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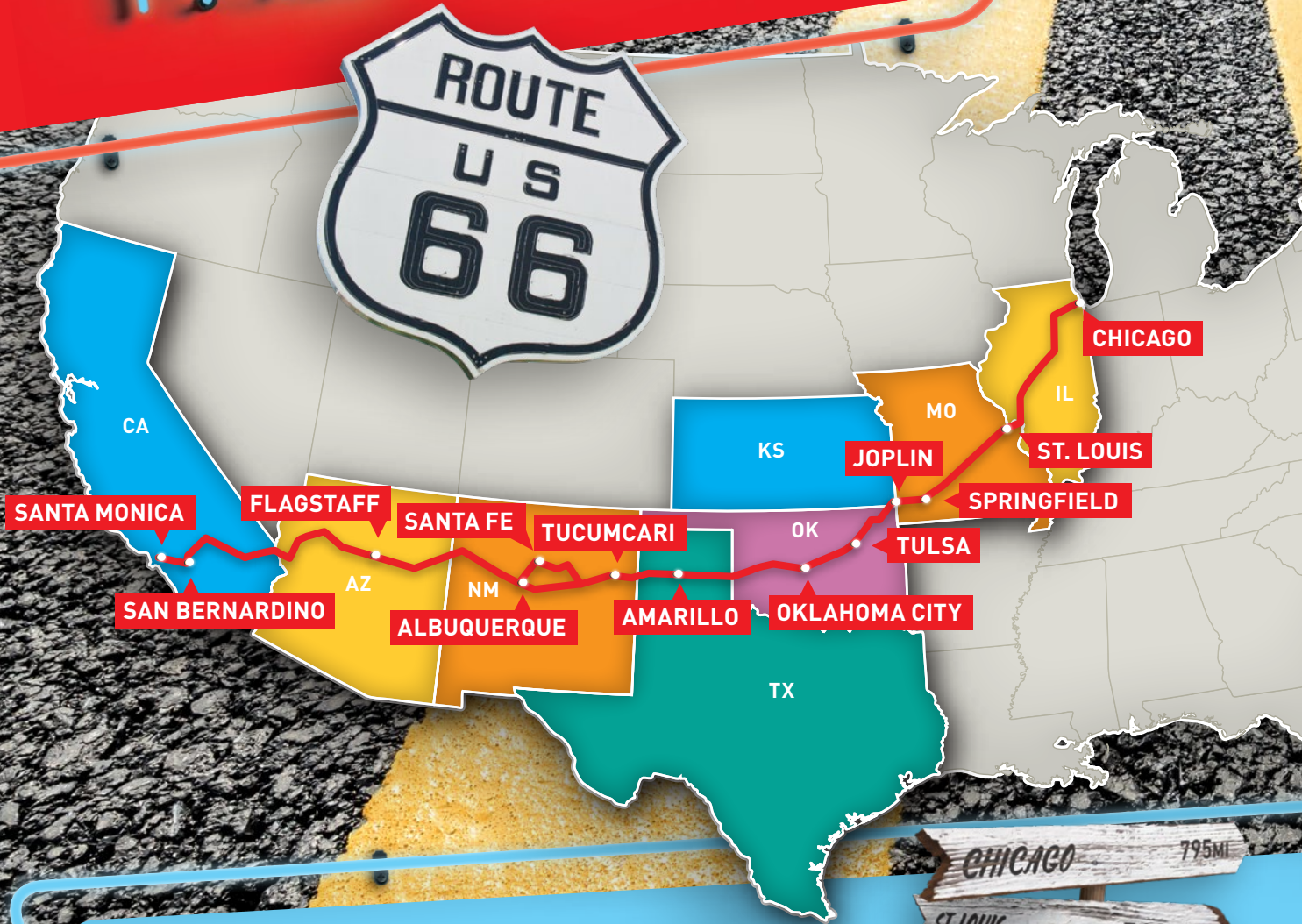
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TRACING THE ROUTE



Route 66 starts in Chicago and ends in Santa Monica, California. In between, it stretches through eight states and three time zones, taking travelers straight through the heart of America.

For those traveling east to west, Oklahoma is the fourth state on Route 66. The highway enters Oklahoma from Kansas in the state's far northeast corner, just north of Quapaw. It winds through Oklahoma's two largest cities — first Tulsa and then the state capital of Oklahoma City — before exiting into Texas in the middle of the state's western edge near the tiny town of Texola.

Within Oklahoma's borders are more than 400 drivable miles of Route 66, the most of any state. It's the only place where you'll find a giant blue concrete whale, the world's largest soda pop bottle and an original stretch of one-lane Route 66 pavement. That's just the start of what there is to explore in the Sooner State, but you'll just have to come see for yourself.



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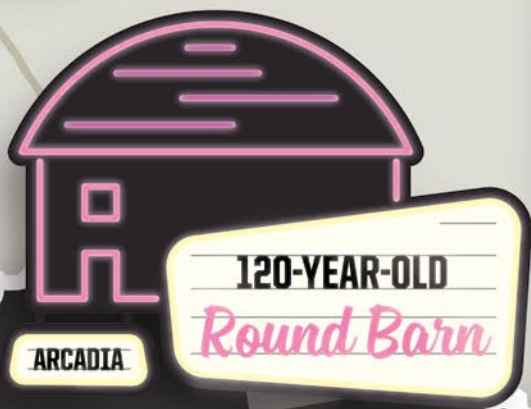
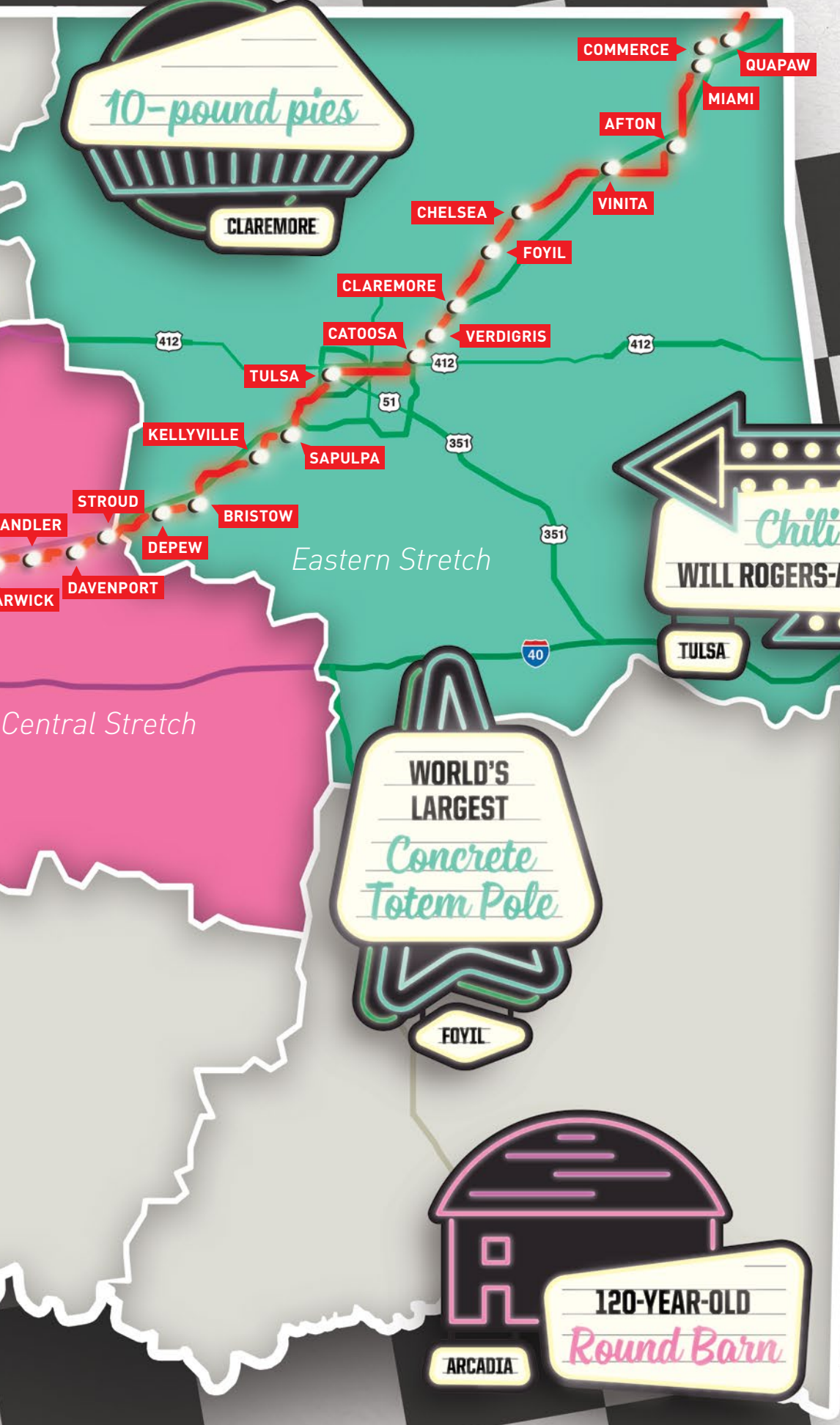
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FINDING LODGING ALONG ROUTE 66

Whether you prefer classic motor inns, luxury accommodations or just your favorite hotel chain, you're sure to find lodging options that suit your taste and budget in Oklahoma.

If you've always dreamed of staying at one of those quintessential Route 66 motels with a colorful neon sign out front, you're in luck. Several towns boast revitalized motels from the highway's heyday that have updated rooms and selfie-worthy signs. For those who prefer something more modern, there are hundreds of options along Route 66 in Oklahoma. Tulsa and Oklahoma City have the widest selection with more than 100 hotels in each city, including many that are right on Route 66 or very close by.

➔ To find the perfect place to stay on your Route 66 adventure, visit TravelOK.com/Lodging.

If you're traveling in an RV or prefer tent camping, there are several Oklahoma State Parks near Route 66 that offer spacious campsites and tons of other amenities. There are also privately owned RV parks and campgrounds along and near the highway.

➔ To find out more about the state's RV parks and campgrounds, visit TravelOK.com/Camping.



In the 1920s, an Oklahoman helped dream up what would become America's most beloved highway: Route 66. Tulsa businessman Cyrus Avery lobbied strongly for a highway linking Chicago to Los Angeles — and for it to pass through Oklahoma. Avery got both his wishes, and U.S. Highway 66 was commissioned in 1926. Avery called it the Main Street of America. It was an apt name for a road that ran through the hearts of small towns and big cities across the United States, including many in Oklahoma. Route 66 fed those towns, bringing in the business of hundreds of thousands of travelers. In turn, the towns fed the travelers. Mom-and-pop diners, service stations and motor lodges popped up along the highway, and already-existing businesses shined up appearances for the new guests. The locals put out neon signs to draw in customers, cooked up chicken-fried steaks and stayed open around the clock to rent rooms and fix flats.

THE ROAD OF DREAMS

The journey down Route 66 wasn't always a cheerful one. The Great Depression hit hard in 1929, and in the early 1930s, Oklahoma and neighboring states fell victim to what would come to be known as the Dust Bowl. A decade-long drought had combined with farming methods to create conditions in which the states' strong winds blew away topsoil. The resulting dust storms were as damaging as they were terrifying, and much of the states' farmland was rendered temporarily unusable.

Suddenly, Route 66 was flooded with migrant workers heading west, usually to California, with dreams of a better future.

Many of these travelers were Oklahomans, a group whose story was told by John Steinbeck in the 1939 novel, "The Grapes of Wrath." Steinbeck told the fictional tale of the Joad family as they followed Route 66 to California in hopes of finding work. Within the book's pages, Route 66 found another nickname, one that would stick even better than the first. Steinbeck called it the Mother Road.





THE YEARS OF PROSPERITY

Route 66 was officially commissioned in 1926. It was paved throughout the 1920s and 1930s — thanks in part to more urging from Avery. The Mother Road's heyday, though, came during America's years of prosperity after World War II ended in 1945.

America experienced a period of great economic growth, and the mighty U.S. manufacturing industry shifted its focus from war-related items to consumer goods, particularly vehicles. The automobile factories cranked out some beauties during this era — big, chrome-filled cars that were picture perfect and comfortable enough for cross-country travel.

It came as no surprise, then, that these golden years gave rise to the family vacation. With 2,400 miles of attractions big and small, Route 66 was a perfect fit for this phenomenon. Travelers could ride through the Fantastic Caverns in Missouri, picnic next to the world's largest concrete totem pole in Oklahoma, take a quick detour to see the Grand Canyon in Arizona and end up looking out at the Pacific Ocean from California's Santa Monica Pier.

The sense of possibility that Route 66 created was captured in song in 1946, when Bobby Troup wrote "[Get Your Kicks on] Route 66." Opening with the lyrics "If you ever plan to motor west/travel my way, take the highway, that's the best/get your kicks on Route 66," the song struck the right notes with the American public. Jazz vocalist Nat King Cole's version and a later recording by crooner Bing Crosby both made the Billboard charts that year.

America was changing, though, and the prosperity the highway brought to small towns wouldn't last.



THE RISE OF THE INTERSTATES

President Dwight D. Eisenhower had long admired Germany's highway system, and during his second term, he signed the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956. It authorized the construction of 41,000 miles of interstate highways crisscrossing the nation. It would take decades for the interstates to be completed, but by 1970, almost all of the original Route 66 had been bypassed by four-lane highways. Throughout the 1970s and early '80s, states began to take down their old Route 66 signs. The road was decommissioned in 1985, and maintenance on the old roads tapered off.

A COMEBACK STRAIGHT OUT OF A MOVIE

It turned out, though, that Route 66 was too iconic, too ingrained in American culture to just fade away. Private and government organizations worked to preserve the road themselves. Many small businesses along the route persevered, and new ones opened. Museums sprang up that were dedicated to the culture and cars of the Mother Road.

In 2006, Route 66 was blasted back into the nation's conscience through an unlikely source: an animated film. The Disney/Pixar movie "Cars" tells the story of hero Lightning McQueen, a sporty red racecar who finds a home and some new friends in the faded Route 66 hamlet of Radiator Springs. With a little love and a lot of new asphalt, McQueen helps his buddies bring the fictional town back to life.

Real-life characters and landmarks inspired many of the people and places from "Cars," helping spark interest in the legendary personalities and quirky stops along Route 66.



