. The OuterLimits Center is equipped with 30 high elements and many low team elements designed to meet the goals and objectives of youth as well as corporate teams.

John Zink Ranch

Location: From Tulsa take I-244 West – this Highway turns into Highway 64. Exit on Adams Road. Adams Road will take you into Sand Springs. In Sand Springs take a right onto Highway 97 North (McKinley Street). It is 9 miles to the Zink Ranch.

Facilities: Aquatics Sport Center, Family Enrichment Center (Cub World), and Boy Scout unit camping; climbing wall, lakes and ponds, boat dock, fishing piers, sailing, canoes

Mabee Scout Reservation

Location: 600 acre wooded camping property, located five miles south of Locust Grove, OK

Facilities: Camp Garland; Bartlett Training Center, conference center/dining hall, large pavilion, 9 tent campsites, amphitheater, restroom and shower facilities; Williamson Shooting Sport Complex & Family Camping, archery range, rifle range, shotgun/sporting clay range, pistol shooting, shooting sports club, family camping; Robson High Adventure and Mega Zip; Stephenson Wilderness Camp

Map: <http://www.okscouts.org/camping/garland/directions-to-camp-garland/>

Quivira Council

An advance permit must be secured from the Council Office. For camp fees, advance permits or more information contact:

1555 E. 2nd
Wichita, KS 67214
Business phone: (316) 264-3386
Web: www.quivira.org

Quivira Scout Reservation

Location: QSR is located 8.5 miles north of Sedan, Kansas, on Highway 99. Turn east on county road for 2.2 miles to camp entrance.

Facilities: 475 acre lake, fishing, canoeing, backpacking, boating, swimming, hiking, rock climbing, Boy Scout “long term” camp, unit weekend camping, and council adventure programs.

Oklahoma State Parks

Adair State Park

Route 2, Box 8
Stilwell, OK 74960

Business phone: (918) 696-6613

Location: One-half mile east of Stilwell, on SH-561.

Features/Facilities: 25 Park Acres • 15-Acre Pond • 33 campsites • Fishing • Paddle boating • Baseball • Softball • Playground



Alabaster Caverns State Park

Route 1, Box 32
Freedom, OK 73842

Business phone: (580) 621-3381

Email: abstrcaverns@pdi.net

Location: Six miles south of Freedom on SH-50, then one-half mile east on SH-50A.

Features/Facilities: 200 Park Acres • 20 campsites • 3/4 Mile Cave Tour • Nature & Canyon Trails • Naturalist • Wild caving • Volleyball • Horseshoes • Gift Shop



Arrowhead State Park

HC 67, Box 57
Canadian, OK 74425

Park Office: (918) 339-2204

Pro Shop: (918) 339-2796

Email: arrowhd@cvok.net

Location: Four miles east of Canadian off US-69 on State Park Road. **Features/Facilities:** 2,202 Park Acres • 102,500-Acre Lake Eufaula • 214 Campsites • Assigned Campground • Horse Stable • Hiking & Nature Trails • Swimming Beach • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Volleyball • Softball • Marina • Airstrip • Equestrian Trail & Camp • Grocery Store • Gift shop

Golf: 18-hole course. Also: Putting Green • Driving Range • Pro Shop • Cart Rentals • Mini-golf



Beaver Dunes State Park

P.O. Box 1190
Beaver, OK 73932

Business phone: (580) 625-3373

Email: bvrdunes@ptsi.net

Location: One mile north of Beaver on US-270.

Features/Facilities: 520 Park Acres • 5 Lake Acres • 18 Campsites • Sand Dunes • 300-Acre Off-Road Vehicle Riding Area • Nature Trail • Volleyball • Horseshoes • Playground



Beavers Bend State Park

Beavers Bend Resort Park P.O. Box 10
Broken Bow, OK 74728

Lodge Reservations: (800) 435-5514

Lakeview Lodge: (580) 494-6179

Cabins and Camping: (580) 494-6300

Email: Park Office: information@beaversbend.com

Email: Nature Center: naturecenter@beaversbend.com

Towering timbers, crystal clear waters and mountainous terrain form what is affectionately referred to as Oklahoma's "Little Smokies". With a Riverbend area featuring acres of events and recreational programs, these parks are an outdoor lover's paradise.



Hochatown State Park

Camping/Boating/Marina

Pro Shop: (580) 494-6456

Location: In southeastern Oklahoma off US-259, adjacent to Broken Bow Lake. The Beavers Bend main entrance is seven miles north of Broken Bow on US-259A. Continuing north on US-259 for up to four miles, Hochatown has three access entrances: Stephens Gap, Carson Creek and Cedar Creek.

Features/Facilities: 14,240 Combined Lake Acres (Mountain Fork River & Broken Bow Reservoir)

• 3,482 Combined Park Acres • 40-room Lakeview Lodge, situated on beautiful Broken Bow Lake • 47 Cabins (most with fireplace) • 8 Camping Areas, 393 Campsites • Assigned Campground • 2 Group Camps (capacities of 144) • Forest Heritage & Education Center • Nature Center • Naturalist • Amphitheatre • Backpacking, Biking, Nature & Hiking Trails • Boating • Water Skiing • Trout Fishing • Volleyball • Tennis

Riverbend Attractions: Swimming • Beach • Canoeing • Paddle- boating • Bumper Boating • Horseback Riding • Hayrides • Miniature Golf • Restaurant • Grocery • Gift Shop • Train Rides

Highlights: Owachito Festival of the Forest (June) • Eagle Watches (Nov. - Feb.) • Fly Fishing Clinics (Nov. - Apr.) • Folk Festival (Nov.)

Nearby: McCurtain County Wilderness Area • Talimena Skyline Drive

Bernice State Park

901 State Park Road State Park Rd. Grove, OK 74344

Business phone: (918) 786-9447

Location: One-half mile east of Bernice off SH-85A.

Features/Facilities: 88 Park Acres • 46,300-Acre Grand Lake • 231 Campsites • Boating • Fishing • Watersports • Scuba Diving • Playground • Swimming Beach



Black Mesa State Park

HCR 1, Box 8

Kenton, OK 73946

Business phone: (580) 426-2222

Location: Off County Road 325, 27 miles northwest of Boise City. **Features/Facilities:** 349 Park Acres • 159-Acre Lake Carl Etling • 64 Campsites • Group Camp (capacity of 120) • Black Mesa Preserve • Hiking Trail • Boating • Fishing • Playground • Equestrian Campground



Boiling Springs State Park

Box 965

Woodward, OK 73802

Park Office: (580) 256-7664

Located in Red Carpet Country, this park is famous for its cool springs that gurgle up through the white sands of the North Canadian River. Combining stunning wooded beauty and a unique western heritage, Boiling Springs is an oasis on the plains. **Location:** Six miles east of Woodward on SH-34C in northwestern Oklahoma. **Features/Facilities:** 820 Park Acres • 7-Acre Shaul Lake • Boiling Springs (bubbling up at 200 gallons per minute) • 4 Cabins (with fireplace) • 2 Camping Areas, 50 Campsites • Assigned Campground • 2 Group Camps (capacities of 150 & 125) • Swimming Pool • Hiking & Nature Trails

Highlights: March of Dimes Walk-a-thon (Sept.) • Woodward Rodders Car Show (May)

Nearby: Alabaster Caverns State Park • Little Sahara State Park



Boggy Depot State Park

Rt. 3, Box 1493

Atoka, OK 74525

Business phone: (580) 889-5625

Location: On SH-7, 11 miles west and four miles south of Atoka. **Features/Facilities:** 630 Park Acres • 6-Acre Fishing Lake • 106 Campsites • Nature Trail • Baseball • Softball • Playground



Boswell State Park

P.O. Box 478

Boswell, OK 74727

Business phone: (580) 566-2211

Location: One-half mile north of US-70 in Boswell, on West Second Street. **Features/Facilities:** 37-1/2 Park Acres • 6 Lake Acres • Fishing • Baseball • Softball • Playground



Brushy Lake State Park

Rt. 3, Box 36

Sallisaw, OK 74955

Business phone: (918) 775-6507

Location: Eight miles north of Sallisaw on US-59.

