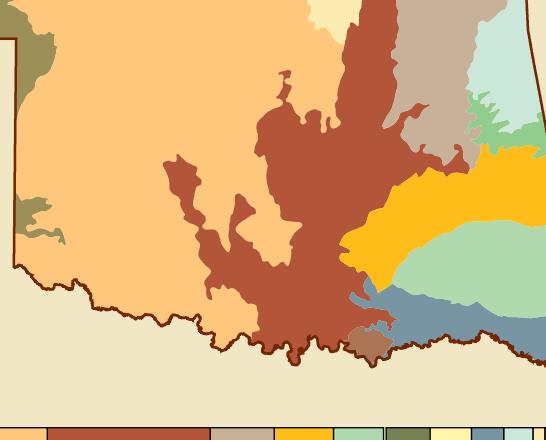


# OUTSIDE OK



In Oklahoma getting outdoors presents a unique situation, with 12 ecoregions, it has the most diverse ecosystem per square mile in the United States. Because of this deciding where to go for outdoor recreation presents many spectacular options! From the arid Black Mesa, to the lush greenery of the Ozarks, the rocky Wichita's, and the famous Plains, each corner of the state offers something different.

To make choosing where to go easier, let's see where in the state has a combination of popular outdoor activities!



## HIKING



Ardmore



Medicine Park



Atoka

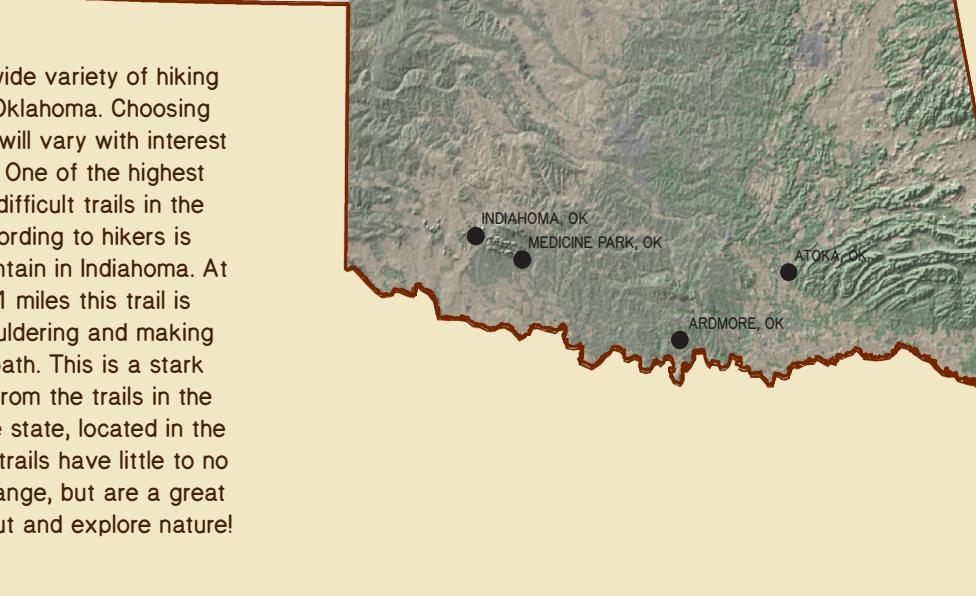


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Indiana

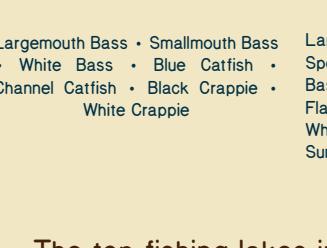
There is a wide variety of hiking options in Oklahoma. Choosing where to go will vary with interest and ability. One of the highest rated and difficult trails in the state according to hikers is Boulder Mountain in Indiana. At a short 1.1 miles this trail requires bouldering and making your own path. This is a stark difference from the trails in the center of the state, located in the plains these trails have little to no elevation change, but are a great way to get out and explore nature!



