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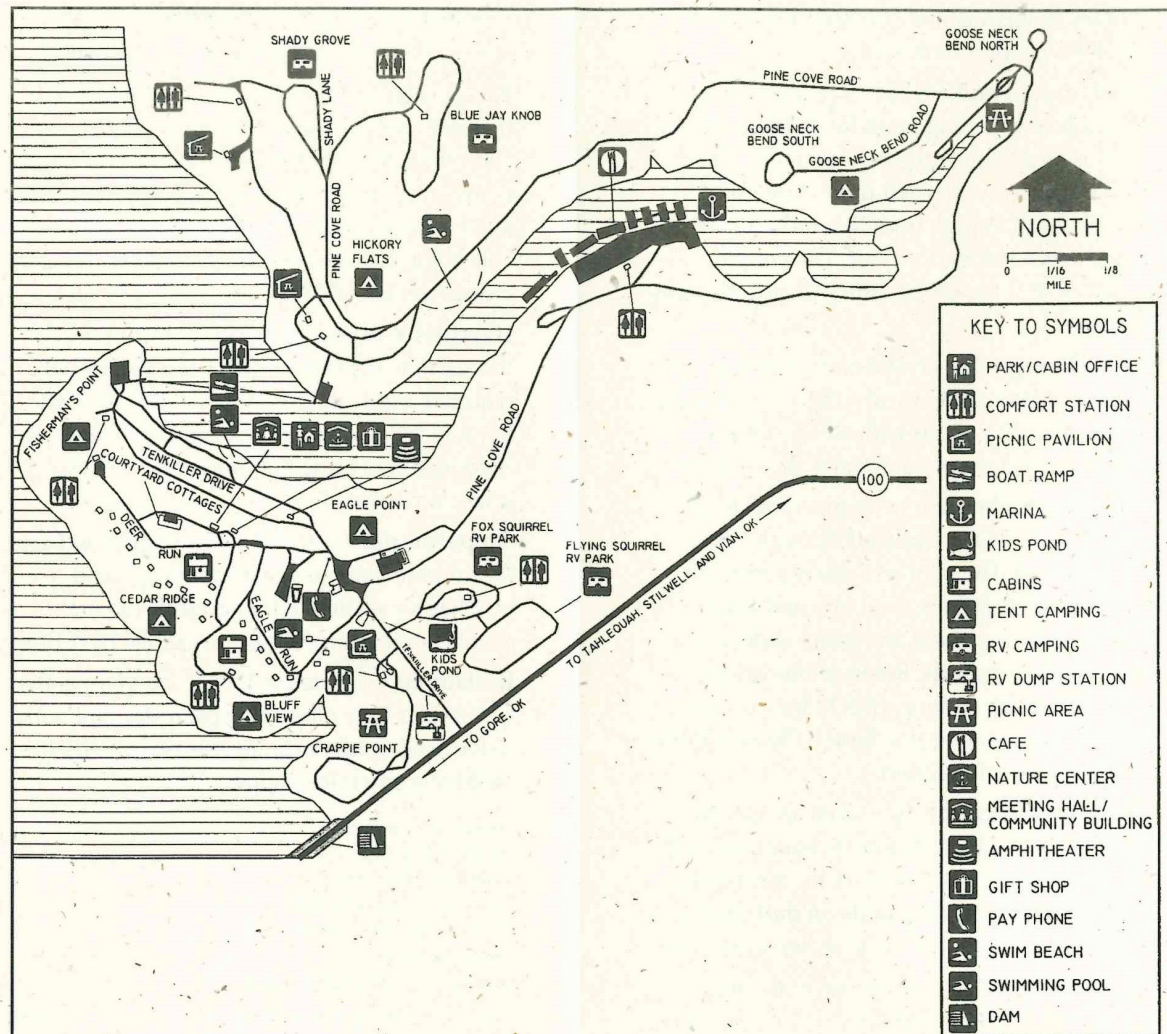
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The sparkling blue waters of the lake surrounded by the tall, majestic trees high above in the Cookson Hills make Tenkiller State Park a favorite destination for visitors.

The name Tenkiller dates back to the earliest Cherokee history when it was given to a Cherokee warrior who vanquished 10 enemies in battle. Lake Tenkiller is named for the Tenkiller family who once lived near the lake site. After the journey from Georgia along the Trail of Tears, the Cherokee Indians settled in this area and built a nation. The present capital of the Cherokee Nation is located in nearby Tahlequah.

At 97 feet tall, the Tenkiller Ferry Dam is the second tallest dam in Oklahoma. Lake Tenkiller offers 12,650 surface acres of crystal-clear water. These blue waters offer scuba diving enthusiasts endless underwater opportunities.

