

Camping is available at Black Mesa State Park- All camping must be reserved online, with advance reservations preferred. Camping may be reserved the day of your stay when you arrive at the park. Wifi is available at the park office as an open network. Please visit RV.OKPARKS.COM to make your reservation, click on Black Mesa State Park and select the dates and site that you would like to reserve. There is a two night minimum on weekends and holidays. Prices are dynamic and will vary depending on the night of your reservation. If you need assistance making a reservation office staff **may be** available between 8:30-4:30 at the office.

Please be aware that the land outside the Nature Preserve is private property and trespassing is prohibited. Barbwire fencing indicate the boundary of the park do not cross or climb fencing.

Emergency Numbers

1. **911** (usually works even without a signal)
2. Cimarron County Sheriff Office -580-544-2020
3. Black Mesa State Park - 580-426-2222
4. Black Mesa State Park Cell - 405-623-3760

Food and Gas- The closest towns to buy food and gas are Boise City (40 miles), Oklahoma or Clayton (47 miles), New Mexico. Kanton and Felt, Oklahoma do not have any services.



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High Point Hike

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Black Mesa Nature Preserve—The nature preserve consists of approximately 1,600 acres where visitors can hike and enjoy 23 rare plants and eight rare animal species. The unique area marks the point where the Rocky Mountains meet the shortgrass prairie and many species are at the easternmost or westernmost point of their natural range. Black Mesa takes its name from the layer of black lava rock that coated the mesa about 30 million years ago. Visitors can hike to the top of the plateau, Oklahoma's highest point at 4,973 feet above sea level. The High Point Trail is a 8.4 mile trail (4.2 one way) medium difficulty trail.

Regulations—Please obey the following regulations to help preserve the park resources and ensure the safety of all visitors.

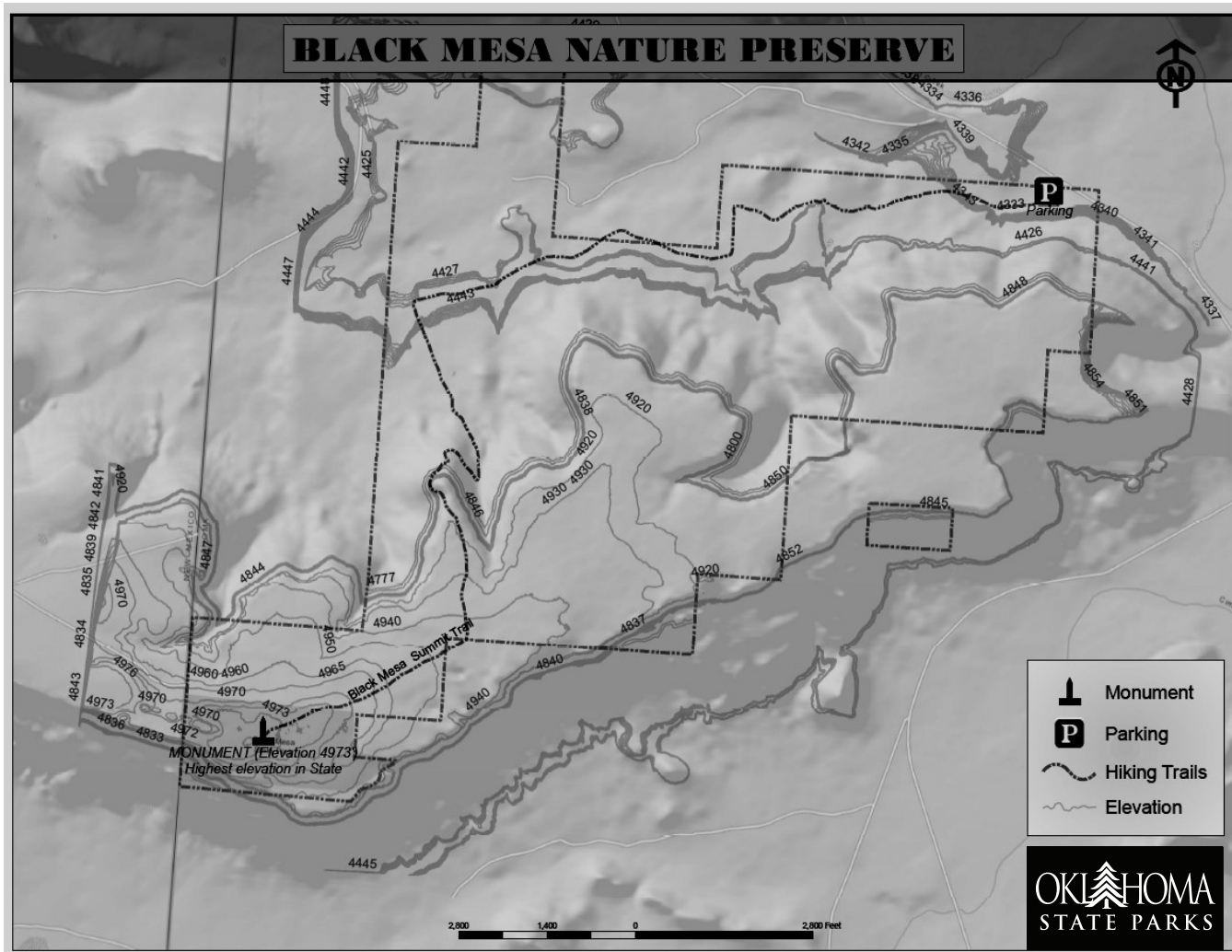
- Nature Preserve is open dawn to dusk only. (Star gazing available at the State Park)
- No ATVs or Motorized Vehicles on trail.
- No horses or bikes allowed on the trail.
- Do not remove or disturb any animals, plants, natural or cultural objects from the preserve.
- No camping.
- No fires allowed in the preserve.
- Keep vehicles in parking area.
- Keep pets on leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Place litter in receptacles provided.

