

# *Frederick to Altus Itinerary*

## *1 Day*

*The following is a suggested itinerary for viewing and enjoying the best of Frederick and Altus, Oklahoma. From lions and tigers to shopping and dining, this is a great way to spend your day in Southwest Oklahoma.*

**8am-Breakfast at Bomber Inn**

**9am- Pioneer Heritage Townsite Museum & Abernathy Boys Exhibit**

**10:30am-Crawford Collection**

**11:30pm-Depart for Altus**

**12pm-Lunch at Val's It's About Time**

**1:30pm-Shopping In Historic Main Street Altus**

**3:30pm-Museum of the Western Prairie**

**5pm-Morgan Doll Museum**

**6pm-Dinner at The Backdoor Steakhouse in Blair**

\*Note: This is a *sample* itinerary. If you would like to visit our attractions please contact the Chamber of Commerce so arrangements can be made. Many of our attractions are by appointment only

# Frederick, Oklahoma

## Attractions

### 1. Hackberry Flat Wetlands

Located a few miles southeast of Frederick. Hackberry Flat is a nationally recognized bird habitat managed by the OK Department of Wildlife Conservation. A birdwatchers and hunters paradise. A visitor's center opened in 2008 and is now used as a classroom space and visitor information center. Website: [www.hackberryflat.org](http://www.hackberryflat.org)

### 2. The World War II Airborne Demonstration Team Hangar

Location: Frederick Airport, southeast of Frederick.  
During World War II Frederick was home to Frederick Army Air Field. The World War II Airborne Demonstration Team Foundation has established its world headquarters at the Frederick airport in a hangar that has been preserved from that time.

The Foundation has many members who live throughout the United States and Europe who visit Frederick often for parachute jumps and training. The team members seek to honor World War II airborne veterans and to preserve World War II artifacts and knowledge for future generations. The group's hangar will eventually house a WWII living history museum. Website: [www.wwiadt.org](http://www.wwiadt.org)

### 3. Tillman County Pioneer Townsite Museum

West of Tillman County Courthouse. The museum is designed to represent a rural townsite in the 1920s. It includes several authentic buildings, including the 1901 Frisco Depot (where President Roosevelt's train arrived during his 1905 visit), the 1902 Horse Creek School (moved to the site from its original location in northeast Tillman County), a 1924 farmhouse, and a 1924 church (still used on Sunday mornings by a small local congregation.)

The townsite also includes several reproduction buildings, including a general store and barn. The museum includes countless artifacts from Tillman County's history. The museum grows appropriate crops throughout the year from cotton (autumn) and corn (spring) and wheat (winter). Visitors learn how these crops are grown, and also can visit a pioneer era herb and vegetable garden.

### 4. Abernathy Boys Statue and Exhibit

A newly-installed life-size Statue of Bud and Temple Abernathy on the Tillman County Courthouse Square honors two Frederick boys who, in 1910, became

national celebrities at age 6 and 10 when they rode alone by horseback from Frederick to Washington, D.C. to visit President Taft, and on to New York City where they greeted former President (and family friend) Theodore Roosevelt on his return from an African safari.

The boys then drove back to Oklahoma in a Brush Automobile. Their stories and adventures are documented in many photographs and old news articles, and will be honored in a new exhibit that will be housed in the Pioneer Townsite Museum. The exhibit was part of the 2007 Oklahoma State Centennial Celebration, and includes an original Brush Automobile

## **5. The Crawford Collection**

115 N Main. This is the Crawford family's collection of amazing trophy mount animals that they have assembled from their hunts throughout the world. It includes approximately 170 specimens, including lions, bears, a bull-elephant, rhino, python, giraffe, and many, many more. The animals are not behind glass or ropes, but are positioned so that visitors can move close and walk around them for amazing views.

