

LIFE IN INDIAN TERRITORY

Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians lived in the area of present-day Oklahoma for centuries. The Chickasaw people made their ancestral lands of East of Oklahoma and a portion of North Carolina their home for many years.

Chickasaw and Choctaw people lived in a society that was organized into clans. Each clan had a head and several "sons" who were responsible for the clan's welfare. The clan system was a form of social organization that was common to many Native American societies.

The Chickasaw and Choctaw people were known for their skill as warriors and their ability to adapt to various environments. They were also known for their hospitality and their love of music and dance.

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FIELD GUIDE

Bricktown



Welcome to Bricktown and thank you for choosing the “AYA – Bricktown Field Guide” as a way to stay active while exploring popular points of interest in downtown Oklahoma City. This 2.16 mile trail starts at Exhibit C and will take you along the red brick streets of downtown Oklahoma City toward the Chickasaw Bricktown ballpark, Bricktown Canal and Chickasaw Plaza. Be sure to take in all the sites, stores and activities Bricktown has to offer along the way!

Please note: this trail involves stairs to maneuver around the canal. Good walking/jogging shoes are recommended.



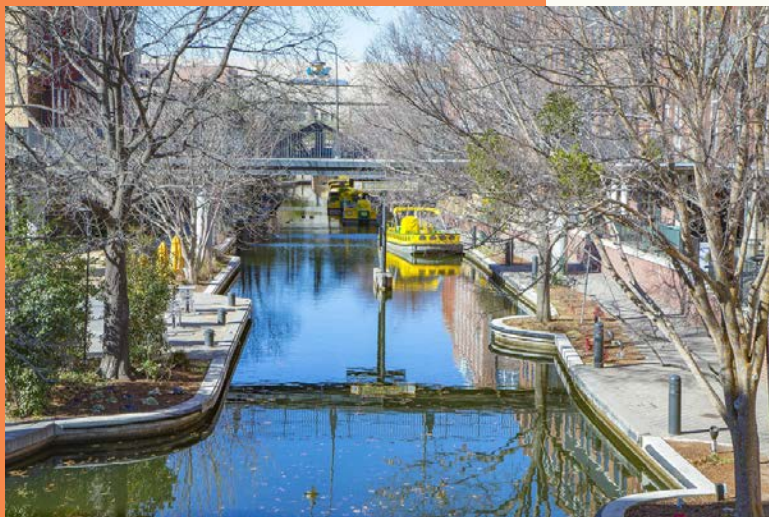
EXHIBIT C

Owned by the Chickasaw Nation and operated by its Tourism Department, Exhibit C is an art gallery and retail space off Sheridan Avenue in downtown Oklahoma City. Authentic artwork by skilled Native American artisans fills the gallery with beautiful pieces. A full line of Bedré Fine Chocolates is available for purchase as well as Chickasaw Press books and Pendleton items.



CHICKASAW BRICKTOWN BALLPARK

Located along Mickey Mantle Drive, aptly named after Oklahoma's legendary center fielder, Mickey Mantle, you will find the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark. This structure helped spark a revitalization movement in Bricktown in the early 90s, opening its doors April 16, 1998. More than 480,000 bricks make up the ballpark's exterior with beautiful statues of legendary, Oklahoma baseball players standing before the main entrance of the park.



BRICKTOWN CANAL

As you continue south along Mickey Mantle Drive, you'll find yourself overlooking the Bricktown Canal. This mile-long canal was completed in 1999, and provides walking and bicycle trails, water taxi rides, restaurants and other leisurely activities along its banks. This \$23 million project is maintained by the Oklahoma Parks & Recreation Department and attracts visitors from across the globe.



CHICKASAW PLAZA

Along the canal, you will find the Chickasaw Plaza. This is a great place to rest while soaking in the sun and history of Native American culture. Beautiful, bronze plaques provide information on Chickasaw history, Indian Territory, Oklahoma statehood and more. You will also see the Chickasaw Warrior statue dedicated to the Chickasaw warriors of the past, the warriors of today and those warriors who will come after us.

There is a lot to see and do in the Bricktown area. Grab a bite to eat and stop in the many shops before heading home.

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