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of Route 66

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E-mail: [okrt66association@sbcglobal.net](mailto:okrt66association@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.oklahomaroute66.com](http://www.oklahomaroute66.com)

Arcadia Round Barn  
P.O. Box 134 , Arcadia, OK 73007  
Phone: 405-396-0824

Blue Whale  
2705 N Hwy 66, Catoosa, OK 74015  
Phone: 918-266-6042

Oklahoma Route 66 Museum  
2229 W Gary Blvd, Clinton, OK 73601  
Phone: 580-323-7866  
E-mail: [rt66mus@ok-history.mus.ok.us](mailto:rt66mus@ok-history.mus.ok.us)  
[www.route66.org](http://www.route66.org)

National Route 66 Museum  
27117 W Hwy 66, Elk City, OK 73644  
Phone: 580-225-6266  
E-mail: [cityhall@elkcity.com](mailto:cityhall@elkcity.com)  
[www.elkcity.com](http://www.elkcity.com)

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400 E Rt. 66, Chandler, OK  
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Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
Phone: 405 478 2250  
[www.nationalcowboymuseum.org](http://www.nationalcowboymuseum.org)

Gilcrease Museum  
1400 Gilcrease Museum Road  
Tulsa, OK 74127  
Phone: 918 596 2700  
[www.gilcrease.org](http://www.gilcrease.org)

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# 3. World's largest working stockyards

The largest stocker-feeder cattle market in the world is found in Stockyards City in Oklahoma City. Here you can see real Oklahoma cowboys working the livestock. This authentic cowtown offers a variety of shops from old-time general stores and tack shops to western duds, jewelry and a 24-hour restaurant that serves up famous steaks and lamb fries. Visitors can also attend livestock auctions every Monday and Tuesday, beginning at 8 a.m.

Helpful resources:

Stockyards City Main Street  
P.O. Box 82446  
Oklahoma City, OK 73148  
Phone: 405-235-7267  
[www.stockyardscity.org](http://www.stockyardscity.org)

Cattlemen's Steakhouse  
1309 S. Agnew  
Oklahoma City, OK 73108  
Phone: 405-236-0416  
[www.cattlemensrestaurant.com](http://www.cattlemensrestaurant.com)

Langston's Western Wear  
2224 Exchange Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Tel: (405) 235-9536  
[www.langstons.com](http://www.langstons.com)  
Located in Stockyards City, this western wear store has been in business since 1913, making it the oldest in Oklahoma City.

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BOK Center  
200 South Denver  
Tulsa, OK 74103  
Phone: 918-984-4200

Tulsa Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Williams Center Tower II, 2 W 2nd St,  
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Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival (June) – Oklahoma City  
Features more than 100 tribes sharing the richness of their cultures through dance, art, a parade and more.  
<http://www.redearth.org>

Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon (April) – Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum  
Listed in Runner's World magazine among the 12 "Must Run" marathons in the world, this event honors the memory of life lost through tragedy, celebrating the gift of life given equally to each person, and reaching forward into the future to life yet to be lived.  
[www.okcmarathon.com](http://www.okcmarathon.com)

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A prestigious invitational art exhibit of more than 300 Western paintings and sculptures by the finest contemporary Western artists with art seminars and demonstrations, receptions, a sale and awards banquet.  
[www.nationalcowboymuseum.org](http://www.nationalcowboymuseum.org)

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Helpful resources:

El Reno Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Phone: (888)535-7366  
[www.elreno.org](http://www.elreno.org)

Fried Onion Burger Day Festival  
May  
Downtown El Reno, OK  
Phone: 405-262-8888  
E-mail: [mainstreet@elreno.org](mailto:mainstreet@elreno.org)  
[www.elreno.org](http://www.elreno.org)

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center  
1000 Chisholm Trail Pkwy  
Duncan, OK 73534  
Phone: 580-252-6692  
E-mail: [statue@texhoma.net](mailto:statue@texhoma.net)  
[www.onthechisholmtrail.com](http://www.onthechisholmtrail.com)