Bethany 66 Festival

Held on the fourth Saturday of May, this Bethany event offers a children's costume parade, a pet parade, and a car, truck and motorcycle show. There are also live music performances. **(405) 740-2095 | bethanyimprovementfoundation.com**

World's Largest Calf Fry Festival & Cook-Off

In early June, the city of Vinita honors its rich ranching history by hosting a calf fry cook-off. Guests can try the local delicacy and vote in the people's choice competition. There's also an arts and crafts show and kids' activities. **(918) 256-7133 | vinita.com**

Totem Pole BBQ & Music Fest

Every June, Ed Galloway's Totem Pole Park in Chelsea hosts this event to help fund the park's upkeep. There's a delicious barbecue lunch and acoustic-only jam sessions open to all musicians. **(918) 283-8035 | rchs1.org**

Bristow Route 66 Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Show

Vintage vehicle owners gather in Bristow on the second Saturday in October to show off their prized possessions right on the Mother Road. The show also features food, crafts and 1950s music. **(918) 367-5151 | bristowchamber.com**

El Reno Fried Onion Burger Day Festival

On the first Saturday in May, El Reno residents honor their town's heritage in a big way — by cooking and eating an 850-pound onion burger. The two-day event also offers live music, rides and a car and motorcycle show. **(405) 262-8888 | elrenoburgerday.com**

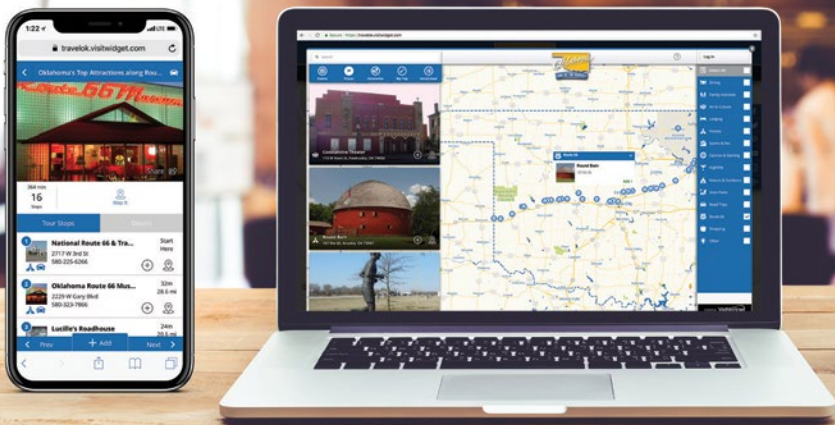
Route 66 Festival

Held downtown on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, this Clinton festival is pure Americana. It features a car show, poker run, wiener dog race, hot dog eating contest and talent show. **(580) 323-2222 | 66festival.com**

THE MOTHER ROAD TODAY

These days, a drive down the Mother Road shows off a rich blend of the old and the new, and Oklahoma is no exception. In northeastern Oklahoma, there's the Woody Guthrie Center, a state-of-the-art, multimedia affair dedicated to preserving the memory of the 1940s folk singer (and folk hero). In central Oklahoma, the quaint, 100-year-old Round Barn in Arcadia resides just half a mile from the futuristic-looking POPS soda ranch with its gleaming, 66-foot pop bottle sign. Out in the western part of the state, Lucille's Service Station — a relic of the 1920s — is a five-minute drive from Lucille's Roadhouse, a slick throwback diner built in 2006 to emulate it.

And just like when Route 66 was new, the small towns and big cities are filled with friendly locals waiting to serve a chicken-fried steak, fix a flat tire, and get visitors back on the road with smiles on their faces. The spirit of the Mother Road lives on in Oklahoma.



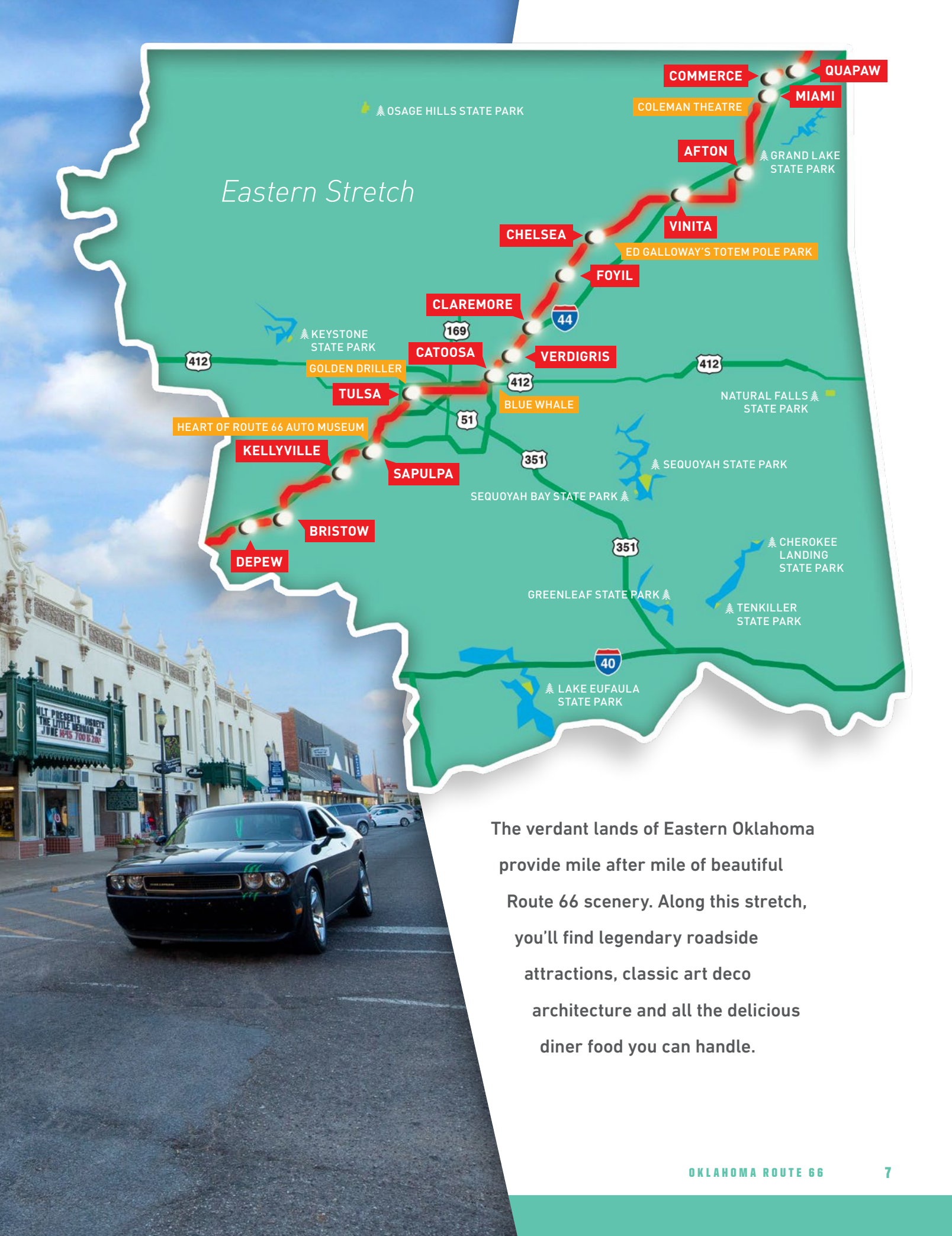
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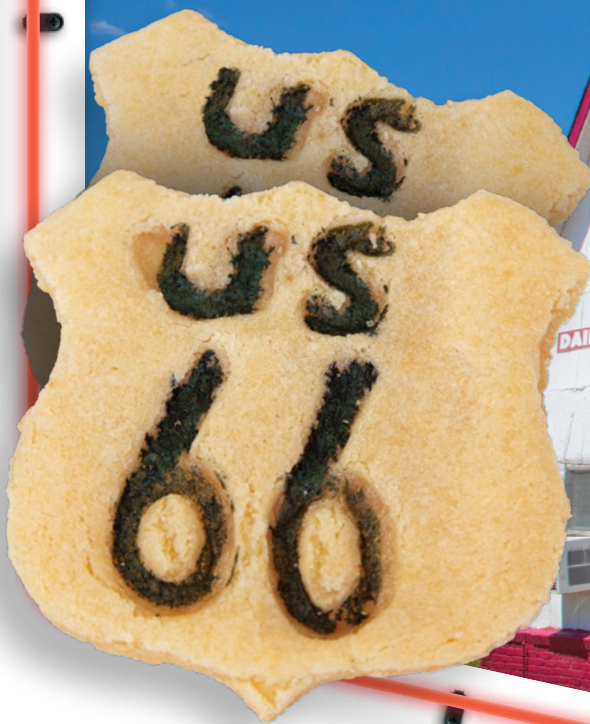






Eastern Stretch

The verdant lands of Eastern Oklahoma provide mile after mile of beautiful Route 66 scenery. Along this stretch, you'll find legendary roadside attractions, classic art deco architecture and all the delicious diner food you can handle.



📍 DAIRY KING, COMMERCE

QUAPAW

Quapaw Tribal Museum

📍 905 Whitebird St. 📞 (918) 674-2619

Learn about the rich history of the Quapaw tribe at this fascinating museum. Artifacts include pottery, traditional clothing and photos. Outside, you'll find the anchor from the U.S.S. Quapaw, a Navy tug ship that saw action in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. You can also purchase jewelry, Pendleton blankets and other items in the museum gift shop.

COMMERCE

Allen's Conoco Fillin' Station

📍 101 S. Main St. 📞 (918) 533-2079

This tiny gas station, also known as the Hole in the Wall Conoco Station, was built onto the side of a Main Street building back when Route 66 was newly paved. It's back in business after being vacant for many years, and the cheerful, green-and-red paint job makes it a perfect photo op. Inside you'll find Route 66 souvenirs, candy and soda for sale.

Dairy King

📍 100 N. Main St. 📞 (918) 675-4261

Stop by this cottage-style former gas station for a burger, soft-serve ice cream and handmade Route 66 cookies. The cookies are shaped like the Route 66 shield, and they're delicious. Co-owners Charles Duboise and his mother Treva will happily fill you in on the history of Commerce. The town's story includes a famous citizen — Mickey Mantle — and a Bonnie and Clyde shootout. Don't forget to bring cash, as they don't accept checks or credit cards.

Mickey Mantle's Boyhood Home

📍 319 S. Quincy St. 📞 (918) 542-4435

The tiny town of Commerce has a Big Apple-sized claim to fame. It's the hometown of legendary New York Yankee slugger Mickey Mantle. Baseball fans will get a kick out of the town's pinstripe-painted water tower with Mantle's No. 7 on its side, but a visit isn't complete without a stop at Mantle's boyhood home. The inside isn't currently open, but you're welcome to walk around outside. Check out the spot in front of an old barn on the property where Mantle learned to hit.

Mickey Mantle Statue

📍 400 S. Mickey Mantle Blvd. 📞 (918) 675-4373

In 2010, more than four decades after baseball icon Mickey Mantle's retirement, Commerce honored its hometown hero with a 9-foot bronze statue. It resides just beyond the center-field wall of Mickey Mantle Field and can be seen from Route 66. The work, which shows Mantle finishing a swing right-handed (he could famously hit from either side), was cast from an original piece of art by local artist Nick Calcagno.

MIAMI

Waylan's Ku-Ku Burger

📍 915 N. Main St. 📞 (918) 542-1696

With a massive neon sign, cuckoo clock-inspired building and bird mascot bedecked in a chef's hat, this burger joint is a must-see in Miami. Made-to-order burgers, crispy fried pickle spears and cherry limeade make the last surviving Ku-Ku Burger worth a stop for a meal. The rest of the chain went extinct in the late 1960s.

Coleman Theatre

📍 103 N. Main St. 📞 (918) 540-2425

👉 colemantheatre.org

Hear the lush sounds of a mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ as you tour this opulent building. Built in 1929 as a vaudeville theater, it has a Spanish Mission Revival-style exterior with exquisite details carved into the terra cotta. The stunning interior décor includes a 2,000-pound restored chandelier and carved, winding staircases. The theater still hosts many events, including concerts, theatrical productions and old movies.

Dobson Museum & Memorial Center

📍 110 A St. S.W. 📞 (918) 542-5388

👉 dobsonmuseum.com

This museum features rotating exhibits on the history of the area. Many of the items on display are pulled from its collections, which include American Indian artifacts, Texaco marketing memorabilia and photos of Yankee legend and area native Mickey Mantle. Surrounding it are beautiful gardens filled with perennials and annuals.

Route 66 Vintage Iron Motorcycle Museum

📍 128 S. Main St. 📞 (918) 542-6170

If you remember gathering around the television to watch Evel Knievel's daredevil motorcycle jumps, this museum's display of Knievel memorabilia is a must-see. There's a helmet, jacket and the Mission Control Super Van from his 1975 Snake River Canyon jump. There are also more than 40 vintage bikes at the museum, along with tons of photos and a gift shop packed with Route 66 souvenirs.

Ribbon Road

📍 South of Miami 📞 (918) 542-4435

Also known as the Sidewalk Highway, these two unassuming 3-mile stretches are the only remaining one-lane road left from the original Route 66 alignment. One links Miami and Narcissa, and the second links Narcissa and Afton. Completed in 1922, the pavement actually predates the Mother Road. It's only 9 feet wide except for areas at two sharp curves where the road banks and widens. These segments of road were part of Route 66 until it was widened and realigned in 1937.



AFTON

Nowhere on Route 66 Barbecue

📍 300 S.E. First St. 📞 (918) 919-4111

This cozy spot is known for dry-rub ribs, tender pulled pork and yummy potato salad. If you're not in the mood for barbecue, they also make a mean hamburger. Don't get so focused on the food that you forget to look around — vintage photos of the town line the walls, and the ceiling features a pattern of bandanas and burlap sacks.

Afton Station

📍 12 S.E. First St. 📞 (918) 382-9465

👉 aftonstationroute66.com

Built in the 1930s, this former DX gas station has been lovingly restored. It's now a museum filled with Route 66 memorabilia. While the museum is open only during the summer months, the gas pumps out front are a fun photo op worth stopping at year-round.

