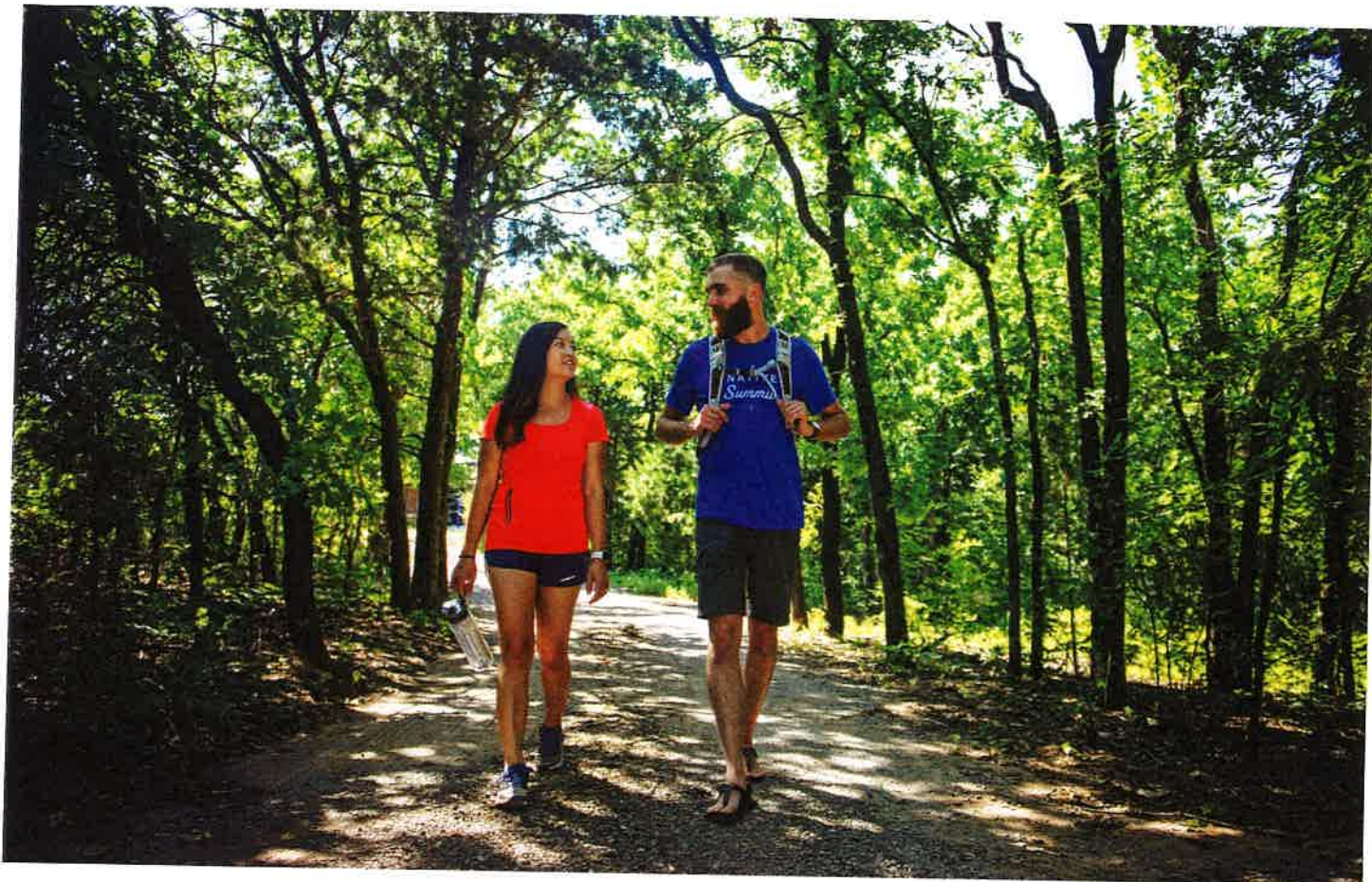


EDMOND INSIDER TOP 10

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1 Arcadia Lake

Did you know Edmond has a boathouse? Enjoy ziplining, a ropes course for team building and a fleet of kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards and mountain bikes for rent at the UCO Boathouse at Arcadia Lake. After visiting the boathouse, complete the weekend with camping; you'll find full RV hookups and primitive camping, picnic areas, swimming, fishing, equestrian trails, boating, disc golf, hiking, biking and more.