Features/Facilities: 90 Park Acres • 300-Acre Brushy Lake • 35 Campsites • Boating • Fishing • Playground • Horseshoes



Cherokee State Park

P.O. Box 220

Disney, OK 74340

Business phone: (918) 435-8066

Cherokee Lakeside (918) 435-4126

Cherokee Riverside (918) 782-3890

Email: cherokee@oklahomaparks.com

Location: East of Langley to River Road, then one mile south (below the Grand River Dam).

Features/Facilities: 43 Park Acres • 46,300-Acre Grand Lake • 124 Campsites • Swimming Beach • Boating • Water Skiing • Scuba Diving • Fishing • Playground



Cherokee Landing State Park

28610 Park 20
Park Hill, OK 74451

Business phone: (918) 457-5716

Email: cherland@onenet.net

Location: Ten miles south of US-62 and US-82 junction, south of Tahlequah. **Features/Facilities:** 146 Park Acres • 12,500-Acre Lake Tenkiller • 150 Campsites (S) (P) (D) • Assigned Campground • Swimming Beach • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Softball • Playground



Clayton Lake State Park

Route 1, Box 33-10
Clayton, OK 74536

Business phone: (918) 569-7981

Location: Five miles south of Clayton on SH-271.

Features/Facilities: 510 Park Acres • 95 Lake Acres • 60 Campsites • Assigned Campground • Swimming Beach • Boating • Fishing • Playground



Crowder Lake State Park

Rt. 1, Box 186
Weatherford, OK 73096

Business phone: (580) 343-2443

Location: Eight miles south of Weatherford on SH-54, two miles east and one mile south on County Road, then 3/4-mile west on Park Road.

Features/Facilities: 10 Park Acres • 158 Lake Acres • 8 Campsites • Boating • Fishing



Disney/Little Blue State Park

P.O. Box 220
Disney, OK 74340

Business phone: (918) 435-8066

Email: cherokee@oklahomaparks.com

Location: Two blocks east of Disney on SH-28, between the floodgates.

Features/Facilities: 32 Park Acres • 46,300-Acre Grand Lake • 80 Campsites • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Playground



Fort Cobb Lake State Park

P.O. Box 297

Fort Cobb, OK 73038

Park Office: (405) 643-2249

Pro Shop: (405) 643-2398

Email: ftcobbst@fourstarnet.net

Location: Six miles north of Fort Cobb. **Features/Facilities:** 1,872 Park Acres • 4,100 Lake Acres • 5 Camping Areas, 985 Campsites • Community Building • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Playgrounds • Marina (personal water craft rentals) • Nature Center • Gift Shop • Grocery Store • Wildlife Management Area Golf: 18-hole (par 70) course. Also: Putting Green • Driving Range • Pro Shop • Golf Carts



Foss State Park

HC 66, Box 111

Foss, OK 73647

Business phone: (580) 592-4433

Email: Foss@OklahomaParks.com

Location: Eleven miles west of Clinton, then two miles north on SH-44

Features/Facilities: 1,749 Park Acres • 8,800 Lake Acres • 120 Campsites • Assigned Campground • Hiking & Biking Trails • Equestrian Trail • Swimming Beach • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Playground • Marina (boat rentals) • Restaurant • Paddle boating • Gift Shop



Fountainhead State Park

HC 60, Box 1340

Checotah, OK 74426

Park Office: (918) 689-5311

Pro Shop: (918) 689-3209

Email: fountainheadpark@lakewebs.net

Location: Fourteen miles southwest of Checotah, off I-40 and SH-150. **Features/Facilities:** 2,853 Park Acres • 102,400-Acre Lake Eufaula • 235 Campsites • Indoor/Outdoor Fishing Dock • Assigned Campground • Nature Center • Naturalist • Hiking & Nature Trails • Horse Stable • Swimming Beach • Boating • Water Skiing • Indoor Fishing • Fishing • Marina • Restaurant • Grocery • Gift Shop

Golf: 18-hole course. Also: Putting Green • Driving Range • Pro Shop • Golf Carts



Great Plains State Park

Route 1, Box 52

Mountain Park, OK 73559

Business phone: (580) 569-2032

Email: greatplainsstatepark@sonetcom.com

Location: Two miles north of Mountain Park on US-183. Turn west at park entrance sign, then 1-1/2 miles to the park office.

Features/Facilities: 487 Park Acres • 6,400-Acre Tom Steed Lake • 70 Campsites • Nature, Hiking & Biking Trails • Swimming Beach • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Playground • Grocery



Great Salt Plains State Park

Route 1, Box 28

Jet, OK 73749

Park Office: (580) 626-4731

Luring visitors from all over, the Salt Flats are literally a sea of salt and one of Oklahoma's most fascinating geological phenomena. Boasting the only spot in the world where people can dig for hourglass selenite crystals, this park offers a wide variety of attractions.

Location: Eight miles north of Jet on SH-38 in northwestern Oklahoma.

Greenleaf State Park

"Oklahoma's Family Fun Park"

Route 1, Box 119

Braggs, OK 74423

Business phone: (918) 487-5196

Email: Park Office greenleafcabins@OklahomaParks

Email: Nature Center naturehut@onenet.net

One of Oklahoma's most beautiful state parks, Greenleaf features a 900-acre, sparkling blue lake, cozy stone cabins and a peaceful atmosphere. Oklahoma's Family Fun Park is the perfect setting for a restful, memorable vacation.

Location: Three miles south of Braggs on SH-10 in eastern Oklahoma.



Heavener Runestone State Park

Route 1, Box 1510

Heavener, OK 74937

Business phone: (918) 653-2241

Location: Two and one-half miles northeast of Heavener, off US-59 and US-270.



Honey Creek State Park

901 State Park Rd. Grove, OK 74344

Business phone: (918) 786-9447

Email: honeycreek@oklahomaparks.com

Location: South of Grove on State Park Road, off US-59.

Features/Facilities: 30 Park Acres • 46,300- Acre Grand Lake • 206 Campsites • Swimming Pool • Boating • Scuba Diving • Water Skiing • Fishing • Playground



Lake Eucha State Park

P.O. Box 349

Jay, OK 74346

Business phone: (918) 253-8790

Location: Three miles south of Jay off SH-10 and US-59.

Features/Facilities: 55 Park Acres (rental available for private use) • 2,880-Acre Lake Eucha • 1,636- Acre Lake Spavinaw • Swimming Pool • Boating • Fishing • Nature Trail



Lake Keystone State Park

P.O. Box 147

Mannford, OK 74044

Park Office: (918) 865-4477

Cabin Office: (918) 865-4991

Email: keystone@onenet.net

White, sandy beaches and clear blue water make for great fishing (striper, walleye, bass and catfish), boating, water skiing and swimming at Lake Keystone. Combined with the excitement of nearby Tulsa, there's no better place to spend the day on the water and the night on the town.

Location: Ten miles west of Sand Springs on US-412, then one-half mile south on Keystone Dam Road, located between US-64 and SH-51 in northeastern Oklahoma. **Features/Facilities:** 714 Park Acres • 26,000-Acre Lake Keystone • 22 Cabins (with fireplace, 2 with whirlpool tub & T.V.s) • 3 Camping Areas, 142 Campsites • Assigned Campground • Fitness & Hiking Trails • Boating • Water Skiing • Bicycle Rental • Marina (boat sales, repairs & rentals) • Restaurant • Cafe • Community Building

Nearby: Discoveryland • Tulsa Zoo • Gilcrease Museum • Philbrook Museum • Frankoma Pottery Factory



Lake Murray State Park

Lake Murray Resort Park Lake Murray Drive #12-A

3310 South Ardmore, OK 73401

Reservations: (800) 257-0322

Resort Inn: (580) 223-6600 / **Resort Inn:** (580) 223-4044

Pro Shop: (580) 223-6613

Email: Resort: lakemurrayresort@onenet.net

Email: Park: btodd@onenet.net

Email: Tucker Tower: marktnc@aol.com

Step back in time to a lakeside country inn nestled among the wooded hills of southern Oklahoma. Here, you'll find warm hospitality, charming turn-of-the-century decor and a wholesome family environment.