📍 DARRYL STARBIRD'S NATIONAL ROD & CUSTOM CAR HALL OF FAME MUSEUM, AFTON

Darryl Starbird's National Rod & Custom Car Hall of Fame Museum

📍 55251 E. State Highway 85A 📞 (918) 257-4234

👉 darrylstarbird.com

Futuristic styles, bubble-top roofs and bright colors are the hallmarks of custom cars Darryl Starbird started designing in the 1950s. The museum features more than 50 cars, including many of Starbird's designs along with other exotic vehicles and memorabilia. If Starbird's name sounds familiar, it's probably because his car customization prowess earned him a mention in the classic movie "American Graffiti."

📍 CLANTON'S CAFE, VINITA





 AFTON STATION, AFTON

VINITA

Clanton's Cafe

 319 E. Illinois Ave.  (918) 256-9053

 clantonscafe.com

Since "Sweet Tator" Clanton started serving lunch in 1927, Clanton family members have kept locals and hungry travelers fed with classic diner food that they've perfected over the years. Their chicken-fried steak is the stuff of legend, and these days they crank out 50,000 portions a year. Locals also rave about their cream pies and chicken and dressing.

Eastern Trails Museum

 215 W. Illinois Ave.  (918) 323-1338

 easterntrailsmuseum.com

Just a block off Route 66, this free museum recreates the town's early years with rooms set up like a post office and general store. The Street Scenes exhibit contains vintage photos and memorabilia from the Mother Road's heyday. Vintage saddles, weapons and phonographs are also among the museum's many treasures.

CHELSEA

Pryor Creek Bridge

📍 *First St.*

This 123-foot, steel truss bridge was part of the original Route 66 alignment. It carried Mother Road traffic from 1926 to 1932. It's the only unaltered bridge with its particular structure — known as the Pratt through truss design — left in Oklahoma. It's no longer open to traffic, but you can walk across.

Route 66 Pedestrian Underpass Mural

📍 *Walnut St. & W. Sixth St.* 📞 (918) 789-2220

In 2016, Chelsea reopened its restored Route 66 pedestrian underpass with a new mural. Created by Sapulpa artist Kenneth Hollingshead, it features postcard-like images from the town's history. Bring a pen to sign your name on the other side of the underpass, which is open for visitor signatures.

Ed Galloway's Totem Pole Park

📍 *21310 E. State Highway 28A* 📞 (918) 283-8035

👉 rchs1.org/totem-pole-park

With its colorful, 90-foot carved concrete totem pole and a museum of handmade fiddles, this park is one of Oklahoma's quirkiest Route 66 attractions. And it's located just a few miles off the Mother Road. Folk artist Ed Galloway started building the totem pole in 1937 as a tribute to American Indians. Make sure to get an up-close look at the incredible detail on it and the smaller totems throughout the park.



📍 HAMMETT HOUSE RESTAURANT, CLAREMORE

FOYIL

Andy Payne Statue

📍 *State Highway 66* 📞 (918) 342-9525

In 1928, Foyil native Andy Payne won the Great Transcontinental Footrace, a 3,400-mile race from Los Angeles to New York City that closely followed the brand-new Route 66. Nicknamed the Bunion Derby, the race took 84 days — at least for the 55 runners who actually finished. The 20-year-old Payne, a member of the Cherokee tribe, returned to Oklahoma with his \$25,000 prize money. He later served for decades as clerk of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. His hometown honors Payne with a statue that sits just east of the highway on the south side of town.

📍 ED GALLOWAY'S TOTEM POLE PARK, CHELSEA

📍 J.M. DAVIS ARMS & HISTORICAL MUSEUM, CLAREMORE



CLAREMORE

J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum

📍 330 N. J.M. Davis Blvd. 📞 (918) 341-5707

👉 thegunmuseum.com

During his lifetime, Claremore hotelier J.M. Davis amassed more than 14,000 guns — the largest privately held firearm collection in the world. Today, the collection includes weapons made from 1350 to 2015. Make sure to check out the Gallery of Outlaw Guns to see Jesse James' Smith & Wesson revolver, a Colt 45 belonging to Bonnie Parker (of Bonnie and Clyde fame) and four of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd's guns. There's also a fascinating — if somewhat macabre — display of artifacts from hangings of murderers in the 1930s, including nooses, black hoods and eye bands.

Hammett House Restaurant

📍 1616 W. Will Rogers Blvd. 📞 (918) 341-7333

👉 hammetthouse.com

If you're looking for country cooking, Hammett House Restaurant fits the bill with favorites like pork chops, country fried steak and lamb fries. It's the desserts, though, that are the stuff of legend. The folks at Hammett House make 14 different pies each day in flavors like coconut cream and peanut butter chocolate chip. These aren't just any pies, though. They're topped with masterpieces of meringue that stretch to roughly 7 inches tall, and they often weigh in at more than 10 pounds apiece!

Will Rogers Memorial Museum

📍 1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd. 📞 (918) 341-0719 | (800) 324-9455

👉 willrogers.com

Cowboy philosopher Will Rogers is an American icon, and one of Route 66's nicknames has long been the Will Rogers Highway. Learn about the beloved comedian's life at this museum built on land he once intended for his home. You can watch Rogers' movies in the theater, pay respects at his tomb and see memorabilia from his career. There are movie posters, pieces from Rogers' saddle collection and the typewriter he used to write his newspaper columns.

Belvidere Mansion

📍 121 N. Chickasaw Ave. 📞 (918) 342-1127

Constructed in 1907, this 9,000-square-foot Victorian mansion is stunning — and rumored to be haunted by members of the Bayless family, its original inhabitants. Take a self-guided tour of the three-story home, which includes a third-story ballroom with panoramic views of the city. Then enjoy a tasty sandwich, salad or quiche at the mansion's restaurant, a Claremore favorite known as The Pink House.

Swan Brothers Dairy Farm

📍 938 E. Fifth St. 📞 (918) 341-2298 👉 swandairy.com

Visit this family-owned dairy farm that's been around 95 years to stock up on raw milk and cheeses made on-site, including the customer favorite cheese curds. There are plenty of other Oklahoma-made goodies available, including local honey and produce. Tours of the milking parlor are sometimes available, but you'll need to call in advance to check availability.

Route 66 Nut House

📍 26677 S. State Highway 66

📞 (918) 266-1604 | (888) 732-2665 👉 66nuts.com

If you're running low on road-trip munchies, make a stop at this shop. It's known for fresh, locally grown pecans. The small cabin is even made from pecan logs, but many other tasty treats are available. The shop has every flavor of homemade fudge you can imagine, along with some (like cotton candy and blueberry cheesecake) that you probably hadn't imagined. There are also tons of fun Route 66 and Oklahoma-made goodies for sale.

📍 BLUE WHALE, CATOOSA



CATOOSA

Tulsa Port of Catoosa and Oklahoma Maritime Education Center

📍 5350 Cimarron Rd. 📞 (918) 266-2291 | (888) 572-7678

👉 tulsaport.com

Take a self-guided driving tour of one of the largest inland river ports in the United States. Then head over to the free education center to learn about the history and importance of the port, the Arkansas River and the McClellan-Kerr Navigation System. Interactive exhibits include a motorized model of a lock and dam and the port's first tugboat, the M/V Charley Border.

Molly's Landing

📍 State Highway 66 & Verdigris River Bridge

📞 (918) 266-7853 👉 mollyslanding.com

Nestled among the trees just off an old strip of Route 66, the rustic log cabin that houses this restaurant feels cozy and a bit remote. There's no missing the entrance, though — it's a section of the Bird Creek Bridge that once carried westbound Mother Road traffic. Inside the restaurant, the quaint but cluttered décor somehow feels romantic instead of crowded, and the menu is made up of perfectly grilled steaks, seafood and game.

Blue Whale

📍 2680 N. State Highway 66 📞 (918) 232-5098

👉 bluewhaleroute66.com

When an 80-foot-long concrete whale appeared in a pond along Route 66 in the early 1970s, it quickly drew in visitors who appreciated its toothy grin and the attached swimming hole. Today, that friendly blue face is still a welcome sight (although you can't go for a swim these days).

Make time to stop for a selfie and a picnic.

D.W. Correll Museum

📍 19934 E. Pine St. 📞 (918) 266-3612

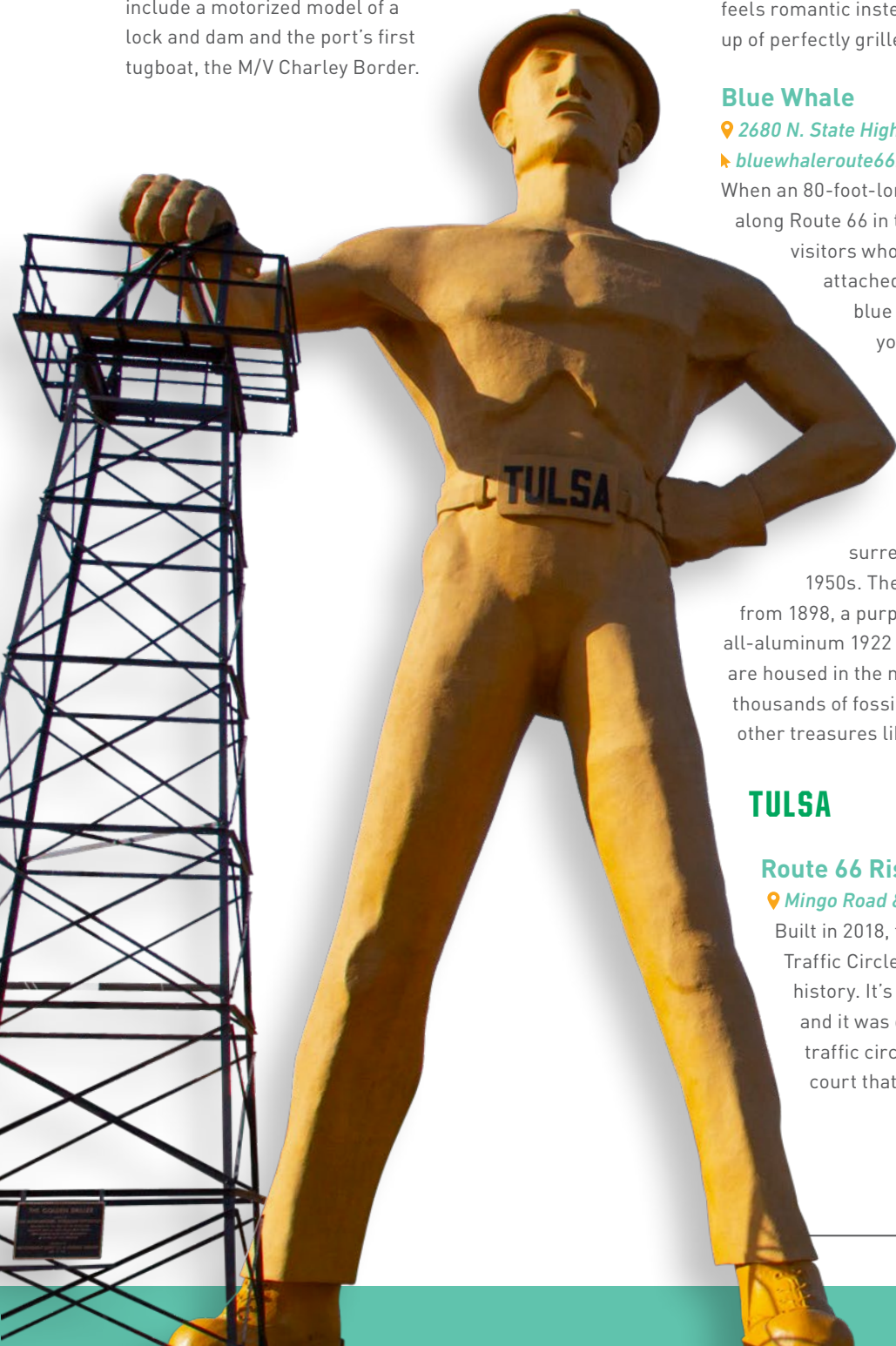
Trace the history of the automobile through antique cars, wagons and surreys dating from the late 1800s to the 1950s. There's a steam-powered Locomobile from 1898, a purple 1906 Cadillac and an all-aluminum 1922 Franklin. More gems — literally — are housed in the museum's second building. It contains thousands of fossils, rocks and minerals along with other treasures like antique bottles and toys.

TULSA

Route 66 Rising

📍 Mingo Road & Admiral Place

Built in 2018, this contemporary sculpture at Avery Traffic Circle celebrates Tulsa's rich Mother Road history. It's about 70 feet long and 30 feet high, and it was designed by Eric F. Garcia. The traffic circle is the former site of a tourist court that belonged to Cyrus Avery.





 **TULSA AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM & PLANETARIUM, TULSA**

Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium

 3624 N. 74th E. Ave.  (918) 834-9900

 tulsaairandspacemuseum.com

Learn about Tulsa's rich aviation history while exploring a museum filled with interactive exhibits and vintage airplanes. Flight simulators let you feel what it's like inside the cockpit, and the 3-D planetarium will have you seeing the universe in a whole new light.

Tulsa Zoo

 6421 E. 36th St. N.  (918) 669-6600

 tulsaazoo.org

With countless species and 84 acres of exhibits, the Tulsa Zoo is a perfect way to spend an afternoon outdoors. Make sure to check out the Lost Kingdom exhibit, which opened in 2017. This immersive environment was inspired by ancient Asian cultures and is home to rare Asian species like Malaysian tigers, snow leopards and Chinese alligators.

Admiral Twin Drive-In

 7355 E. Easton St.  (918) 392-9959

 admiraltwindrivein.com

If you're traveling during the spring or summer, you can take in a movie at the same place Ponyboy and his friends did in the 1981 movie "The Outsiders." One of the state's few remaining drive-in theaters, the Admiral Twin opened in 1951 with one screen, but a second was soon added. A 2010 fire destroyed both screens, but the theater reopened two years later and still shows nightly double features during the warm-weather months.



 **TALLY'S CAFE, TULSA**

Tally's Cafe

 1102 S. Yale Ave.  (918) 835-8039  tallyscafe.com

If your time on the road has helped you work up a king-sized appetite, it's time to head to Tally's Cafe. This Route 66 stalwart serves heaping portions of classic American food. With more than 100 items on the menu, everyone in the family is sure to find an item that suits their taste. For dessert, you can split one of the icing-drizzled cinnamon rolls, which are as big as the plate and absolutely delicious.