## FISHING

### Lake Eufaula

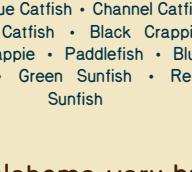
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Largemouth Bass • Smallmouth Bass  
• White Bass • Blue Catfish •  
Channel Catfish • Black Crappie •  
White Crappie

### Lake Texoma

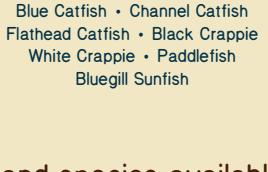
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Largemouth Bass • Smallmouth Bass •  
Spotted Bass • Striped Bass • White  
Bass • Blue Catfish • Channel Catfish •  
Flathead Catfish • Black Crappie •  
White Crappie • Paddlefish • Bluegill  
Sunfish • Green Sunfish • Redear  
Sunfish

### Grand Lake O' The Cherokees

73 mi<sup>2</sup>



Largemouth Bass • Spotted Bass  
Striped Bass • White Bass  
Blue Catfish • Channel Catfish  
Flathead Catfish • Black Crappie  
White Crappie • Paddlefish  
Bluegill Sunfish

### Lake Tenkiller

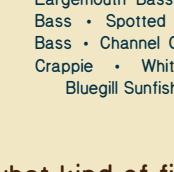
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Largemouth Bass • Channel Catfish

### Lake Murray

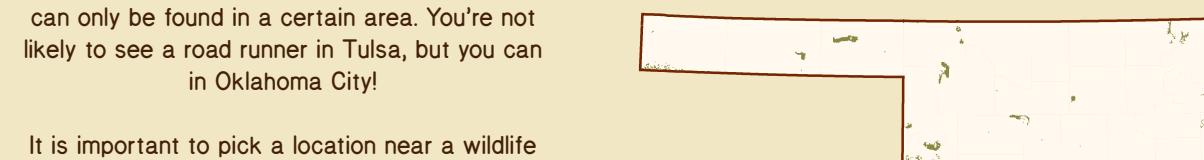
9 mi<sup>2</sup>



Largemouth Bass • Smallmouth Bass •  
Spotted Bass • White Bass •  
Channel Catfish • Black Crappie •  
White Crappie • Bluegill Sunfish • Walleye

The top fishing lakes in Oklahoma vary by size and species available in each lake. Knowing what kind of fish you're interested in can help you decide where to go. Lake Tenkiller has phenomenal bass fishing, but Texoma has the most catfish!

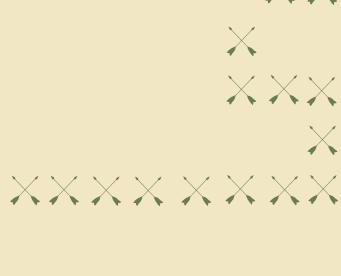
## HUNTING



Having such varied regions in Oklahoma means we have an assortment of animals that often can only be found in a certain area. You're not likely to see a road runner in Tulsa, but you can in Oklahoma City!

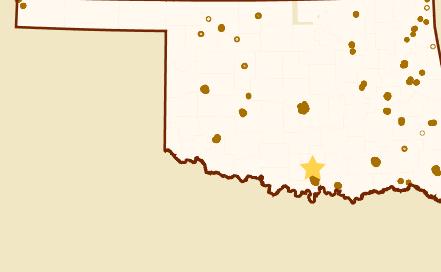
It is important to pick a location near a wildlife management area so those who wish to go hunting can get out and explore! With the map on the right we can see there are not many management areas in the center of the state.

There are many ways to hunt, and in Oklahoma many people enjoy hunting with bows! Bow season differs from gun season, so those who wish to shoot pheasants better plan to go in December or January!



Factoring all the great places one can hike, fish, and hunt in one location helped narrow down the choices to **Lake Murray State Park**!

Nestled in the Cross Timbers, Oklahoma's second largest ecoregion is where the Prairie meets the Woodlands. The Cross Timbers surprisingly offers a bit of everything, an excellent variety of fishing, hunting at the nearby Hickory Creek Wildlife Management Area, or hiking along their relaxed trails. Camp in the park or better yet, rent one of their floating cabins! Whatever you choose to do, just remember to get outside!



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