Location: Halfway between Oklahoma City and Dallas, two miles east of I-35 at Exit 24, overlooking Lake Murray.

Features/Facilities: 5,728 Lake Acres • 12,496 Park Acres • Resort Inn (50 guest rooms & suites) • 81 Cottages (some with kitchenettes) • 7 Meeting Rooms (capacity of 400) • Apple Bin Restaurant • The Parlor (food, drinks & country music) • 8 Camping Areas, 450 Campsites • Assigned Campground • 3 Group Camps (capacities of 190, 180 & 160) • Nature Center • Naturalist • Nature & Hiking Trail • Motorcycle Trail • 3-Mile Shoreline Hike • Swimming Beach & Pool • Boating • Water Skiing • Horseback Riding & Equestrian Trail • Bicycle Rentals • Miniature Golf • Game Room • Marina (boat & personal watercraft rentals) • Grocery • Airstrip • Scuba Diving • Indoor Fishing • Recreation Specialist • Ranger Programs **Golf:** 18-hole course (72 par) open daily, 7 am - 8 pm (summer), 8 am - 5 pm (winter). Also: Putting Green • Driving Range • Pro Shop (on-site pro) • Rental Clubs • Golf Carts • Pull Carts • Snack Bar

Highlights: Tucker Tower Museum & Nature Center • Fourth of July Fireworks Display • Earth Day Clean-Up (Apr.)

Nearby: Arbuckle Wilderness • Turner Falls • Fort Washita • Chickasaw National Recreation Area • Lake Texoma Resort Park



Lake Tenkiller State Park

"Heaven in the Hills"

HCR 68, Box 1095

Vian, OK 74962

Park Office: (918) 489-5025

Cabin Office and Nature Center: (918) 489-5641

Email: Office - tenkillercabins@OklahomaParks.com

Email: Nature Center - LRogers@OklahomaParks.com

Located near the dam of scenic Lake Tenkiller, this park is a recreation mecca. The magnificent limestone cliffs, crystal clear lake and abundant water sports (including scuba diving) draw countless visitors each year.

Location: On SH-100, 12 miles north of the Vian exit in Eastern Oklahoma. **Features/Facilities:**

1,190 Park Acres • 12,650 Lake Acres • Tenkiller Ferry Dam (Oklahoma's second tallest at 97 ft.) • 39 Cabins (some with fireplace) • 10 Courtyard Cottages • 10 Camping Areas, 240 Campsites • Assigned Campground • Nature Center • Naturalist • Community Building • Swimming Pool with slide and log roll • Boating • Fishing • Water Skiing • Scuba Diving • Fishing (in Lake and Trout-stocked Stream) • Marina • Restaurant • Gift Shop • Amphitheater • Kids Fishing Pond (stocked with trout during winter season) • 2 Swim Beaches • Picnic Shelters • Playgrounds • Volleyball and Basketball Courts • Hiking and Nature Trails • Hayrides and Campfire Programs • Bicycle Rentals • Year-round Naturalist and Recreational Programming

Nearby: Blue Ribbon Downs • Sequoyah's Home • Cherokee Heritage Center • Cherokee Nation • Murrell Home • Illinois River Floating



Lake Texoma State Park

Lake Texoma Resort Park Box 248

Kingston, OK 73439

Reservations: (800) 528-0593

Resort Lodge: (580) 564-2311

Park Office: (580) 564-2566

Pro Shop: (580) 564-3333

Email: TexomaSales@OklahomaResorts.com

Email: Texomastpk@OklahomaParks.com

Everything is big about Lake Texoma, the state's second-largest lake. Record-setting fish (catfish and small-mouth bass), plus a sprawling setting for golf, water sports and fitness enthusiasts are feature attractions.

Location: Halfway between I-35 and US-75 on US-70, five miles east of Kingston. Equi-distant from Oklahoma City and Dallas on Lake Texoma.

Features/Facilities: 93,000 Lake Acres • 1,882 Park Acres • Resort Lodge (106 guest rooms & suites) • 67 Cottages • Bayview Lodge (20 rooms, 40-person capacity) • 7 Meeting Rooms (capacity of 500) • Galley Restaurant • Waterfront Lounge • 4 Lake Huts • 3 Camping Areas, 517 Campsites • RV Rally Group Campground (capacity of 500) • Nature Center • Naturalist • Indoor Fitness & Recreation Center • Swimming Beach & Pool • Boating • Water Skiing • Horseback Riding • Hayrides • Bicycle Rentals • Bumper Boats • Miniature Golf • Go-Cart Track • Striper Fishing Guide Service & Packages • Marina (boat & personal water craft rentals) • Grocery • Airstrip • Hiking Trail • Recreation Specialist **Golf:** 18-hole course (71 par) adjacent to the resort lodge, open daily, dawn to dusk. Also: Putting Green • Driving Range • Pro Shop (on-site Pro) • Rental Clubs • Golf Carts • Pull Carts • Senior Citizens & Twilight Discounts • PGA Tournaments • Snack Bar **Chickasaw**

Pointe Golf Course: 18 holes, Par 72 • Bent Grass Greens • Bermuda Grass Tees & Fairways. This



is a first-class experience in golf excellence, and with 15 of the 18 holes being lakeside, the most challenging course in our system.

Nearby: Ft. Washita • Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge • Lake Murray Resort Park

Lake Wister State Park

Route 3, Box 70
Wister, OK 74966

Park Office: (918) 655-7756

Cabin Office: (918) 655-7212

Email: wisternature@clnk.com

Email: wistercabins@hotmail.com

Set in the scenic Ouachita Mountains — amid a dramatic backdrop of dogwood, northern spruce and ponderosa pine trees — this park offers sporting enthusiasts some of the finest fishing and hunting in Oklahoma.

Location: In eastern Oklahoma, two miles south of Wister on US-270.

Features/Facilities: 3,428 Park Acres • 7,300 Lake Acres • 2,000-Acre Waterfowl Refuge • 15 Cabins (with fireplace) • 5 Camping Areas, 182 Campsites • Assigned Campground • Group Camp (capacity of 100) • Hiking, Biking & Nature Trails • Swimming Beach & Pool • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing Dock • Nature Center • Naturalist • Guided Lake Tours • Gift Shop • Mini-golf • Paddle Boats

Nearby: Talimena Skyline Drive • Spiro Mounds • Heavener Runestone State Park • Wildlife Management Hunting Area • Kerr Museum & Mansion



Lake Thunderbird State Park

Route 4, Box 277
Norman, OK 73026

Business phone: (405) 360-3572

Email: thunderbird@onenet.net

Location: Thirteen miles east of Norman on SH-9.

Features/Facilities: 1,874 Park Acres • 6,000- Acre Lake Thunderbird • 8 Lake Huts • 447 Campsites • Assigned & Unassigned Campground • Nature Center • Naturalist • Hiking, Biking & Nature Trails • Horse Stables • Swimming Beach • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Hayrides • Miniature Golf • Archery • Marina (boat & paddleboat) • Gift Shop • Restaurant • Playground • Hunting in season (deer-archery & waterfowl) • Shelter reservations available



Little Sahara State Park

Route 2, Box 132
Waynoka, OK 73860

Business phone: (580) 824-1471

Email: lsahara@pldi.net

Location: Four miles south of Waynoka on US-281.

Features/Facilities: 1,400 Park Acres • 100 Campsites • Giftshop • State's Largest Off- Road Vehicle Dune Trail



McGee Creek State Park

576A So. McGee Creek Dam Road
Atoka, OK 74525

Business phone: (580) 889-5822

Email: mcgee@onenet.net

Location: Three miles north of Farris, off SH-7.

Features/Facilities: 2,600 Park Acres • 3,800-Acre McGee Creek Reservoir • 8 Lake Huts • 41 RV sites • 60 Tent sites • Boating • Fishing

Natural Scenic Recreation Area

Location: 3 miles East and 10 miles North of Farris off SH-7.