Golden Driller

 4145 E. 21st St.  (918) 744-1113

 exposquare.com

Stop for a selfie with Tulsa's golden boy. The Tulsa Driller became a permanent fixture at the fairgrounds in 1966 after his predecessors drew a crowd at a trade show exhibit. He's 76 feet tall and weighs nearly 22 tons. But somehow he manages a slim waistline that he shows off with a belt buckle emblazoned with the word "TULSA." Fair season (late September to early October) is the best time to visit him, of course, but during the summer months you can get a snow cone from the stand just steps away.

Circle Cinema

📍 10 S. Lewis Ave. 📞 (918) 585-3456

👉 circlecinema.com

Opened in 1928, the Circle Theater is Tulsa's only remaining historic movie house. Today, it specializes in independent, documentary and foreign films. On the sidewalk out front, you can check out the Oklahoma Walk of Fame. It honors film legends with Oklahoma ties, including Gary Busey, James Garner, Ron Howard, Chuck Norris and Brad Pitt. (Be careful, that's a lot of awesomeness for one walk of fame.)

Mother Road Market

📍 1124 S. Lewis Ave. 📞 (918) 984-9001

👉 motherroadmarket.com

A historic grocery building has been transformed into Tulsa's first food hall. In addition to a carefully curated selection of dining options, the complex contains retail shops, a full-service bar and a T-shirt vending machine featuring Oklahoma-themed shirts.

El Rancho Grande

📍 1629 E. 11th St. 📞 (918) 584-0816

👉 elranchograndemexicanfood.com

El Rancho Grande has been a Route 66 staple since 1953. While its iconic neon sign certainly draws in travelers, it's the tasty Tex-Mex and strong margaritas that keep locals coming back. The most-requested item is the Night Hawk, which features two cheese and onion enchiladas doused with chili con carne and cheddar. It's served with a chili-topped cheese taco.



📷 CIRCLE CINEMA, TULSA

Ike's Chili House

📍 1503 E. 11th St. 📞 (918) 838-9410

👉 ikeschilius.com

Open since 1908, Ike's Chili House serves up dishes beloved by generations of locals, including legendary humorist Will Rogers, who was an early regular of the restaurant and a chili connoisseur. Ike's has a surprisingly big menu for a chili joint, but most folks prefer the Three-Way. The daunting but delicious concoction features beef chili and beans on a bed of spaghetti noodles with diced onions, shredded cheddar and sliced jalapeños on the side.

Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios on 66

📍 1347 E. 11th St. 👉 buckatomson66.com

This quirky, photo-op-friendly gift shop captures the joy of the Mother Road with a selection of apparel, toys, souvenirs and more. Its mascot is Buck Atom, a fictional space cowboy with a wry grin and a spiffy cowboy hat/space helmet on his head.

Meadow Gold Sign

📍 11th St. & Quaker Ave.

First installed in the 1930s, this massive neon sign advertising Meadow Gold Dairy has become a Route 66 icon. When the building it rested on was set to be demolished, the community worked to save and restore the sign. Today, it stands a mile west of its original location atop a pavilion built just for it. Check out the plaques on the pavilion to learn more about the sign's history.

Cherry Street District

📍 15th St. between Utica Ave. & Peoria Ave.

This stretch is filled with locally owned businesses, including unique restaurant and bar concepts like SMOKE Woodfire Grill, a fine-dining restaurant serving locally sourced, American-inspired cuisine. And don't miss Kilkenny's Irish Pub, which serves up Irish comfort food and has a massive drink menu.

Philbrook Museum of Art

📍 2727 S. Rockford Rd. 📞 (918) 749-7941

👉 philbrook.org

This unique museum is one of the state's cultural gems. Its permanent collections reside in a grand historical mansion set on 25 acres of exquisitely manicured, Italian-inspired gardens. The museum's art pieces represent an incredible variety of different styles and time periods. You'll see items from its extensive collections of Native American, modern and contemporary art as you wander the three stories of opulent Villa Philbrook.



Weber's Superior Root Beer Restaurant

📍 3817 S. Peoria Ave. 📞 (918) 742-1082

👉 webersoftulsa.com

It'd be tough to find a pair of menu items more time-tested than Weber's burgers and root beer. Both started in the late 1800s with Oscar Weber Bilby, great-grandfather of current owner Rick Bilby. In fact, it is believed that the concoctions Oscar whipped up for his 1891 Fourth of July party might have been the first hamburgers ever. The stand's burgers are still cooked on that same handmade grill Oscar used, and the resulting old-fashioned burgers are mighty tasty. But it's the rich, spicy root beer — made by Oscar's special recipe — that you'll find irresistible. It's served in mugs at the stand but is also bottled so that you can take some home.

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church

📍 1301 S. Boston Ave. 📞 (918) 583-5181

👉 bostonavenue.org

Downtown Tulsa is filled with beautiful Art Deco buildings, and this church is one of its most stunning pieces. Designed by Bruce Goff and Adah Robinson, the building's exterior has a soaring, 15-story tower and numerous terra cotta sculptures. Inside, the circular sanctuary is just as stunning, featuring the exposed pipes of a pipe organ along with a dome ceiling with stained glass at the center. Free guided tours are available Sundays at noon, and you can take a self-guided tour any time the building is open.

📍 EL RANCHO GRANDE, TULSA



Blue Dome Entertainment District & Blue Dome Service Station

📍 [Second St. & Elgin Ave.](#)

👉 [bluedomedistrict.com](#)

Locally owned shops and restaurants fill the area surrounding the Blue Dome Service Station, a 1912 Art Deco-style structure that now serves as office space. The district comes alive in the evenings with a variety of bars, a comedy club, a bowling alley and a pub/arcade known as The Max Retro pub. (If that name seems familiar, think back to your days of watching “Saved by the Bell.”)

Greenwood Cultural Center

📍 [322 N. Greenwood Ave.](#) 📞 [\(918\) 596-1020](#)

👉 [greenwoodculturalcenter.com](#)

At the turn of the century, Tulsa’s Greenwood District was a center for black commerce and a hotbed for jazz and blues. In 1921, the vibrant area was destroyed as much of it burned to the ground in the Tulsa Race Riot. The photos and artifacts at the Greenwood Cultural Center help share the poignant story of the district’s destruction and resurrection. The building also contains an African-American art gallery with contemporary works by local artists.

📍 TULSA CAVE HOUSE, TULSA



Center of the Universe

📍 [20 E. Archer St.](#) 📞 [\(800\) 558-3311](#)

The little concrete circle known as the Center of the Universe has become one of Tulsa’s quirkiest attractions. Located on a pedestrian bridge that crosses over railroad tracks, the spot is an acoustic oddity that you’ll just have to experience for yourself. To try it, stand inside the 30-inch circle, which is located in the middle of a larger circle of bricks. If you have someone with you, station them outside the circle. Now, say something. You’ll hear your words echo back at you louder than you spoke them, but anyone standing outside the circle won’t hear the echo. If you try talking to someone outside the circle, your voice will be distorted.

Woody Guthrie Center

📍 [102 E. Brady St.](#) 📞 [\(918\) 574-2710](#)

👉 [woodyguthriecenter.org](#)

More than 50 years after his death, the music and message of Woody Guthrie endures. The folk singer, who grew up in Okemah, told the story of the common man. His songs still resonate, especially his most famous tune, “This Land Is Your Land.” The Dust Bowl-era folk hero’s tale has long been intertwined with that of Route 66. Fittingly, the center that shares his legacy resides just a mile off the Mother Road. You can see the handwritten lyrics to “This Land Is Your Land” and the well-traveled fiddle that Guthrie carried with him on his World War II journeys. While you’re there, trace his journey across the United States on a 9-foot interactive touchscreen map.

📍 WOODY GUTHRIE CENTER, TULSA





Welcome to Northeast Oklahoma

From Miami to Claremore we have perfect stops for your Route 66 trip! Tour the beautiful Coleman Theatre, drive on the original stretch of Route 66, and eat a bite at Waylan's Ku-Ku Burger. From there travel to Claremore and see the world's largest Totem Pole, the home of Will Rogers, a true nut house and a big Blue Whale. Explore Route 66 in Green Country and experience the small town charm of Miami and Claremore, Oklahoma.



Route 66 Ribbon Road



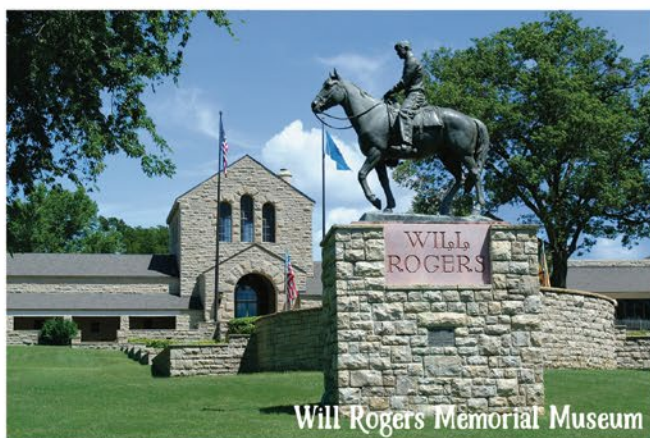
Coleman Theatre



Waylan's Ku-Ku Burger



Blue Whale



Will Rogers Memorial Museum



Route 66 Vintage Iron Motorcycle Museum



Ed Fallows's Totem Pole Park

Plan your trip on the Mother Road today! Request free visitor information at VisitMiamiOK.com | VisitClaremore.org

PLANNING

A SIDE TRIP



Cain's Ballroom

📍 423 N. Main St.

☎ (918) 584-2306

👉 cainsballroom.com

In the 1930s, Cain's Ballroom became famous as the home of Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys, whose catchy Western swing tunes were broadcast live from the stage at Cain's. These days, musicians of every genre hit the stage at this venerable venue. The old dance hall still hosts live music three to four times a week, and it's definitely worth catching a show there if you can swing it.

Gilcrease Museum

📍 1400 N. Gilcrease Museum Rd.

☎ (918) 596-2700 | (888) 655-2278

👉 gilcrease.utulsa.edu

If you like to mix in cultural attractions during your Route 66 travels, it doesn't get much better than this. Located just a few miles off the highway, Gilcrease Museum is home to the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of Western art and artifacts. Among more than 13,000 pieces of art are 18 Frederic Remington bronze statues, large-scale landscapes by Thomas Moran and a wide-ranging collection of ancient and contemporary Native American art.

Tulsa Cave House

📍 1623 W. Charles Page Blvd. ☎ (918) 378-1952

Secret tunnels, outlaws and ghosts are all part of the classic lore surrounding the Tulsa Cave House. The quirky, craggy house built into the side of a hill started out as a Prohibition-era restaurant. It was rumored to have a hidden, underground speakeasy frequented by outlaw Pretty Boy Floyd and his crew. Today, the tunnel leading to that area is sealed off, and owner Linda Collier has the house — an architectural curiosity inside and out — open for tours by appointment. Guests can hear all the home's legends from Collier, who bought it more than 20 years ago.

📍 IKE'S CHILI HOUSE, TULSA



TAKE A DAM TOUR, SEE A CIVIL WAR BATTLE SITE OR ENTER THE PIONEER WOMAN'S TURF

Want to see more of Oklahoma while you're cruising Route 66? Here are some Eastern Oklahoma adventures to spice up your journey.

📍 15 MINUTES AWAY → Pensacola Dam, Langley

Drive across one of the world's largest multi-arch dams. Free dam tours are available from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

☎ (918) 256-0803 | grda.com

📍 20 MINUTES AWAY → Keystone State Park, Sand Springs

This park is perfect for fishing and hiking. There's even a stocked fishing pond just for kids. Cozy cabins are available if you're ready to get off the road for the night.

☎ (918) 865-4991 | TravelOK.com/Keystone

📍 25 MINUTES AWAY → Cabin Creek Battlefield, Big Cabin

Take a self-guided tour at the site of two Civil War battles, both sparked by Confederate forces raiding Union wagon trains along the crucial Texas Trail.

☎ (918) 456-2751 | okhistory.org

📍 1 HOUR AWAY → The Pioneer Woman Mercantile, Pawhuska

Stop for some shopping at Food Network star Ree Drummond's famous mercantile. You can purchase her cookbooks, kitchen supplies and fun, made-in-Oklahoma goodies. When you're done, sit down for a meal at her mouthwatering restaurant. But get there early — the line for the restaurant can stretch around the block!

☎ (918) 528-7705 | themerchantile.com



**CAIN'S BALLROOM,
TULSA**

Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza

📍 760 W. 13th St.
📞 (918) 585-1201

Cyrus Avery came up with the idea for the Mother Road, and his hometown honored the “Father of Route 66” with this plaza and a statue. Titled “East Meets West,” the bronze shows the juxtaposition of old meeting new. It depicts Avery and his Model T frightening two horses pulling a wagon full of oil barrels. The detail is fascinating, right down to a bug smashed on the car’s grill and a panicked Avery family cat. The pedestrian bridge leading to the statue features a Route 66 shield that makes a great photo op.

Tulsa Spotlight Theatre

📍 1381 Riverside Dr. 📞 (918) 587-5030
🌐 spotlighttheatre.org

See what is believed to be America’s longest-running play, a family-friendly show called “The Drunkard,” on a Saturday night at this theater. The old-fashioned melodrama calls for audience interaction, so kids can cheer and boo their little lungs out. You can even purchase stuffed tomatoes to throw at the villain. Reservations are required for the café-style seating, and you can purchase food to eat during the show. Even if you can’t make a performance, the Bruce Goff-designed building is an Art Deco treasure worth seeing.

Route 66 Historical Village

📍 3770 Southwest Blvd. 📞 (918) 609-0405

See a restored Frisco 4500 steam engine, passenger car and caboose at this outdoor attraction that celebrates Tulsa’s oil and transportation history. It’s built on the site of the 1901 oil strike that turned the city into the “Oil Capital of the World.” The spot is marked by America’s tallest oil derrick, a 154-foot-tall structure built specifically for the village.