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Street Festivals

Downtown Edmond comes to life with parties along Broadway from Danforth to 2nd Street — from the original Heard on Hurd, featuring food trucks and live music, to the new VIBES where 40 downtown businesses host visual and performing artists highlighting creativity in action. Other street festivals include a motorcycle haven during Edmond Bike Night, the annual Downtown Edmond Arts Festival and award-winning Independence Day celebration LibertyFest. Keep this cheat sheet handy:

Heard on Hurd: third Saturdays (March-Oct)

VIBES: first Thursdays (April-Oct)

Edmond Bike Night: every Tuesday (April-Oct)

Downtown Edmond Arts Festival: April 29-May 1

LibertyFest: two weekend celebration over July 4

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Parks & Trails

Try exploring Edmond on more than 40 miles of paved and multi-use trails. Here are some favorites: **Mitch Park Trail** features a 2.8-mile paved outer trail with 1.8 miles of inner trails and 1.5 miles of primitive trails that can be accessed at various trailheads. **Fink Park's** 1-mile path connects to **Hafer Park's Trail** for a 1.7-mile ride. **Bickham-Rudkin Park's Trail** takes a 1.25-mile loop around an urban pollinator prairie and continues along a pond and through Whispering Heights Park to connect to Oklahoma Christian University's 2.5-mile **Eagle Trail**. The 2.5-mile **Spring Creek Trail** features dedicated cycling and pedestrian lanes as well as great views of Arcadia Lake and lush fauna. The **Route 66 Trail** is part of a master plan to complete a trail system around the lake. The trail offers two expansive lanes with plenty of room for cycling, walking, running, strolling or dog walking and periodic resting points with benches.



4 Public Art

Nearly 300 pieces of public art dot Edmond with color and beauty. Some are in plain sight and others are tucked away and best admired via walking or biking. Not only are murals and bronze sculptures scattered throughout parks, sidewalks, medians and businesses, but you can engage with new interactive art.

Route 66 Selfie Shield at Festival Market Place.

Key to My Heart by Zonly Looman near The Edmond Railyard encourages hanging a lock on the letters to commemorate a special moment.

The **I'm Grateful Wall** at 1st and Broadway lets visitors write words of gratitude in chalk.

Share the Love at the Post Office on Broadway holds stamped post-cards of Edmond to write a message and mail.

Edmond Fine Arts Institute's **Little Free Art Gallery** is a space for artists to leave small pieces they create for others to take and enjoy.



TOP EDMOND EMPLOYERS

Provided by Edmond Chamber of Commerce

- Edmond Public Schools
- University of Central Oklahoma
- City of Edmond
- INTEGRIS Health Edmond
- OU Medical Center Edmond
- Mercy Edmond
- Crest Foods
- Petra Industries, Inc.
- Adfitech
- Summit Medical Center

5 Live Music

Edmond's **Summer Music Concert Series** will be enhanced this year. Live local and regional musicians will rotate between performances at Hafer Park and Mitch Park Amphitheater. Bring blankets and lawn chairs on Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. from May to August. A gorgeous gem north of Edmond hosts the brightest stars in classical, jazz, folk dance, theater, ballet and more from international artists at **Armstrong Auditorium**. This world-class performing arts center has historical exhibits in the lobby, a "Swans in Flight" bronze and steel sculptural masterpiece in a 120-foot reflecting pond, Austrian crystal chandeliers and the finest Steinway and Sons pianos in the world. **The UCO Jazz Lab** in Stephenson Park is a world-class entertainment venue featuring an artfully relaxed atmosphere styled after jazz clubs in New Orleans. Experience live music like a local at one of these favorites: Taproom Tunes at Frenzy Brewing Company, Jam sessions at The Blues and Jazz Cafe, and Live music nights at the Patriarch Craft Beer House.

6 Golf

Edmond has three courses waiting “fore” you. The **Golf Club of Edmond** accommodates both members and daily fee guests. It is home to one of the largest youth golf programs in the region and is equipped for tournaments and special events in the clubhouse. **Kickingbird Golf Club**, Edmond’s original golf course, is closed for renovations and will become one of the best municipal courses in the nation. Celebrating 50 years, this gem’s capital improvement project includes rebuilding all 18 greens, a 13,384-square-foot clubhouse, a 6,670-square-foot banquet hall, driving range expansion and adding a short game practice facility. Edmond is also home to **Oak Tree National** and **Oak Tree Country Club** with 54 holes of championship golf.