Features/Facilities: 8,900-Acre Scenic Area • Primitive Camping • Hiking • Biking and Nature Trails • Equestrian Trail • Naturalist



Natural Falls State Park

Rt. 4, Box 32
West Siloam Springs, OK 74338

Business phone: (918) 422-5802

Email: naturalfalls@oklahomaparks.com

Location: Three miles west of West Siloam Springs on Scenic US-412.

Features/Facilities: 120 Park Acres • 77 Ft Waterfall • Small Grotto formed by Falls • Observation Platform • 74 Campsites • Entrance Fee • Playground • Nature Trail • Catch-N-Release Fishing



Okmulgee/Dripping Springs State Park

16830 Dripping Springs Road
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Business phone: (918) 756-5971

Email: okmulgee@onenet.net

Email: lpulliam@onenet.net

Location: Five miles west of Okmulgee on SH-56.

Features/Facilities: 1,075 Park Acres • 650-Acre Okmulgee Lake/1,050-Acre Dripping Springs Lake • 297 Campsites • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Playground • Hiking Trails • Mountain Biking • Short Equestrian Trails • Accessible Fishing Dock



Osage Hills State Park

HC 73, Box 84
Pawhuska, OK 74056

Business phone: (918) 336-4141

Email: osagehills@onenet.net

A densely wooded park nestled in lush, rolling hills, this area was once an Osage Indian settlement. Winding roads, a wealth of scenery and ample recreation opportunities make this the perfect getaway.

Location: Five miles north of Pawhuska on SH-99, then 8 miles east on US-60. **Features/Facilities:** 1,199 Park Acres • 18-Acre Lake Lookout • 8 Cabins (with fireplace) • 2 Camping Areas, 55 Campsites • Group Camp (capacity of 120) • Swimming Pool • Boating • Nature, Hiking & Biking Trails



Nearby: Wolaroc Museum • Tom Mix Museum • Price Tower • Frank Phillips Museum • Prairie Song • Wah-Sha-She State Park • Osage Historical Museum • Prairie National Wild Horse Refuge • Tallgrass Prairie Preserve

Quartz Mountain State Park

Quartz Mountain Arts & Conference Center

Route 1 Box 40

Lone Wolf, OK 73655

Resort Lodge: (580) 563-2424

Park Office: (580) 563-2238

Pro Shop: (580) 563-2520

Discover the rugged beauty of a hideaway cradled in the Wichita Mountains of southwestern Oklahoma. This romantic retreat features water recreation and special seasonal programs.

Location: In southwest Oklahoma, 17 miles north of Altus on SH-44A, overlooking LakeAltus-Lugert.

Features/Facilities: 6,260 Lake Acres • 4,284 Park Acres • Resort Lodge (Now open!120 guest rooms and suites) • 8 Two-bedroom Cabins (with kitchenettes) • Mountainview Lodge (Now open! 64-person dormitory) • Performing Arts Complex (Now open!) • 5 Performing Arts Pavilions (Now open!) • Outdoor Amphitheatre (capacity of 665) • 5 Camping Areas, • 20 Full Hookups • 100 Electric/Water Hookups (5 handicap accessible) • 55 Primitive Sites • Restrooms / Showers (2 handicap accessible) • Sanitary Dump Stations • Boat Ramps • Group Camp (capacity 125) • Nature Center • Naturalist • Hiking Trails • Giftshop • North Shore ORV Area (Apr. 1- Sep. 30) • Sand Dunes • Swimming Beaches • Miniature Golf • Water Skiing • Paddleboats • Grocery Store

Golf: 18-hole course (71 par), open daily, dawn to dusk. Also: Pro Shop (on-site Pro) • Rental Clubs • Golf Carts • Pull Carts

Highlights: Eagle Watch (Jan.-Feb.) • Wildflower Festival (May) • Oklahoma Arts Institute (Summer & Fall programs)

Nearby: Museum of the Western Prairie • Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge • Indian City USA • Great Plains State Park • Hackberry Flats Wildlife Refuge



Raymond Gary State Park

HC 63, Box 1450

Fort Towson, OK 74735

Business phone: (580) 873-2307

Location: One and one-half miles east of Fort Towson on US-70. **Features/Facilities:** 46 Park Acres • 390 Lake Acres • 120 Campsites • Swimming Beach • Boating • Fishing • Playground



Red Rock Canyon State Park

P.O. Box 502

Hinton, OK 73047

Business phone: (405) 542-6344

Email: redrockcanyon@hintonet.net

Location: One mile south of Hinton on US-281.

Features/Facilities: 310 Park Acres • 1/4-Acre Pond • 52 RV sites • 32 Tent sites • Group Camp • Nature Trails • Swimming Pool • Rappelling • Volleyball • Playground • Snack Bar • Modern Comfort Station • Volleyball



Robbers Cave State Park

P.O. Box 9

Wilburton, OK 74578

Park Office: (918) 465-2565

Lodge & Cabin Office: (918) 465-2562

Email: Lodge & Cabin: rcsp@onenet.net

A favorite of rappellers, cave explorers, equestrians and outdoor lovers, Robbers Cave enjoys notoriety as a former hideout for Jesse James and Belle Starr. Hidden in the San Bois Mountains, you'll find an abundance of lakes, wildlife and recreational activities. **Location:** Five miles north of Wilburton on SH-2 in southeastern Oklahoma. **Features/Facilities:** 8,246 Park Acres • 189 Combined Lake Acres (Carlton, Wayne, Wallace & Coon Creek) • Belle Starr Lodge (20 rooms) • 26 Cabins (with fireplace) • 5 Camping Areas, 122 Campsites • Assigned Campground • 2 Group Camps (capacities of 250 & 160) • Wildlife Management Area (3,800-acre forested hunting ground adjacent to park) • Nature Center • Naturalist • Amphitheatre • Hiking Trails • Equestrian Trail • Swimming Beach & Pool • Canoeing • Paddle boating • Rappelling • Miniature Golf • Grocery • Cafe • Gift Shop



Roman Nose State Park

Route 1

Watonga, OK 73772

Reservations: (800) 892-8690

Resort Lodge: (580) 623-7281

Park Office: (580) 623-4215

Pro Shop: (580) 623-7989

Stables: (580) 623-4121

Email: Lodge: romannoselodge@oklahomaresorts.com

Email: Park: romannosepark@oklahomaparks.com

Once a winter campground of the Cheyenne tribe, this area now has a scenic retreat set on a canyon bluff that over-looks ancient mesas. Towering cedar, buffalo grass and wild blue sage add to the beauty of this legendary setting, and to the enjoyment of numerous recreational activities.

Location: On SH-8 and SH-8A, seven miles north of Watonga, 81 miles northwest of Oklahoma City, near Lakes Watonga and Boecher.

Features/Facilities: 55-Acre Lake Watonga • 8-Acre Lake Boecher • 658 Park Acres • Resort Lodge (47 guest rooms) • 10 Cottages • 2 Meeting Rooms (capacity of 150) • Redbird Restaurant • 7 Camping Areas, 87 Campsites • Group Camp (capacity of 160) • Rent-a-Tepee • Community Building • Spring of Everlasting Waters (under- ground rivers flowing 600 gallons a minute) • Swimming • Paddle boating • Canoeing • Fishing • Equestrian Trail • Hiking, Biking & Nature Trails • Hayrides • Volleyball • Tennis • General Store • Recreation Specialist

Now Open: The Fairway Cottage

Sleeps 10-12 guests • Full kitchen w/utensils • Living Room and dining Room • Satellite TV in each room • Telephone/voice mail/data ports • Washer/Dryer • Private Patio • Located directly across the Number One tee box at Roman Nose Golf Course • Just \$275.00 Per NightGolf: 18-hole course (par 70) adjacent to the resort lodge, open daily 7 am - dusk. Also: Putting Green • Pro Shop • Rental Clubs • Golf Carts • Pull Carts **Highlights:** Watonga Cheese Festival (Oct.) • Watonga Trout Derby (Mar.) • Bitter Creek Frontier Daze (Feb.) **Nearby:** Watonga Cheese Factory • Alabaster Caverns State Park • Chisholm Trail Museum • Governor Seay Mansion • T. B. Ferguson Home



Sequoyah Bay State Park

Route 2, Box 252
Wagoner, OK 74467



Business phone: (918) 683-0878

Location: Five miles south of Wagoner on SH-16, five miles east on Grey Oaks Road.

