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LOCAL FRIENDLY EXPERTS

ATOKA

A SMALL TOWN WITH A BIG HISTORY

The roots of Atoka reach deep into the past, anchoring it in the history of the Oklahoma story. It's a land where life grows abundantly and stories are easily cultivated. It's a place to make memories, full of wide open spaces and room to grow. And it might just be the perfect place to put down your roots, and watch your family grow.

Atoka is a small town, but it's not so far away that the city is out of reach. Durant is just under 40 minutes to the south and has plenty to offer in the way of once-in-a-while excitement.

But if you prefer the peace and quiet of a country life, then Atoka is the ideal place for you to write your own family's story.

FAST FACTS

- Average household income: \$30,215*
- Population: 3,077*
- Average property value: \$76,800*
- Average monthly rent: \$529 (1 BR) - \$882 (3 BR)*
- Average cost of living: 75.9/100 (about 24% cheaper than the national average)*

[*According to Sperling's Best Places.](#)

A BRIEF HISTORY

Named after Captain Atoka, a prominent Choctaw leader, Atoka was founded by the Choctaw sometime in the 1850s and became recognized as a town in 1867. Since then, this small blip on the radar has played host to many crucial historical events, such as the signing of the Atoka Agreement in 1897 and the Civil War battle in nearby Boggy Depot.

Atoka is now the county seat of Atoka County and spans 8.5 square miles. It's known as the hometown of renowned bull rider Lane Frost and country music legend Reba McEntire.

EDUCATION

Atoka Public Schools, home of the Wampus Cats, consists of an elementary, middle, and high school that serve about 941 students.*

In neighboring Durant, just a 30-minute drive south, you'll find Southeastern Oklahoma State University, which offers more than 60 programs to earn a degree in face-to-face and online formats to over 5,300 students.

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EXPLORE YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Rich in history and outdoor adventure, Atoka has more to offer than first meets the eye.

Get a glimpse of Civil War-era Oklahoma during a living history event at the [Atoka Museum and Visitor Information Center](#). Or plan your next special event at the historic and beautiful Boggy Bend Church.



Grab a cooler and some rods for the short 10-minute trip to the [Atoka Reservoir](#), and make a day of reeling in large-mouth bass, crappie, catfish, and shortnose gar. Or tiptoe through the dense forest as you [hunt](#) for quail, white-tailed deer, or turkey during their respective seasons. Plus, the portion of

Atoka County that lies east of U.S. Highway 69 remains one of the few places in Oklahoma where you can [hunt black bears](#).

But that's not the only outdoor area available for your escape. One of Oklahoma's finest trophy lakes lies in [McGee Creek State Park](#), featuring many of the same hunting and fishing opportunities. And [Boggy Depot State Park](#) is the perfect place to hide away with 35 acres of tent and RV campgrounds.

Or maybe you need a different kind of getaway, the kind that might begin and end with a bubbly glass of champagne. If a day of pampering is your ideal escape, head to [Hideaway Day Spa](#) for a relaxing facial or to get your glow on with a spray tan.

LOVE AT FIRST BITE

It may be a small town, but Atoka still has plenty to offer in the way of local eateries.

Discuss the weather with your neighbors over a slice of homemade apple pie at [Bledsoe's Diner](#) or dive into a big bowl of chicken 'n dumplings just like Mom used to make at [Jackson Family Dining](#). Pair a fiery stir-fry with a perfectly cooked, golden egg roll at [Kobe Express](#) or indulge in a decadent plate of homemade lasagna at [Luigi's Italian Restaurant](#). And if you're craving a little more zing, [Cazadorez Mexican Restaurant](#) delivers with top-shelf margaritas and towering plates of sizzling fajitas.