

superhighways. Little by little, the Mother Road faded from view and, by the mid 1980s, was officially removed from the National Highway System. Left behind — relatively intact was a precious vestige of

along the way. Through

neon-lit cities and

thriving small towns,

Route 66 introduced

America to mom-and-

pop truck stops, road-

side diners and motor

courts with refrigerated air. Not

to mention novelties like alligator

By the 1960s, however, emerging

interstate systems meant Route 6

would be bypassed with new

Canadian County Historical

one of many historic depots

Museum, housed in El Reno's -

old Rock Island Depot, is just

farms and buffalo ranches.

American heritage,

ribbon of pure Americana -

ens of Indian events take place

Earth in Oklahoma City - the world's

argest gathering of American Indians.

statewide each year, including Red

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klahoma's Route 66

Today, travelers will find 400 miles of Route 66 in Oklahoma - more than remains in any other state. Plus, some 120 historic route signs along the way. And nostalgia buffs will discover a

Oklahoma City are the

National Cowboy Hall of

Fame, Remington Park

Kirkpatrick Center (science

racetrack, OKC Zoo,

and art museums) and

rontier City theme park.

Twin Bridges State Park Bernice State Park toll-free 1-800-652-6552. Or write: Honey Creek State Park Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation ittle Blue-Disney State Par Cherokee State Park Department, Travel and Tourism Heyburn State Park Division, Dept. M, P.O. Box 60789, led Rock Canyon State Par Crowder Lake State Park Foss State Park 73146-0789.

Nearby State Parks

Many cities and towns along the old Oklahoma route have kept their downtowns vibrant — and today feature shops with antiques and Route 66 memorabilia. Thriving Main Street programs

and pride in Route 66 heritage are restoring landmarks, movie theatres, restaurants and building facades.

with relics like vintage gas

signs, along with ghosts of

pumps and advertising

drive-in restaurants and

tourist parks.

Arcadia's beautifully restored Round Barn is a favorite Route 66 landmark. Built in 1898, its upper ONLAHON level features a huge round

> Thanks to the oil boom of the 1920s, Tulsa is graced with one of the nation's finest collections of art deco buildings. There are world-class art museums in Philbrook and Gilcrease.

Chandler, headquarters fo the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, is home to a historic downtown and vintage 1930s Phillips 66 station (no longer in operation). Just three miles west of town is the often-

photographed metal barn advertising

Meramac Caverns in Stanton, Missouri.

and Oklahoma Vacation Guide, call

Oklahoma City, OK

Much of Tulsa's Route 66 ran along 11th Street, where travelers enjoy the Metro — a restaurant reminiscent of Route 66 diners of the '50s.

> The "Father of Route 66" was a Tulsa businessman who headed the grassroots effort to develop an ambitious cross country highway one that would spark considerable economic development along its path (which, of course, included his native state).

For your FREE Oklahoma Route 66 Guide Grand Lake O' the Cherokees

is one of several

scenic Oklahoma

Coleman Theatre in Miami is

Spanish mission-style palace that

welcomes theatre patrons.

Claremore is home to the

Memorial: a world-class museum featuring the

gravesite of Oklahoma's favorite Native Son. The

20,000 guns and gun-related items.

Will Rogers Hotel (once famous for its radium water

baths) is now closed, but set for restoration. Also in

Claremore is the J.M. Davis Gun Museum with over

newly renovated Will Rogers

Bartlesville, 1927: After

months of searching for a

catchy new name for Phillip

said to his driver,

"This car goes like

on our new gas." T

gasoline, the answer came just as

time was running out. A Phillips

undergoing a \$1.5 million restoration.

Once a regular stop on the vaudeville

circuit, the Coleman is a magnificent 1929

Tracking The **Original** Road Finding the original Route 66 road-

beds and bridges can be a real thrill. Below are locations with stretches of the original road still intact.

A RIDE ALONG OKLAHOMA'S ROUTE 66 IS

MORE THAN JUST A GLIMPSE INTO AMERICA'S

PAST. IT'S A TOUR OF TERRAIN AS DIVERSE AS

AMERICA ITSELF. AND A CHANCE TO EXPLORE

TURE, JUST OFF THE ROAD - INCLUDING

SPARKLING LAKES AND SCENIC STATE PARKS.

A WEALTH OF ATTRACTIONS AND ARCHITEC

· Between Miami & Afton Two rare sections of 8-footwide curbed and paved roadbed.

• Vinita A small bit of road runs through a pecan grove. including a 1926 concrete bridge etched with the Oklahoma Highway Commission initials. Foyil An original section runs through the center

Verdigris Features two huge steel truss bridges —

one built in 1936, one in 1969. Sapulpa A satisfying 3-mile stretch of the original road

(signed as the Ozark Trail) can be found west of town. Depew Here, a long section of the old road still runs alongside the new route.

 Bethany A stretch of the old highway curves by the north edge of Lake Overholser and along a rusty steel bridge.

 Clinton Old Route 66 stretches can be found on Opal and 10th Streets.

