

OSAGE HERITAGE SITES - ROAD TRIP

FACT SHEET - SITES LIST



Read the information below to answer these questions:

1. What office of the Osage Nation does the work of identifying and protecting special sacred and heritage sites of the Osage?

2. What are three reasons a site might be considered of special significance?
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
3. What type of sites are not accessible to the public? _____ sites
4. Why might sacred or historic sites be looted or damaged?
5. How do you think the Osage people feel about this?
6. What group advises the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office?

HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

The [Osage Nation](#) is dedicated to preserving its history and culture, including actual places of special significance to the Osage People. These could be sites where

- Osage once lived or traveled
- spiritual ceremonies occurred
- special plants, animals, landforms or natural resource exist

The work of identifying and locating these places is done by the [Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office](#).

Some of these places are [sacred sites](#) (and not accessible to public). Unfortunately, in the past, some of these sites have been looted or damaged. Therefore, another job of this office is to protect the sites from harm.

The **Traditional Cultural Advisors**, also known as the **elders**, are a group of community members appointed by Chief (two from each district). Respected for their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation Of Osage culture and heritage, they provide advice to the Historic Preservation Office.

Another service of this Historic Preservation Department is to lead “[Osage Heritage Site Visits](#)” **each year**. These are group trips where Osage people can visit and learn about the history and meaning of these special locations. Often, an *Osage News* reporter goes along and writes interesting articles from the trips for everyone to read and learn. **Here is a list** of some of those places. You can use this list to plan your own road trip!

PUBLIC - HERITAGE SITES OF THE OSAGE:

1. Arkansas Archaeological Society (Fayetteville, Ark)
2. Big Mound Park (Saint Louis, MO) - <http://bygonestlouis.blogspot.com/2010/03/big-mound-1869.html>
3. Blue Springs, Arkansas
4. Cahokia Mounds State Park (Collinsville, Illinois)
5. Claremore Mound (near Claremore, Oklahoma, Rogers County)
6. Eureka Springs, Arkansas
7. Fort Gibson Historical Site (Fort Gibson, Oklahoma)
8. Fort Osage National Historic Site (Sibley, MO)
9. Fort Smith, Arkansas
10. Missouri History Museum, St. Louis, MO <http://mohistory.org/society>
11. Missouri State Museum, (Jefferson City, MO) <https://mostateparks.com/park/missouri-state-museum>
12. Museum of Native American History (Bentonville, Ark)
13. Oklahoma History Center (Oklahoma City, OK) <http://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/>
14. Osage Mission (St. Paul, Kansas)
15. Osage Nation Headquarters & Campus (Pawhuska, OK)
16. Osage Nation Museum (Pawhuska, OK)
17. Osage Trail Sculpture and Mural (Cuba, Missouri)
18. Osage Village State Park (Walker, Missouri - Vernon County)
19. Osage Visitor’s Center (Pawhuska, OK)
20. Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
21. Washington State Park (Saint Louis, MO) - petroglyphs (rock art)