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On the shores of Beautiful Keystone Lake lies Keystone State Park. The Park is named for the small community of Keystone, established in 1900, which was first settled on the south bank of the Cimarron River at its confluence with the Arkansas River. The early Osage reservation lay just to the north while the Creek reservation lay just to the south. Keystone was "famous" for its white man's "firewater" which flowed freely to cowboys, farmers and outlaws as well as to prohibited Indians.

Then about 1903, real estate promoters bought two cornfields on the north bank of the Cimarron, just across from Keystone and established Appalachia. The town soon blossomed with saloons. Enterprising promoters and saloon-keepers built a swinging bridge between Keystone and Appalachia which kept traffic going between the two communities and the firewater flowing.

In 1962, these two communities became inundated by the waters of Lake Keystone as the U.S. Corps of Engineers created the reservoir. Today, Lake Keystone and Keystone State Park offer a wealth of recreational opportunities to young and old alike. But when you're out on the lake and real quiet, you might still hear the honky-tonk of those old saloon key-boards.

Park Facilities



Camping • Keystone State Park offers three campground areas with 154 campsites, four comfort stations (two with showers) and a sanitary dump station.

For the RVer: Green Country Campground has 30 modern (full hook-ups); Lake Country Campground has 10 modern pull-thrus and 40 semi-modern (electric and water).

For the Tenter: Green Country has 15 unimproved sites; Lake Country has 19; and Red Carpet Country Campground has 40 which you walk to. Tenters using a RV site will be charged at the RV rate.

Some discount camping packages are available for RV organizations. Please check with the park for particulars.

Cabins • Keystone offers incredible lake view cabins in Frontier Country. All cabins have air conditioning and heating units, plus fireplaces. Each cabin has a living area and a fully-equipped kitchen including dishes, cookware, utensils, coffee pot and cleaning supplies. Televisions, VCRs and movies are available for rent. For your pleasure, there are three speciality cabins: Gilcrease Cabin, a 3-bedroom luxury cabin; Paradise Cottage, 1-bedroom, with a whirlpool tub; and, Hilltop Getaway, 1-bedroom, with a whirlpool tub. Then there are five 2-bedroom cabins and seven duplex cabins which may be rented through the cabin office (limited number available).

Community Center • This great building has heating and air conditioning and comes with a kitchen equipped with a range, refrigerator, microwave, some utensils and cleaning supplies. The Dining Hall seats up to 125 in classroom seating or 95-100 banquet style. There is also a bathroom facility and a fireplace with an electric fire.

Group Picnic Pavilions • There are five group picnic pavilions available for rental. Each pavilion will accommodate up to 50.

For the Individual or Family Picnicker: A number of picnic tables and grills are scattered throughout the Park.



Recreational Opportunities

Fishing/Boating/Waterskiing • Beautiful Keystone Lake is blue and clear, making it perfect for outstanding striper, walleye, catfish, white bass, black bass and crappie fishing. There is also plenty of room for other water sport activities. The breezes across the lake offer excellent conditions for sailboating and windsurfing enthusiasts. The Park provides two lighted boat ramps for visitor use.

Marina • The marina offers a gas dock, boat sales/service shop and slip boat rentals. Also available for your convenience is a grocery store, bait and tackle, and a snack bar/Cafe.

There's also a grocery store located in the cabin office which stocks general supplies for park guests including RV and camping supplies, fishing tackle and bait, soft drinks, food supplies, ice, candy and souvenirs.

Trails • For those seeking a peaceful nature hike, the 1.4-mile loop of the Whispering Hills Trail along Lake Keystone's shoreline provides an opportunity to observe the park's plant and animal communities. The Park also has a 1.4-mile Physical Fitness Trail in Lake Country Campground with 20 fitness stations.

Eaglewatch • From October to March, spectacular bald eagles visit the Park and can be viewed from an observation platform located on the north end of the dam. These graceful birds offer some great photographic opportunities as they dive for fish below the dam.

Bicycling • For cycling enthusiasts, bicycles may be rented by the hour or day through the cabin office.



Sites and Sounds of the Past and Present

Sand Springs • The business section of this city was once a 1833 Creek settlement named for Adams Springs, a prominent Creek. In 1907, Charles Page, oil millionaire, started a home for widows and orphans and connected it with Tulsa by an electric railway. Today, at the juncture of Sand Springs and US 64 is a Creek Burial Ground more than 100 years old.

Hominy • Established as a subagency for the Osage Indians in 1874, Hominy became a trading point for the Indians who lived in the southern part of the reservation. Veterans of the first World War observe Armistice Day in the Osage tongue at the ceremonial Roundhouse in the old Indian section of town with a ceremony called the Feast of Peace.

Drummond Home: This 1905 Victorian-style home of a merchant/ranching family is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and contains almost all of its original furnishings. Call 918/885-2374

Sapulpa • In 1850, Jim Sapulpa, a Creek Indian, came to this point from Alabama and commenced farming about a mile southeast of the present site of Sapulpa. Later he started a store in his home, hauling his goods by team and pack horses from Fort Smith.

Sapulpa Historical Museum: Displays include an 1890s kitchen, country school room, telephone exhibit, music room, Frisco railroad items and more. Call 918/224-4871

Drumright • Beginning as Fulkerson in 1913, for nearly three years Drumright's tents, lean-

tos and ramshackle wooden buildings set amid 300 or more oil derricks. These richly producing wells, sheltered bootleggers, high-jackers, gamblers and nearly every other variety of boom-town outlaw along with the decent population. Drumright Historical Museum: Houses old oilfield equipment, tools, clothes, home furnishings and tapes from early-day citizens and murals depicting the history of the oilfield and area.

Mannford • Was built on land formerly owned by Tom Mann who established the

ford on the Cimarron River. A large projecting shelf of rock is known as Dalton Cave, which according to local belief, was where a half-blood Creek Indian named Tom Bartee hid and fed the Daltons when they were pursued by US Deputy Marshals after their raids. Keystone Crossroads Museum: Artifacts from Keystone Crossroads Lake area including Creek, Pawnee, Osage and Tulsa Counties. Indian artifacts and pioneer collections, photos and a video library. Call 918/865-7206

