



DAY TRIP TO AFTON

From Miami · Ottawa County, Oklahoma



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ROAD



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LIVING TOWN · 734 PEOPLE (2020)

An incorporated town of 734 people at the 2020 census. Route 66 News called Afton Station "now-closed" in June 2026, photos from August 2026 show the school and city hall, and a visit video posted October 1, 2026 shows the Crosstar Flag and Tag yard museum on Route 66 with visitors inside.

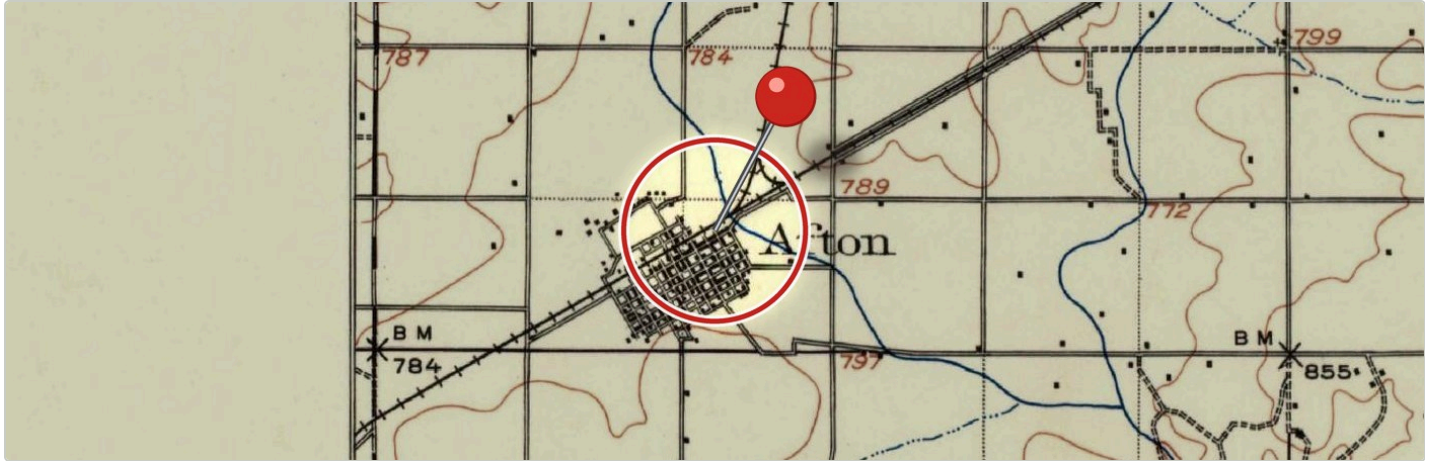
Afton is a short Route 66 stop between Miami and Vinita. Drive in from Miami on the old highway, walk First Street from Horse Creek to the west end of town, and photograph the station, signs and storefronts from the sidewalk.

A SAMPLE DAY

- ☐ 9:30 a.m. Leave downtown Miami on Route 66 southwest. It's about 20 minutes to Afton.
- ☐ 9:50 a.m. Stop at the Horse Creek Bridge and the old Ribbon Road curve on the way into town.
- ☐ 10 a.m. Park on First Street. Walk past Afton Station, the downtown blocks and the Rest Haven sign, and stop at the Crosstar yard if it's open.
- ☐ 11 a.m. Drive to the west end of town for the Avon Court ruins.
- ☐ 11:30 a.m. Head back to Miami, or continue southwest on Route 66 toward Vinita.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **Afton Station.** Stand across First Street to get the arches, tile roof and the old showroom beside it.
- **The Rest Haven sign.** The leaning motel sign reads best against the sky from the roadside.
- **Horse Creek Bridge.** Its sidewalks behind concrete rails are the detail. Shoot along the deck from the east end.



USGS topographic map, 1907 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	15 mi, about 20 min each way from downtown Miami. From Tulsa: 78 mi, about 1 h 25 min.
ADMISSION	Afton Station is closed, and the old buildings are seen from the street. Visitors in 2026 found the Crosstar Flag and Tag yard free, with donations taken; we found no posted hours.
TIME ON SITE	One to two hours for First Street on foot and the motel ruins at the west end by car.
FOOD AND FUEL	Legends of America (November 2025) describes the Buffalo Ranch Travel Center convenience store on the old ranch site east of town. Wikipedia lists a gas station and a Dollar General in town.
RESPECT	Afton had 734 residents in 2020. The old motels and stations are private; stay on public sidewalks.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 36.69667, -94.95750 • 36°41'48"N
94°57'27"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/oklahoma/afton/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.