



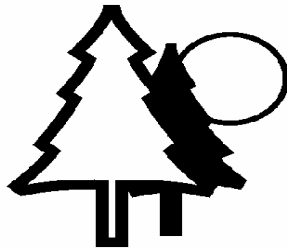
SIERRA
CLUB
FOUNDED 1892

Statement of Purpose

“To explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the Earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the Earth’s ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.”

Facts about the Oklahoma Chapter

- Established in 1972 — now with nearly 3,000 members
- Political, legislative and conservation action committees
- Outings and social events
- Encourages personal environmentalism
- Groups with organized outings, social and conservation activities. See website for times and locations of monthly meetings in:
 - √ Norman (Red Earth Group)
 - √ Oklahoma City (Cimarron Regional Group)
 - √ Tulsa (Green Country Group)



Outdoor Activities

- Frequent day hikes and car camping trips
- Extended backpacking both out-of-state and in Oklahoma
- Caving, canoeing and skiing
- Trail building and maintenance
- ICO – Inner City Outings service program

ENVIRONMENT
Awareness

Educational Resources

- Bi-monthly Sierra magazine
- The Planet, national activist newsletter
- B-monthly chapter newsletter, The Oklahoma Sierran
- Monthly local group newsletters
- Electronic list servs for specific topics and daily updates on national legislation and activist efforts
- Oklahoma E-mail activist alerts
- Capitol Action Network, with regular updates on pending environmental legislation in Oklahoma — action alerts sent on members only list serv as needed
- Fact sheets on such subjects as forestry, urban sprawl, CAFOs (Confined Animal Feeding Operations), clean water and wetlands, clean air, population, energy, sustainable living, and many more
- Training courses for backpacking, first aid, map and compass, wilderness medicine, etc.
- Website:
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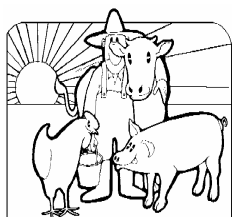
***Protect Oklahoma’s Environment . . .
For Our Families, For Our Future***



Oklahoma Chapter: A Proud History of Accomplishment

Need a resource whose actions speak as loud as its words? The Sierra Club has a history of being where the action is and working in the public interest. From fighting defensive battles in stewardship of the planet to pro-active campaigning on legislative, conservation and political issues, the Oklahoma Chapter has a proud heritage of action campaigns during its 30 years in Oklahoma. A partial history of Oklahoma action campaigns follows . . .

- Sierra Club brought a successful lawsuit requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Flint Ridge development on the Illinois River. At a time when EISs were a new public interest tool, the chapter won successful appeals all the way to the United States Supreme Court.
- The Chapter intervened in the public's behalf at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission proceedings against licensing of the proposed Black Fox Nuclear Power Plant near Inola, Oklahoma.
- The Club prepared a comprehensive environmental impact review and an economic review of the proposed Water Transfer Plan, a scheme to build a pipeline and series of pump stations to move water from southeastern to northwestern Oklahoma. These reviews led to the plan being scrapped because of its infeasibility.
- Sierra Club worked actively with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to become a participant in developing and revising the Ouachita National Forest Management Plan. A ten-year review began in 1996 with Sierra Club still a public participant.
- The Oklahoma Chapter helped draft the 1987 Oklahoma Wilderness Bill, known as the Winding Stair Bill. That same year, the Club helped found and organize the Ouachita Watch League (OWL), a forestry oversight group still working today to promote public education about one of Oklahoma's great natural resources.
- Sierra Club embarked on a public education campaign in support of Congressional legislation adding Oklahoma's Tallgrass Prairie to the National Parks System. Although the legislation failed, enough public interest had been generated that The Nature Conservancy succeeded in purchasing and protecting this endangered habitat.
- The Club lobbied tirelessly for many years to create the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as well as working pro-actively in the development of the DEQ's design, scope and mission. The DEQ was finally established as a State Agency in 1993.



- Early in 1997, The Oklahoma Chapter became actively involved in the fight against the rapid expansion of Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in Oklahoma. National Sierra Club provided funding for public education on this topic, thus a CAFO Comments newsletter, regional conference and CAFO website have been produced. Legislatively, we have worked in partnership with the Oklahoma Family Farm Alliance to pass stringent legislation for these corporate animal factories. We are partnering with sustainable agriculture groups to promote product purchases from family farms.
- Starting in 1999, combating urban sprawl became a national and state priority. These efforts have focused primarily at the local level where smart growth alternatives have been promoted by member involvement in public meetings and on community governmental committees. The Club sponsored or organized several workshops on urban sprawl and smart growth in the state during 2000-2001. In 2002, we are working to promote the use of conservation easements for land protection.
- During 2001—2003, the Oklahoma Chapter fought for water quality protection and improvement, particularly focusing on poultry pollution in northeastern Oklahoma. We mounted a successful campaign to include numeric phosphorus standards in Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards. We also worked for legislation to halt out-of-state water sales negotiated behind closed doors and are continuing to work for the requirement of environmental impact studies before any in-state water transfers are made that could adversely affect stream ecology.