

The Lodge at Sequoyah State Park Three-Day Itinerary

For a city stay, consider Muskogee your hub

Day 1

After arriving at the lodge and getting settled, head to the **Three Forks Nature Center** for the 3 o'clock "critter" feeding and special planned activity for the group. A naturalist can guide your group through a leisurely nature hike; a speaker can give a nature talk that focuses on the area's wildlife, or have fun creating crafts to keep as a souvenir. Head back to Sequoyah lodge for dinner. Choose from fresh salads to Okie favorites, like chicken fried steak or fried catfish.

Day 2

Morning

Start your morning with a hearty breakfast at the lodge. Depart the lodge to find out what it's like to be an "Okie from Muskogee". In **Muskogee** visit the **War Memorial Park** and tour the USS Batfish submarine and museum. The Batfish was an active World War II sub that sank three Japanese submarines and fifteen ships in battle. Also at the park is the mast of the USS Oklahoma. The ship was disabled by five Japanese torpedoes during the attack on Pearl Harbor. After exploring the Muskogee War Memorial Park, stop by the **Muskogee Courthouse** for a photo op because according to Merle Haggard, "We still fly Old Glory down at the courthouse". Now, head to lunch at a local favorite, **Miss Addie's Café and Pub**.

Afternoon

Depart for the **Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame** where you will hear the story of Merle Haggard's "Okie from Muskogee" and learn more about Oklahoma's most talented musicians. Inductees include artists like Woody Guthrie, Carrie Underwood, Kings of Leon, Gene Autry and more. After exploring Oklahoma's deep musical roots take a short drive to **Honor Heights Park**. This 130-acre park is famous for the more than

30,000 blooming azaleas in spring. The park also includes a rose garden, gorgeous trees, scenic ponds and **The Butterfly House**. The butterfly house contains several different species of butterflies native to Oklahoma. In their habitat you will also find a gorgeous array of plants and flowers that attract butterflies each year. Head back to the Sequoyah lodge for dinner and a relaxing evening. The butterfly house is open Mother's Day weekend through the end of September.

Day 3

Time for a quick breakfast on your own. Pack your things and head to the **Cherokee Heritage Center** in Tahlequah, OK. Here you will experience the Cherokee way of life before the Trail of Tears by visiting a reconstruction of a Cherokee village Diligwa. The village features Cherokee reenactors that demonstrate life in 1710 through storytelling, canoe building, basket making and more. Next you will tour Adams Corner. This is a rural village representing life in the 1890s before statehood in Oklahoma and after the Trail of Tears. Next, visit the Trail of Tears exhibit that portrays the forced removal of these indigenous people from their homes and their relocation to Indian Territory. The exhibit features six galleries that tell their story. Depart the Cherokee Heritage Center and make your way to the **Murrell Home**. The Murrell home is the last standing antebellum plantation home in Oklahoma. It was the home to wealthy merchant George M. Murrell and his wife Minerva. Minerva was the niece of prominent Cherokee leader John Ross. Lunch will be served on the lawn. After lunch, tour the home that is furnished to reflect life in the 1830's to 1860s. Your last stop will be at the **Cherokee Art Center** where you will create your own Native American pottery to keep as a souvenir.

Point to Point Sequoyah State Park

Day 1

1:30pm Arrive at Lodge to check in
3:00pm Three Forks Nature Center (Critter Feeding, Nature Trail, Naturalist Talk)
6:00pm Depart
6:30pm Dinner at Lodge

Day 2

8:00am Breakfast at Lodge
9:00am Depart
10:00am War Memorial Park
11:00am Depart
11:30am Photo op at Muskogee Courthouse
12:00pm Lunch at Miss Addie's
1:00pm Depart
1:15pm Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame
2:30pm Depart
3:00pm Honor Heights Park
4:30pm Depart
5:15pm Arrive at Lodge

Day 3

9:00am Depart Lodge
9:45am Cherokee Heritage Center
11:45am Depart
12:00pm Murrell Home Lunch
1:00pm Murrell Home Tour
2:00pm Depart
2:30pm Cherokee Art Center