



First, Best & Only

- The largest contiguous district on the National Register of Historic Places is in Guthrie, extending 1,400 acres and 400 city blocks and containing 2,169 buildings. Guthrie has also been named one of America's *Dozen Distinctive Destinations* by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- From forests to sand dunes to rolling prairies to cypress swamps, Oklahoma has more diverse terrain per square mile than any other state.
- Despite its Dust Bowl image, Oklahoma has more man-made lakes than any other state in the nation. The state's shoreline totals almost as much as the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf and Arctic Coasts combined. In fact, the Grand Lake O' The Cherokees has more miles of shoreline than the coast of California.
- Oklahoma has more driveable miles of Route 66 than any other state, with numerous eye-catching sites such as the Arcadia Round Barn, Foyil's Totem Pole Park and Catoosa's Blue Whale, along the way. Oklahoman Cyrus Avery is credited for creating the route.
- More American Indian tribes (39) are headquartered in Oklahoma than in any other state.
- Oklahoma is home to world-class Western art museums, including the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City and the Gilcrease Museum of Art in Tulsa. In fact, 80 percent of the world's western art is found in Oklahoma.

- The Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is the nation's first and oldest national wildlife park.
- The largest stocker-feeder cattle market in the world is at the Oklahoma City Stockyards.
- The oldest painted object in the New World was found in Oklahoma and is on display at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman. It is a 10,000-year-old skull of an extinct bison painted with a zig-zag or "lightning bolt" pattern.
- The only place in the world you can dig for hourglass selenite crystals is in the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge adjacent to Great Salt Plains State Park near Cherokee.
- The world's largest dinosaur skull, a Pentaceratops skull measuring 10 and one-half feet tall, and the world's largest Apatosaurus more than 92 feet in length are displayed at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman.
- The only skyscraper solely designed by and built by Frank Lloyd Wright is Price Tower in Bartlesville. It is also the only one of Wright's structures where you can book a hotel stay.
- Tulsa ranks third in the nation for the most art deco architecture, with stunning buildings including the Boston Avenue Methodist Church. The Tulsa Convention & Visitors' Bureau offers free art deco walking tours.
- There are more horses per capita in Oklahoma than in any other state.
- Oklahoman Lt. General Thomas P. Stafford achieved the highest military rank of all astronauts. His achievements in space are memorialized at the General Thomas A. Stafford Air & Space Museum in his hometown of Weatherford.
- The first-ever art school program for American Indians was begun in 1926 at the University of Oklahoma. Its first students became internationally famous as "The Kiowa Five." The Jacobson House Art Center in Norman was the home of Oscar Jacobson, mentor of the Kiowa Five.
- The world's largest gypsum cave open to the public is located at Alabaster Caverns State Park near Freedom. The world's largest single deposit of pure alabaster also is found in this park.