Features/Facilities: 303 Park Acres • 19,100-Acre Fort Gibson Lake • 81 Campsites • 180 Unit RV Rally Area • Swimming Beach & Pool • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Indoor Fishing • Tennis • Playground • Marina (boat rentals) • Fitness, Hiking, Biking & Nature Trails

Western Hills Guest Ranch & Sequoyah State Park

Box 509
Wagoner, OK 74477



Reservations: (800) 368-1486

Resort Ranch: (918) 772-2545

Park Office: (918) 772-2046

Pro Shop: (918) 772-2297

Email: Lodge: whgr@OklahomaResorts.com

Email: Park: sharron@oklahomaparks.com

On a peninsula in the rolling foothills of Sequoyah State Park, this rustic Guest Ranch is a great western getaway. A flexible setting for families, reunions or conventioners, visitors can count on finding all kinds of fun – from fishing, golf and tennis to horseback riding and two-steppin'.

Location: On SH-51, 52 miles east of Tulsa, on Ft. Gibson Lake at Sequoyah State Park.

Features/Facilities: 19,900 Lake Acres • 2,200 Park Acres • Resort Ranch (101 guest rooms & suites) • 54 Cottages • Bunkhouse (sleeps 46) • 9 Meeting Rooms (capacity of 898) • Calico Crossing Restaurant • Black Jack's Saloon • 6 Camping Areas, 425 Campsites • Assigned Campground • Group Camp (capacity of 150) • Three Forks Nature & Hiking Trail • Fully-Accessible Trail • Eagle's Roost Trail • Fossil Trail • Nature Center • Naturalist • Swimming Beach & Pool • Boating • Boat Tours with Captain • Paddle boating • Water Skiing • Horseback Riding • Hayrides • Covered Wagon Rides • Volleyball • Bicycling • Archery • Game Room • Recreation Specialist • Marina (boat rentals) • Lil' Wrangler Children's Program • Park Pal Fishing Clinics • Corporate Team Building Games • Supervised Recreation Programs • 40 x 60 Tent Rental **Golf:** 18-hole course (73 par) open daily, 7 am - 8 pm. Also: Putting Green • Driving Range • Pro Shop (on-site Pro) • Rental Clubs • Golf Carts • Pull Carts • Senior Citizen & Twilight Discounts • Tournaments

Highlights: Winter Bluegrass Festival (Jan.) • Eagle Watch (Feb.) • American Fiddlers Festival (Feb.) • Kite Flight (Mar.) • Deer Drive (Apr.) • Kid's Fishing Derby (Jun.) • Junior Ranger Program (Jun.) • Great Pumpkin Egg Hunt (Oct.) • Three Forks Rendezvous & Sequoyah Fall Festival (Nov.)

Nearby: Cherokee Heritage Center (village, drama & museum) • Five Civilized Tribes Museum • Scenic Illinois River

Snowdale State Park

P.O. Box 220
Disney, OK 74340



Business phone: (918) 434-2651

Business phone: (918) 435-8066

Email: snowdale@oklahomaparks.com

Location: Two miles west of Salina on SH-20.

Features/Facilities: 15 Park Acres • 12,000-Acre Lake Hudson • 84 Campsites • Swimming Beach • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Volleyball • Playground

Spavinaw State Park

P.O. Box 220
Disney, OK 74340

Business phone: (918) 435-8066

Business phone: (918) 589-2651

Email: spavinaw@oklahomaparks.com

Location: Three-quarters of a mile south of Spavinaw on SH-20. **Features/Facilities:** 35 Park Acres • 1,636 Lake Acres • 86 Campsites • Swimming Beach • Fishing • Playground



State Capital State Park

2221 Culbertson Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Business phone: (405) 521-2946

Location: One-half mile east of I-235 (Centennial Expressway) at 23rd Street.

Features/Facilities: Oklahoma Historical Society • Veteran's Memorial • Indian Plaza • State Capitol Tours • National Guard • State Library for the Blind



Talimena State Park

P.O. Box 318
Talihina, OK 74571

Business phone: (918) 567-2052

Location: Seven miles north of Talihina on US-271.

Features/Facilities: 20 Park Acres • 22 Campsites • Playground • Hiking Trail



Twin Bridges State Park

14801 South Highway 137
Fairland, OK 74343

Business phone: (918) 540-2545

Email: twinbridges@onenet.net

Location: Six miles east of Fairland at the junction of US-60 and SH-137.

Features/Facilities: 63 Park Acres • Neosho River • Spring River • 160 Campsites • 5 Screened Shelters With Picnic Tables • Boating • Fishing • Indoor Fishing • Volleyball • Horseshoes • Playground



Wah-Sha-She State Park

Route 1, Box 301
Copan, OK 74022

Business phone: (918) 532-4627

Location: Fifteen miles northeast of Pawhuska on SH-99, then 10 miles east on SH-10.

Features/Facilities: 266 Park Acres • 3,600-Acre Hulah Lake • 158 Campsites • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Nature Trail



Walnut Creek State Park

P.O. Box 26

New Prue, OK 74060

Business phone: (918) 242-3362

Email: walnutcreek@onenet.net

Location: Off the Cimarron Turnpike in Sand Springs, 13 miles east of the 209th Street exit.

Features/Facilities: 1,429 Park Acres • 26,300-Acre Lake Keystone • 172 Campsites • Assigned Campground • Swimming Beach • Boating • Water Skiing • Fishing • Softball • Playground • Hiking & Biking Trails • Equestrian Trail



Hiking Trails

David L. Boren Trail

Beavers Bend Resort Park

P.O. Box 10

Broken Bow, OK 74728

Business Phone: (580) 494-6300

Location: 6 miles North on US 259-A.

Named after U.S. senator and former governor, this 16-mile backpacking trail has numerous access points, making it an excellent trail for day hiking also. The trail extends north from near the low water dam in the southern end of Beavers Bend State Resort Park to Cedar Creek Golf Course. An interpretative loop, Pine Ridge Nature Trail begins near Group Camp #1 in Beavers Bend. Two primitive camps and numerous developed campsites are available. The trail crosses Corps of Engineers as well as State Park lands. A portion of the trail uses the Corps of Engineers Beaver Lodge Nature Trail.

Eagle View Hiking Trail

Kaw Project Office

Rt. 2 Box 500

Ponca City, OK 74601

Business Phone: (580) 762-5611

Location: near Kaw Lake--call for location of trailhead The 12-mile trail near Kaw Lake is named for the large population of bald eagles, which winter there. Hikers are rewarded with excellent views of these magnificent birds roosting and feeding near the trail from November through February. In addition to eagles, many other species of birds and wildlife inhabit the prairie-type grasslands and oak-hickory forests along the trail.

Greenleaf Lake Trail

Greenleaf Lake State Park

Braggs, OK 74423

Business Phone: (918) 487-5196

Location: Greenleaf Lake State Park

Circling scenic 930 acre Greenleaf Lake, the 16-mile primitive trail begins and ends in Greenleaf State Park. The trail is designed for overnight backpacking but is also excellent for day hikers. The trail passes through areas, which allow hikers to view many species of wildlife. (Ticks are abundant, so bring your repellent) The trail passes through Military Department as well as State Park lands and as some areas are periodically used for military maneuvers, and by the Wildlife Department for public hunting, it is important to observe any posted regulations. Hikers must also register at the park office for a briefing before hiking the trail. It is also suggested to call the office ahead of time to check trail conditions. The trail was built and is maintained by an Oklahoma City based backpacking club. The Trail is closed from October 15th to December 1st.