 Elk City An airport service road on the east side of town was once

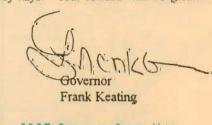
official, returning to company head part of the original route. quarters from Tulsa via Route 66,



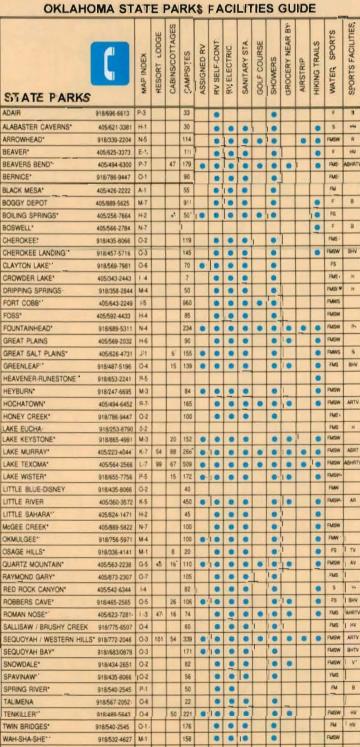
Kelly, Frank, Cathy, Carrie and Chip.

Oklahoma's most well-known stretch of highway is the Mother Road, Route 66. Here you will find some 400 driveable miles of the famous highway that stretches from Chicago to Los Angeles. Within our borders; more than 120 historic route signs are in place to help you find your way. Many Route 66 cities have kept their downtowns vibrant, treating travelers to Americana at its best. Antique and collectible shops, mom-and-pop diners, museums, vintage buildings and some of the friendliest people in the world beckon you to stop and spend some time rediscovering the magic of America's

During your travels in our state, I encourage you to venture from the interstates and turnpikes: Enjoy a leisurely drive through the towns and countrysides. Discover Route 66 and Oklahoma's many other scenic highways and byways. Your reward will be great.



OFFICIAL STATE MAP



America's Main Street

If you believe adventure lies less at

travel's end than in the journey itself,

then Route 66 is your ideal road. Rich

with history and nostalgia, the famed

glimpse into the heyday of American

automobile travel, some 40 years ago.

It was November 26, 1926 when the

nation's first continuous stretch of paved

highway - linking the heartland and the

"Route 66," it stretched from Chicago to

West - was born. Officially known as

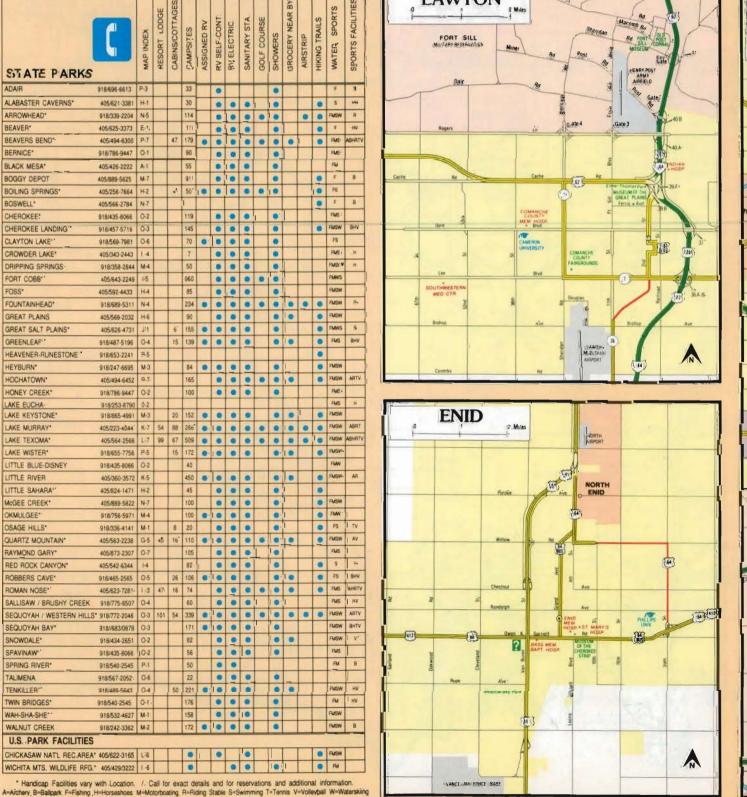
Santa Monica, California —

spanning 2,400 miles, eight

states and three time zones.

that Route 66 travelers can

"Main Street of America" offers a unique



Cruisin' The Mother Road

In the following decades, Route 66 became

more than just a cross-country passage for

Nearby Lakes

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Arcadia Lake

Lake Hefner

Lake Overholser

Foss Lake

restaurants, motor hotels

and tourist attractions

commerce and early auto travelers. It touched

lives and inspired a culture all its

own — luring adventurers to "Get

Your Kicks." For Dust Bowl farmers

(and legendary balladeer Woody

Many original steel

truss bridges are

September 1995, Clinton will be home to

the new Oklahoma Route 66 Museum, with

vintage automobiles, an audio tour of Route

66 and a host of classic artifacts.

found on Route 66.

