

CHEROKEE HILLS BYWAY

FACT SHEET

Synopsis: The Cherokee Hills Byway features a variety of attractions ranging from

recreational and cultural to historical and natural with a range of locations along the route. Highlights of the drive include Lake Tenkiller and the Illinois River that are carved out by blue grey flint stone, encased by towering bluffs and lined by

some of the most picturesque foliage in Oklahoma.

Sponsor: Cherokee Nation continues to develop the Cherokee Hills Byway with master

planning and community development.

Overseer: The Oklahoma Department of Transportation and University of Oklahoma

Outreach officially oversees the Cherokee Hills Byway program including support for the selected roads, promoting the communities and preserving

irreplaceable resources.

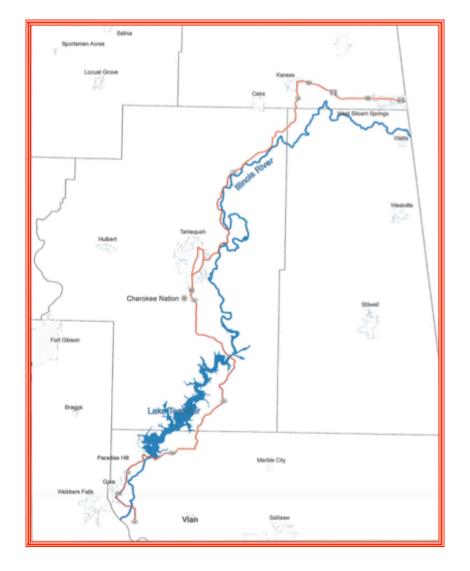
Byway

Dedicated: April 25, 2009

Miles: Eighty-eight

Drive Time: Two-and-a-half hours

Route: Oklahoma Highway 10 north of Interstate 40 to U.S. Highway 412



Counties: Sequoyah, Cherokee, Adair and Delaware.

Cities: Colcord, Cookson, Fort Gibson, Gore, Kansas, Park Hill, Peggs, Sallisaw, Spiro,

Stilwell, Tahlequah, Vian, Wauhillau, Webbers Falls, West Siloam Springs and

Westville.

Attractions: A variety of recreational, cultural, historical, natural and scenic attractions can be

found in and around the communities, some classified under multiple categories,

that line the Cherokee Hills Byway including:

Recreational

Colcord: Talbot Library and Museum and Natural Falls State Park

Cookson: Sixshooter Bed & Breakfast, Dutchman's Cabins, Terrapin Peak Enterprises,

Snake Creek Wilderness, Chicken Creek Village, Cookson Hills General Store &

Cabins, Nautical Adventures, Lake Tenkiller, Pine Creek Cove State Park, Sixshooter Resort & Marina, Cookson Bend Resort & Marina, Lawley House

Vacation Cottage and Burnt Cabin Marina & Resort

Fort Gibson: Garrett Historic Home: Commanding Officers' Residence, Fort Gibson Lake and

Webbers Falls Reservoir

Gore: Marval Camping Resort, Tenkiller Ferry Lake, Five Oaks Manor and Fin &

Feather Resort

Park Hill: Tenkiller Lodge and Barnacle Bill's Resort & Marina

Peggs: Sycamore Springs Ranch

Sallisaw: Brushy Lake State Park, Overstreet-Kerr Historical Farm, Robert S Kerr

Reservoir and Sequoyah's Home

Spiro: Spiro Mounds Archaeological State Park

Stilwell: Adair State Park

Tahlequah: Diamond Head Resort, Falcon Floats, Hanging Rock Nature Park, Herrin's

Riverside Bed & Breakfast, Pine Valley Cabins, Glass Guest House, Arrowhead Resort, Eagle Bluff Resort, Elk Creek Resort, Peyton's Place (camp grounds), Thompson House, Cherokee Landing Recreation area, Sparrow Hawk Camp, All American Floats, The Scrappin' Pad, Riverside Resort, War Eagle Resort, Cone's Finish Line 66 & Indian Village RV, Cherry Springs Golf Club and Cherokee

