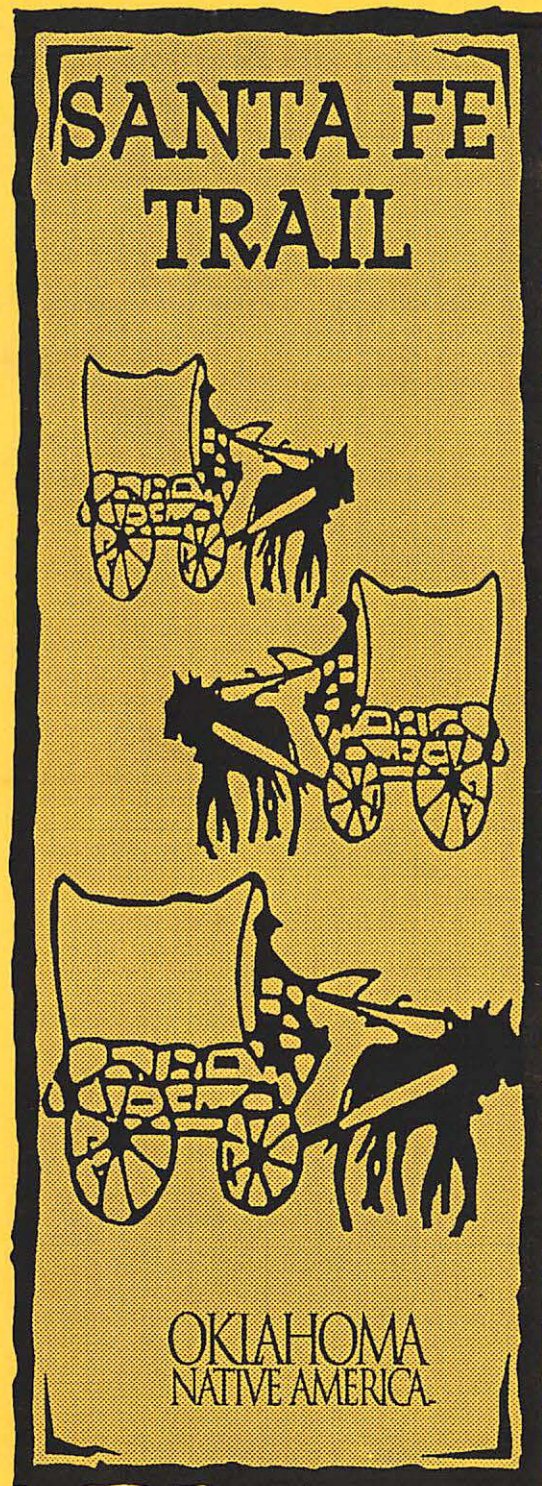


8. **Black Mesa** - At 4,972 feet above sea level, this is the highest point in Oklahoma and is marked with a monument atop the mesa. (A hike to the top takes about three hours.) As the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, Black Mesa and the surrounding area provide one of the most dramatic landscapes in Oklahoma. Points of interest around Black Mesa include Dinosaur Quarries opened and excavated in the 1930s. More than 18 tons of fossilized prehistoric animal bones have been excavated and a concrete replica of a femur bone from a brontosaurus is in place on the site of the quarry from which the skeleton was taken. Dinosaur tracks are visible in a nearby creek bed. Interesting rock formations dot the area, such as "Old Maid's Profile" and the "Wedding party," complete with bride, groom and a minister. Numerous Indian writings and drawings from prehistoric Indians can be seen on the rocky walls of many canyons throughout the area.

West End Roping, Inc. offers adventure cattle drives through Black Mesa Country May through Sept. Phone: (405) 426 - 2723. FAX: (405) 544-3012

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THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS & ATTRACTIONS CORRESPOND TO THE MAP INSIDE.

1. **Boise City** - This city serves as an anchor for a trip through Oklahoma's panhandle. With restaurants, hotels, RV camping and shopping, modern-day travelers can prepare for their journey before setting out to explore the history of the Santa Fe Trail. The Cimarron Heritage Center and Museum provides an overview of the area. Citizens honor their history with the annual Santa Fe Trail Daze celebration the first weekend in June. Boise City Chamber of Commerce, Phone: (405)-544-3344. FAX: (405)-544-2412
2. **Flag Spring** - This historic landmark along the Santa Fe trail served as a camp site and watering hole for weary Santa Fe Trail travelers. The natural spring was marked with a wagon and a white flag to alert thirsty travelers to lead travelers to the natural spring. Today's Santa Fe travelers can tent or RV camp near the springs, within view of the still-evident Santa Fe trail. A natural cave in the area holds the names of several past and present-day visitors to the area. Camping reservations for Flag Spring are taken at Wild Bill's campground in Boise City, Phone: (405) 544-2277.
3. **Autograph Rock** - Santa Fe trail travelers carved their names and the date they

passed through into this cliff which was a regular overnight stop. The graffiti is still readable since it has been protected from the elements. The rock is on private property, so please call ahead for permission to visit, (405) 544-3344.

4. **Historical Marker** - From this marker, travelers can see where the trail cut through Oklahoma's panhandle. The ruts are marked by a broad indentation covered by a darker shade of grass. Approximately 15 miles west of Boise City.
5. **Camp Nichols** - Near the historic marker are the ruins of Camp Nichols, built in 1865 to protect those crossing the Trail. Well-defined stone footings with a central parade ground and cobblestone pavement are still discernable. Call the Boise City Chamber of Commerce for more information, (405) 544-3344
6. **Black Mesa State Park** - Full Camping facilities are available at the park and nearby Lake Carl Etling provides boating and fishing. Phone: (405) 426-2222.
7. **Kenton** - This tiny town of 23 people is the only community in Oklahoma on Mountain Standard time. Visitors will find the Kenton Mercantile which serves as a deli, general store, post office and museum. Phone: (405) 261-7447.

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Northwestern Oklahoma Bears Legacy of Santa Fe Trail

Oklahoma's claim to the Santa Fe Trail lies along an approximately 150-mile strip in the far northwestern corner of the state, in the very tip of the panhandle region known as No Man's Land. The area's dramatic landscape, unique history & friendly people invite travelers to experience a modern-day trek along the Santa Fe Trail.