Jean-Pierre Chouteau Trail

Corp of Engineers, Tulsa District

P.O. Box 61

Tulsa, OK 74121

This 24-mile trail starts across the river from Afton Landing Campground. The Afton Landing Campground is located on Chouteau Lock and Dam on the Oklahoma portion

of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. It parallels the Verdigris River, crossing open grassland, wooded bottomland and dam. The trail ends at Fort Gibson Park. Six public use areas with camping and picnicking facilities are located at various points on the trail. Camping is allowed in designated areas and by primitive camping permit in remote areas.

Ouachita Trail System

Talimena State Park

Talihina, OK 74571

Business Phone: (918) 567-2052

Business Phone: (501) 321-5202

Location: Ouachita National Forest from Talimena State Park into Ark.

The Ouachita Trail is an east to west cross-country trail extending approximately 175 miles through the Ouachita National Forest. The trail extends from Lake Sylvia, near Little Rock, Arkansas, to Talimena State Park, near Talihina, Oklahoma. This trail offers hikers a wide range of scenic terrain, including upland forest, clear streams, high ridges, and wide valleys. Other trails in the area include the 4 mile Cedar Lake Trail, which connects the Cedar Lake Recreation Area to the Ouachita Trail and to a 2 1/2 mile trail skirting Cedar Lake itself, the 1/2 mile Wildlife Sketchbook Trail, the 12 mile Holson Valley-Old Military Road Loop (which leaves the Ouachita Trail at Old Military Road Vista and rejoins it at Deadman Vista, the 3 mile Billy Creek Trail which connects BillyCreek Campground with the Ouachita Trail, and the Robert S. Kerr Nature Center Trails (3 conservation/ education trails from 1/2 to 3/4 miles in length). For more information on these trails it is best to call the Ouachita National Forest Supervisor at the forestry office in Hot Springs at 501-321-5202.

Osage Trail

Cherokee Area Council

520 S. Quapaw

Bartlesville, OK 74006

Business Phone: (918) 336-9170

Toll free (888) 269-1328

Email registrar@cherokeesbsa.org

Web- www.cherokeescouters.org

Location: At Camp McClintock. To get to Camp McClintock, go 9.5 miles West of Bartlesville on U.S. Highway 60, then South at camp sign 3 miles, bearing right at both forks in the road. Or, go 14.5 miles East of Pawhuska on U.S. Highway 60, then go South at the camp sign 3 miles, bearing right at both forks. The trailhead is just north of the Dining hall. Hikers will enjoy an easy traverse through Blackjack Oak. The Trail roughly follows Sand Creek to Osage Hills State Park. Trail patch available for purchase by hikers, who have completed the trail.

Platter/Lakeside Trail

Texoma Project Office

PO Box 60

Cartwright, OK 74731

Business Phone: (580) 465-4990

Location: On Lake Texoma

This 24-mile trail located near Cartwright at Lake Texoma is a multi use trail for hikers and riders. Heavily wooded areas of oak and hickory, interspersed with open meadows, provide users with variety. Numerous vistas overlooking the lake along the trail add interest. Primitive camping is permitted at both ends of the trail, which may be accessed from either the Platter or Lakeside Recreation Areas.

Short Mountain Hiking Trail

Robert S. Kerr Project Office

AC 61

Sallisaw, OK 74955

Business Phone: (918) 775-4474

Location: Robert S. Kerr Lake near Sallisaw

This 5.4-mile trail located near Sallisaw and Robert S. Kerr Lake, presents a challenge to hikers with steep climbs at either end, but the vista from atop Short Mountain is worth the effort. The trail meanders along the top of the mountain offering views of the lake, lock, and dam. Hikers may be treated to a view of bald eagles from November through March. Spring offers the beauty of redbud and dogwood blossoms, while autumn presents a glorious splash of reds and golds.

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Hiking Trail System

Refuge Headquarters

Rt. 1, Box 448

Indiahoma, OK 73552

Business Phone: (580) 429-3222

Location: Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

Hours & Days of Operation: Refuge hours are 10AM to 5:30PM Mon thru Wed; closed Tuesday.

The area offers visitors a number of varied hikes. The Charons Garden Wilderness Area is open to backpackers by permit only. This unique and fragile area of 5,000 acres seems rugged but its plants and wildlife are susceptible to damage. Other trails in the area include the Dog Run Hollow Trail and many unmarked trails. Information about these trails, maps, permits, and hiking regulations may be obtained by contacting the refuge headquarters.

Will Rogers Country Centennial Trail

Oologah Lake Project Office

Rt. 1 Box 1610

Oologah, OK 74053

Business Phone: (918) 341-8966

Location: Lake Oologah

The 18 mile hiking and riding trail meanders through the oak and hickory forests and open meadows along the shores of Lake Oologah. More experienced riders will enjoy the rugged trails on Kite Hill. Breathtaking views of Oologah's sparkling waters reward those who reach the top. Wildlife is abundant along the trail. Deer, quail, wild turkey, and squirrels may be seen by the observant. Camping is allowed by permit only.

Canoeing Waterways

Barron Fork Creek

Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce

Business phone: (918) 456-3742

Business phone: (800) 456-4860

Web- www.tahlequahok.com/chamber/ **Email-** Chamber@TahlequahOK.com **Oklahoma Scenic**

Rivers Commission P.O. Box 292 Tahlequah, OK 74465

Business phone: (918) 456-3251

Email: osrc@fullnet.net

The Barron Fork Creek Starts in Washington County Arkansas and runs into Oklahoma's Adair County. It then flows west into Cherokee County and often parallels U.S. Highway 62. Eventually, the river flows into the Illinois River.

Flint Creek

Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce

Business phone: (918) 456-3742

Business phone: (800) 456-4860

Web- www.tahlequahok.com/chamber/ **Email-** Chamber@TahlequahOK.com **Oklahoma Scenic**

Rivers Commission P.O. Box 292 Tahlequah, OK 74465

Business phone: (918) 456-3251

Email- osrc@fullnet.net

The headwaters of Flint Creek are in Northwest Arkansas and flow into Oklahoma near Siloam Springs in Delaware County. Near Beckwith, it turns south and flows into the Illinois River near Fiddlers Bend.

Glover Creek

Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce

214 Martin Luther King

Broken Bow, OK 74728

Business phone: (580) 584-3393

email- Chamber@pine-net.com

web- www.pine-net.com/brokenbow/chamber.htm

Glover Creek, located entirely in McCurtain County, starts in the Northwestern corner and works it's way South. Eventually, it empties into the Little River Southeast of Wright City.

Illinois River

Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce

Business phone: (918) 456-3742

Business phone: (800) 456-4860

Web- www.tahlequahok.com/chamber/ **Email-** Chamber@TahlequahOK.com

Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission P.O. Box 292

Tahlequah, OK 74465

Business phone: (918) 456-3251

email- osrc@fullnet.net

The Illinois River starts in Northwestern Arkansas and enters Oklahoma near Watts in Adair County. There it forms Lake Frances and runs westward until it joins Flint Creek. From here, it flows southwest towards Tahlequah. Twelve miles South of Tahlequah, the Illinois enters Tenkiller

Ferry Reservoir, operated by the Corp of Engineers. It re- forms below Tenkiller Dam and flows 13 more miles and joins the Arkansas River near Gore, Ok.

Lee Creek

Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce

111 N. Elm
P. O. Box 251
Sallisaw, OK 74955

Business phone: (918) 775-2558

Web- www.yourtownchamber.com/chamber/okchamber/sallisawchamber.html

The section of Lee Creek in Oklahoma forms a horseshoe-shaped loop that enters Oklahoma from the west, curves then enters Arkansas again. State Highway 101 crosses Lee Creek west of Short, OK. All of the Oklahoma section of Lee Creek is in Sequoyah County.