The number one rule, however, is NO TOUCHING. Felicia Crawford leads most tours and tells fascinating stories about the animals. A visit to The Crawford Collection is an amazing and memorable experience. Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Crawford-Collection/295927133781714>

## **6. Jenny Perry Mosaics, Art Gallery**

114 North Main. Jenny Perry is a local mosaic artist who does beautiful work. Her art has been featured at the Chicago Mosaic School in Chicago, IL. Jenny Perry holds weekend workshops monthly at her studio and gallery for anyone who wants to increase their artistic horizons. Website: [www.facebook.com/JennyPerryMosaics](http://www.facebook.com/JennyPerryMosaics)

## **7. The Historic Ramona Theatre**

114 S. 9<sup>th</sup>. The Ramona Theatre built in 1929, is an excellent example of the Spanish Colonial Style that was popular in the Southwest and Florida during the 1920's. The ornamentation of the facade, and the interior of the theatre are typical of the details that were combined from the Mediterranean World to create a building reminiscent of a Spanish back-ground. This style was popular from 1915-1940, with most of the building being built in the 1920's. The architect for the Ramona, George Kadane, maintained his office in the Theatre's second floor. The Ramona has recently been outfitted with new lighting system and upgrades to the building.

Website: <http://www.ramonatheatre.com/>

## **8. Hotel Frederick and Coffee Shop**

Corner of Main St (HWY 183) and Grand Avenue. The Hotel Frederick was built in 1929 and opened on January 1, 1930. For several decades its lobby and business areas were hubs of activity in Frederick, and its Blue Room was the site of elaborate dinners and every formal function in the town.

By the late 1960s, though, the hotel was in decline and the building was closed. It remained closed until the 1990s when the then-deteriorated building was completely restored and put into use by the Community Action Development Corporation. The old hotel became The Grand, retirement apartments, and the business areas surrounding its lobby were again filled with businesses. The magnificent Blue Room is used daily for a senior meals program as well as other community events.

The space that was used for decades as the hotel coffee shop, closed for more than 20 years, was reopened in 2007 as a specialty coffee shop, where visitors may order coffee, breakfast and lunch. Walking into the restored lobby and coffee shop is a step back in time. The Hotel also houses the Frederick Tourist Information Room and the Chamber office as well as many other local businesses.

#### **9. The Frederick Carnegie Library**

200 E. Grand. The Frederick Public Library is a Carnegie Library that was established in 1915 with a gift from Andrew Carnegie of \$10,000. A.H. Krouse was the architect and the lot was donated by Cameron Luber Co. While the building was going up, civic organizations busied themselves with a series of book drives and money-raising entertainments to provide books for the new library, as a result of which 2,000 volumes were gathered and prepared for circulation. The plans for the library building were approved in April, 1915 and the library opened in February 1916 and is still active as a library today with all the latest technology. During the summer months the library hosts a reading series for the children of the community, emphasizing on broadening their horizons.

