



Attractions in Tulsa & Northeast Oklahoma

Art, History & Culture

[Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art](#) (1 mile from ORU)

Visitors will explore Jewish heritage, culture, and history through art and education. The museum's lower level features artifacts from Oklahoma veterans who liberated German concentration camps, as well as items brought by Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany.



[Philbrook Museum of Art](#) (6 miles from ORU)

This stunning Italian Renaissance-style villa in Tulsa was originally the home of oilman Waite Phillips. The museum features an impressive collection of over 4,000 artworks, including American and European pieces by artists like Georgia O'Keeffe and Renoir.



[Tulsa Performing Arts Center](#) (9 miles from ORU)

See Wicked at the Tulsa PAC! This Broadway sensation tells the untold story of Oz's witches with breathtaking music, stunning visuals, and a powerful tale of friendship and destiny. Don't miss this must-see production, running May 28-June 15, 2025!



[Woody Guthrie Center](#) (9 miles from ORU)

The Woody Guthrie Center in Tulsa showcases the life and music of the legendary folk singer, highlighting his influence on American history. Exhibits feature Guthrie's writings, instruments, and recordings, along with interactive displays on the Dust Bowl, the Great Depression, and his lasting impact on folk music.



Oklahoma Military History Center (10 miles from ORU)

This museum is dedicated to preserving and honoring the military history of Oklahoma and the service of its veterans. Located in Broken Arrow, the center showcases an extensive collection of artifacts, uniforms, photographs, and personal stories from Oklahomans who served in various branches of the U.S. military.



The Outsiders House Museum (11 miles from ORU)

This museum is in the home featured in the movie based on S.E. Hinton's classic novel *The Outsiders*. It is dedicated to preserving the history and cultural impact of the book and its film adaptation, showcasing memorabilia, photographs, and artifacts related to both.



John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park (9 miles from ORU)

This park honors the victims and survivors of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre while promoting education and healing. Featuring the Tower of Reconciliation and Hope Plaza, the park tells the story of Black Wall Street's destruction and the community's resilience.



Greenwood Rising (9 miles from ORU)

This state-of-the-art history center in Tulsa honors the legacy of the Greenwood District and the resilience of Black Wall Street. Through immersive exhibits and interactive storytelling, visitors learn about the rise of this thriving Black community, the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, and its lasting impact.



Tulsa Air & Space Museum (17 miles from ORU)

The Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium showcases historic aircraft, flight simulators, and interactive exhibits highlighting Oklahoma's aviation history. Visitors can also enjoy immersive space shows in the planetarium, making it a must-visit for aviation and space enthusiasts.



Will Rogers Memorial Museum (30 miles from ORU)

The Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore celebrates the life and legacy of the beloved humorist, actor, and social commentator, Will Rogers. The museum features exhibits on his career in film, radio, and as a political satirist, as well as personal artifacts, photographs, and letters.



[Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve](#) (57 miles from ORU)

Near Bartlesville, Woolaroc was founded by oilman Frank Phillips (of Phillips 66) as his ranch retreat. The site features a world-class Western art museum, Native American artifacts, and historical exhibits, alongside a 3,700-acre wildlife preserve home to bison, elk, and longhorn cattle.



[Cherokee National History Museum](#) (66 miles from ORU)

The Cherokee National History Museum in Tahlequah provides an in-depth exploration of the Cherokee Nation's rich history and culture. Through immersive exhibits and interactive displays, visitors can learn about the Cherokee people's origins, the Trail of Tears, and their resilience and contributions to American society.



[Osage Nation Museum](#) (67 miles from ORU)

This museum in Pawhuska offers exhibits on the history and culture of the Osage people, including their experiences during the Osage Reign of Terror, which is central to the *Killers of the Flower Moon* story.



Outdoor, Sports, & Nature

[Turkey Mountain](#) (3 miles from ORU)

Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness Area in Tulsa offers 300+ acres of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and wildlife watching, with scenic views of the Arkansas River and downtown Tulsa. It's a peaceful outdoor escape close to the city.