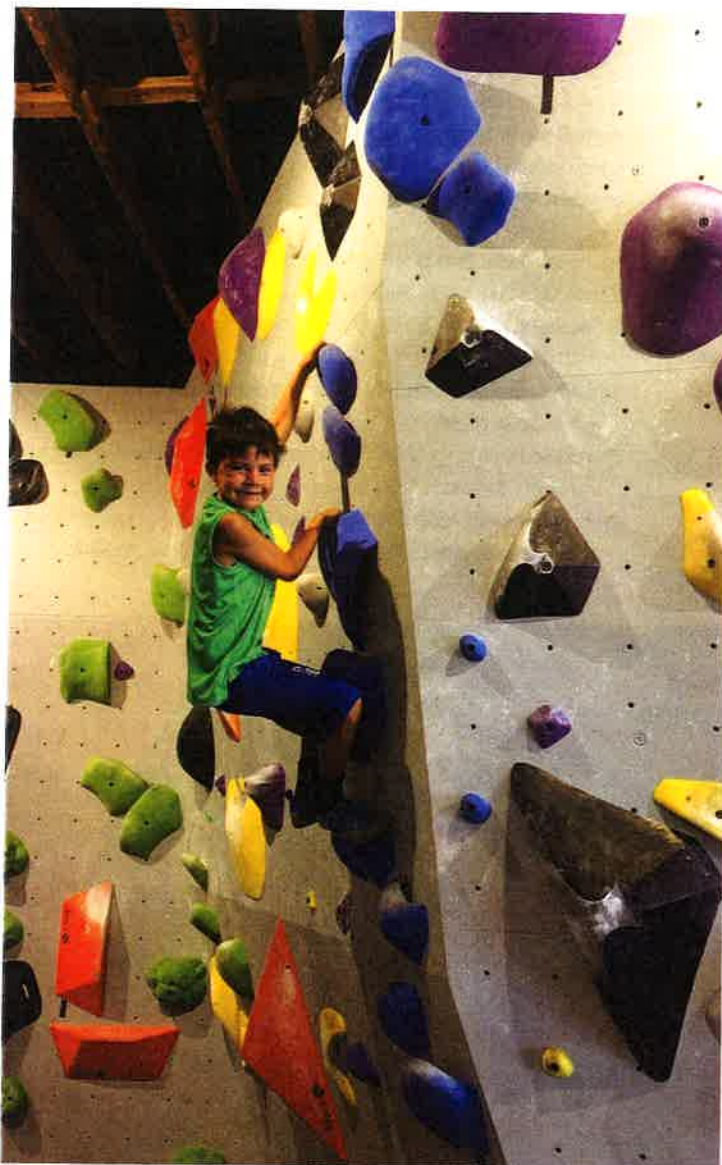
7 Indoor Play

When the weather is iffy, Edmond’s indoor play options will cure the “I’m bored” groan. **ShowBiz Cinemas** off I-35 and Covell is a leisure center including a 10-screen multiplex with reclining seats, bowling alley, restaurant, bar and arcade. The **Mitch Park YMCA** in North Edmond and the **Rankin YMCA** in central Edmond have day passes to swim, play basketball and enjoy an exercise class. **Arctic Edge Ice Arena** offers lessons, figure skating and leagues for hockey, as well as open skating. **Blockworks** is a downtown indoor rock-climbing gym for all ability levels. **Break Room 405** has a room full of breakable items or a paint option to get messy. **Clue Quest Escape Room** is “video-game meets real life,” with a side order of “whodunit” and just enough stress to make you tingle. **UCO CO-OP Esports Gaming Arena** is a 7,500-square-foot, multi-million dollar facility providing a home to the gaming community, birthday parties and esports tournaments. **Daily Shredd** indoor skate park features a 12-foot vert ramp, a mini ramp with an escalator and a street course for skaters, clinics and camps. **Edmond Center Court** has 6 indoor tennis courts in addition to its 24 outside. **Edmond Unplugged** is a family-friendly board game lounge located in downtown Edmond.

