1. **Fort Larned National Historic Site**  
   Become a Junior Ranger! Experience a living history museum or hike the nature trail with some snacks for a picnic! Pick fresh vegetables to take home at the Heritage Garden.

2. **Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve**  
   Complete the Leave No Trace Scavenger Hunt then hike Bottomland Nature Trail or go fishing! Check out the Junior Ranger Program!

3. **Lake Scott State Park**  
   Visit the El Cuartelejo Pueblo Ruins then hike along the Big Springs Nature Trail. Fish in Lake Scott or go for a swim. Spend the night camping!

4. **Prairie Dog State Park**  
   Hike the nature trail to learn about local wildlife. Go to the Prairie Dog Creek and take a picture next to the giant prairie dog statue! Check out nearly 300 prairie dogs living in the park then visit the Adobe Homestead. Go fishing and camp overnight.

5. **Clinton State Park**  
   Go to the Interpretive Center to see a fully-sized woolly mammoth! Tour the fossil beds and check out Goose Island. Hike the Prairieview Natural Trail and play on the 11-hole disc golf course.

6. **Elk City State Park**  
   View the Osage Questas Bluffs. Take a hike along the Post Oak self-guided nature trail and the Table Mound Hiking Trail that overlooks the Elk City Reservoir!

7. **Turtle Creek State Park**  
   Go swimming, fishing or play volleyball and horseshoe. Ride around the park on your bike and enjoy a picnic. Hike the Western Heritage Trail then end the day camping overnight.

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**Fact Bites!**

- The Arkansas River changes pronunciation through state borders. In Kansas, it is called the “Ahr-KAN-zuhs”. In Colorado and Oklahoma, it is the “Ahr-kan-saw”.

- The geographical center of the contiguous United States is located in Lebanon. A marker was set near the location in 1940.

- Cawker City is Home to the World’s Largest Ball of Twine! Stop by to see the 20,000 pound monstrosity and even add some twine.

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