[Oklahoma Aquarium](#) (3 miles from ORU)

The Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks is home to thousands of marine and freshwater animals, including the world's largest collection of bull sharks in a walk-through tunnel. Visitors can explore interactive exhibits, touch stingrays, and see sea turtles, jellyfish, and river otters up close.



The Gathering Place (7 miles from ORU)

The Gathering Place is a 100-acre, free public park along the Arkansas River in Tulsa, offering something for everyone. Enjoy playgrounds, walking trails, gardens, a boathouse with paddle rentals, sports courts, and picnic areas.



Tulsa Garden Center at Woodward Park (7 miles from ORU)

The Woodward Park and Gardens Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its outstanding public gardens and the Mansion at Woodward Park, a 1919 Italian Renaissance-inspired villa designed by Noble B. Fleming and home to the Tulsa Garden Center since 1954.



Hardesty National BMX Stadium (10 miles from ORU)

This is an exciting experience for BMX enthusiasts of all skill levels. New riders are welcomed with a free first practice session, and the facility provides complimentary loaner bikes and helmets for those without equipment. To participate, riders must wear long sleeves, long pants, and closed-toe shoes.



Tulsa Drillers Baseball (11 miles from ORU)

Catch the Tulsa Drillers in action at ONEOK Field in late May for an exciting night of baseball! Enjoy great views of the game, delicious ballpark food, and a lively atmosphere perfect for families and fans of all ages.



Tulsa Zoo (17 miles from ORU)

This family-friendly, 85-acre zoo is home to over 1,500 animals. It features immersive exhibits like the Lost Kingdom, Rainforest, and African Plains. Visitors can see elephants, tigers, penguins, and more while enjoying interactive experiences like a petting zoo and train rides.



Tulsa Botanic Garden (18 miles from ORU)

The Tulsa Botanic Garden is a 170-acre oasis near downtown, featuring themed gardens like the Rose, Japanese, and Woodland Gardens. A highlight is the "Florigami in the Garden" exhibit, showcasing flower-inspired origami sculptures amid the vibrant blooms.



[Blue Whale of Catoosa](#) *(19 miles from ORU)*

The Blue Whale of Catoosa is a beloved roadside attraction along Route 66, located just outside of Tulsa. Originally built as a swimming hole in the 1970s, this giant blue whale has become an iconic symbol of the historic highway. Visitors can stop for a photo op, walk along the water, and enjoy the quirky charm of this classic Route 66 stop.



[Keystone Ancient Forest Preserve](#) *(25 miles from ORU)*

The Keystone Ancient Forest Preserve, a 1,400-acre natural area near Tulsa, features an old-growth forest, diverse wildlife, and scenic hiking trails. It's also historically significant, as Washington Irving camped here in 1832 during his travels along the Arkansas River, making it a unique blend of nature and history.



[Will Rogers Stampede Rodeo](#) *(32 miles from ORU)*

Held on May 24-25, 2025, at the Will Rogers Stampede Arena in Claremore, this rodeo features top PRCA competitors in bull riding, bronc riding, and more.



[Butterfly House at the Papilion](#) *(47 miles from ORU)*

The Papilion at Honor Heights Park in Muskogee features Oklahoma's only butterfly house, open May–September. Visitors can see native butterflies up close and explore beautiful teaching gardens.



[WOKA Whitewater Park](#) *(88 miles from ORU)*

Woka Whitewater Park on the border of Oklahoma and Arkansas offers an exciting man-made whitewater course for kayaking, canoeing, and rafting, with rapids for all skill levels. The park also features scenic trails, picnic areas, and a relaxing atmosphere, making it a great spot for outdoor adventure.



[Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve](#) *(85 miles from ORU)*

The Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve in Osage County is the largest protected tallgrass prairie in the world. Spanning over 39,000 acres, it offers a scenic driving loop, hiking trails, and a chance to see a free-roaming bison herd.

