



DAY TRIP TO QUAPAW

From Miami · Ottawa County, Oklahoma



FARM AND
RANCH



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LIVING TOWN · 811 PEOPLE (2020)

An incorporated town of 811 people at the 2020 census (808 per the state encyclopedia), and the capital of the Quapaw Nation. Route 66 News reported on October 18, 2026 that Dallas' Dairyette on Main Street, open since 1969, had reopened after closing for a few days when its owner died.

Quapaw is a short Route 66 stop between Miami and the Kansas line. Drive up from Miami through Commerce, walk Main Street, eat at the Dairyette, and continue to the state-line marker or back to Miami.

A SAMPLE DAY

- ☐ 10:30 a.m. Leave downtown Miami north on Main Street, Route 66. It's about 17 minutes to Quapaw through Commerce.
- ☐ 10:50 a.m. Park on Main Street. Walk the downtown blocks past the town hall and the murals.
- ☐ 11:45 a.m. Lunch at Dallas' Dairyette, if it's open.
- ☐ 12:30 p.m. Drive north on Route 66 toward Kansas to the "Entering Indian Territory" marker, then head back to Miami or on into Kansas.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **Main Street.** Stand at the curb and shoot down the road for the storefronts and the Route 66 shield painted on the pavement.
- **The Dairyette.** Its roadside sign and building make it one of the few old highway businesses left on Main Street.
- **The state-line marker.** The pink granite stone stands on the west side of the highway, just south of Kansas.



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

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	10 mi, about 17 min each way from downtown Miami. From Joplin: 22 mi, about 34 min.
ADMISSION	Free. Main Street is public; the storefronts and homes are private.
TIME ON SITE	One to two hours for Main Street and lunch.
FOOD	Dallas' Dairyette, 103 North Main Street, reopened in October 2026 after its owner's death, Route 66 News reported. We found no posted hours.
POWWOW	The Quapaw Nation Powwow is held each July at Beaver Springs Park, 5681 South 630 Road; in 2026 it ran July 2 to 5. Check the Nation's site for next year's dates.
RESPECT	Quapaw had 811 residents in 2020. Look from the sidewalk, and stay off the chat piles.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Stay out of mine shafts, tunnels and unstable buildings.
- 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 36.95556, -94.79167 • 36°57'20"N
94°47'30"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/oklahoma/quapaw/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

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