

Visit the Chautauqua Hills

Every year we say the main attraction of the festival is the Chautauqua Hills, this year we'll give you a short route to visit three nearby sites and if successful we'll do more, there are so many great places. First a word of caution, low water bridges are impassable unless the water is low and there are two on this route. If there is water covering the bridge do not cross, ask for an alternative route.

GRAFTON MILL/POST OFFICE

Leaving the festival grounds turn left (east) you'll come to the first low water bridge in about 100 yards. Proceeding on about 1/2 a mile the road comes to an end at Road 22 (Grafton Road), turn left. Going north about 5 - 6 miles along the way the eastward facing rock formations are known as Osage Cuesta (Cuesta-A hill with a steep slope on one side and a gentle slope on the other. Cuesta is the Spanish word for cliff). As you cross the bridge look to the right. The Grafton Mill built in 1870 from local stone.



QUIVERA LAKE

Less than 1/2 mile further north the road Ys, veer left onto Quivera Road (west), the road has a few hairpin turns along the rocky hillsides and you'll cross the 2nd low water bridge. The road straightens and goes up hill to Road 19, turn right (north) about a mile you'll be at Quivera Lake, cross the bridge and turn right to picnic tables and to turn around.



BUTCHER FALLS

Turn left (south) cross back over the bridge, then turn right (west) back onto Quivera, you'll be up onto flat Prairie, in about 3 miles you'll approach K-99 stop. Turn left (south), the views to the east are great. You'll pass the old and new city lakes. The old city lake was a WPA project and a good place to stop. After going south about 5 - 6 miles a big sign on your right 'Red Buffalo Ranch' turn right (west) here. After about 5 - 6 Miles the road Ys stay right and look right for the Butcher Falls entrance. Park on the left and walk into the Grounds (Private Property) and enjoy the views from the bridge or trails on either side.



To return, head east from the falls and then south on K99 stay left where the road Ys before town. Everyone should visit the Hollow on the east side of town (north side of the road). The Chamber office is there with Red Bud Tour maps with these and other attractions: Osro Falls, Elk Falls, Dalton caves and the views along the way.