Historic Fort Reno  
7107 W Cheyenne St  
El Reno, OK 73036  
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American Indian Cultural Center & Museum (Currently under construction)  
Oklahoma City  
Phone: 405-815-5153  
[www.aiccm.com](http://www.aiccm.com)

Cherokee Heritage Center  
21192 S Keeler Dr  
Park Hill, OK 74451  
Phone: 918-456-6007  
[www.cherokeeHeritage.org](http://www.cherokeeHeritage.org)

Choctaw Nation Museum  
Council House Rd  
Tuskahoma, OK 74574  
Phone: 918-569-4465  
[www.choctawnation.com](http://www.choctawnation.com)

Standing Bear Museum & Native American Memorial Park  
601 Standing Bear Pky  
Ponca City, OK 74602  
Phone: 580-762-1514

Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center  
701 NW Ferris Ave  
Lawton, OK 73507  
Phone: 580-353-0404  
[www.comanchenation.com](http://www.comanchenation.com)

Chickasaw Cultural Center  
Currently under construction. Expected to open Fall 2009. Located adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area near Sulphur.  
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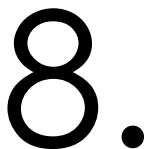
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Helpful resources:

Shattuck Windmill Museum and Park  
1100 E 11th St  
Shattuck, OK 73858  
Phone: 580-938-2818  
[www.shattuckwindmillmuseum.org](http://www.shattuckwindmillmuseum.org)

Weatherford Wind Energy Park  
522 W Rainey  
Weatherford, OK 73096  
Phone: 580-772-7744  
[weatherfordchamber.com/us](http://weatherfordchamber.com/us)

Heartland Museum  
Offers tours of Wind Park.  
1600 S. Frontage Road  
Weatherford, OK 73069  
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9.

Oklahoma is known for unique and unusual festivals

Bigfoot Fall Festival  
October

Honobia, OK

Phone: 580-244-3292

[www.honobiabigfootfestival.com](http://www.honobiabigfootfestival.com)

This event takes place in the Kiamichi Mountains of southeast Oklahoma and involves arts and crafts, live music, Bigfoot stories, 4 wheeler runs, horse drawn wagon rides, pony rides, inflatables, food and more!

World Cow Chip Throwing Contest  
Beaver, OK

Phone: 580-625-4726

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Oklahoma State Prison Rodeo  
Labor Day weekend

McAlester, OK

Phone: 918-420-3976

The largest rodeo behind prison walls in the country. Both inmates and professional cowboys compete in events.

Okie Noodling Tournament

July

Pauls Valley, OK

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E-mail: [chamber@talihinacc.com](mailto:chamber@talihinacc.com)

Kiamichi Country Association  
Rt 2 Box 74  
Hugo, OK 74743  
1-800-722-8180  
[www.kiamichicountrytourism.com](http://www.kiamichicountrytourism.com)

Ouachita National Forest  
52175 US Hwy 59  
Hodgen, OK 74939  
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[www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/ouachita](http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/ouachita)

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# 11.

The world's largest gypsum cave is at Alabaster Caverns State Park

Alabaster Caverns State Park, near Freedom, Okla., is truly a rare Oklahoma treasure. Enjoy a tour through the beautifully lighted cavern or create your own wild caving adventure! The world largest single deposit of pure alabaster is found in this park.

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Alabaster Caverns State Park  
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The Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum was created to honor "those who were killed, those who survived and those changed forever" by the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The Memorial and Museum are dedicated to educating visitors about the impact of violence, informing about events surrounding the bombing, and inspiring hope and healing through lessons learned by those affected. Powerful video programs, moving oral histories, bomb-damaged artifacts, touching stories, and special exhibits all combine to create a powerful and unforgettable experience.

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The Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum was created to honor "those who were killed, those who survived and those changed forever" by the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The Memorial and Museum are dedicated to educating visitors about the impact of violence, informing about events surrounding the bombing, and inspiring hope and healing through lessons learned by those affected. Powerful video programs, moving oral histories, bomb-damaged artifacts, touching stories, and special exhibits all combine to create a powerful and unforgettable experience.

