

#### Places to Visit:

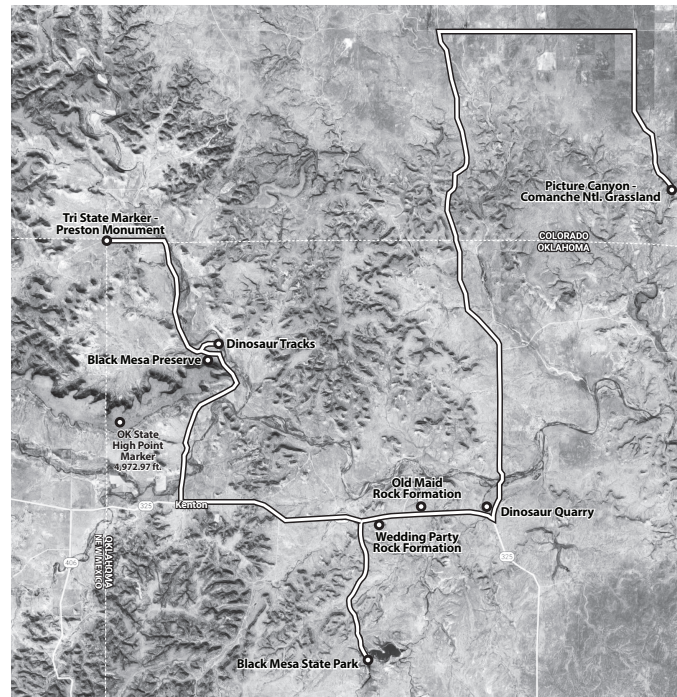
- Black Mesa Preserve—OK State High Point
- Dinosaur Tracks
- Picture Canyon
- Tri State Marker—Preston Monument
- Dinosaur Quarry
- Capulin Volcano—NM (not on main map)
- Clayton Lake State Park and Dinosaur Trackway (not on main map)

#### Places to See:

- Old Maid Rock Formation
- Wedding Party Rock Formation

#### Historical Points of Interest:

- Robbers Roost (private property, no access)



## Directions from Black Mesa State Park to Picture Canyon:

(Caution road signs may not be in place)

1. Take Park Road **north** out of park (4 miles)
2. Take **Right** on 325 to North 0110 (3miles)
3. Take **left** on North 0110 Road , will become 13 in Colorado (~16 miles)
4. **Right** on G (~4miles)
5. **Right** on 18/D to Picture Canyon (~4 miles)

***Points of Interest***

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**The Old Maid**—The “Old Maid is north of 325 and east of the Wedding Party and Black Mesa State Park entrance road. The Old Maid is a side profile of an old woman made of sandstone.



**The Wedding Party**—The Wedding Party or the Three Sisters is south of highway 325 and east of the Black Mesa State Park entrance road. It is said to resemble a minister, the bride and groom, with a group of seated wedding guests behind. The Wedding Party is formed from erosion of Dakota sandstone.



**Dinosaur Quarry**—The Dinosaur Quarry was excavated in the 1930s, where a femur from an Apatosaurus was found. The discovery was made by J.R. Collins of Kenton, OK with the blade of his grader. A concrete replica of the femur stands as a marker of the site where the Apatosaurus skeleton was removed. Many dinosaur fossils from the Triassic and Jurassic strata have been discovered in the area. More than 18 tons of camptosaurus, stegosaurus, brontosaurus, diplodocus and edmontosaurus fossils have been quarried from the Black Mesa area.



**Dinosaur Tracks**—The Dinosaur Tracks were left by an allosaurus and are located in Carrizo Creek just northeast of the Black Mesa Summit Trail. There is a small dirt road that forks right about 1/2 mile when heading north from the summit trail maker which will take you to an overlook of the dry creek, the tracks are in the creek. These tracks are in the Jurassic formation in sand stone and are estimated to be around 150 million years old. The dinosaur that made the tracks was 25-30 feet long from head to tail and walked on its hind legs and did not drag its tail.



**Tri-State Marker**—The Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Colorado tristate marker is northwest of the Black Mesa Summit Trail. There is an original marker that can be found 1.4 miles north along the old ruts.



**Picture Canyon** —Picture Canyon is located 31 miles from Black Mesa State Park on the Colorado/Oklahoma border. Several springs help to support a variety of plants and wildlife in scenic Picture Canyon. Most of the rock art designs were probably created during the 17th or early 18th century by historic Plains Indians. There are red and black pictographs and animal and human petroglyphs. Look for prehistoric Indian rock art on the south canyon walls.



**Clayton Lake State Park and Dinosaur Trackways-** The park is an oasis in the rolling grasslands of northeastern New Mexico. Enjoy boating, picnicking, camping, fishing and hiking. Get a unique glimpse of the past when you explore one of the most extensive dinosaur trackways in North America.



**Capulin Volcano National Monument** is a U.S. National Monument located in northeastern New Mexico that protects and interprets an extinct cinder cone volcano that is part of the Raton-Clayton Volcanic Field. A paved road spirals around the volcano and visitors can drive up to a parking lot at the rim. Hiking trails circle the rim as well as lead down into the mouth of the volcano. The monument was designated on August 9, 1916 and is administered by the National Park Service. The volcano is located 5 kilometres (3.1 mi) north of the village of Capulin.

