



DAY TRIP TO TEXOLA

From Sayre · Beckham County, Oklahoma



RAILROAD AND
ROAD



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LIVING TOWN · 43 PEOPLE (2020)

An incorporated town of 43 people at the 2020 census; the Census Bureau estimated 41 in July 2024. A May 2025 travel report says the last restaurant and bar have closed.

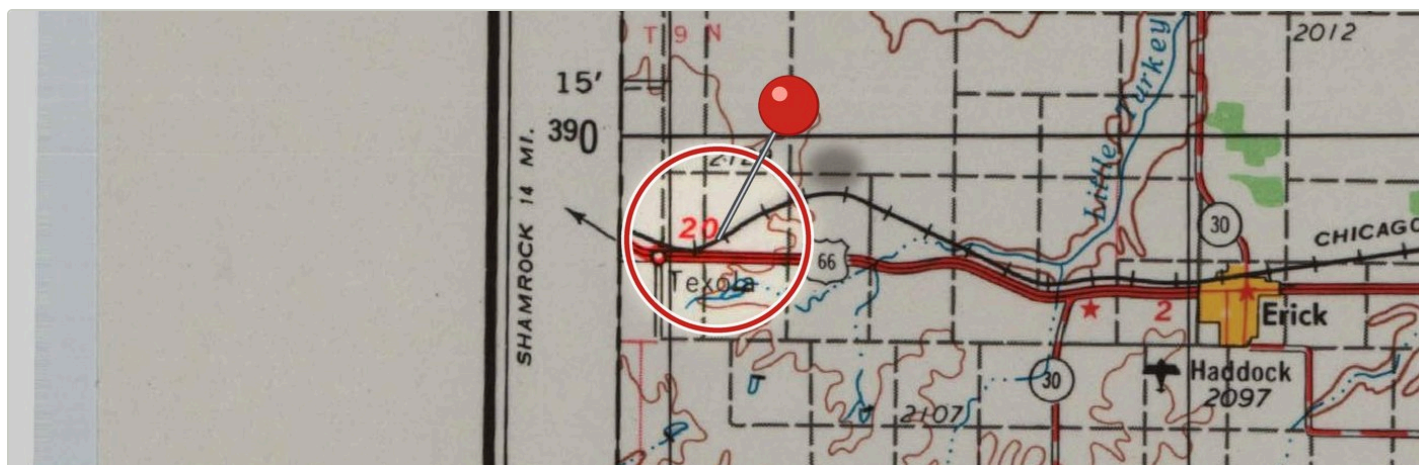
Texola is a short Route 66 stop at the Texas line, about 25 minutes from Sayre on I-40. See the Magnolia station, the jail and the old businesses along the highway, then head back to Sayre to eat.

A SAMPLE DAY

- ☐ 9:30 a.m. Leave downtown Sayre for I-40 west. It's about 25 minutes to exit 1.
- ☐ 10 a.m. Start at the Magnolia station on Route 66, then walk the old highway past the closed businesses.
- ☐ 10:45 a.m. Find the one-room jail in its field.
- ☐ 11:30 a.m. Head back east on I-40 to Sayre for lunch.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The Magnolia station.** Step back across the street to fit the building and its sagging canopy in one frame.
- **The old businesses.** Shoot down the old highway with low morning sun to line up the empty storefronts.
- **The jail.** A small building alone in a field. A wide shot shows how little is around it.



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

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	23 mi, about 25 min each way from downtown Sayre. From Oklahoma City: 151 mi, about 2 h 39 min.
ADMISSION	None. These are buildings in a small town, seen from its streets.
FOOD AND WATER	Islands reported in May 2025 that Texola's last restaurant and bar had closed. Eat in Sayre and bring water.
RESTROOMS	We found none listed in town.
TIME ON SITE	The town is a few blocks across. An hour is enough to walk it.
ROAD	Paved interstate and town streets.
RESPECT	People still live here; the Census Bureau estimated 41 in July 2024. Stay on the street and out of the empty buildings.

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 35.22250, -99.99306 · 35°13'21"N
99°59'35"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/oklahoma/texola/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

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