Ollie’s Station Restaurant

📍 4070 Southwest Blvd. 📞 (918) 446-0524 🌐 olliestation.com

Kids will go crazy for this Old Route 66 staple where model trains chug along on elevated tracks and locomotive memorabilia fills the walls. Add in a daily lunch buffet loaded with classic American food like crispy fried chicken and mashed potatoes, and you’ve got a place everyone in the family will enjoy. The restaurant also serves up a mean breakfast all day. On the weekends, there’s a morning breakfast buffet with unlimited bacon. (Yes, you read that right: unlimited bacon.)

Meltdown Diner

📍 4377 Southwest Blvd. 📞 (918) 313-8671

This cozy, 1950s-style diner is a Route 66 newcomer, but it’s quickly made a name for itself with tasty grilled cheese sandwiches that feature five types of cheese. If you’ve got serious hunger, go for the Whole Hog. Served on Texas toast, it’s piled high with pulled pork, ham and bacon and topped with owner Jim Hardcastle’s special blueberry barbecue sauce. Hardcastle, a former musician, chose the name “blueberry” to honor his love of the blues.

SAPULPA

Sapulpa Historical Museum

📍 100 E. Lee Ave. 📞 (918) 224-4871

👉 sapulpahistoricalociety.com

Sapulpa's place at the intersection of Route 66 and U.S. Highway 75 once earned it the nickname "Crossroads of America." As a former railroad town, oil-boom town and Route 66 town, it's also a crossroads of Oklahoma history. The Sapulpa Historical Museum tells its story with elaborate dioramas depicting what the city looked like at various points in history. It's housed in a former three-story hotel, and themed guest rooms on the second floor reflect different aspects of Sapulpa's history.

Waite Phillips Filling Station Museum

📍 26 E. Lee Ave. 📞 (918) 224-4871

👉 sapulpahistoricalociety.com

Originally built in 1923 by oil man Waite Phillips, this restored station is home to artifacts from the city's history. You'll find two vintage automobiles, a 1930 Model A and a 1922 Buick delivery truck. There are also photos of the station and the local automobile industry through the years. If you want to look inside, check with the folks across the street at the Sapulpa Historical Museum so that they can let you in.

Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum

📍 13 Sahoma Lake Rd. 📞 (918) 216-1171

👉 heartofroute66.org

Opened in 2016, this museum is a classic car lover's paradise. From hot rods to military vehicles, there are some unusual and truly beautiful cars. The displays also include vintage photos and racing paraphernalia. The big attraction — and we do mean big — took a little longer to make its debut. In 2017, work was completed on what is believed to be the world's largest gas pump. While it does not actually pump gas, it is red, shiny, 66 feet tall (of course) and sits in front of the museum practically begging you to take a photo with it.

📍 HEART OF ROUTE 66 AUTO MUSEUM, SAPULPA

Rock Creek Bridge

📍 Rock Creek

Constructed in 1921, the charming Rock Creek Bridge is one of the state's best remaining examples of the steel truss architecture that was popular in the pre-World War II era. It originally served the Ozark Trail, a network of locally maintained roads and highways that existed before the federal highway system. The bridge became part of Route 66 in 1926 before being bypassed in 1952. It's still open to traffic but has a 4-ton weight limit and a 7.2-foot height limit — and it's quite a bit narrower than most drivers are used to these days.

BRISTOW

Bristow Historical Museum

📍 1 Railroad Pl. 📞 (918) 367-5161

Learn about the history of this Route 66 town in a museum located in a 1920s train depot. Photos, artifacts and oral and written histories tell the story of Bristow, and parked out front is a red Frisco Railroad caboose. One of America's most famous cowboys once spent considerable time at this depot: country crooner Gene Autry worked there as a telegraph operator before he became a star.

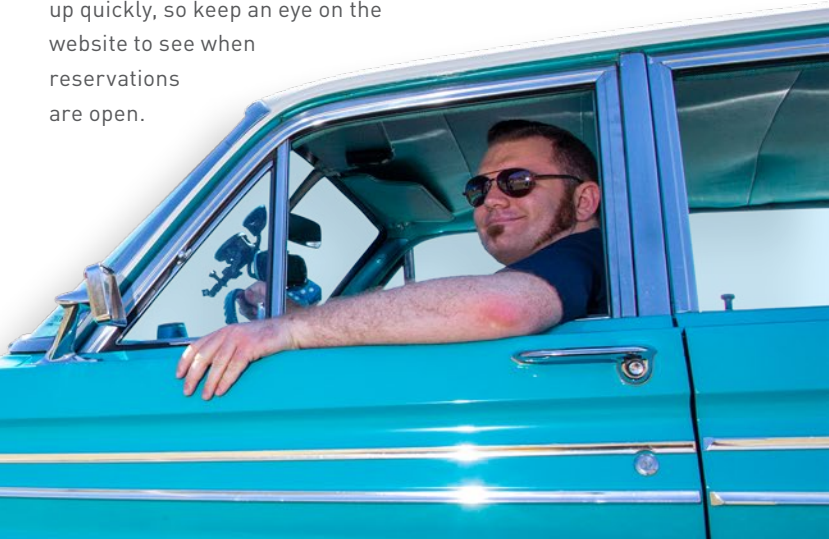
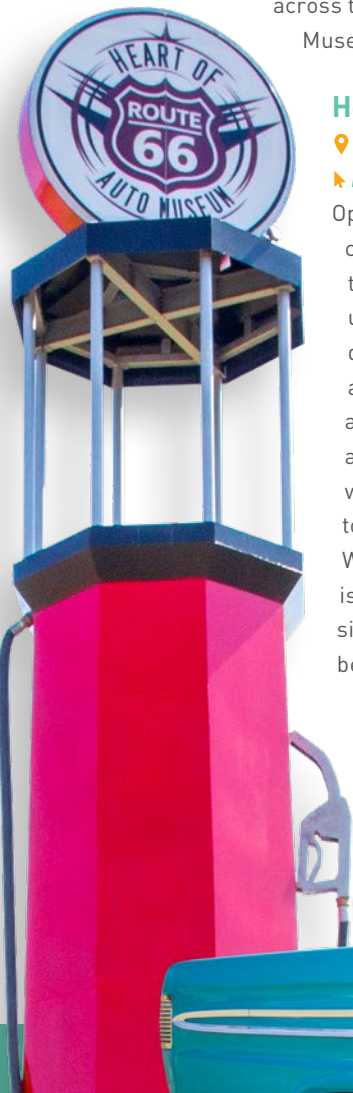
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Living Kitchen Farm & Dairy

📍 25198 S. 481st W. Ave. 📞 (918) 284-8169

👉 livingkitchenfarmanddairy.com

Tucked away on a 400-acre farm just off the highway is one of Route 66's most out-of-the-ordinary culinary experiences. Living Kitchen Farm & Dairy's meals are truly farm-to-table dinners, featuring ingredients grown and produced on the farm or at nearby farms. The nine-course meals each have a theme and a set menu, and you can tour the farm before dinner. The meals are offered April through December and fill up quickly, so keep an eye on the website to see when reservations are open.





TULSA INSPIRES DRIVING WITH THE WINDOWS DOWN

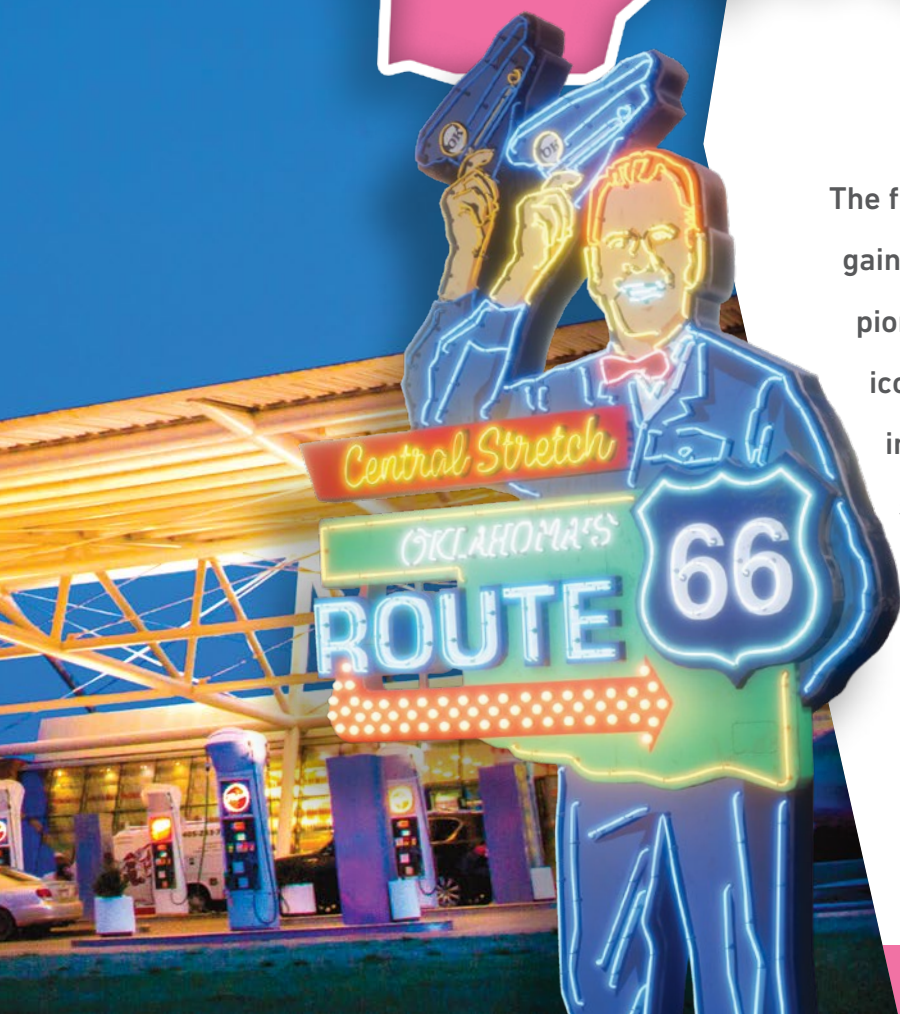
Take in one of the longest stretches of Route 66 and see the birthplace of the "Mother Road" in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ranked at the top of historic things to do, Route 66 welcomes everyone. Check out facebook.com/Tulsa66Commission to learn more.

TULSA
INSPIRES





Central Stretch



The frontier lands of Central Oklahoma have gained sophistication while retaining their pioneer-day charm. You'll find Mother Road icons new and old along this stretch that includes the state's capital city. The city settled by a land run has transformed into an urban playground with a thriving nightlife, world-class cultural institutions and a whitewater rafting center in the heart of downtown.

STROUD

StableRidge Vineyard & Winery

📍 1916 W. State Highway 66

☎ (918) 968-2568 | (800) 359-3990

👉 stableridgevineyards.com

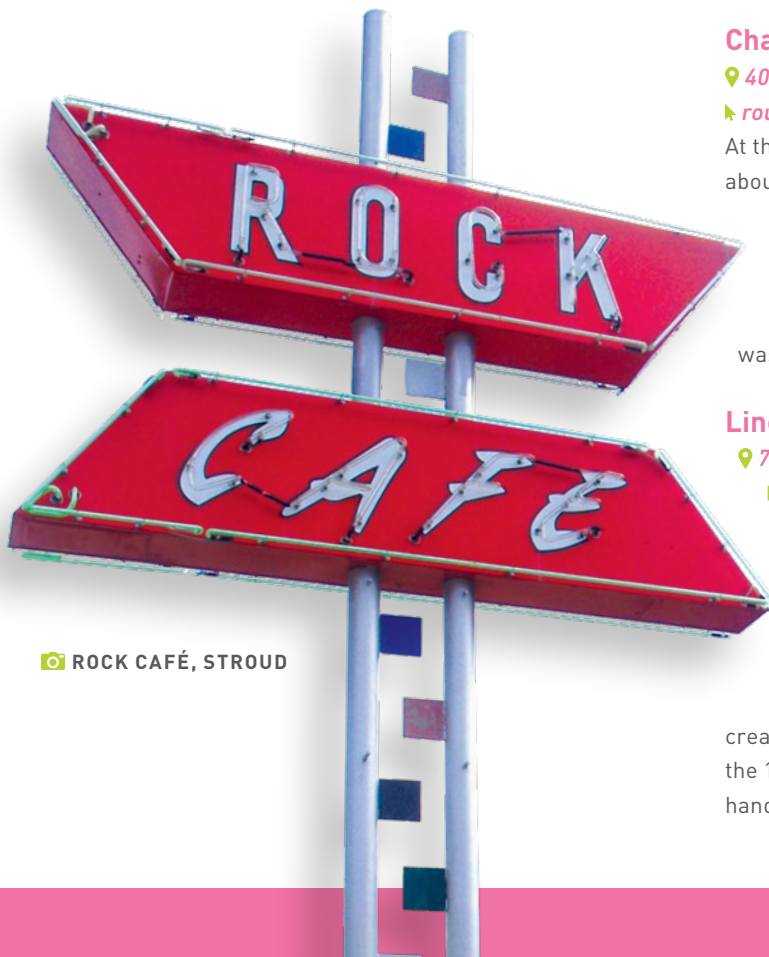
Stop at StableRidge Vineyard & Winery for a tasting of their wines, which are all made from Oklahoma-grown grapes. There are wines to suit a wide variety of tastes, but the most popular is Jeremiah's Red. This dessert wine is a blend of merlot, cabernet and blackberry. The tasting room and gift shop are located in a former Catholic church that was completed in 1902.

Rock Café

📍 114 W. Main St. ☎ (918) 968-3990

👉 rockcafert66.com

If you're a fan of the "Cars" movies (or just a fan of good food), a trip down Route 66 isn't complete without a meal at the Rock Café. There you'll find Dawn Welch, the café owner and beloved Route 66 personality who inspired the "Cars" character Sally Carrera. Former Walt Disney executive John Lasseter and his crew spent plenty of time at the café while creating the film, and memorabilia from the movie decorates the walls. The menu consists of classic diner fare and German-influenced items like Jägerschnitzel, a tasty dish of fried pork cutlets.



📍 ROCK CAFÉ, STROUD



📍 ROUTE 66 INTERPRETIVE CENTER, CHANDLER

DAVENPORT

Davenport Murals

📍 Broadway Ave. & State Highway 66 Jct.

☎ (918) 377-2241 | (800) 252-8854

Scenes from the town's past, painted by University of Central Oklahoma professor Dr. Bob Palmer and his students, decorate the town's welcome sign and buildings throughout downtown. The Route 66 mural, inspired by actual historic photos, is on the side of the New Era newspaper building.