Helpful resource:

Oklahoma City National Memorial  
620 North Harvey Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
Phone: 405-235-3313  
[www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org](http://www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org)

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Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of  
Natural History  
2401 Chautauqua Avenue  
Norman, OK 73072-7029  
Phone: 405-325-4712  
[www.snomnh.ou.edu](http://www.snomnh.ou.edu)

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223 E Main St  
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Axton wrote hits for Ringo Starr ("No No Song"), and for an array of others, including Elvis Presley, Joan Baez, Waylon Jennings, John Denver and Linda Ronstadt. Axton's own singing hits included "Boney Fingers" and "When the Morning Comes."

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Duncan Chamber of Commerce  
911 Walnut  
Duncan, OK 73534  
Phone: 580-255-3644  
duncancc@texhoma.net  
www.duncanchamber.com

The Palace Theatre  
926 West Main Street  
Phone: 580-255-4400

Antique Marketplace Tea Room  
726 W Main St  
Duncan, OK 73533  
Phone: 580-255-2499  
E-mail: antique1@texhoma.net

The Foreman Prairie House  
814 W Oak  
Duncan, OK  
Phone: 580-255-7693  
www.theprairiehouse.com

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Poteau Area Chamber of Commerce  
201 S. Broadway  
Poteau, OK 74953  
[www.poteau.org](http://www.poteau.org)

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The Woodward Elks Rodeo is not only Oklahoma's oldest pro rodeo, it's also been dubbed the toughest. But that's not the only exciting thing Woodward has going for it. Visitors are greeted by warm smiles in a relaxed, easy-going atmosphere with a wide variety of events and attractions, most with a Western flair.

Helpful resources:

Woodward Chamber of Commerce  
1006 Oklahoma Ave  
Woodward, OK 73801  
1-800-364-5352  
wwchamber@sbcglobal.net  
www.woodwardchamber.com

Boiling Springs State Park  
Woodward, OK 73801  
Phone: 580-256-7664  
E-mail: bsprings@otrd.state.ok.us  
www.oklahomaparks.com  
Recreational facilities include RV and tent campsites, cabins, group camps, a swimming pool with concession stand and changing house, restrooms with showers, playgrounds, fishing spots, picnic areas and group picnic shelters, hiking trails and wildlife viewing. Boiling Springs Golf Course, an 18-hole course, is located next to the park. Area offers good opportunities for fall foliage viewing.

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Helpful resources:

Tulsa Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Williams Center Tower II, 2 W 2nd St,  
Ste 150, Tulsa, OK 74103  
Toll-Free: 800-558-3311  
[www.visittulsa.com](http://www.visittulsa.com)

Oklahoma Aquarium  
300 Aquarium Drive  
Jenks, Oklahoma 74037  
(918) 296-FISH (3474)

Philbrook Museum of Art  
2727 South Rockford Road  
Tulsa OK 74114  
Phone: 918 749-7941  
[www.philbrook.org](http://www.philbrook.org)

Discoveryland!'s OKLAHOMA  
19501 W 41st St  
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Helpful resources:

Durant City Hall  
300 W. Evergreen, Durant, OK 74701  
Phone: 580-924-7222  
E-mail: [cityaction@durant.org](mailto:cityaction@durant.org)

Fort Washita Historic Site & Museum  
3348 State Rd 199  
Durant, OK 74701  
Phone: 580-924-6502  
E-mail: [ftwashita@ok-history.mus.ok.us](mailto:ftwashita@ok-history.mus.ok.us)  
Established in 1841, the fort's purpose was to protect the Chickasaw and Choctaw Tribes from marauding plains tribes. Log structures were built at first, then permanent native sandstone and refined wooden structures were built. Federal forces abandoned the fort at the beginning of the Civil War in 1861. Confederate forces then occupied it and it became a major supply depot for Confederate troops in Indian Territory.

