

Hiking Trails

David L. Boren Trail

Beavers Bend Resort Park

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Location: 6 miles North on US 259-A.

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

Cherokee Trail

Cherokee Area Council

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Bartlesville, OK 74006

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Location: At Camp Cherokee. From Grove, OK go 3 miles East on Highway 25, then North 7 miles on Highway 10 to the Camp Cherokee sign. Then turn left and go one mile to the camp's entrance. Trail starts behind Medical Lodge. A 5.5-mile rugged trail. Hikers travel through woods, ravines, hills, and along Grand Lake. Trail patch available for purchase by hikers, who have completed the trail.

Map: See maps on pages 23 and 24.

Eagle View Hiking Trail

Kaw Project Office

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Ponca City, OK 74601

Business Phone: (580) 762-5611

Location: near Kaw Lake--call for location of trailhead

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

Greenleaf Lake Trail

Greenleaf Lake State Park

Braggs, OK 74423

Business Phone: (918) 487-5196

Location: Greenleaf Lake State Park

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

Map: See map on page 65.

Jean-Pierre Chouteau Trail

Corp of Engineers, Tulsa District

P.O. Box 61

Tulsa, OK 74121

This 24-mile trail starts across the river from Afton Landing Campground. The Afton Landing Campground is located on Chouteau Lock and Dam on the Oklahoma portion of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. It parallels the Verdigris River, crossing open grassland, wooded bottomland and dam. The trail ends at Fort Gibson Park. Six public use areas with camping and picnicking facilities are located at various points on the trail. Camping is allowed in designated areas and by primitive camping permit in remote areas.

Ouachita Trail System

Talimena State Park

Talihina, OK 74571

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Business Phone: (501) 321-5202

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

The Ouachita Trail is an east to west cross-country trail extending approximately 175 miles through the Ouachita National Forest. The trail extends from Lake Sylvia, near Little Rock, Arkansas, to Talimena State Park, near Talihina, Oklahoma. This trail offers hikers a wide range of scenic terrain, including upland forest, clear streams, high ridges, and wide valleys. Other trails in the area include the 4 mile Cedar Lake Trail, which connects the Cedar Lake Recreation Area to the Ouachita Trail and to a 2 1/2 mile trail skirting Cedar Lake itself, the 1/2 mile Wildlife Sketchbook Trail, the 12 mile Holson Valley-Old Military Road Loop (which leaves the Ouachita Trail at Old Military Road Vista and rejoins it at Deadman Vista, the 3 mile Billy Creek Trail which connects Billy

Creek Campground with the Ouachita Trail, and the Robert S. Kerr Nature Center Trails (3 conservation/ education trails from 1/2 to 3/4 miles in length). For more information on these trails it is best to call the Ouachita National Forest Supervisor at the forestry office in Hot Springs at 501-321-5202.

Osage Trail

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

Map: See pages 25 and 26.

Platter/Lakeside Trail

Texoma Project Office

PO Box 60

Cartwright, OK 74731

Business Phone: (580) 465-4990

Location: On Lake Texoma

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

Short Mountain Hiking Trail

Robert S. Kerr Project Office

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Sallisaw, OK 74955

Business Phone: (918) 775-4474

Location: Robert S. Kerr Lake near Sallisaw

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

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Hiking Trail System

Refuge Headquarters

Rt. 1, Box 448

Indiahoma, OK 73552

Business Phone: (580) 429-3222

Location: Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

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

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

Will Rogers Country Centennial Trail

Oologah Lake Project Office

Rt. 1 Box 1610

Oologah, OK 74053

Business Phone: (918) 341-8966

Location: Lake Oologah

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