

= Oklahoma State Highway 8 =

State Highway 8 , also abbreviated as SH @-@ 8 or OK @-@ 8 , is a highway maintained by the U.S. state of Oklahoma . Because it runs mainly north ? south , it has an even number (which is normal for Oklahoma state highways , but opposite from national highways) . Highway 8 runs from U.S. Highway 277 in Cyril , Oklahoma to the state line south of Kiowa , Kansas , for a total length of 179 @. @ 1 miles (288 @. @ 2 km) The highway has two lettered spur routes .

Highway 8 dates from the creation of the state highway system in 1924 . Initially a border @-@ to @-@ border route , it was shortened to its current extent due to encroaching U.S. highways . SH @-@ 8 has followed its current route since 1966 .

= = Route description = =

The highway begins in Cyril , at US @-@ 277 (which at the time is concurrent with State Highway 19) , and immediately heads northward . Fourteen miles (23 km) later , the highway passes through Anadarko , sharing a brief overlap with US @-@ 62 / SH @-@ 9 . It also becomes concurrent with US @-@ 281 here , which it remains with after passing through Anadarko .

US @-@ 281 and SH @-@ 8 continue northward to meet SH @-@ 152 , which they overlap for five miles (8 @. @ 0 km) . SH @-@ 152 splits off to the west at Binger , and US @-@ 281 / SH @-@ 8 go northward through Lookeba to meet SH @-@ 37 at its western terminus in Hinton . Four miles (6 @. @ 4 km) to the north , the two highways have an interchange with Interstate 40 at its milemarker 101 . After this , US @-@ 281 / SH @-@ 8 cross the Canadian River and begin a concurrency with U.S. Highway 270 in Geary . SH @-@ 8 splits off by itself after passing through Watonga , sixteen miles (26 km) to the north .

North of Watonga , SH @-@ 8 generally runs parallel to SH @-@ 51A and , after intersecting SH @-@ 51 in Okeene , it runs parallel to SH @-@ 58 . Eleven miles (18 km) north of Okeene , SH @-@ 58 and SH @-@ 8 switch places through a 9 @-@ mile (14 km) overlap , with SH @-@ 8 ending up running to the west through Fairview and SH @-@ 58 running to the east to Ringwood .

After swapping places with SH @-@ 58 , Highway 8 continues north , overlapping US @-@ 60 for nine miles (14 km) , spending the last three miles (4 @. @ 8 km) also signed concurrently with US @-@ 412 . Eleven miles (18 km) north of this , SH @-@ 8 has a three @-@ mile (4 @. @ 8 km) concurrency with SH @-@ 45 southeast of Carmen . Through Cherokee , the Alfalfa County seat , it overlaps U.S. Highway 64 and SH @-@ 58 . After US @-@ 64 splits off to the west , SH @-@ 11 joins the concurrency .

After six miles (9 @. @ 7 km) , SH @-@ 58 splits off to the northeast . SH @-@ 11 and SH @-@ 8 remain overlapped for seven more miles (11 @. @ 3 km) before splitting off to the north . SH @-@ 8 ends seven miles (11 km) to the north of this at the Kansas state line . After crossing the state line , it becomes K @-@ 8 , which soon ends at K @-@ 2 in Kiowa , Kansas .

= = History = =

SH @-@ 8 was one of the original thirty @-@ one state highways created on 1924 @-@ 08 @-@ 24 . When it was created , it was a border @-@ to @-@ border highway , stretching from Texas to Kansas . It began at the Red River near Burkburnett , Texas . It then passed through Randlett and had a short concurrency with SH @-@ 5 west of Walters . The highway then ran through Lawton ? concurring with the original SH @-@ 29 ? en route to Anadarko via Apache . In Anadarko , SH @-@ 8 linked up with the present highway . The remainder of the route was mostly the same as it is today .

In November 1926 , AASHTO officially approved the United States Numbered Highways system . The Oklahoma Transportation Commission applied the national highways to Oklahoma 's state highway system on 1926 @-@ 11 @-@ 26 . Three U.S. highways were assigned to portions of what was then SH @-@ 8 : U.S. Highway 64 was added to a segment of highway south of Cherokee , U.S. Highway 66 was added between Bridgeport and Geary , and U.S. Highway 70 was added from

the Texas state line to Randlett . US @-@ 66 and 64 merely ran concurrently with SH @-@ 8 . However , US @-@ 70 completely replaced the state highway , which was truncated so that its southern terminus was at US @-@ 70 in Randlett .

By 1936 , several U.S. highways had been added to the system that took over parts of State Highway 8 's route . US @-@ 62 , added in 1930 , took over the Lawton ? Anadarko portion of the road . US @-@ 277 took over much of the remaining route between Randlett and Lawton . In addition , a US @-@ 70N had been created that overlaid US @-@ 277 between Randlett and the split with SH @-@ 5 west of Walters . These changes to the U.S. route system precipitated the truncation of SH @-@ 8 in 1936 . On 1936 @-@ 03 @-@ 13 , the section of the route between Anadarko and the state line was dropped . However , a new road between Anadarko and Cyril had been built ; this became part of SH @-@ 8 and set the highway 's southern terminus at its present location .

By the end of 1937 , however , the highway 's southern terminus had changed once again . On 1937 @-@ 10 @-@ 19 , SH @-@ 8 had been truncated to Anadarko . However , on 1938 @-@ 10 @-@ 18 , the route was extended back to the former southern terminus at Randlett ; this change did not appear on the state map until the April 1941 edition . On 1941 @-@ 04 @-@ 14 , the route was realigned to run through Cyril once again .

On 1955 @-@ 09 @-@ 12 , SH @-@ 8 underwent a small realignment . Previously , the highway went due north from Carmen , then turned due east , running through Lambert before connecting to US @-@ 64 south of Cherokee . As a result of the 1955 realignment , SH @-@ 8 cut northeast to connect to US @-@ 64 directly , bypassing Lambert .

All of SH @-@ 8 between Randlett and Cyril was once again dropped on 1966 @-@ 05 @-@ 09 , restoring the route to its current southern terminus at US @-@ 277 / SH @-@ 19 in Cyril . No major changes to the highway have occurred since 1966 .

= = Spurs = =

SH @-@ 8A runs from SH @-@ 8 to SH @-@ 51A , north of Watonga . Along the way , it provides access to Roman Nose State Park .

A former SH @-@ 8A connected the highway to the town of Geronimo . When SH @-@ 8 was truncated to Cyril in 1966 , it became SH @-@ 281A .

SH @-@ 8B is a spur route from SH @-@ 8 to Aline .

= = Junction list = =