



### 1. Gathering Place (Tulsa)

- Massive riverfront park with huge adventure playgrounds, splash areas, trails, and free public programming.
- Good for all ages; easy “go-to” for a half or full day without spending much besides food.

### 2. Science Museum Oklahoma (OKC)

- Hands-on science center with eight acres of interactive exhibits and a planetarium; consistently rated a top family attraction in the state.
- Especially great for elementary–middle school ages and hot or rainy days.

### 3. Oklahoma City Zoo (OKC)

- Large, well-regarded zoo with elephants, giraffe feeding, playgrounds, a carousel, and regular keeper talks.
- Sits next to Science Museum Oklahoma, so you can pair them for a weekend.

### 4. Tulsa Zoo (Tulsa)

- 85-acre zoo in Mohawk Park with animals from around the world and long history as a family recreation spot.
- Easy local option when you want “big day out” without driving to OKC.



#### **5. Oklahoma Aquarium (Jenks)**

- Indoor aquarium on the river with immersive exhibits and the world's largest bull shark tunnel, plus touch tanks and kid play areas.
- Great year-round choice and an easy hop from Tulsa.

#### **6. Scissortail Park & Myriad Botanical Gardens (OKC)**

- Scissortail is a nearly 70-acre downtown park with a lake, playgrounds, splash areas, and frequent free events.

- Myriad Botanical Gardens nearby adds a children's garden and urban green space for a relaxed stroll.

### **7. Bricktown & Bricktown Water Taxi (OKC)**

- Historic warehouse district turned entertainment area with canal walks, restaurants, ballpark, and murals.
- The canal water taxi ride is an easy family activity, especially in the evening after dinner.



### **8. Beavers Bend State Park / Broken Bow Lake**

- Forested state park in southeast Oklahoma with hiking, playgrounds, lake activities, and cabins/camping.
- Ideal for a long weekend: fishing, kayaking, mini-golf, train ride, and s'mores around the fire.

### **9. Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Comanche, Oklahoma**

- 59,000-acre prairie and granite mountain refuge with free-roaming bison, elk, and wild longhorn cattle.
- Families can hike easy trails, drive the loop, and picnic while wildlife-spotting.

### **10. Chickasaw National Recreation Area (Sulphur)**



- Historic park with springs, creeks, swimming holes, trails, and campgrounds; originally Oklahoma's first national park unit.
- Good mix of light hiking, water play in warm weather, and learning about the area's history.