Casino

Vian: Tenkiller State Park and Meadow Park RV Park

West Siloam

Springs: Cherokee Casino

Cultural

Colcord: Talbot Library and Museum

Fort Gibson: Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Garrett Historic Home: Commanding Officers'

Residence, Citizen's Cemetery, Fort Gibson Historic Site and Interpretative

Center and Webbers Falls Reservoir

Gore: Tahlonteeskee Cherokee Courthouse Museum

Park Hill: George Murrell Home, Female Seminary Columns, Ross School and Ross

Cemetery, Cherokee Heritage Center and Tsa La Gi Ancient Village

Sallisaw: 14 Flags Museum, Overstreet-Kerr Historical Farm and Sequoyah's Home

Stilwell: Fairfield Mission

Tahlequah: NSU Seminary Hall, Herrin's Riverside Bed & Breakfast, Elephant Rock Nature

Park, Thompson House, Cherokee Nation Gift Shop, NDN Art Gallery,

Cherokee Artists Association, 5th Street Gallery, Cherokee Nation W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex, Cherokee National Capitol, Cherokee Supreme Court Building,

Cherokee Warriors Memorial and Cherokee National Prison

Vian: Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge and Dwight Mission

Webbers

Falls: Webbers Falls Historical Museum

Westville: Baptist Mission

Historical

Colcord: Talbot Library and Museum

Fort Gibson: Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Garrett Historic Home: Commanding Officers'

Residence, Citizen's Cemetery, Fort Gibson Historic Site and Interpretative

Center and Fort Gibson Military Park

Gore: Tahlonteeskee Cherokee Courthouse Museum.

Park Hill: George Murrell Home, Female Seminary Columns, Ross School and Ross

Cemetery, Cherokee Heritage Center and Tsa La Gi Ancient Village

Sallisaw: 14 Flags Museum and Sequoyah's Home

Stilwell: Fairfield Mission and Flint Courthouse

Tahlequah: NSU Seminary Hall, Herrin's Riverside Bed & Breakfast, Thompson House,

Cherokee Nation W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex, Cherokee Supreme Court Building, Cherokee National Prison, Cherokee National Capitol Building and Square, including Monument to John Ross, The First Telephone West of the Mississippi, Statue of Liberty Replica, Monument to General Stand Watie,

Veterans Monument, Memorial to the Confederate Dead

Vian: Dwight Mission

Wauhillau: Ned Christie Grave

Webbers

Falls: Webbers Falls Historical Museum

Westville: Baptist Mission

Natural

Colcord: Natural Falls State Park

Cookson: Lake Tenkiller

Fort Gibson: Fort Gibson Lake

Peggs: Sycamore Springs Ranch

Sallisaw: Robert S. Kerr Reservoir

Tahlequah: Hanging Rock Nature Park, J.T. Nickel Family Nature & Wildlife Preserve,

Elephant Rock Nature Park and Illinois River

Vian: Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge

Webbers

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Scenic

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Cookson: Lake Tenkiller

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Sallisaw: Brushy Lake State Park, Overstreet-Kerr Historical Farm and Robert S. Kerr

Reservoir

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Elephant Rock Nature Park and Illinois River

Vian: Vian Lake Park, Tenkiller State Park and Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge.

Cherokee

Nation: The Cherokee Nation is the sovereign operating government of the Cherokee

people. It is a federally recognized tribe of more than 285,000 Cherokee citizens, with its capital located in Tahlequah, Okla. Cherokee Nation's annual economic

impact in Oklahoma and surrounding areas is more than \$1 billion.

Cherokee Nation

Enterprises: Cherokee Nation Enterprises is the gaming, hospitality and tourism arm of the

Cherokee Nation. Cherokee Nation Enterprises operates Cherokee Casino Resort, five Cherokee Casinos, Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs, three hotels, two

golf courses and many other retail operations in northeastern Oklahoma.

Cherokee Nation

Cultural Tourism: The Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism Department was created to promote the

story of the Cherokee people. Efforts by the Cherokee Nation include developing guided community and educational tours, creating tourism partnerships and programs throughout northeastern Oklahoma, and launching a new Cherokee

tourism-specific Web site.

Location: Cherokee Nation

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