



Healthy Land
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2015 Soil & Water Conference

Exploring the Natural Resources of Medicine Park and
Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge



Oklahoma Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society

Annual Meeting
Thursday and Friday, June 18–19, 2015
Medicine Park Music Hall
140 E Lake Dr, Medicine Park, OK 73557

Medicine Park is located in Comanche County in southwest Oklahoma off Hwy 49 at the main entry to the **Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge**, the second most visited wildlife refuge in the country - hosting more than 1.5 million annual visitors. The community has a rich and colorful history. Originally founded on July 4th, 1908 by Oklahoma Senator Elmer Thomas, Medicine Park was Oklahoma's first planned tourism resort.

Now, a true destination of choice, visitors enjoy weekday and weekend stays in over 20 renovated cabins, a bed and breakfast and the 20 room Old Plantation Inn. Five music festivals are held each year and run the gambit from blue grass and Native American flute to Red Dirt, rock and roll, and blues. New retail shops, two art galleries, restaurants, an ice cream and candy store, a bakery and the "swimmin' hole" at Bath Lake provide travelers with a unique vacation experience. Medicine Park is just minutes from the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge with 60,000 acres of public use area. Hikers, photographers, birders and people from all over the world visit. (Source: medicinepark.com/history.php)

The Old Plantation Inn is offering us a special "soil and water conference" rate of \$79.99 while rooms are available. The rooms are not blocked, so reserve now at <http://www.plantationinnok.com> or 580-529-6161. The Inn is one block from the Medicine Park Music Hall. There are also many rental cottages available throughout Medicine Park. You can check availability at the **Medicine Park Lodging** web page here: <http://www.medicinepark.com/lodging.php>



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REGISTRATION



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Questions? Call Stacy at 405-522-4739

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Category: _____

Registration Fees		
Fee includes Thursday Lunch, Dinner & Entertainment plus Friday Breakfast		
Category	Early Registration (Until June 1, 2015)	Late Registration (After June 1, 2015)
OK-SWCS Member	\$40.00	\$50.00
Student-SWCS Member	\$25.00	\$35.00
Non-Member	\$50.00	\$60.00
Local	Residents, business owners, employees, and officials of Medicine Park, and Refuge staff may attend for free with no meals provided. Otherwise, register at non-member fee. Paid attendees given priority for tours.	

Make checks payable to OK-SWCS and return registration to Larry Wright, OK-SWCS Treasurer, 401 N Bryan St, Weatherford, OK 73096. Larry's email is Larry.Wright57@gmail.com

A group golf outing may be planned for Friday the 19th at 1:00. Interested? ___ Yes



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AGENDA

Thursday, June 18th

9:30-10:00 – Registration / Check-in

Session I

10:00 – Welcome

10:15 – History of Medicine Park (talk)

10:45 – Waters & Dams of Medicine Park (talk/walk)

12:00 – Lunch

Session II

1:00 – Fishery Management in Medicine Park (talk)

1:45 – Break / Drive to Visitor's Center for bus

2:00 – Geology of the Wichita Mountains (tour)*

4:00 – Break / Return to Music Hall

4:30 – Soils, Slopes, and Water (walk)

6:00 – Dinner, social time, entertainment

Friday, June 19th

8:00 – OK SWCS Business Meeting and
Breakfast, all are welcome

9:30 – Break / Drive to Visitor's Center for bus

9:45 – Fire Ecology Tour of the Wichita
Mountains Wildlife Refuge (tour)*

12:30 – Adjourn / Lunch on your own

Post-Conference Activity

2:00 – Medicine Park Aquarium construction
tour (walk)

*Tours provided with paid registration. Number
of participants is limited by the capacity of the bus

Talks: Inside the Music Hall

Walks: Around the town of Medicine Park within
one mile of the Music Hall

Tours: On a tour bus. We will carpool from
Medicine Park to meet the bus at the Wichita
Mountains Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center.

Thank you to our local partners!