Durant Area Chamber of Commerce  
215 N 4th  
Durant, Oklahoma 74701  
Phone: 580-924-0848  
[www.durantchamber.org](http://www.durantchamber.org)

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# 21.

Take in the grandeur of one of Oklahoma's restored theaters

Coleman Theatre  
103 N Main

Miami, OK 74354

Phone: 918-540-2425

[www.colemantheatre.org](http://www.colemantheatre.org)

Built in 1929, this historic Vaudeville movie theatre's exterior architecture is Spanish Mission Revival. The elegant Louis XV interior includes gold leaf trim, silk damask panels, stained glass panels, a carved mahogany staircase, 2,000 pound chandelier, decorative plaster moldings and railings.

Poncan Theatre

104 E Grand Ave

Ponca City, OK 74601

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The ornate interior, elaborate ceilings and stained glass recall the luxury of this circa 1927 vaudeville house and movie palace. The Poncan Theatre has one of the world's largest collections of hand painted lobby art.

The Pollard Theatre

120 W Harrison Ave

Guthrie, OK 73044

Phone: 405-282-2800

[www.thepollard.org](http://www.thepollard.org)

Oklahoma's year round resident theatre company is located in the heart of historic downtown Guthrie.

Tulsa Spotlight Theatre

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Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Phone: 405-238-6491  
[www.paulsvalley.com](http://www.paulsvalley.com)

The Toy & Action Figure Museum  
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Phone: 405 238-6300  
Email: [kevinstark@cox.net](mailto:kevinstark@cox.net)  
[www.actionfiguremuseum.com](http://www.actionfiguremuseum.com)

Heartland Flyer  
[www.heartlandflyer.com](http://www.heartlandflyer.com)  
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Pauls Valley is one of the scheduled stops for Amtrak's Heartland Flyer. Sit back, relax and enjoy the unique scenery unfolding outside the windows of Amtrak's Heartland Flyer, running its 418-mile daily round trip between Oklahoma City, heart of the Sooner State, to Fort Worth, Texas, the original "Cowtown."

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Forty-six of Ft. Sill's original structures are still in use and in mint condition. The Post Quadrangle features historic homes, museum buildings and the Post Chapel. While on Post, visit Geronimo's Grave, the final resting-place of the great Apache warrior. American Indian notables including Quanah Parker, are buried at Chief's Knoll in the Post Cemetery.

Helpful resource:

Fort Sill Historic Landmark and Geronimo's Grave  
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[sill-www.army.mil/pao/pahist.htm](http://sill-www.army.mil/pao/pahist.htm)

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Oklahoma's largest skydiving center, located conveniently between Tulsa and Oklahoma City, is on the 350 acre Cushing Regional Airport. This site is the largest unobstructed landing area in Oklahoma.

Talihina is home to Oklahoma Paragliding, Oklahoma's only certified paragliding school. The hilly southeastern landscape makes for the perfect backdrop for high skies adventure and the Buffalo Mountain Flight Park built on the site is one of the most sought after free-flying destination in the Southwest.

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Oklahoma Skydiving Center  
Cushing Regional Airport  
Cushing, OK 74023  
Phone: 918-225-2222  
[www.skydiveok.com](http://www.skydiveok.com)

Oklahoma Paragliding  
Talihina, OK  
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The Wichita Mountains are a national treasure with a rich history

The Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge was the nation's first refuge. This 59,000 plus acre national refuge is home to free range buffalo, Texas longhorn cattle, prairie dogs, elk and deer. Here you'll also find incredible scenery and views for hikers and photographers.

Nearby is the historic town of Medicine Park. Unique with its eccentric cobblestone buildings, Medicine Park was once a thriving resort community in the Wichita Mountains drawing state legislators, journalists and gangsters. This small community is enjoying a burst of revitalization.

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The Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge was the nation's first refuge. This 59,000 plus acre national refuge is home to free range buffalo, Texas longhorn cattle, prairie dogs, elk and deer. Here you'll also find incredible scenery and views for hikers and photographers.

