



DAY TRIP TO FOSS

From Clinton · Washita County, Oklahoma



FARM AND
RANCH

LIVING TOWN · 101 PEOPLE (2020)

An incorporated town of 101 people at the 2020 census. The newest visit report we found, a video filmed on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, shows Kobel's Place still standing, its canopy and back rooms caving in and trees growing through the pavement.

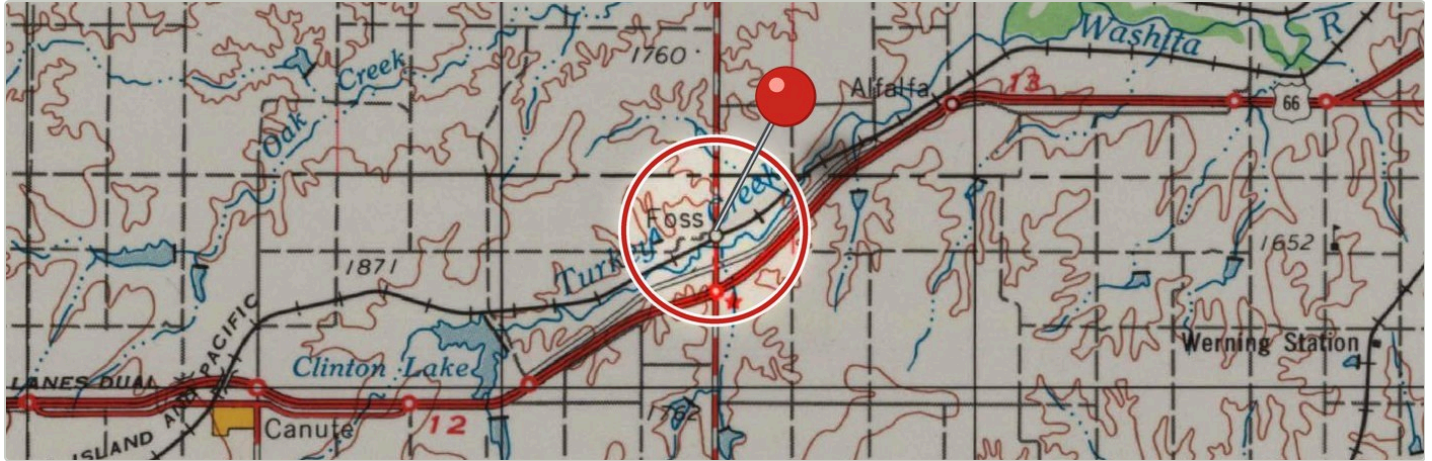
Foss is a short stop west of Clinton. See Kobel's Place on the old highway, drive up into town for the jail and the monument in Foss Park, and add Foss State Park to the north if you want a longer day.

A SAMPLE DAY

- ☐ 9:30 a.m. Leave downtown Clinton for I-40 west. It's about 16 minutes to Foss.
- ☐ 9:50 a.m. Stop on the old highway at Kobel's Place, just north of exit 53.
- ☐ 10:15 a.m. Drive north into town. Find the cage jail and the monument in Foss Park on 1st Street.
- ☐ 11 a.m. Head back to Clinton, or drive north on OK 44 to Foss State Park.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **Kobel's Place.** Frame the "Kobel's Place" lettering on the wall that faces the old highway.
- **The cage jail.** Get close enough to show the riveted steel bars.
- **The empty blocks.** A wide shot down a sidewalk with no buildings behind it tells the town's story.



USGS topographic map, 1955 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	15 mi, about 16 min each way from downtown Clinton. From Oklahoma City: 98 mi, about 1 h 46 min.
ADMISSION	None for the town, seen from its streets and the old highway.
TIME ON SITE	An hour covers Kobel's, the jail and the park monument.
FOOD AND WATER	We found no restaurant or store listed in Foss in any source we read. Eat in Clinton and bring water.
RESPECT	Foss had 101 residents in 2020. Kobel's Place is a crumbling ruin; photograph it from the road.

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 35.45490, -99.17020 · 35°27'18"N
99°10'13"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/oklahoma/foss/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

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