CHANDLER

Chandler Route 66 Interpretive Center

📍 400 E. State Highway 66 ☎ (405) 258-1300

👉 route66interpretivecenter.org

At this unique attraction, you can watch historic videos about Oklahoma's Route 66 while relaxing in vintage car seats or beds honoring Mother Road motels of the past. The building itself, a restored WPA-built armory from the 1930s, is also worth a close look. It's made from thick bricks of local sandstone and was once the home of the local National Guard battery.

Lincoln County Museum of Pioneer History

📍 717 Marvel Ave. ☎ (405) 258-2425

👉 okpioneermuseum.org

Spread over three 100-year-old downtown buildings, this museum has diverse collections that include vintage printing equipment, Native American artifacts and works by local artists. Among its most memorable features are a marionette exhibit and puppet theater. They pay homage to a local teacher who created many of the marionettes to teach her students in the 1930s. On the second floor, you'll find a room filled with handmade quilts created by early Lincoln County residents.

WARWICK

Seaba Station Motorcycle Museum

📍 336992 E. State Highway 66

☎ (405) 258-9141

👉 sebastation.com

More than 100 bikes dating back as far as 1909 fill this old DX gas station, including two used in the 2011 movie “Captain America: The First Avenger.” The museum also has tons of vintage toys and Route 66 memorabilia. Out back is a bonus attraction: a rock structure said to have been the first plumbed outhouse west of the Mississippi. No one’s sure how to go about proving that, so you’ll have to take their word for it.

WELLSTON

The Butcher BBQ Stand

📍 3402 W. State Highway 66

☎ (405) 240-3437

👉 butcherbbqstand.com

No cruise through Oklahoma is complete without a stop (or two) for barbecue. This stand with covered outside seating is the perfect location for a quick meal. The ribs, brisket and burnt ends — pretty much everything on the menu, really — are nothing short of amazing. They even throw in a Twinkie for dessert! They’re only open Friday through Sunday and sometimes sell out, so get there early.

LUTHER

The Boundary on 66

📍 16001 E. State Highway 66

☎ (405) 277-3532

👉 theboundaryon66.com

You’ll feel right at home chowing down on a pulled pork sandwich or hickory-smoked ribs at this cozy, roadside barbecue joint. This renovated former gas station is a blast from the past with wood paneling inside and out, plus a quirky selection of photos and paraphernalia on the walls. The restaurant’s name comes from the fact that it’s built along the eastern boundary for the land run of 1889.

📷 THE BUTCHER BBQ STAND, WELLSTON



ARCADIA

OK County 66

📍 13441 E. State Highway 66
📞 (405) 396-2055

You can tour Route 66 without leaving Arcadia at this fun attraction featuring replicas of Mother Road icons. There's a Bob's Big Boy, the Twin Arrows from Flagstaff, Ariz., and even Catoosa's own Blue Whale. You'll know you're in the right spot when you spy a building with a Volkswagen Beetle sticking out of it — one that looks curiously like Herbie The Love Bug!

Round Barn

📍 107 E. State Highway 66
📞 (405) 396-0824

👉 arcadiaroundbarn.com

Don't pass up the chance to see a unique piece of Mother Road history. Built in 1898 from native bur oak, this is the only truly round barn on Route 66. Outside are pieces of vintage farm equipment, and the lower level is an eclectic gift shop. It's the upstairs, though, that truly amazes. Make sure to get a look at the inside of the domed roof, which has a woven, basket-like appearance.

POPS

📍 660 W. State Highway 66
📞 (405) 928-7677 | 877-266-7677

👉 pops66.com

Glowing like a beacon in the distance, POPS' 66-foot-tall soda pop bottle is irresistible to travelers. In fact, it has become one of the state's most popular selfie spots. It's just the start of what you'll find at this gas station, diner and soda ranch, though. With more than 700 types of bottled soda, you're sure to find old childhood favorites. If you're too overwhelmed by the options, try local favorites Round Barn Root Beer or Triple "AAA" Root Beer.

📍 AMERICAN BANJO MUSEUM, OKC

📍 ROUND BARN, ARCADIA



EDMOND

Touch the Clouds

📍 E. Second St.

📞 (405) 341-4344 | (866) 341-4344

This magnificent bronze statue pays tribute to Touch the Clouds, a chief of the Miniconjou people. It was moved to a spot along Route 66 in 2015. Located just west of the University of Central Oklahoma campus, the 18-foot-tall piece is the work of internationally known sculptor Dave McGary and previously stood outside the Houston Astrodome.

Edmond Historical Society & Museum

📍 431 S. Boulevard Ave.

📞 (405) 340-0078

👉 edmondhistory.org

Learn about Edmond's past at this newly renovated museum housed in a 1936 structure built of native sandstone by the Works Progress Administration. Kids will love the hands-on play areas at the museum's Children's Learning Center, which features a miniature town set in 1889. There's even a great playground outside.

Blue Hippo

📍 1129 S. Broadway Ave.

📞 (405) 341-4344 | (866) 341-4344

Not much seems to be known about the origin of this longtime Edmond resident, but the giant fiberglass hippopotamus picked up the nickname "Buddy" somewhere along the way. Back in his younger days, the local kids would sometimes relocate him as a prank, but he's pretty sedentary these days. You'll find him sitting right off the street in downtown Edmond, forever at the ready for a photo op.



OKLAHOMA CITY

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

📍 1700 N.E. 63rd St. 📞 (405) 478-2250

👉 nationalcowboymuseum.org

This massive museum is home to a world-class collection of Western art and artifacts, including works by Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell. While it's known for its incredible art collection, there's so much more to see. Highlights include a gallery of firearms and a Western performers gallery that includes John Wayne memorabilia and personal items. There's even a Children's Cowboy Corral where the little ones can don chaps and spurs then saddle up on an imaginary horse.

Oklahoma City Zoo & Botanical Garden

📍 2000 Remington Pl. 📞 (405) 424-3344

👉 okczoo.org

See animals in their natural habitats at this beautifully landscaped zoo. You can see the big cats, catch a sea lion show and visit the Asian elephants in their palatial home at the back of the grounds. New in 2018

is Sanctuary Asia, a vast environment featuring species like red pandas, Asian rhinos and Komodo dragons.

Science Museum Oklahoma

📍 2020 Remington Pl. 📞 (405) 602-6664

👉 sciencemuseumok.org

If you've got little travelers in your group or you've all just been in the car way too long, Science Museum Oklahoma is a great place to get out some of that restless energy. Its 350,000 square feet are filled with interactive activities and enough wide-open space to do some serious playing.

Oklahoma State Capitol

📍 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.

📞 (405) 521-3356 👉 ok.gov

Take a guided or self-guided tour at this beautiful building that is the only state capitol on Route 66. You'll see paintings and statues by Oklahoma artists, and you can get a good look at the intricate interior of the capitol dome that was added in 2002.

The capitol is undergoing extensive renovations, so call ahead before your visit to make sure everything's open.

Oklahoma History Center

📍 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr. 📞 (405) 522-0765

👉 okhistory.org

From the Land Run to the Dust Bowl to Route 66, the Oklahoma History Center tells the story of the state's history and culture. The center's Crossroads of Commerce exhibit highlights the economic impact Route 66 had on the state and how Oklahomans capitalized on the Mother Road's popularity.

You can see a replica of the original Love's gas station signs and a large map highlighting some of Oklahoma's fun Route 66 stops.

SKELETONS: Museum of Osteology

📍 10301 S. Sunnyslope Rd.

📞 (405) 814-0006

👉 museumofosteology.org

At this unusual museum, you can see skeletons of every shape and size — from a tiny mouse to a 40-foot humpback whale. It has nearly 300 skeletons from around the world on display and a scavenger hunt to keep the kids engaged. There's also a gift shop filled with out-of-the-ordinary items, including real and replica skulls.

Boathouse District

📍 725 S. Lincoln Blvd. 📞 (405) 552-4040

👉 boathousedistrict.org

Ride Class II to IV rapids in the heart of the city at the district's whitewater rafting and kayaking facility. Guests eight and older can take a guided rafting trip or go it alone on a kayak, tube or riverboard. There's also zip-lining, a six-level adventure course and much more to explore.

Bricktown Entertainment District

📍 E of Downtown 📞 (405) 236-8666

👉 welcometobricktown.com

Take time out from your journey down Route 66 to play in this bustling district. You can take a water taxi around the area or watch an Oklahoma City Dodgers game at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark (known to locals as "The Brick"). Hotels, restaurants, bars and attractions are packed so close, you won't even have to move the car.

📷 NATIONAL COWBOY & WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM, OKC

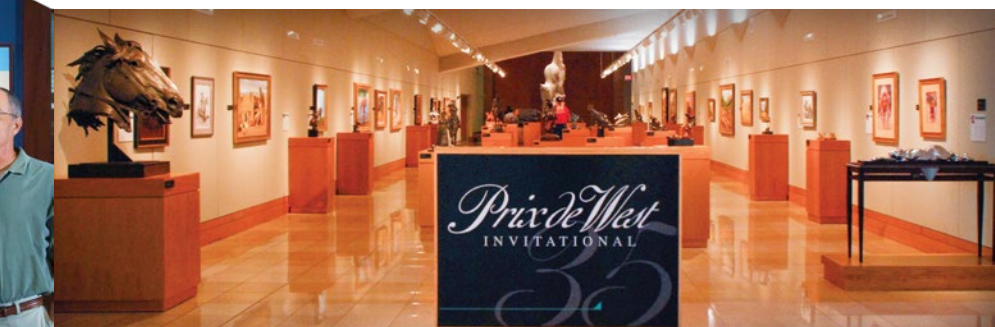




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BOATHOUSE DISTRICT, OKC

American Banjo Museum

📍 9 E. Sheridan Ave. 📞 (405) 604-2793

👉 americanbanjomuseum.com

With the largest collection of banjos on public display in the world, this museum is a fascinating slice of Americana. Interactive exhibits follow the banjo's evolution. Instruments from every era of its history are displayed along with songbooks, sheet music, photographs and other memorabilia.

Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum

📍 620 N. Harvey Ave. 📞 (405) 235-3313 | (888) 542-4673

👉 oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org

This somber but beautiful site is a monument to the victims of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The outdoor memorial resides on the spot where the Murrah building once stood. A reflecting pool and a field of 168 empty chairs represent each life taken in the bombing. Inside the museum, videos and audio recordings take you minute-by-minute through the morning when so many lives were changed forever. As you walk through, you'll see cases of artifacts from the bombing and key evidence from the investigation. A Gallery of Honor celebrates the life of each victim with pictures and personal stories from family and friends.

Cheever's Cafe

📍 2409 N. Hudson Ave. 📞 (405) 525-7007

👉 cheeverscafe.com

During Route 66's heyday, this stylish Art Deco building served as the Cheever family's florist shop. These days, it's home to one of Oklahoma City's most beloved restaurants. Cheever's Cafe specializes in comfort food with a contemporary twist. Perhaps the best example — and the perfect entrée for your Route 66 journey — is the café's take on chicken-fried steak. The hand-breaded top sirloin is served over red-skinned, garlic mashed potatoes and smothered in jalapeño cream gravy.





Tower Theatre

📍 425 N.W. 23rd St. 📞 (405) 708-6937

👉 towertheatreokc.com

After being dark for several years, the lights are back on literally and figuratively at the Tower Theatre. The neon marquee, an icon of the city's revitalized Uptown 23rd District, shines brightly each night. Inside, the old movie house has been modernized, hosting movies or concerts nearly every night of the week. If you can't work a show into your travel schedule, it's still worth stopping by for a look at the marquee and lunch at one of the adjacent restaurants.

Oklahoma City Asian District

📍 Classen Blvd. between 23rd St. & 30th St.

👉 okcasiandistrict.com

Route 66 runs through Oklahoma City's Asian District, which has become known as one of the best places in the country to get pho. The complexly flavored Vietnamese soup is available in and around the district at beloved eateries like Pho Lien Hoa, Mr. Pho and Lido Restaurant.

Gold Dome Building

📍 1112 N.W. 23rd St.

You can't go inside it these days, but you've still got to drive by for a look at this unusual landmark. Designed by innovative architect Buckminster Fuller, the building was constructed in 1958 as only the fifth geodesic dome in the world. It was a bank in the early days. Since then, it has served as a cultural center, art gallery, office space and restaurant.

Milk Bottle Building

📍 2426 N. Classen Blvd. 👉 nps.gov/nr/travel/route66

Squeezed onto a tiny piece of land on a busy city thoroughfare, this tiny brick building has been around since 1930. It was around 1948, though, when its crowning glory was added: a giant metal milk bottle perched on top. Over the years, the bottle has been painted to advertise various dairy businesses (most recently, Braum's). Meanwhile, the building has been home to a host of businesses including a grocery store, fruit stand and sandwich shop.

📍 ANN'S CHICKEN FRY HOUSE, OKC

Ann's Chicken Fry House

📍 4106 N.W. 39th St. 📞 (405) 943-8915

With a pink Cadillac sitting outside and music memorabilia (including some great KISS items) filling the interior walls, Ann's Chicken Fry House is a fun trip down memory lane. You don't come to a place with "chicken fry" in the name just to take in the ambiance, though. You come to eat. And Ann's delivers, serving a fork-tender chicken-fried steak that's covered in thick white gravy. If you're not a chicken fry fan, there's plenty of other comfort food to be had and yummy peach cobbler for dessert.

Route 66 Park

📍 9901 N.W. 23rd St. 📞 (405) 297-2211 👉 okc.gov/parks

Stop to stretch your legs at this lovely park along the shores of Lake Overholser. There's a playground with a huge jungle gym for the kids, several small ponds and a skate park. Visit the plaza, where an oversized map traces Route 66 across the country, then climb to the top of the Cyrus Avery Observation Tower for a bird's-eye view of the park and lake.

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WARR ACRES

Tim's Drive Inn

📍 5037 N. MacArthur Blvd.

📞 (405) 789-5410

Made with thick fry bread, Indian tacos are an Oklahoma favorite. You can grab one to go at this drive-in, a Warr Acres mainstay that's also known for its tasty, old-fashioned hamburgers, foot-long chili dogs and shakes.