Nearby is the historic town of Medicine Park. Unique with its eccentric cobblestone buildings, Medicine Park was once a thriving resort community in the Wichita Mountains drawing state legislators, journalists and gangsters. This small community is enjoying a burst of revitalization.

Helpful resources:

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge & Visitor's Center  
Hwy 115 & 49 Junction  
Lawton, OK 73505  
Phone: 580-429-3221  
[wichitamountains.fws.gov](http://wichitamountains.fws.gov)

Medicine Park Town Hall  
154 E Lake Dr  
Medicine Park, OK 73557  
Phone: 580-529-2825  
[www.medicinepark.org](http://www.medicinepark.org)

Great Plains Country Association  
133 Upper East Lake Dr  
Medicine Park, OK 73557  
Phone: 866-472-6552  
[www.greatplainscountry.com](http://www.greatplainscountry.com)

# 26.

Claremore has streets named after hometown favorites like Will Rogers

Famous Citizens of Claremore include:

Patti Page: singer and entertainer  
Lynn Riggs: playwright  
Will Rogers: entertainer, comedian, and actor  
Stuart Roosa: astronaut

Helpful resources:

Claremore Convention & Visitors Bureau  
419 W Will Rogers Blvd  
Claremore, OK 74017  
Toll-Free: 877-341-8688  
[www.visitclaremore.org](http://www.visitclaremore.org)

Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore  
Toll-Free: 1-800-324-9455  
[www.willrogers.com](http://www.willrogers.com)

Lynn Riggs Memorial  
121 N Weenonah  
Claremore, OK 74017  
Phone: 918-627-2716  
E-mail: [gscundiff@cox.net](mailto:gscundiff@cox.net)  
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Oklahoma City has undergone \$1 billion worth of renovations and new development, including revitalizing the downtown and historic Bricktown areas, plus projects along the Oklahoma River.

With the newly built Chesapeake Boathouse, the Oklahoma River is poised to make Oklahoma City a premier destination for collegiate, professional and recreational rowing.

The Oklahoma River Trails also contain 13 miles of multiuse, asphalt trails, which are located on the north and south banks of the river.

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Chesapeake Boathouse  
725 S. Byers Ave.  
PO Box 513, 73101  
Oklahoma City, OK 73129  
Phone: 405-552-4040

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The Thomas P. Stafford Air and Space Museum chronicles the life and career of Weatherford native and astronaut, Thomas P. Stafford. Actual and replica items from space travel include space suits, rocket engines from the 1926 Goddard rocket to the world's largest liquid rocket, and a NASA control panel. Replicas of Sputnik and Explorer I satellites are also on site. The museum contains aviation items, three actual USAF airplanes (F-86, T-38 and F-16) and a Soviet MIG 21. Some items are only in two museums in the United States – the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. and the Thomas P. Stafford Air and Space Museum in Weatherford.

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Thomas P Stafford Air and Space Museum  
3000 E Logan Rd  
Weatherford, OK 73096  
Phone: 580-772-5871  
air-space@cityofweatherford.com  
www.StaffordAirandSpaceMuseum.com

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Oklahoma's third largest city is home to performing arts, unique museums and galleries, year-round festivals, and nationally recognized sports teams.

Norman also boasts a new priceless collection of permanent art displayed at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, American Indian culture and artisans, as well as casinos, wineries, a zoo and the NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory.

Even if you bleed crimson and cream for the University of Oklahoma, you're sure to discover Norman is more than just a college town.

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Norman Convention & Visitors Bureau  
223 E Main St  
Norman, OK 73069  
Toll free: 800-767-7260  
[www.visitnorman.com](http://www.visitnorman.com)

The University of Oklahoma Visitor Center  
550 Parrington Oval  
Norman, OK 73019  
Toll free: 800-234-6868  
[www.visit.ou.edu](http://www.visit.ou.edu)

NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory  
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The Salt Plains are a unique geological area. Visitors may enjoy viewing the near perfectly flat 11,000-acre barren area with the wafer thin salt crust. The salt was formed from repeated flooding by sea water millions of years ago. The sea water was cut off from the sea and evaporated, depositing thick layers of salt. The area was subsequently covered by erosion from mountain ranges. Below the plains, ground water travels through the salt saturated sand and comes to the surface where it evaporates, leaving the crust of salt.