Sand Creek

Cherokee Area Council

520 S. Quapaw
Bartlesville, OK 74003

Business phone: (918) 336-9170

Toll free (888) 269-1328

Email- registrar@cherokeesbsa.org

Web- www.cherokeescouters.org

Sand Creek is located in Osage County west of Bartlesville. Units can put in at Road 3810 just west of Osage Hills State Park and /or Camp McClintock. From Road 3810 it is a two-mile paddle to Osage Hills State Park. After a short portage around the rapids at Osage Hills it is a 3-mile paddle to Camp McClintock. Continuing on to a takeout road 3850 located just north of Okesa is another four-mile paddle. Canoe rental and information is available from the Cherokee Area Council.

Spring River

Miami Chamber of Commerce

Business phone: (918) 542-4481

Web- www.miamiokchamber.com/

The Spring River is located in northern Ottawa County Oklahoma. Its headwaters are located in Missouri and it empties into Grand Lake. Access to the river is by U.S. Highway 66 and State Highway 137 near Quapah.

Upper Mountain Fork River

Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce

214 Martin Luther King
Broken Bow, OK 74728

Business phone: (580) 584-3393

Email- Chamber@pine-net.com

Web- www.pine-net.com/brokenbow/chamber.htm

A tributary of Little River, the Mountain Fork River flows eastward from its source in Leflore County Oklahoma into Polk County Arkansas. Then it flows west back into Oklahoma just east of Beachton in McCurtain County. From Beachton, it flows southwest to Smithville, then flows south to Broken Bow Lake where it reforms and continues southwest into the Little River

Boys Scouts of America Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The Scout Oath, Promises

CUB SCOUT PROMISE

I promise
To do my best
To do my duty
To God and my country
To help other people and to obey
The law of the Pack

BOY SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong; Mentally awake and morally straight.



THE VENTURING OATH

As a Venturer, I promise to help strengthen America, to be faithful in my religious duties, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

THE VENTURING CODE

As a Venturer, I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people.
I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.
I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can do to preserve and enrich it.
I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life.
I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks the truth 1" all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

THE SEA PROMISE

As a Sea Scout I promise to do my best: To guard against water accidents;
To know the location and proper use of the lifesaving devices on every boat I board; To be prepared to render aid to those in need;
To seek to preserve the motto of the sea, *Women and children first.*

History of Washita Lodge #288

On a crisp February night in 1946, the first formal act of the Order of the Arrow occurred at Boy Scout Camp McClintock. The Tap Out and following Ordeal ceremony was the first action that ultimately resulted in the formation of the Washita Lodge #288. Four men that have now faded away from memory were the first ceremonial characters and principle organizers for this OA Lodge. These men were H.C. Gilbert (Scout Executive serving as Allowat Sakima), Ted M. Clymer (Scout Field Executive serving as Meteu), William (Bill) Nelson (Scoutmaster of Troop 14 serving as Nutiket), and J. H. McBride (Bartlesville Public Schools serving as Kitchkinet).

The first youth members of Lodge #288 were the following:

- C.W. (Pappy) Alexander T-47
- Phil Benny Drisko Bartlesville Ship
- Phil Teter T-2

Surprisingly, compared to present day inductions, there were more adults inducted than youth. Most likely the reason for this was so these troop leaders could properly conduct OA elections within their troops at a later time. The first adult members of our lodge were the following:

- E. O. Cloud Scoutmaster T-2
- J. C. Grisette Ship Skipper
- R. Lawson Scoutmaster T-11
- Joe F. Long Scoutmaster T-42
- W. F. Morton Scoutmaster T-47
- W. N. Palmer Scoutmaster T-33

The only nourishment during this first Ordeal was a rye crisp and peanut butter. Part of the Pre-Ordeal at that time included a cup of water (from the icy Sand Creek) being poured over a bare chest. Originally Lodge #288 was named Sequoya. However, at that time a Sequoya Lodge already existed (Sequoya Lodge 184, Johnson City, Tennessee). According to "Pappy" Alexander, our first Lodge Chief, lodge members spent eight hours arriving at the choice of Washita as the new name. Washita was chosen as the lodge name because of the Washita Indians and the Washita Mountains in Oklahoma.

The bison was chosen as the totem for several reasons. A totem symbolizes the spirit of the tribe or clan. The American bison served Indians very well... providing domestic animals, food, shelter, and clothing. It represents the spirit of this Lodge very well - a brotherhood dedicated to serving others. Additionally the bison is generally associated with the American Indians by most people, helping to show that the spirit of Washita Lodge is closely associated with an Indian heritage.

From 1946 to 1953 very little is known about the activities of the lodge other than who was lodge chief. To the best of our knowledge there were no publication printed or records kept from this time period. Records show that the lodge was publishing the *Washita Warrior* by 1953. This first known issue announced that current chief Ron Walls was elected Chief of Area 9C, as well as chapter information. *The Warrior* would continue to be the main publication of the lodge to the present day.

Aside from lodge publications, many other notable traditions surfaced in 1953. From this time up until 1980 could be considered Washita's renaissance years owing to the large numbers of Vigil Honor nominations and the scope of projects and innovations of the lodge during this period of time. It was in 1953 that Scout Field Executive John Westfall (author of the Philmont Hymn) introduced the Wisumahi Ceremony into the lodge. The Wisumahi was adapted from the Mitigwa Dancers Explorer Post of Des Moines, Iowa, and was written by Westfall himself when he was a Scout of 15 years old.

The Wisumahi was placed in between the tap-out and the Pre-Ordeal ceremony. Its purpose was to strengthen the traditions of the Order and the lodge. It worked quite well, as the symbolism of the Pre-Ordeal ceremony was not as developed as the present ceremony. Wisumahi is a Lakota word meaning arrowhead. During the ceremony candidates would learn the symbolism of the different parts of the arrowhead. The Wisumahi was used until around 1980, when the Pre-Ordeal was revised into its present day format.

In 1954, Westfall suggested and introduced our most unique tradition. At this time, the use of claws and coup beads was introduced, to encourage more participation in the lodge. Our beads and claws are a visible symbol of our lodge's role in Scouting. There were a number of beads in the beginning, and more have been added or changed as the Order has evolved.

The claws were based off of the practices of the Mic-O-Say Indian Dancers of Kansas City. Along with the introduction of the claws and beads, there was also the beginning of Elevations, which were denoted by painting the tips of the claws. This was also based off of Mic-O-Say, and has only been altered twice since its inception. The original elevations were Firebuilder/Drummer (Red), Runner (Yellow), Keeper of the Sacred Bundles (Green), and Medicine Man (White). A non-elevation color, gold, meant that the member was a member of the Tribal Council. These elevations were introduced, ironically, so that the odd jobs around camp would get done. Many of the duties of these elevations are things that no one really wanted to do, so these jobs were made an honor to have. As Westfall said, "Make it an honor, and they'll jump to do it."

Original Coup Beads (1953-54)

Red Round	1 year summer camp
Yellow Round	3 years summer camp
Green Round	(Originally Taskmaster- Changed to Elangomat in the 80s) Red
Tube	Lodge Chief
Blue Tube	Lodge Vice-Chief

Yellow Tube	Lodge Treasurer
Green Tube	Lodge Secretary
Orange Tube	Chapter Chief
Orange Round	Chapter Vice-Chief
Blue Round	Chapter Secretary
Violet Tube	Sachem (Adult Advisor)
Violet Square	Past Sachem (Past Adult Advisor)
Blue Square	Allowat Sakima
Red Square	Meteu
Yellow Square	Nutiket
Orange Square	Kichkinet
Green Square	Tribal Council Member

Additions

1965

Black Disk	1 year OA
White Disk	3 years OA
Red Disk	1 year dance team

1974

Silver Round	Arrowman of the Year
--------------	----------------------

1981

Blue Disk	3 years summer camp staff
White Round	Pre-Ordeal ceremonial part

1998

Green Disk	Any National Training (includes NJLT, NLS, Wood Badge, etc.)
------------	--

1999

Orange Disk	Section Officer or CVC
Clear Disk	Eagle Scout

The exact year of introduction of the following beads is unknown.