Facilities



The park offers ten camping areas with 240 campsites ranging from modern RV camping to primitive tent camping.

For the **RV Camper**: There are 26 modern sites with water, electricity and sewer hook-ups available in Fox Squirrel RV Park. 16 of those are pull through and one is handicapped accessible.

There are 11 modern sites, 8 are pull-through, in Shady Grove RV Park. Flying Squirrel RV Park has 27 semi-modern sites with water and electricity. Blue Jay Knob RV Park has 23 semi-modern sites with 4 pull through and 1 handicapped accessible site.

For the **Tent Camper**: There are approximately 150 unimproved sites in Bluff View, Cedar Ridge, Fisherman's Point, Eagle Point, Goose

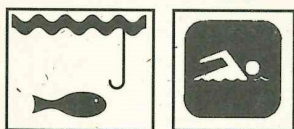
Neck Bend North or South and the Hickory Flats camping areas. Tent campers may occupy an RV site, but you will be required to pay the total daily RV rate.

Cabins • Tenkiller State Park has 39 native stone and timber cabins. There are 23 one-bedroom cabins with fireplaces, which sleep 4. Sixteen cabins have two-bedrooms and sleep 6. There is one 3-bedroom cabin, which sleeps 10. All cabins feature living areas and kitchens equipped with cookware, dishes, linens and light housekeeping items. There are no microwaves. Some cabins are equipped with televisions. There are no telephones.

Courtyard Cottages • Tenkiller also offers 10 air-conditioned, one-room bunkhouses suitable for two. The bunkhouses are similar to a motel room with camp-size refrigerators but no cooking facilities. Outside grills and picnic tables are available.

Picnic Shelters • Group picnic pavilions are located in Cedar Ridge, Hickory Flats and Shady Grove. One pavilion is centrally located near the cabins and pool. The pavilions accommodate approximately 60 people comfortably. The pavilions are equipped with electricity and cooking grills. Water hydrants are in the immediate area. A community building seats 75 to 100 people. The community building has central heat and air, but no kitchen facilities. Please call the office for rates and reservations.

Recreational Opportunities



Boating/Fishing • Guests can enjoy boating, water sports activities and fishing in Lake Tenkiller. Varieties of fish species include bass, crappie and catfish. A full service marina is located within the park and offers repair work, parts, and overnight stalls. The gift shop

includes swimwear and nautical gear. Please call 918-489-5735 for information.

Kids Fishing Pond • A half-acre handicapped accessible kids fishing pond for children 16 and under is located near the park entrance. The pond is stocked with trout from December through April. A park trout tag must be purchased when fishing for trout. The pond is stocked with a variety of catfish during the summer season.

Scuba Diving • The crystal-clear waters of Lake Tenkiller offer excellent scuba diving opportunities. Nearby dive shops with air fill stations, instructors and rental equipment are available.

Swimming • The park swimming pool is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The pool area offers a refreshment stand, life jackets, pool toys and floats. The pool has a diving board and water slide and is staffed with lifeguards. Reservations can be made for private swim parties in the evening. Season passes may be purchased. Please call the park office for information.

Lake Swim Beaches • Two swim areas with sandy beaches are located in Hickory Flats and Fisherman's Point. Buoys mark the swimming areas. **There are no lifeguards on duty.** Swim at your own risk and observe all water safety rules.

Hiking Trails • The park has several trails for hiking enthusiasts. A one-half mile nature trail is located near the nature center. A 1-mile handicapped accessible, paved trail is also available. The paved trail follows a path around the nature center, pool, cabin areas and offers a spectacular view of the lake and the dam. The 1-mile Gum Springs Trail is located at Goose Neck Bend.

Other Amenities

Nature Center • Wildlife exhibits, an enclosed bee observation hive, an outdoor wildlife viewing area and nature pond are located in the nature center. Special programs and arts & crafts

activities for all ages are available. Activity schedules are posted throughout the park.

Park Visitor Center • A gift shop is located in the park visitor center. Souvenirs, park shirts and other clothing items, snacks, ice and toiletry items are available. Bicycle rentals are available at the visitor center. TV/VCR rentals are available at the visitor center for a small fee. Assorted videos are available for rent.

Hayrides • Weekend hayrides can be booked through the park naturalist. Registrations are required and seating is limited to 25. After the hayride, enjoy an evening campfire. Guests are encouraged to bring hot dogs and marshmallows for roasting.

Amphitheater • Located in the Eagle Point area, the amphitheater has a concrete stage and benches for seating. For a schedule of park events or other events, please call the park office.

Restaurant • Located at Pine Cove Marina, the Clearwater Cafe offers a casual restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining. Please call 918-489-5655 for menu information.

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