# FREDERICK *Map*

## PLACES TO SHOP

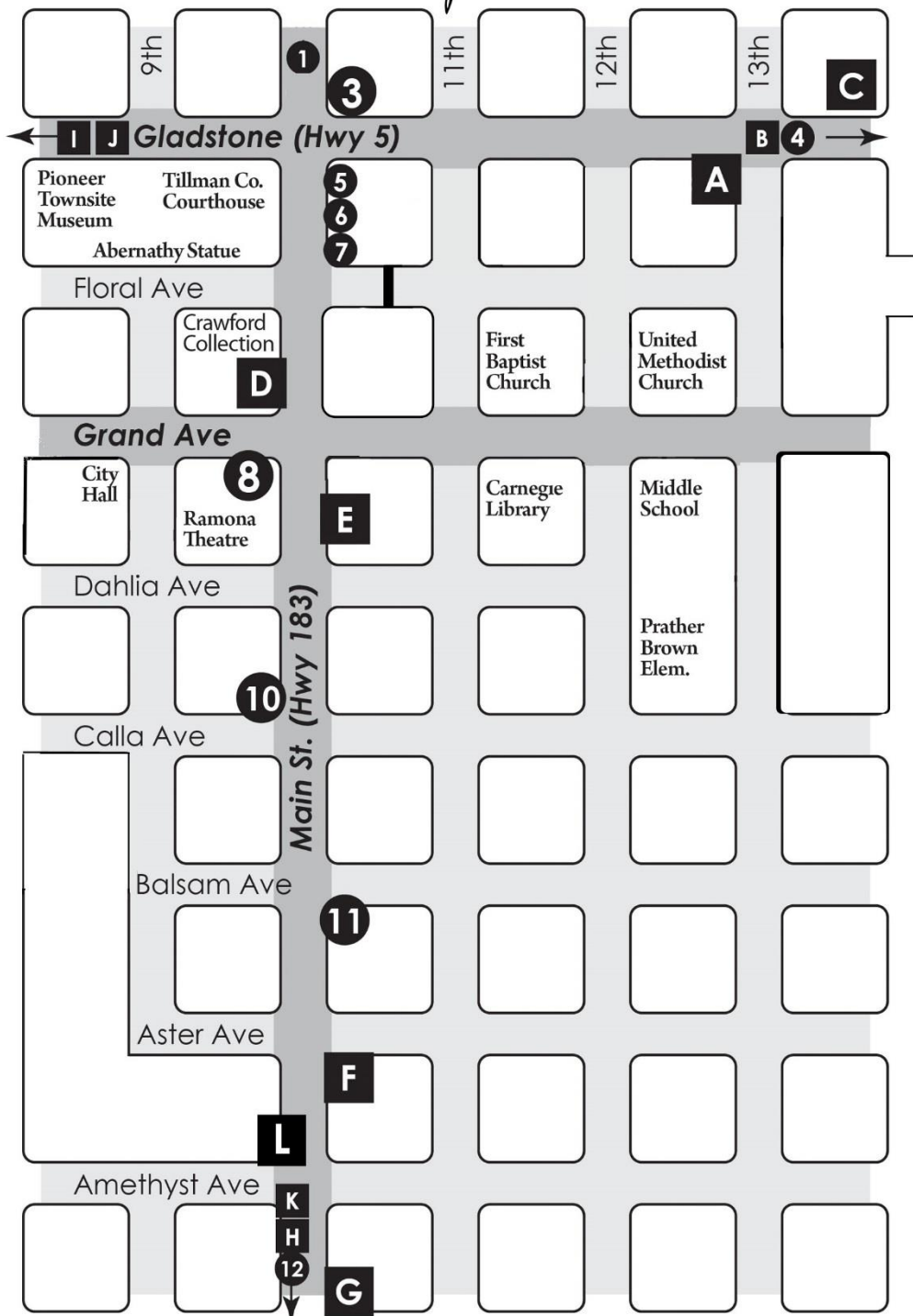
- 1** **Alco**  
North HWY 183
- 3** **United Grocery**  
East HWY 5
- 4** **ACE Hardware**  
East HWY 5
- 5** **KC's Gifts**  
North HWY 183
- 6** **Mosaics** by Jenny Perry  
North HWY 183
- 8** **ThayerRags Fabric Center**  
West Grand
- 10** **Family Dollar**  
North HWY 183
- 11** **Box, Inc**  
South HWY 183
- 12** **Split Ends**  
S HWY 183

## PLACES TO EAT

- A** **Melissa's**  
East HWY 5
- B** **Bomber Inn**  
East HWY 5
- C** **Hop & Sac**  
E HWY 5
- D** **Cold Front Express**  
N HWY 183 (Seasonal)
- E** **Taste of Grand**  
South HWY 183
- F** **Sonic**  
South HWY 183
- G** **Pizza Hut**  
South HWY 183
- H** **Subway**  
South HWY 183
- K** **Tong's Chinese**  
South HWY 183
- L** **Los Arcos**  
South HWY 183

## PLACES TO STAY

- Just Ducky**  
4103 N 12th St - 580.335.2162
- Scottish Inn**  
1015 S Hwy 183 - 580.335.2129
- Tanglewood Motel**  
1123 S Hwy 183 - 580.335.7557
- White's RV Park**  
1201 S Hwy 183 - 580.335.3121



## ATTRACTIONS

- **Abernathy Statue** South of Courthouse
- **Pioneer Townsite Museum** West of Courthouse
- **Crawford Collection** 115 N Hwy 183
- **Ramona Theatre** 108 S 9th St
- **Frederick Carnegie Library** 200 E Grand
- **Hackberry Flat Wetlands** SE of City
- **Lake Frederick** E of Manitou
- **WWII Airborne Demonstration Team** Frederick Airport

## FREDERICK, OK

WHERE THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

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