

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE OKLAHOMA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

State parks, community parks, scenic rivers, federal wildlife refuges, state wildlife management areas, Corps of Engineer and Bureau of Reclamation lakes, national forests, and national recreation areas are among the many places where Oklahomans can explore this state's fascinating natural resources. The following are examples of places that await your discovery.

Directory of Oklahoma State Parks

Adair State Park, Stilwell, (918) 696-6613
Alabaster Caverns State Park, Freedom, (580) 621-3381
Arrowhead State Park, Canadian, (918) 339-2204
Beaver Dunes State Park, Beaver, (580) 625-3373
Beavers Bend State Park, Broken Bow, (580) 494-6452
Bernice State Park, Bernice, (918) 786-9447
Black Mesa State Park, Kenton, (580) 426-2222
Boggy Depot State Park, Atoka, (580) 889-5625
Boiling Springs State Park, Woodward, (580) 256-7664
Brushy Lake State Park, Sallisaw, (918) 775-6507
Cherokee Landing State Park, Park Hill, (918) 457-5716
Cherokee State Park, Disney, (918) 435-8066
Clayton Lake State Park, Clayton, (918) 569-7981
Fort Cobb State Park, Fort Cobb, (405) 643-2249
Foss State Park, Foss, (580) 592-4433
Gloss Mountain State Park, Fairview, (580) 227-2512
Great Plains State Park, Mountain Park, (580) 569-2032
Great Salt Plains State Park, Jet, (580) 626-4731
Greenleaf State Park, Braggs, (918) 487-5622
Heavener Runestone State Park, Heavener, (918) 653-2241
Hochatown State Park, Broken Bow, (580) 494-6452
Honey Creek State Park, Grove, (918) 786-9447
Hugo State Park, Hugo, (580) 326-0303
Keystone State Park, Sand Springs, (918) 865-2066
Lake Eucha State Park, Colcord, (918) 422-5802
Lake Eufaula State Park, Checotah, (918) 689-5311
Lake Murray State Park, Ardmore, (580) 223-4044
Lake Texoma State Park, Kingston, (580) 564-2566
Lake Thunderbird State Park, Norman, (405) 360-3572
Lake Wister State Park, Wister, (918) 655-7756
Little Sahara State Park, Waynoka, (580) 824-1471
McGee Creek State Park, Atoka, (580) 889-5822
Natural Falls State Park, Colcord, (918) 422-5802
Okmulgee State Park, Okmulgee, (918) 756-5971
Osage Hills State Park, Pawhuska, (918) 336-5635

Raymond Gary State Park, Fort Towson, (580) 873-2307

Red Rock Canyon State Park, Hinton, (405) 542-6344
Robbers Cave State Park, Wilburton, (918) 465-2565
Roman Nose State Park, Watonga, (580) 623-4215, ext 3
Sequoyah Bay State Park, Wagoner, (918) 683-0878
Sequoyah State Park, Hulbert, (918) 772-2046
Snowdale State Park, Salina, (918) 435-8066
Spavinaw State Park, Spavinaw, (918) 435-8066
Talimena State Park, Talimena, (918) 567-2052
Tenkiller State Park, Vian, (918) 489-5643
Twin Bridges State Park, Fairland, (918) 542-6969
Wah-Sha-She State Park, Hulah, (918) 336-4141
Walnut Creek State Park, Prue, (918) 865-2066

Oklahoma State Parks with Naturalists and Nature Center Facilities

The following State Parks have park naturalists who welcome the opportunity to provide science education at their park nature centers:

Alabaster Caverns State Park, Tandy Keenan, (580) 621-3381,
tkeen@oklahomaparks.com

Beavers Bend State Park, Frank Griffith, (580) 494-6556,
naturecenter@beaversbend.com

Bernice State Park, Amanda Wiley, (918) 257-8330, naturecenter@junct.com

Greenleaf State Park, Steve Evans, (918) 487-7125, naturehut@onet.net

Lake Eufaula State Park, Loraine Richmond, (918) 689-4607, naturecenter@ecwb.com

Lake Murray State Park, Mark Teders, (580) 223-2109, markttnc@arbuckleonline.com

Tenkiller State Park, Leann Bunn, (918) 489-5643, LBunn@otrd.state.ok.us

Lake Texoma State Park, Richard Keithley, (580) 564-2566,
RKeithley@oklahomaparks.com

Lake Thunderbird State Park, Kathy Furneaux, (405) 321-4633,
crowssecret@sbcglobal.net

Robbers Cave State Park, (918) 465-5154, Jacque Martin, Seasonal Naturalist

Sequoyah State Park, Cyndie Short, (918) 772-2108, 3forksnaturecenter@gmail.com

Other State-Operated Parks

Quartz Mountain Nature Park, Sue Hokanson, Park Naturalist, (580) 563-2666, shokanson@quartzmountain.org This facility is part of the university system that is operated by the State Board of Regents for Higher Education. Quartz Mountain Nature Park has a nature center facility.

Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission, Tahlequah, (918) 456-3251. This agency manages the Illinois River and other designated scenic rivers in Oklahoma; Meredith Lee, education outreach coordinator, osrc2@fullnet.net

Crowder Lake University Park, Weatherford, (580) 774-6015, managed by Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Other Environmental Education Programs that are provided by Oklahoma State Agencies and other public entities:

Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Project WET and Wonders of Wetlands, and lead agency for the Oklahoma Environmental Education Coordinating Committee, Karla Beatty, (405) 521-6788, karla.beatty@conservation.ok.gov

Oklahoma State Forestry Services, Project Learning Tree and Arbor Week program, Christina Roberson, (405) 522-6158, Christina.stallings@oda.state.ok.us

Project WILD, University of Central Oklahoma, Lisa Anderson, (405) 990-1292, okprojectwild@fullnet.net

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Ag in the Classroom, Jamey Allen, (405) 522-6768, Jamey.allen@oda.state.ok.us

OSU Cooperative Extension Service, Oklahoma State University, Kevin Allen, (405) 744-8269, Kevin.allen@okstate.edu

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Ellen Bussert, (918) 366-1143, ellen.bussert@deq.ok.gov; and Melissa Sims, (405) 702-4121, melissa.sims@deq.ok.gov; Dianne Wilkins, (405) 702-5100, dianne.wilkins@deq.state.ok.us; and Susie Shields, (405) 702-5166, susie.shields@deq.state.ok.us

Oklahoma Water Watch, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Sara Ivey, Tamara Williams, and Lynda Williamson, (405) 530-8800; seivey@owrb.ok.gov; trwilliams@owrb.ok.gov; lswilliamson@owrb.ok.gov

Oklahoma Department of Commerce – State Energy Office, Carolyn Sullivan, (405) 815-5347, Carolyn_sullivan@odoc.state.ok.us

Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment, Gayle Bartholomew, gbartholomew@environment.ok.gov; and Kara Williams, klwilliams@environment.ok.gov, (405) 530-8800

Oklahoma Geological Survey, Stan Krukowski, (405) 325-3031, skrukowski@ou.edu

Oklahoma Climatological Survey, Andrea Melvin, (405) 325-2652, andrea@mesonet.org

Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, Holli Langlieb, (405) 325-2802, hlanglieb@ou.edu

Oklahoma Energy Resource Board (OERB), Carla Zappola, (405) 942-5323, czappola@oerb.com

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Wildlife Diversity Programs, Mark Howery, (405) 424-2728; and Wildscapes Program and Selman Bat Cave Tours, Melynda Hickman, (405) 424-0099, mhickman@zoo.odwc.state.ok.us

Oklahoma City Zoo, Teresa Randall, (405) 424-3344, trandall@okzoo.com

Tulsa Zoo, (918) 669-6600, www.tulsazoo.org

Martin Park Nature Center (Okla. City), Neil Garrison, (405) 755-0676, Neil.garrison@okc.gov

Oxley Nature Center (Tulsa), Eddie Reese and Donna Horton, (918) 669-6644, www.oxleynaturecenter.org

Other Environmental Education Opportunities and Resources

Chickasaw National Recreation Area, The National Park Service, Travertine Nature Center, Sulphur, (580) 622-3161

Ouachita National Forest, U.S. Forest Service, Talihina, (918) 653-2991

National Wildlife Refuge System, www.fws.gov/refuges, then select the desired national wildlife refuge within Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, (918) 585-1117,
www.nature.org/wherework/northamerica/states/oklahoma

Kirkpatrick Foundation, Paulette Black, Program Officer, (405) 608-0937,
www.childrenandnature.org/movement/detail/kirkpatrick_foundation_conservation_education_initiative. A source of information about conservation education events in Oklahoma; ideas for conservation activities that can occur at home, in a neighborhood, or at school; a listing of Oklahoma environmental facts; a comprehensive listing of Web sites that contain environmental and conservation information; and a listing of Conservation Careers.