

Mother Road Adventure Eastern Leg – 31 Checkpoints – 5 States

Checkpoints follow The Mother Road in the general direction but may not be in perfect order. *Plan your route.* We suggest you look up these points on the internet. We will not provide sample photos.

TEXAS

1. Adrian – MIDPOINT SIGN, midpoint of the Mother Road standing on the EAST SIDE of the SIGN
2. Vega – Magnolia Gas Station.
The small town of Vega has done a magnificent job in restoring this 1920's gas station. There is a park around it with shade and picnic benches to take a break from the ride.
3. Shamrock – Conoco Tower Station (also known as the U-Drop Inn). This is an Art Deco landmark that was the inspiration for "Radiator Springs" in the Disney/Pixar Cars movie. It now serves as a visitor center and museum.

OKLAHOMA

1. Elk City – National Route 66 Museum.
Take your time here. This is a fantastic museum with several buildings to learn more about the history of the Mother Road. It's easy to burn an hour or so.
2. Hydro – Lucille's Historic Highway Gas Station.
While in Hydro, stop down the road in Weatherford, three miles away, and visit the new Lucille's which is a replica of the historic gas station and a great little diner to grab a bite.
3. Arcadia – Round Barn.
At this checkpoint there is not a spot to get a photo of the barn that also has something stating Route 66. Instead, there is a pull-out on Route 66 directly across from the barn which is intended for viewing and a photo-op. Get a photo from here with the barn, your bike and yourself.
While you're here, a mile away on Route 66 is Pops, a very popular stop on this section of Route 66. Here you can fill your tank, grab a bite at the diner, and pick a soda from the 1000 choices they have in stock.
4. Tulsa – Tally's Good Food Café.
5. Tulsa – Buck Adams Cosmic Curios.
6. Catoosa – Smiling Blue Whale, Tulsa (see note below in this section).*
7. Yukon – Route 66 Crosswalk Yukon.

8. Claremore – Will Rogers Museum.

If you have some extra time and you are a gun enthusiast, then stop down the road and visit the J.M. Davis Arms and Historical Museum. What's in here will blow you away.

9. Clinton – Route 66 Museum.

10. Vinita – Clanton Café.

Note: The **Oklahoma Route 66 Passport tour**, organized by the state of Oklahoma, is a great way to see special locations in the state. If you complete an Oklahoma Passport tour, you will receive souvenirs to remember your trip. Link to the Oklahoma travel brochures where you can find the passport is below. **This is not a finishing requirement for the Mother Road Adventure.**

<https://www.travelok.com/brochures>

KANSAS

1. Galena – Cars on the Route.
2. Riverton – Old Riverton Store.
3. Baxter Springs – The Historic Rainbow Bridge on Old Route 66 or the Phillips 66 Station and Welcome Center. Either location is acceptable as the checkpoint, or visit both. Rainbow bridge dates back to 1923 and the last of its kind, and also appears to still be open to traffic.

MISSOURI

1. Joplin – Route 66 Mural Park.
2. Ash Grove - Gay Parita Sinclair Filling Station and Garage. Eclectic stop on the original Route 66, nice place to take a break (see note below in this section).*
3. Springfield – Route 66 Car Museum.
4. Saint Robert – Uranus MO Route 66 Curio Shop or the Route 66 Neon Park. Either location is acceptable as the checkpoint but if you're riding around sunset or later stop to see the Neon. Otherwise get some fudge from Uranus ☺.
5. Cuba – Murals – Locate Mural with Route 66 historic sign.
If the timing is right and you need a place to stay, Cuba is home to the longest continually running motel on Route 66 – the restored Wagon Wheel Hotel with great BBQ next door.
6. Cuba – Former World's Largest Rocking Chair (see note below in this section).*
7. St Louis – Arch photo needs to be in close vicinity of the arch. Photos taken from miles away will not count.

ILLINOIS

1. Collinsville – Largest Ketchup Bottle.
2. Madison – Chain of Rocks Bridge.
Your checkpoint can be either the west or east end of the bridge. Note that to reach the east end you must cross a grate road bridge (see through). The west side of the bridge has a nice park and better views with photo-op, but the park may be closed after sunset.
3. Litchfield – Route 66 Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center.
4. Springfield – Motorheads Bar and Grill.
5. Bloomington – Cruising with Lincoln on Route 66
6. Pontiac – Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum.
Ride around to the back of the museum and there is a drive up to a mural on the back wall, a great spot to take your photo right here.
This is another location that you should try to reserve some time to see. The museum is fantastic, and the small town has gone over the top embracing the heritage of Route 66.
7. Joliet – Rich and Creamy on Broadway.
8. Chicago – Official Route 66 Starting Point Sign – East Adams Street, just west of its intersection with South Michigan Avenue.

*Note: Checkpoint parking may be dirt or gravel. Photo can be taken from the pavement area to avoid contact with an unstable surface.