BETHANY

Gallery 66

📍 6728 N.W. 39th Expy. 📞 (405) 314-2430

See gorgeous works from local artists at this quaint gallery. You can even improve your own art skills through a private lesson or at one of their popular painting parties. Antiques, furniture, jewelry and gifts are among the other treasures you can find at this unique downtown shop.

YUKON

Green Chile Kitchen Route 66

📍 12 E. Main St. 📞 (405) 265-4346

👉 greenchilekitchen.com

While green and red chiles might be expected further west on Route 66, this Yukon eatery makes excellent use of the flavorful peppers. You'll find New Mexican favorites like green chile stew, carne adovada and Frito pie. And for dessert, there's sweet-and-spicy green chile apple pie. It's served à la mode with a red chile honey drizzle.

The Lokal Yukon

📍 10 W. Main St. Ste. 165 📞 (405) 494-9870

👉 thelokal yukon.com

Try "modern Okie cuisine" right on the Mother Road. The Lokal Yukon specializes in Oklahoma favorites with a twist — like the fried deviled eggs, a perfectly crispy treat filled with a relished mustard mix. For the main course, there's bacon-wrapped bison meatloaf or bone-in pork chops topped with blueberry bourbon barbecue sauce.

Yukon Historical Museum

📍 110 N. Third St. 📞 (405) 354-5079

The city of Yukon has quite the history. It has a rich Czech heritage, a spot on Route 66 and the Chisholm Trail, and a mega-famous former resident in country music star Garth Brooks. Learn more about it at this free museum located in three railroad cars on Route 66.



📍 EXPRESS CLYDESDALES RANCH, YUKON

Yukon Veterans Museum

📍 1010 W. Main St. 📞 (405) 350-7231 👉 veteransmuseum.us

Learn the personal stories of men and women who fought for America's freedom at this museum. It's packed with uniforms, flags and other gear, much of which was donated by local veterans and their families. There's something from every branch of the military, and the artifacts date as far back as the Civil War.

Express Clydesdales Ranch

📍 12701 W. Wilshire Blvd. 📞 (405) 350-6404

👉 expressclydesdales.com

With hooves the size of dinner plates, the massive, powerful Clydesdale is one of the most awe-inspiring horse breeds on earth. You can meet these gentle giants at their historic home, a barn built in 1936 and restored by Amish carpenters in 1998. These aren't just any Clydesdales, though. They've been named world champions, marched in the Tournament of Roses and Macy's Thanksgiving Day parades and chauffeured the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge during their visit to Calgary.

EL RENO

Johnnie's Grill

📍 301 S. Rock Island Ave. 📞 (405) 262-4721

El Reno has long been known for its fried onion burgers, which feature fresh beef patties with caramelized onions smashed in for extra flavor. Johnnie's Grill, which opened in 1946, is one of a triumvirate of the town's top-notch burger joints. If you're not in a burger mood, Johnnie's is also known for its hot dogs. The most popular iteration is covered in meaty chili and sweet, mustard-and-pickle-based slaw.

Robert's Grill

📍 300 S. Bickford Ave. 📞 (405) 262-1262

In business since 1926, Robert's Grill is the eldest of El Reno's fried onion burger joints. It's light on seating but heavy on flavor. Snag a seat at the 14-stool lunch counter to see the onion burger-making process up close. The folks at Robert's also cook up a mean batch of chili. You can order a bowl or get it on your burger, coney, tater tots or fries.

Sid's Diner

📍 300 S. Choctaw Ave. 📞 (405) 262-7757

👉 sidsdinerelreno.blogspot.com

If you're a fan of television food shows, you might be familiar with Sid's Diner, whose juicy onion burgers have appeared on Food Network's "Top 5 Restaurants" and Travel Channel's "Man v. Food." You'll want to partake of a burger, of course. But don't miss out on the fresh-cut fries — served in portions big enough to split — and thick milkshakes made out of real ice cream. (The chocolate-peanut butter shake comes highly recommended.)

Canadian County Historical Museum

📍 300 S. Grand Ave. 📞 (405) 262-5121 📌 elrenotourism.org

Take a walk through history at this museum complex made up of restored historic buildings. The two-story El Reno Hotel, built in 1892, and Rock Island Depot, constructed in 1907, are now home to exhibits and artifacts. There's also the first Mennonite church in Oklahoma Territory, built in 1893. And revisit pioneer history in the one-room Possum Holler School. You can even ride around El Reno on the Heritage Express Trolley, a restored 1924 Brill Motor Car.

Guardian of the Mother Road Mural

📍 2418 Sunset Dr. 📞 (405) 262-8687 | (888) 535-7366

Just off the Mother Road on the west side of El Reno, you'll find a vibrant, 50-foot mural. It's painted on an old cinderblock wall that once served as the screen for a drive-in theater. Designed by Tulsa-based multimedia artist Rick Sinnett, the mural features the Oklahoma state bird, the scissortail flycatcher.

Historic Fort Reno

📍 7107 W. Cheyenne St. 📞 (405) 262-3987 📌 fortreno.org

Soak in the varied and fascinating history of this fort established in 1874 to facilitate relations with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. Stop at the visitor center and museum to see vintage weapons and art, along with an exhibit on the famed buffalo soldiers who made their home at the fort. You'll also want to make time for the U.S. Cavalry Museum, Post Cemetery and Post Chapel. A visitor favorite, the stunning chapel was built by prisoners of war kept at the fort in the 1940s. It is meticulously crafted and features a rich, exposed-wood interior.



📷 SID'S DINER, EL RENO



CALUMET

Cherokee Trading Post, Travel Mart & Restaurant

📍 301 S. Walbaum Rd. 📞 (405) 884-2502

👉 cherokeetrade.com

Stunning Native American jewelry, handcrafted pottery and Pendleton blankets are among the treasures you'll find at this store that opened in 1963. With a travel mart and a restaurant, the complex is truly a one-stop shop. At Cherokee Restaurant, you can enjoy classic diner food along with Oklahoma favorites like Indian tacos and buffalo burgers. For dessert, there's coconut cream pie or one of the massive cinnamon rolls.

GEARY

Pony Bridge

📍 U.S. Highway 281

Its official name is the William H. Murray Bridge, but this distinct bridge spanning the South Canadian River has long been known as Pony Bridge. Why? Because it was built using pony trusses which don't connect at the top. At 3,944 feet, it's the longest bridge on Oklahoma's stretch of Route 66. It even made a brief appearance in the 1939 film "The Grapes of Wrath."

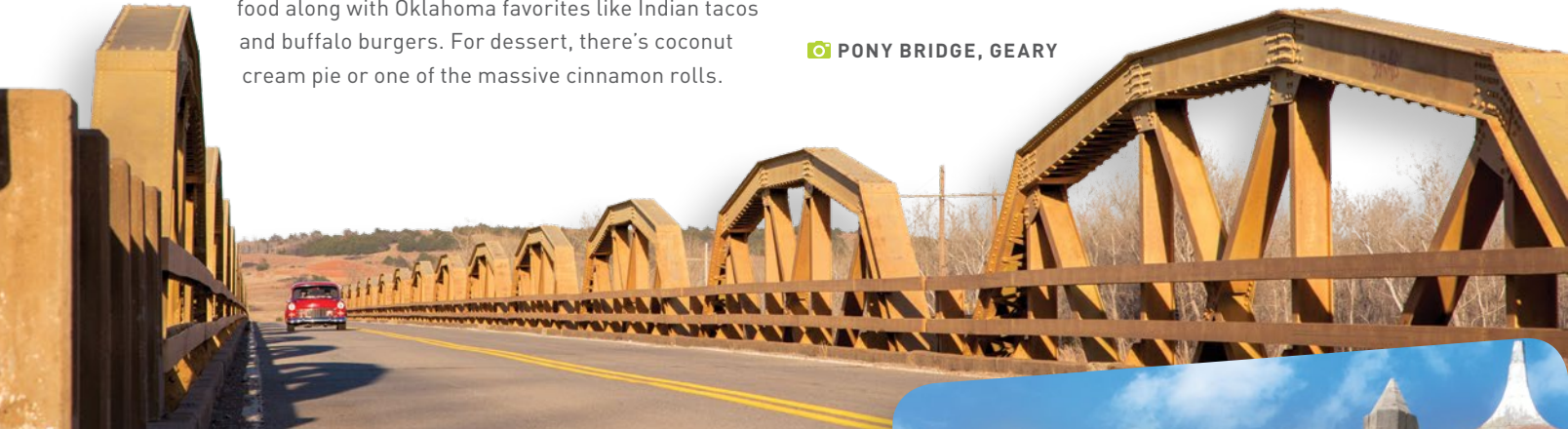
📍 PONY BRIDGE, GEARY

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Want to see more of Oklahoma while you're cruising Route 66? Here are some Central Oklahoma adventures you can work in depending on how far you want to venture from the Mother Road:

- 📍 **20 MINUTES AWAY** → **Guthrie** Visit Oklahoma's territorial capitol to see its charming, Victorian-era architecture. While you're there, shop in unique stores and galleries, and explore the state's unusual history at the Oklahoma Territorial Museum & Carnegie Library.
(405) 282-0190 | guthrieok.com
- 📍 **30 MINUTES AWAY** → **University of Oklahoma, Norman** Spend some time exploring the beautiful campus, where you can learn about 4 billion years of Oklahoma history at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History. Meander through the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art to witness a stunning collection of impressionist paintings.
(405) 325-0311 | ou.edu
- 📍 **1 HOUR, 20 MINUTES AWAY** → **Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur** Immerse yourself in the history of the Chickasaw Nation at this museum complex, which features interactive exhibits and a re-created native village.
(580) 622-7130 | chickasawculturalcenter.com

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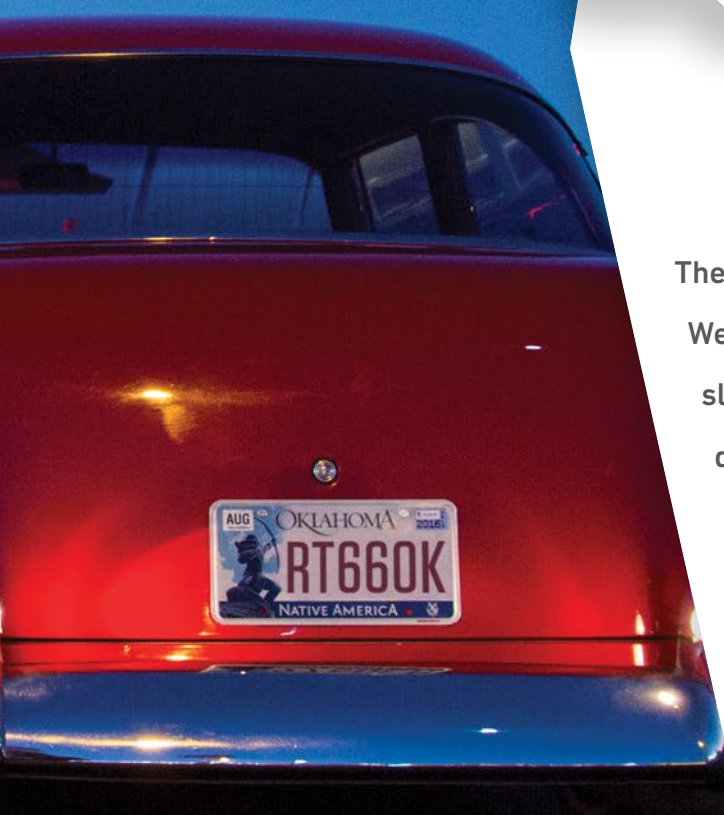
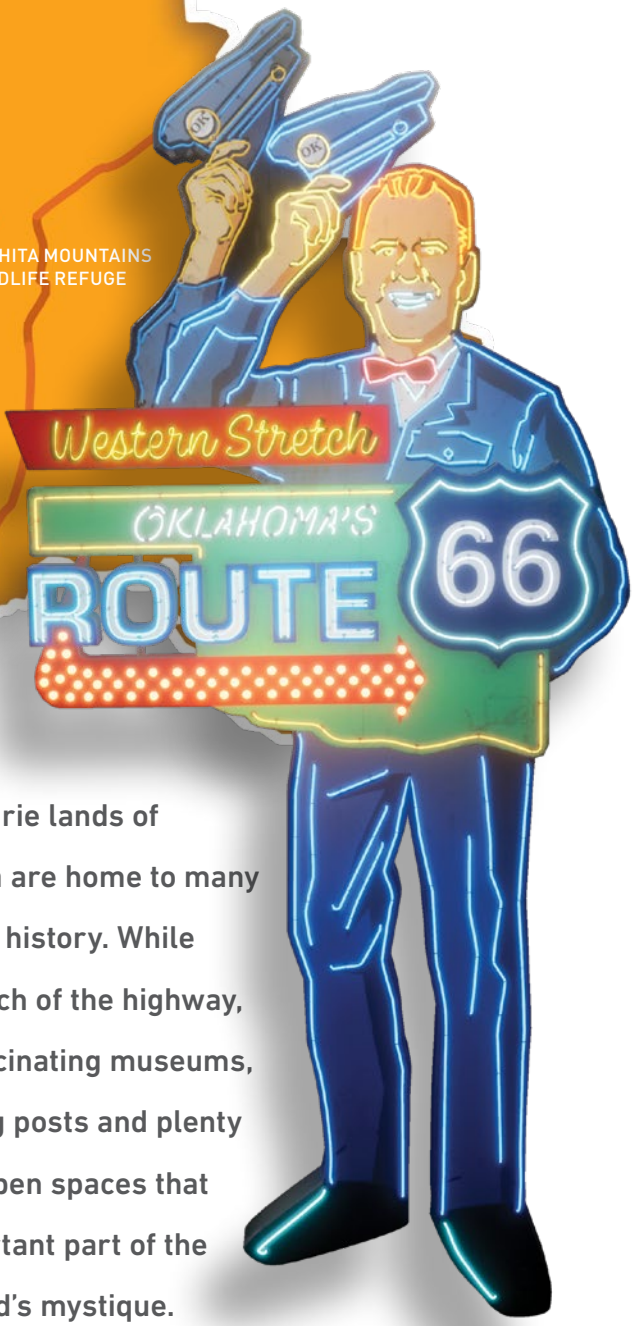


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Western Stretch



The shortgrass prairie lands of Western Oklahoma are home to many slices of Route 66 history. While driving this stretch of the highway, you can see fascinating museums, historic trading posts and plenty of the wide-open spaces that are an important part of the Mother Road's mystique.