Yellow Disk before 1981)	1 year summer camp staff (best guess would be a few years before 1981)
White Cube	Chans (Brotherhood Nimat)
Black Round	5 Eagle/Arrow of Light ceremonies
Violet Round	Originally, denoted a Wisumahi Ceremonial Part - Later changed to Tap Out (most likely created very soon after the original beads were established)

In 1957, the tap-out was changed. Having previously been a “snatch-him-in-the-dark” routine, it was brought out into the open. Scouts now participate in the tap-out standing in a semi-circle, hoping that they will be chosen for our Order.

From the beginning, Washita #288 has been a major force in service to the council. In 1962/1963 the lodge helped build the "new" ranger's house at Camp Cherokee. In 1976 the lodge took on its greatest project, the Visitor's Center Museum at Camp Cherokee. Rudie Janzen, the lodge adviser at the time, contacted over 700 past members of the Lodge to solicit support for the project. Rudie was told by lodges much larger than Washita that this was too big a project to attempt. He formed a committee and moved forward with the project, having a model of the proposed OA building constructed. Lodge members who contributed to the fund received recognition for their support of this project.

The funds were accumulated, and as they were ready to proceed, Lodge member Philip R. Phillips stepped forward and provided funds for the further expansion of the project to a larger building. After contracting for the foundation, Lodge members completed the rest of the building project. Only the best woods and materials were used for the building. Today, this Visitors Center & Museum provides a real link to the past, with hundreds of rare scouting items on display. At Camp Cherokee summer camp each year, the Thursday night's parent's program is enhanced by this center as scouts get to show their parents around in the museum. Other major service projects of interest include the Pop Brewer fire ring at Camp Cherokee (early 1990's), the dock at Camp Cherokee (1993) and the Camp McClintock Chapel (1997).

Lodge Timeline
Event
<i>Cherokee Area Council is granted a charter for an OA Lodge.</i>
<i>Lodge 288 holds its first induction ceremony. This first ceremony was open to the general public.</i>
<i>The Wisumahi ceremony is introduced.</i>
<i>Claws and elevations are introduced to increase lodge participation.</i>
<i>The tap-out is changed to present-day format.</i>
<i>Jay Janzen creates the first Traditions and Symbols of Washita Lodge. The booklet contains information such as Objectives of the OA, Requirements for Membership (and method of election), Ranks and Positions, Traditions and Symbols, Activities, and Lodge Administration.</i>
<i>The original 4 chapters fold. Tribal Council Members-At-Large replaces the Chapter chiefs.</i>
<i>After Cherokee Area Council consolidates its 4 districts into 2, the lodge establishes chapters based on the new district boundaries.</i>
<i>The silver-bordered 25th anniversary patch is offered for \$1 out of the Warrior (3 years after the 25th anniversary!). These patches were one per life.</i>
<i>The Visitor Center Museum is built. Chief Bellinger initiates this history, and Chief Tabler finishes it.</i>
<i>The lodge stops its use of the Wisumahi ceremony, due to the improved format and greater symbolism in the Pre-Ordeal. The Wisumahi has lived out its useful life, and the Pre-Ordeal now covers what it was previous missing.</i>
<i>Daren Herndon is elected as South Central Region Chief.</i>
<i>The 75th anniversary of the OA.</i>
<i>Rob Berner is elected as Southern Region Chief.</i>
<i>The 50th anniversary of our lodge is celebrated by conducting the 1946 ceremony at Camp McClintock. Joe Long Jr. acts as the candidate. As in the first ceremony, the 50th anniversary ceremony is open to the public.</i>
<i>Work begins on the new OA ring at Camp McClintock under the leadership of Sean Urban and Bob Crume. The Ring is dedicated to C. W. "Pappy" Alexander, William (Bill) Nelson, and Joe Long. The Lodge History is brought up to date.</i>
2004: Washita wins third straight NOAC Spirit Award at Iowa State

Lodge Chiefs of Washita Lodge 288

1946-48	Charles W. (Pappy) Alexander (2)
1948-50	Greg Walls (2)
1950-51	Jerry L. Robertson
1951-52	Hugh A. Walls
1952-53	Wm. E. (Bill) Lindsay
1953-55	Ron Walls (2)
1955-56	David Lucas
1956-57	Doug Johnson
1957-58	Jay Janzen
1958-61	Chester "Chet" Brooks (3)
1961-62	Darrel Fry
1962-63	James M. "Jim" Rogers
1963-65	Allan Edmonds (2)
1965-66	Tom J. Dugger
1966-67	John Croley
1967-68	Ronald J. Rohmiller
1968-69	George L. Hill (2)
1970-71	Allen C. Lea
1971-72	Reed A. Rohmiller
1972-73	Ron Edmonds
1973-74	Barry Sonnenfeld
1974-75	Daniel C. Hitzman
1975-76	Frank Bellinger
1976-77	Allan Tabler*
1977-78	Gordy Cotner
1978-79	Gordy Cotner/Phil Rodenburg
1979-80	Tod Williams
1980-81	John Lauchner
1981-81	Andy Parrett**
1981-83	Kevin Gisi (2)
1983-85	Joe 5 Lee III (2)
1985-86	Lee Hadden
1986-87	Ronnie Lawson

1987-88	James D. "Jimmy" Rutter IV
1988-89	Mike P. Carter
1989-90	Greg Funk
1990	Chad Harper+
1991	Craig Harper
1992	Robbie Berner
1993	Evan Best
1994-1995	Charles Neff
1996	Jeremy "Toad" Lenertz
1997	Steve Weaver
1998	Tanner Breen
1999	Bob Crume, Jess Kane++
1999-2000	Sean Urban
2000-2001	Justin Long
2001-2003	Bob Sullivan Jr., Scott Robin#
2003-2004	Scott Robin, Sam DeFrees##
2004-2005	Brett Thomas
2005-2006	Mason Humphries
2006-2007	Ethan Myers
2007-2008	Ben Robin
2008-2009	Brandon Cleveland
2009-2010	Truman Reeves
2010-2011	Aaron Lewis
2011-2012	Tim Snow
2012-2013	David "Twinkie" Cookie
<p>*Tribal Council votes to hold the annual election at Spring Conclave beginning in 1977 and every year after. This makes Chief Tabler's term only 8 months long. (Begins in October, 1976 and ends in May, 1977). Terms now go from Spring Conclave to Spring Conclave, with installation on the day of election.</p>	
<p>** Chief Parrett, elected in May 1981, resigns via the September <i>Warrior</i> because of work and school schedules. Lodge Vice-Chief Kevin Gisi becomes Lodge Chief.</p>	
<p>+Tribal Council votes to hold the annual election at Fall Fellowship beginning in 1990 and every year after. This makes Chief Chad Harper's term only 8 months long. (Begins in May, 1990 and ends in December, 1990). Terms now go from Winter Banquet to Winter Banquet, with election at the Fall Fellowship and installation at the Winter Banquet.</p>	
<p>++ Bob Crume is elected chief of Section SR-3A. Upon his resignation from lodge chief on June 17, 1999, Jess Kane is installed as his successor. At the 1999 Fall Fellowship, the lodge approves an amendment stating that the newly elected officers take office at the end of the Fall Fellowship. Terms now run from Fall Fellowship to Fall Fellowship, with a ceremonial installation at the Winter Banquet.</p>	

Bob Sullivan is elected vice chief of Section SR-3A. Upon his resignation from lodge chief on August 23, 2003, Scott Robin is installed as his successor. Robin would later be official elected by the lodge for a full term as chief.

Scott Robin is elected chief of Section S-3. Upon his resignation from lodge chief on June 12, 2004, Sam DeFrees is installed as his successor.

OA Lodge Lay Advisors	
There are many years missing, which include names and dates.	
1946-48	T. M. Clymer
1948-50	William Nelson
+/- 1951	John H. Henger
1950-52	A. R. Lawrence
1952-54	Loren Steel
1954-80(?)	W. Rudie Janzen
198(?) - (?)	Jim Clingenpeel
19**-90(?)	Ford Griggs
199?-96	Mark Wilburn
1997-99	Bill Alexander
1999-2006	Jim Lewis
2006-2008	Tom Perrine & Tim Best
2008-2012	Henry Robin & Steve DeFrees
2012-	Wayde Hamilton & Steve DeFrees