

OBS 2019 Bike Travel Weekend

May 31-June 2, Tulsa, OK

Everyone is encouraged to check out the Tulsa trail information and maps at <http://www.incog.org/transportation/trailguide.htm>.

The East and West River Trails are easily accessed from the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks. The recommended hotel for those choosing to stay overnight is the [Holiday Inn Express in Jenks](#), which is just across the parking lot from the Aquarium. However, choice of overnight accommodations are up to each individual.

There are numerous routes to choose from. The amazing new [Gathering Place Park](#) is on the East River Trail. Many of you may choose to visit that venue, but it is by no means a requirement. There are trails going all the way to Skiatook to the north, Sand Springs to the northwest and Broken Arrow to the southeast.

Here are a few suggestions for possible routes:

1. From the Aquarium, ride West River Trail to Gathering Place. Lunch at Gathering Place, or ride into downtown Tulsa via Midland Valley Trail for lunch. Return along West River Trail, crossing the 71st St. bridge back to the east side and back to Jenks. Total distance is 25 miles if you go into downtown, or about 20 miles if you don't. *[If you have never been there, you might be interested visiting in the [Center of the Universe](#) at 1 S Boston Ave. It IS amazing!]*
2. Start out as in 1 above. Ride through downtown Tulsa to the OSU Tulsa campus where you can pick up Osage Trail to Skiatook. Total distance if you ride all the way to Skiatook is about 58 miles, but you can turn around at any point and head back. Skiatook has several restaurants. Turley and Sperry are the towns south of Skiatook on the trail. Sperry has a few restaurants, not sure about Turley.
3. Ride from the Aquarium to Sand Springs via the West River Trail, West 23rd St., West 21st St. and Avery Drive. Return on Katy Trail, Newblock Trail and East River Trail. Total distance about 42-44 miles. There are some restaurants in Sand Springs--Mc D's and IHOP at the trail terminus, BBQ place in the Walmart parking lot. Check you phone's maps for others.
4. Ride from the Aquarium to Broken Arrow via Creek Turnpike Trail and Liberty Trail. Also, Mingo Valley Trail runs north from the Creek Trail if Creek and Liberty Trials aren't enough miles for you. Total distance is about 33 miles or 44 if you ride Mingo as well. The only restaurant near the trail end in Broken Arrow is the Hawk's Nest Café at east 101st St. Search your phone maps for others if that doesn't suite.

As you might have concluded, the route possibilities are numerous. You may choose one of the above or devise your own to suite your tastes.

John Wentte will be leading a group on route 1 above on Saturday starting from the Holiday Inn Express parking lot at 9:00 AM. The pace of that group will be very moderate, probably around 9-10 mph average.

On Sunday, John will also lead a group that will start at the OSU campus at 9:00 AM and go to Skiatook. That will be about a 33 mile ride, average speed probably about 11-12 mph or less if slower riders join—no one will be left behind.

If you plan to go, please register [HERE](#) so we will know who to expect.

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