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# Catoosa, Oklahoma

Home of the Blue Whale  
on Historic Route 66

July 7-11, 2020

## 2020 Convention

### Preview #4 by David Dorman

The greater Tulsa, Oklahoma area offers many wonderful sites and activities for the entire family to explore and experience during your visit to the 2020 POCI Convention in nearby Catoosa. Here are some of the top attractions that you'll want to put on your list of places to visit.

**AT** the top of your list should be an incredible site known simply as "The Gathering Place." Construction for this family-oriented spot began in 2004 as a major expansion and renovation of the Tulsa River Parks area near 31st Street and Riverside Parkway. Phase I, designed by landscape architect Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, consists of 66.5 acres and was completed earlier this year. The Gathering Place, a project of the George Kaiser Family Foundation, has further expansion plans that will make it one of the largest parks in the U.S. The reported \$465 million total cost of Phase I was funded by

private and corporate donations, including \$200 million alone from the Kaiser Family Foundation. The Gathering Place was named the best new attraction in the United States according to a recent poll conducted by *USA Today*.

But what exactly is The Gathering Place? After many years of planning and construction, it's a recreational and meeting venue that offers something for everyone. Activities include a several acre area designed just for spirited youngsters which includes free paddle boats, canoes, and kayaks (available on a first-come, first-served basis). Food and drinks are also available. Fascinating surprises await



The Lost Kingdom exhibit at the Tulsa Zoo is a fairly recent addition featuring tigers, red pandas and other species native to Southeast Asia.



One of the many areas for kids to have fun at The Gathering Place. Photo by Tim Dye.

visitors of all ages in every corner of this amazing park. Check it out; we promise you won't be disappointed!

Next, we have the Tulsa Zoo, consistently recognized as one of the best zoos in the U.S. Located in Mohawk Park (just north of the Tulsa International Airport), be sure to check out all the zoo's latest attractions including the Lost Kingdom.

Another great site is the Oklahoma

Aquarium located in the town of Jenks along the west side of the Arkansas river.

There are also several stellar museums including Gilcrease with a large western art collection, and Philbrook with its collection of American, European, Native American, and Asian artwork.

The Kaiser Family Foundation also funded and operates the Guthrie Green, an urban park and entertainment space in

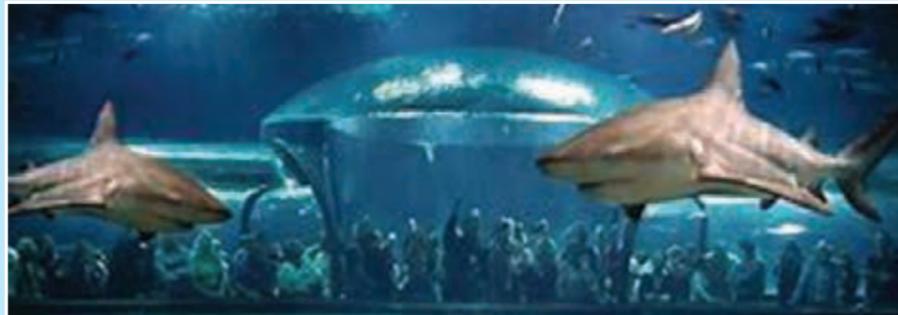
the Brady Arts District on the square block between Brady & Cameron and Boston Avenue & MLK Blvd. Guthrie Green hosts a variety of events, concerts, movies, and fitness classes — all free and open to the

One feature of The Gathering Place that beckons children of all ages are these curious hanging pods which allow access inside by hanging ladders. Photo by Tim Dye.





The Oklahoma Aquarium is a 72,000-square-foot attraction located in Jenks, a southern suburb of Tulsa. The facility, designed by the architecture firm SPARKS and constructed by Ross Group in 2003, features eight varied exhibits which highlight invertebrates, native Oklahoma species, Ozark habitats, coral reef life, sharks and much more.



## History Brief

What was to ultimately become Tulsa was part of Indian Territory, which was created as part of the relocation of the Five Civilized Tribes: the Choctaw, Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek, Chickasaw, and Seminole peoples. These Native American tribes moved into the region after the passage of the Indian Removal Act of 1830 when they were forced to surrender their lands east of the Mississippi River to the federal government

in exchange for land in Indian Territory. Each of the larger tribes was given extensive land holdings, individual governments were formed, and tribal members began new lives as farmers, trappers, and ranchers. The majority of the American Indians (including the numerous Creek and Cherokee settlers) came from the Southern states. Most of modern Tulsa is located in the Creek Nation, with parts located in the Cherokee Nation and Osage Nation.

public. The Green is situated near the Woody Guthrie Center, a museum and archive focusing on the famous Oklahoma native and the power of the creative process; the Philbrook Museum's downtown annex, focusing on the museum's modern and Native American art collections; and the University of Tulsa's Henry Zarrow Center for Art & Education, all of which opened in 2013. All three occupy the renovated former Tulsa Paper Co. Building, constructed in 1922.

These are just a few of the family attractions in our area. There truly is something for *everyone* in Oklahoma! **JN**



Philbrook Art Museum.



The Gilcrease Museum houses the largest collection of Western American art ever assembled along with a fine art collection comprised of more than 12,000 individual works. The Helmerich Center for American Research at Gilcrease Museum houses the vast archival collection acquired by Gilcrease, including some 100,000 rare books, manuscripts and other archival materials, much of it unique. The museum's galleries and vaults display and store over a quarter-million extraordinary artifacts related to the aboriginal people of the Americas.

## 2020 POCI CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM



**48<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Pontiac Oakland Club International Convention**  
**July 7 - 11, 2020**  
**Venue: Hard Rock Hotel & Casino – Tulsa**  
 777 W. Cherokee Street, Catoosa, OK 74015  
[www.hardrockcasinotulsa.com](http://www.hardrockcasinotulsa.com)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL MEMBERS, EVEN IF NOT ENTERING A VEHICLE.

**MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE: \$65.00 ~ AFTER JUNE 20, 2020: \$85.00**  
**(REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES MEMBER, SPOUSE AND CHILDREN)**

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**POCI 2020 CONVENTION**  
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