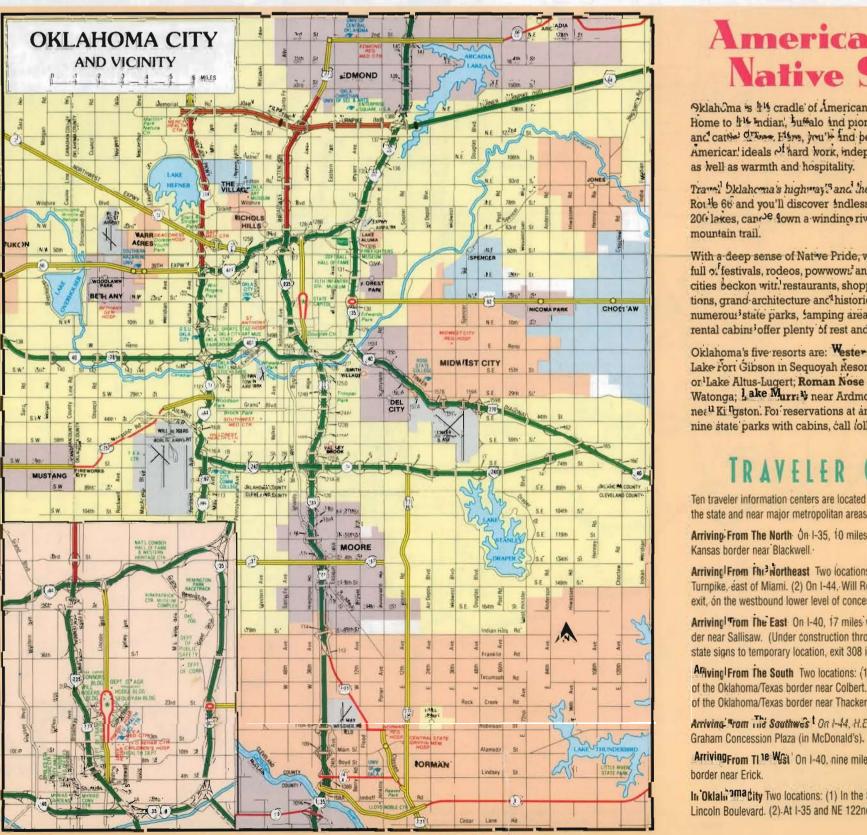
Guthrie), it was the Mother Road,

beckoning with the promise of

boundless opportunity.

Traveled by families, vagabonds, dreamers and

untold others, Route 66 spawned a new breed of



## America In Its Native State.

9klah@ma 's 115 cradle of American culture - and the West. Home to I'l Indian, buffalo ind pioneers. To horses, cowboys and cathe drives. Hisre, you'le ind bec'pls wn o snibody the mericar ideals of hard work, independence and spunk as well as warmth and hospitality.

Travel Sklahema's highway! and the Miss samous stretch of Roule 66 and you'll discover andless advertire. Enjoy one of 200 lakes, can de flown a winding river or hive Hong a scenic mountain trail.

With a deep sense of Native Pride, we host a colorful calendar full of festivals, rodeos, powwows and celebrations. And our cities beckon witr. restaurants, shopping, museums, attractions, grand architecture and historical neight Schoods. Plus, numerous state parks, samping areas, lakeside resorts and rental cabins offer plenty of rest and relaxation

Oklahoma's five resorts are: Western Hile Guist Ranch on Lake Fort Gibson in Sequoyah Resort Park; Quart Mouat; ain or Lake Altus-Lugert; Roman Nose near Lakes Boecher and Watonga; Lake Murri near Ardmore and Le le fexome ner "Ki "gston. For reservations at any of these state resorts or nine state parks with cabins, call toll-free 1-800-654-8240.

Ten traveler information centers are located at various points of entry into the state and near major metropolitan areas. Arriving From The North On I-35, 10 miles south of the Oklahoma/

Kansas border near Blackwell. Arriving From The Northeast Two locations (1) On I-44, Will Rogers Turnpike, east of Miami. (2) On I-44, Will Rogers Turnpike, south of Vinita

exit, on the westbound lower level of concession plaza (in McDonald's). Arriving from The East On I-40, 17 miles west of Oklahoma/Arkansas border near Sallisaw. (Under construction through spring 1995. Follow interstate signs to temporary location, exit 308 in Sallisaw.)

Arriving From The South Two locations: (1) On US-69/75, two miles north of the Oklahoma/Texas border near Colbert. (2) On I-35, three miles north of the Oklahoma/Texas border near Thackerville.

ArrivingFrom Tine Wist On I-40, nine miles east of the Oklahoma/Texas

Arriving From The Southwest On 1-44, H.E. Bailey Turnpike, at the Elmer

In Oklah 3ma City Two locations: (1) In the State Capitol at NE 23rd and Lincoln Boulevard. (2) At I-35 and NE 122nd.