Helpful resource:

Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge  
Rt 1, Box 76  
Jet, OK 73749  
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The only skyscraper ever realized by Frank Lloyd Wright, one of America's most influential architects. Built in 1956, it is also the only place in the world where you can book a hotel room in a structure designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright. This slim and richly detailed structure invites the public to explore its exhibition galleries, stay at the Inn at Price Tower in its high-design hotel rooms and dine in the cantilevered Copper Restaurant + Bar. The 221-foot-tall building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the American Institute of Architects' 17 most significant examples of Wright's architecture.

Helpful resource:

Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower & Price Tower Arts Center  
510 Dewey  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
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Helpful resources:

Oklahoma Grape Growers and Wine Makers Association  
10851 Bryant Rd  
Lexington, OK 73051  
Phone: 405-527-9181  
[www.oklahomawines.org](http://www.oklahomawines.org)

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Ongoing restoration since the 1980's has preserved Guthrie's rich architectural legacy and all its grandeur. Almost all of the original 19th century buildings remain and most of the commercial structures have been restored. Today, Guthrie is the largest contiguous urban historic district on the National Register, extending 1,400 acres and 400 city blocks. A living museum of late 19th century architecture, Guthrie was designated a National Landmark Community in 1999.

Visitors also love to explore the State Capital Publishing Museum. This museum houses one of the nation's largest surviving printing plants. Various historic printing and bookbinding equipment is on display as well as other exhibits on life during the territorial and early statehood periods.

Helpful resource:

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Helpful resources:

Jenks Chamber of Commerce  
224 E A St.  
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Helpful resources:

Chisholm Trail Museum and Governor Seay Mansion  
605 Zellers Ave  
Kingfisher, OK 73750  
405-375-5176  
E-mail: [chisholmtrail@ok-history.mus.ok.us](mailto:chisholmtrail@ok-history.mus.ok.us)

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50 – Number of Oklahoma State Parks

For more statistics, check out [www.TravelOK.com](http://www.TravelOK.com).

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Helpful resources:

Stillwater Convention & Visitors Bureau  
409 S Main  
Stillwater, OK 74074  
Toll free: 1-800-991-6717  
[www.visitstillwater.org](http://www.visitstillwater.org)

Eskimo Joe's Restaurant  
501 W Elm  
Stillwater, OK 74074  
Toll free: 1-800-256-5637  
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Helpful resources:

Sulphur Chamber of Commerce  
717 W Broadway  
Sulphur, OK 73086  
Phone: 580-622-2824  
[www.sulphurokla.com](http://www.sulphurokla.com)

Arbuckle Mountain Area Tourism Association  
4000 W Hwy 7  
Sulphur, OK 73086  
Toll free: 1-866-843-6858  
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Chickasaw National Recreation Area  
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history, small town  
charm and more

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Helpful resources:

Ponca City Area Chamber of  
Commerce  
420 E Grand  
Ponca City, OK 74602  
Toll free: 866-763-8092  
[www.poncacitytourism.com](http://www.poncacitytourism.com)

Marland's Grand Home  
1000 E Grand  
Ponca City, OK 74601  
Phone: 580-767-0427  
[www.marlandgrandhome.com](http://www.marlandgrandhome.com)  
The first home of E.W. Marland, oilman, philanthropist & 10th governor of Oklahoma. This showplace home was built in 1916 and contains 22 rooms and an indoor swimming pool. The house features a restored suite of rooms, Native American exhibits from the Plains Indians, memorabilia from the world-famous Miller brothers 101 Ranch, and a DAR Memorial Museum. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Helpful resource:

Bedré Chocolate Factory  
2001 W Airline Rd  
Pauls Valley, OK 73075  
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