

## Amish Country Tour

Most people associate the Amish with Pennsylvania, but a large number have settled in the area north of Lake Texoma. It is not unusual for a bicyclist to pass (or be passed by) an Amish family in their horse-drawn buggy. Two of Oklahoma's more popular annual bicycle tours are held in this area. Not only do these roads through the countryside offer pleasant cycling, but there are a large number of interesting things and places to visit. Of special note is the Amish Country Store, where one can buy some of the greatest homemade pies found anywhere. In Tishomingo, the historic capital of the Chickasaw Nation, bicycle campers can pitch their tents only a block off Main Street in the Tishomingo city park, or find rustic seclusion in the Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge three miles south of town. Another favorite camping area is Boggy Depot State Park where one can find grave markers dating back to before the Civil War in the adjoining cemetery. On the southern end of the tour, Texoma State Park and Resort offers a full service lodge and many camping amenities for the tired and hungry cyclist.