📍 RED ROCK CANYON ADVENTURE PARK, HINTON

HINTON

Red Rock Canyon Adventure Park

📍 116 Red Rock Canyon Rd. 📞 (405) 542-6344

👉 redrockcanyonadventurepark.com

Rugged red canyon walls frame this picturesque park where you can hike, fish and camp. If you explore the California Road Trail, you can see wagon wheel ruts made by settlers traveling to California in search of gold in the 1840s and 1850s. The park is especially beautiful in the fall when the trees turn vibrant shades of yellow, burnt orange and red. There are full-hookup and semi-modern RV campsites along with plenty of tent campsites available.

HYDRO

Nutopia Nuts 'N More

📍 539 N. Arapaho Ave. 📞 (405) 663-2330

👉 nutopianuts.com

With a huge selection of Oklahoma-grown nuts and goodies, this store is a beacon for travelers suffering from the munchies. The friendly folks there will happily fork over a sample of their tasty peanuts, but you'll find it's hard to stop with just a few. You can even purchase gift packages to take home to Mom — or to rip open and devour a few miles down the road.

Lucille's Service Station

📍 State Highway 66

This 1920s-era, two-story gas station was once the domain of Lucille Hamons, who ran it for nearly 60 years. Hamons' longevity and kindness to travelers earned her the title "Mother of the Mother Road." You can't go inside these days, but you can stop for a look around and a photo with the distinctive building.

📍 STAFFORD AIR & SPACE MUSEUM, WEATHERFORD



WEATHERFORD

P Bar Farms Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch

📍 1002 St. Hwy. 66 📞 (405) 556-1069 🌐 pbarfarms.com

This farm is the place to be in the fall. It's home to an elaborate corn maze with more than three miles of trails. During October, part of the maze is haunted after dark. (It's not too terrifying, but if you've got little ones it's probably best to visit during the daytime hours.) There's also a petting zoo, and if you've got room in the car to take some pumpkins on your journey, you can take a hayride down to the pumpkin patch and pick the perfect one.

Lucille's Roadhouse

📍 1301 N. Airport Rd. 📞 (580) 772-8808

🌐 lucillesroadhouse.com

Stop for classic Route 66 fare like burgers and chicken-fried steak at this retro-cool restaurant whose exterior stands in homage to nearby Lucille's Service Station. Choose one of three uniquely styled rooms to dine in: the old-school diner, the classic steakhouse or the laid-back lounge. Each has its own charm, but the diner's flashy Route 66 graphics provide the best selfie-snapping material.

Stafford Air & Space Museum

📍 3000 E. Logan Rd. 📞 (580) 772-5871

🌐 staffordmuseum.org

This Smithsonian-affiliated museum is named after Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Stafford, a Weatherford native and astronaut. The museum is filled with shuttle program artifacts like a moon rock and a Gemini spacecraft. Also on display are suits that Stafford, a veteran of four space flights, wore on the Apollo 10, Gemini 6 and Gemini 9 flights. You can even sit in the cockpit of a Russian MiG and try your hand at flight simulators.

Heartland of America Museum

📍 1600 S. Frontage Rd. 📞 (580) 774-2212

🌐 oklahomaheartlandmuseum.com

Learn about life in the heartland throughout the 19th and 20th centuries at this unique museum. Some rooms are set up to replicate community staples like a drugstore and general store. Others reflect themes from family life like travel and daily chores. Outside, you'll find three historic buildings, including a Route 66 diner where Elvis Presley ate three times.

Weatherford Wind Energy Park

📍 522 W. Rainey Ave. 📞 (580) 772-7451

🌐 cityofweatherford.com

As you drive through western Oklahoma, you'll often see giant wind turbines, their blades turning rapidly in the powerful Oklahoma wind. If you've ever wanted a closer look, stop by this park, which has a turbine blade on display. (Not to ruin the suspense, but it turns out they're a LOT bigger than they look from a distance.)

📷 LUCILLE'S ROADHOUSE, WEATHERFORD



CLINTON

Cherokee Trading Post & Boot Outlet

📍 23107 N. Frontage Rd. 📞 (580) 323-0001 | (888) 572-0001
🌐 cherokeegifts.com

Established in 1966, this Route 66 stalwart has long been known for its ample supply of American Indian jewelry, art and other collectibles. There's also a big selection of Route 66 memorabilia and cowboy boots of every shape and color. While you're there, check out the field just east of the building to see bison roaming the plains.

White Dog Hill Restaurant

📍 22901 N. State Highway 66 📞 (580) 323-6922

It's hard to imagine a Route 66 restaurant with better ambiance than this little spot on a hill just north of the highway. The 1925-era building — a former golf course clubhouse — is made of brick and native red sandstone. It was renovated without losing any of its old-school charm, and the view of the southwestern Oklahoma prairie literally stretches for miles. The menu is carefully cultivated, as are the delicious cheeseboard appetizers. Grilled steaks and other meats make up most of the tasty entrées. After dinner, grab a drink and settle on the patio's Adirondack chairs to enjoy sweeping sunset views. The restaurant is open for dinner only Wednesday through Saturday, and reservations are recommended.

Mohawk Lodge Indian Store

📍 22702 N. State Highway 66 📞 (580) 323-2360

Part museum and part store, Mohawk Lodge Indian Store was the first trading post in Indian Territory. It's been around in one form or fashion since 1892. Before moving to its present location in 1940, the store started in nearby Colony as an outlet for Cheyenne women to sell their handmade creations. The folks there still buy, sell and trade only authentic American Indian crafts and artifacts. There are also many fascinating items — like historic photographs and museum-quality vintage clothing — that are on display but not for sale.

McLain Rogers Park & Historic Amphitheater

📍 S. 10th St. & Jaycee Ln. 📞 (580) 323-4572

🌐 clintonokla.org

During the 1930s, new facilities sprang up around the state, built by employees of the public works programs created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. With its art deco entrance sign, outdoor amphitheater and other historic structures, the park is an excellent example of the carefully crafted pieces those laborers produced. While you're there, play a round of miniature golf on the fun, Route 66-themed course.

Oklahoma Route 66 Museum

📍 2229 W. Gary Blvd. 📞 (580) 323-7866 🌐 route66.org

With classic cars, a retro diner scene and a gift shop loaded with goodies, this museum is all you dreamed it would be. The chronologically ordered exhibits lead you through the history of the Mother Road, and tunes from each era are pumped through speakers as you walk through. There are tons of selfie-ready spots, and few can resist stopping to pose "behind the wheel" of the red convertible Corvette sign. There's also a huge gift shop full of Route 66 souvenirs.

Jigg's Smokehouse

📍 22203 N. Frontage Rd. 📞 (580) 323-5641

🌐 jiggssmokehouse.com

Folks come from far and wide to dine on — and snap a selfie with — the Wooly Burger. While the two-pound, big-as-your-head ham and sausage sandwich might be Jigg's most photographed item, their most popular sandwich is actually the BBQ Beef. It's filled with tender beef brisket doused with Jigg's tasty sauce. While you're there, stock up on the ultimate road trip food: beef jerky.

📷 JIGG'S SMOKEHOUSE,
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30 MINUTES AWAY ▶ Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Cheyenne

Visit the site of Custer's 1868 surprise attack on the Southern Cheyenne village of Peace Chief Black Kettle. You can take a self-guided tour along a 1.5-mile trail.

(580) 497-2742 | nps.gov/waba

40 MINUTES AWAY ▶ Fort Cobb State Park, Fort Cobb

Take some time to relax along the shores of Fort Cobb Lake. The shallow swim beaches are perfect for splashing around, and the 18-hole golf course offers stunning lake views.

(405) 643-2249 | TravelOK.com/FortCobb

1 HOUR, 10 MINUTES AWAY ▶ Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Lawton

Take some time to drive through this breathtaking, 59,000-acre span where you can see bison, longhorns and other wildlife.

(580) 429-3222 | fws.gov/refuge/wichita_mountains

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FOSS

Foss State Park

📍 10252 State Highway 44 📞 (580) 592-4433

👉 TravelOK.com/Foss

If you're ready to get off the road and spend some time in nature, head to this oasis. The unique state park is a true showcase of Oklahoma's diverse terrain. In one area, you'll find Foss Lake and its sandy swim beach with thatched-roof palapas. In another, thickly wooded areas provide great cover for a leisurely guided trail ride through the trees. If you're traveling in an RV, the park has plenty of peaceful campsites, including many overlooking the lake.

CANUTE

Cotton Boll Motel Sign

📍 605 State Highway 66 📞 (580) 472-3111

The small town of Canute was once a popular Route 66 stop that was home to several gas stations and motels. The Cotton Boll Motel has been turned into a private residence, and while its classic sign no longer glows with neon, you can still see it as you pass by.

📷 FOSS STATE PARK, FOSS

ELK CITY

Country Dove Gift & Tea Room

📍 610 W. Third St. 📞 (580) 225-7028

Stop for a sandwich and soup at this charming lunch spot in a converted two-story house. Each meal is accompanied by a square of delicious lemon jello, a creamy concoction that has piqued many a traveler's curiosity. (No, they won't give up the recipe, though many have asked.) The friendly folks and lace-trimmed decor will make you feel right at home, and the light, fluffy French silk pie will leave you wanting more. The store sells a little bit of everything, from antiques to books to arts and crafts.

📍 NATIONAL ROUTE 66 & TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM & OLD TOWN MUSEUM COMPLEX, ELK CITY

National Route 66 & Transportation Museum & Old Town Museum Complex

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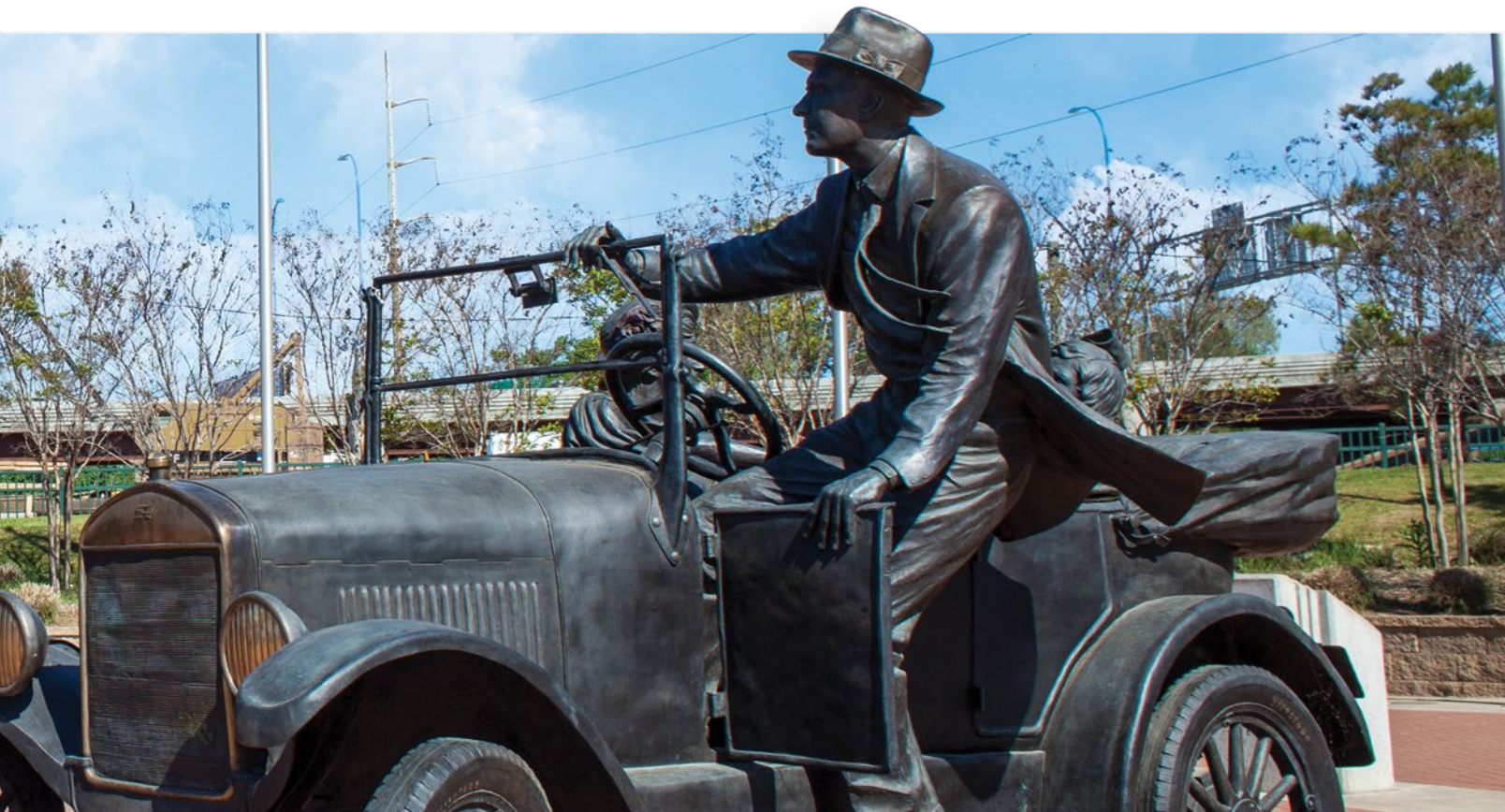
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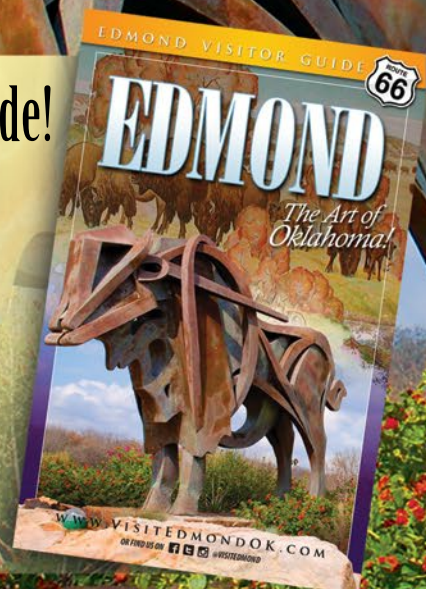
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