



FIELD GUIDE
Downtown Tishomingo

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Welcome to Tishomingo and thank you for choosing the “AYA - Downtown Tishomingo Field Guide” as a way to stay active while exploring popular points of interest in downtown Tishomingo. This 1.2 mile trail starts at the Pennington Creek Gazebo and takes you past a Military Tank Site to the Chickasaw National Capitol and Council House Museum. Once you’ve toured the museums, follow Capitol Avenue to the Chickasaw Nation Information Center to learn more about the area. Stop at the War Memorial before crossing the bridge back to Pennington Creek. Be sure to take in all the sites, stores and activities Tishomingo has to offer along the way!

Please note: good walking/jogging shoes are recommended.



PENNINGTON CREEK

In 1856, Chickasaws gathered at Good Spring on Pennington Creek in Tishomingo to draft a constitution. It provided for a three-department system of government - executive, legislative and judicial. With minor changes over the years, the document served the Chickasaw people well until its dissolution in 1906 in preparation for Oklahoma statehood. In 1979, a draft of a new constitution was developed based on the 1856 version. In the four years that followed, tribal officials worked tirelessly to revise, update and formulate a constitution to fit the needs of a modern Chickasaw society. This was accomplished with the ratification of an official tribal constitution in 1983, which is still used.



CHICKASAW COUNCIL HOUSE MUSEUM

Located on the Capitol Square, the Chickasaw Council House Museum holds one of the largest collections of Chickasaw art, artifacts and archive materials, view the first Chickasaw Council House built in Indian Territory and learn more about the Chickasaw people who helped shape our Nation.

The museum gift shop offers a variety of souvenirs, books, music and Chickasaw language materials as well as pottery, jewelry, beadwork and other artwork by Chickasaw artists.



CHICKASAW NATIONAL CAPITOL

In April 1898, construction began on the Chickasaw National Capitol. This Victorian, gothic-style structure is more than 8,000 square feet and was built of red granite from the Pennington Creek quarry of Gov. R. M. Harris. Granite blocks weighing 175 lbs. per cubic foot were pulled to the Capitol grounds by horses and mules. Today, the Chickasaw National Capitol serves as a museum and reminder that the Chickasaw people fought for their tribal identity and independence.



CHICKASAW NATION INFORMATION CENTER

During the last leg of the trail, be sure to stop inside the Chickasaw Nation Information Center and find a special keepsake. This center offers a diverse selection of merchandise including Tishomingo, Native American and Made in Oklahoma products. Browse the beautiful collection of Native American artwork decorating the walls. You might find a piece to take home with you! Knowledgeable staff are available to answer your questions and direct you to other local attractions. The Johnston County Historical Society and Chamber of Commerce also office within this building and are great resources for additional information on things to do or see while you're in town!



CHICKASAW BANK MUSEUM

The Chickasaw Bank Museum originally served as the Chickasaw Nation bank in the early 1900s. Thanks to the Johnston County Historical Society, the old bank has been restored into a museum showcasing historical memorabilia and artifacts. The building also houses the Johnston County Museum of History, a genealogical society research library, Victorian tea room, conference center and gift shop. In 1992, the Chickasaw Bank Museum was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tour this fascinating piece of Oklahoma history!



JOHNSTON COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL

Just before you reach the bridge on your way back to the Pennington Creek Gazebo, you'll see the Johnston County War Memorial to your right. This beautiful memorial is dedicated to the fallen veterans of war from Johnston County and is a beautiful tribute to those who protect our country.

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