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Local Shops Galore

Edmond’s retail spans from unique and eclectic to high-end and on-trend. Local favorites include bookstores **Best of Books** and **Commonplace Books**, which meet readers at every age and stage of life. With story times for littles, book clubs and author and book launch events, Edmond has the corner on community bookstores. **RISE**, Retail Incubator for Shopkeeper Experience, is sponsored by Citizen’s Bank of Edmond in partnership with the Independent Shopkeepers Association. This low-cost, low-risk program helps Oklahoma retail businesses navigate their next steps in growth. The retail businesses rotate and offer shoppers the opportunity to get their hands on new products and give feedback and encouragement for future ventures. **Mira Bird** will delight the eyes with its clean, yet elegant design. In Latin, Mira means remarkable, surprising or extraordinary. Offering unique finds for home decor, kitchen and cocktail, wellness and more, this is the place to find a new treasure. **Habit**, a locally owned clothing boutique with modern fashion choices for men, women and teens, carries carefully curated and affordable apparel. The store offers personal styling to



ensure customers look and feel their best. At **Plenty Mercantile**, a purveyor of eco-friendly and sustainable goods, shopkeepers guide conscious consumers as they select from a wide range of techotchkas, baby, kids and pet products, jewelry, home fragrances and decor, puzzles and books. Thrifting is good for the environment and easy on the wallet. **Clothes Mentor** buys and sells a wide range of name-brand women's clothes, shoes and handbags. **Uptown Cheapskate** buys and sells men and women's trend-forward clothing, shoes and accessories. **HOPEfully Yours** is a resale store with a great cause: All proceeds from the sale of clothing, home, kitchen, child and baby wares are used to fund the HOPE Center Health Clinic and to buy fresh milk, meat and produce for Edmond families in need. Outfitting outdoor enthusiasts, **Native Summit** has all that's needed for an adventure. **Al's Bicycles** and **Phat Tire** offer a wide selection of bicycles and cycling gear.

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Eats & Drinks

For an Edmond bar hop visit **Frenzy Brewing**, Edmond's first brewery. With a taproom in Downtown Edmond, beer enthusiasts are welcome to bring in the food of their choice. It also offers canned beer and growlers to go. Also, **The Patriarch Craft Beer House & Lawn** in downtown Edmond is a renovated 1900s home providing a community gathering place. Choose from dozens of local and microbrews and craft cocktails. The patio is pup friendly, has lawn games, hosts live music and keeps fire pits burning on cooler evenings. Lastly, **1884** is a two-story bar and cigar lounge at the Edmond Railyard. All ages are welcome on the first floor to enjoy the full food menu and beverages. The floating cigar lounge mezzanine is open to those 21+.

Edmond boasts 10 local coffee roasters. We dare you to try each one: All About Cha, Aspen Coffee, Café Evoke, Ellis Island Coffee and Wine Lounge, Hi Tea X Coffee, Low Battery Coffee, Prelude Coffee, Summer Moon Coffee, Wilder Coffee and The Brew.

Two Food Halls

The **Edmond Railyard** is a historic area that is now home to restaurants, a coffee shop, craft bar and office and retail space. The former lumberyard turned food hall features seven restaurants and a 20,000-square-foot covered patio. Recent expansions include Empire Slice Pizza, Plant and Urban Okie boutique.

Edmond, Oklahoma is located 13 miles north of downtown Oklahoma City, in the center of the state. The city limits hold 90 square miles.

Median Age: 36.3

Total Households: 35,688

Average Household Size: 2.58

Source: Edmond Economic Development Authority (EEDA)



The **Ice House Project** is a new development featuring restaurants and an outdoor gathering space just west of Broadway, off Route 66. Returning to its roots, the Ice House includes an urban creamery and plenty of space to make memories with friends and family. With ample eating opportunities, on-site restaurants at The Ice House Project include The Fried Taco specializing in Caribbean and American taco fusions, Detroit-style Woodward Pizza, Prelude Coffee and a soon-to-be-named brewery. A farm-to-table restaurant is also in the works.

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Year-Round Farmers Market

Since 1988, the Edmond Farmer's Market has been one of the premier places for Oklahoma farmers to sell their crops directly to consumers. Shop every Saturday between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. in downtown Edmond at Festival Market Place in the summer and from 9 a.m. – noon at Mitch Park Senior Center in the winter. Over the years, the market has expanded to include local gardeners, bakers, food manufacturers, ranchers and artisans. Online ordering is available through WhatsGood.



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