Animals of the Preserve—The Nature Preserve is a birder's paradise with golden eagles, scaled quail, black-billed magpies, and pinyon jays frequently spotted. Other wildlife in the area include black bear, bobcat, mountain lion, mule deer, bighorn sheep, elk, and antelope. Mountain lion and black bear are rare in the preserve and generally do not approach or make themselves known to hikers.



Parking Pass— Black Mesa State Park is exempt from the Parking Pass program. Parking is free at Black Mesa Nature Preserve.

There is no Day Use Fee at Black Mesa Nature Preserve.



About the Trail—Black Mesa Nature Preserve is open dawn to dusk only. A waterless restroom is available at the trailhead. **No camping is allowed in the nature preserve or parking area.** Allow six hours to hike to the top of the mesa and back. Hikers need to be prepared for a long hike and are advised to bring plenty of water. Hikers must stay on the trail, although much of the trail is open country, hikers have become disorientated when going off trail. The High Point Trail takes hikers 4.2 miles from the parking lot to the highest point in Oklahoma marked by a monument. Hikers return by the same trail for a total length of **8.4 miles**. Trail conditions can be rocky and steep. Pay attention to weather forecasts. Summer temperatures can exceed 100 degrees and rock temperatures can exceed 130 degrees, heat related illness is a major risk in the summer. In winter be prepared for cold, windy conditions. Please do not hike the trail if conditions are very snowy, thunderstorms are in the area, or it is a very hot day.

Dinosaur Tracks—The well known tracks are located on private property in Carrizo Creek just northeast of the Black Mesa High Point Trail head. There is a small dirt road that forks right about 1/4 mile north from the trail head parking lot which will take you to an overlook of the dry creek, the tracks are in the creek. These tracks are in the Jurassic formation sandstone and are estimated to be around 150 million years old. The large Dinosaur Tracks were left by an allosaurus a 25-30 feet long from head to tail and walked on its hind legs and did not drag its tail.

