

Northeast Oklahoma

The triangle formed by the Arkansas River, Interstate 44 and the Arkansas state line is truly a cyclist's paradise. With more than 10 state parks, hundreds of small towns and miles and miles of the most scenic roads in the state, one could spend weeks riding in the area and never pedal the same roads or see the same sights twice. If it happens to be April, one can stop in Muskogee for the Azalea Festival held every year or see the Five Civilized Tribes Museum. Then on to Tahlequah, Capital of the Cherokee Nation, and the end of the Cherokees' devastating "Trail of Tears." Stop by the Tsa-La-Gi amphitheater and see the outdoor drama of this event held all summer. Visit the Murrell Home and the Old Cherokee Courthouse. Continuing north on scenic SH 10, float and camp along the Illinois River or stay at one of the many state parks in the area. With hundreds of alternate activities, this region is an ideal destination for a family cycling vacation.

