

MHA May 31, 2026, Field Trip Itinerary

Oklahoma Section of the Tri-State Mining District

8am Disembark from Hampton Inn (Arrive at hotel by 745am)	8-8:35am Travel from Pittsburg, KS, to Baxter Springs, KS.
8:40-9:40am Visit the Baxter Springs Museum, Host Mary Billington	Examine Photographs & Artifacts of the Historic Lead/Zinc mining in the Tri-State Mining District with special focus on Picher, Douthet, and Commerce, OK.
9:45-10am Travel to Quapaw Nation Environmental Office	334 S. Main St., Quapaw, OK.
10-10:35am Katrina Pollard/Craig Kreman Quapaw Environmental Office	35-minute introduction to the history of lead/zinc mining and reclamation/remediation in the Quapaw Nation (Picher/Douthet/Tar Creek).
10:35-10:45am Travel to Picher Site	36°59'5.71"N, 94°49'52.66"W
10:45-11:15am Picher Stop: Dana Hummell/Craig Kreman (focus on land)	Picher/Douthet presentation on the mining & community history, land impact, and land reclamation.
11:20-11:30am Travel to Douthet	36°57'29.16"N, 94°50'42.88"W
11:30-12pm Douthet Bridge Stop: Quapaw Nation Experts	Discussion of land and water conditions. County Barn, Fisher Pile, then to Douthet & Superfund
1205-1220pm Travel to Quapaw Nation Farmer's Market	
1230-130pm Lunch at Quapaw Farmer's Market	Meet local folks to discuss their family mining stories/experiences. Historic photograph exhibit.

1:35-1:45pm Travel to Commerce, OK, to visit Passive Treatment Systems	36°55'20.44"N, 94°52'24.34"W
1:45-2:30pm Bob Nairn Presentation on Mayer Ranch PTS	Dr. Nairn to explain the passive treatment system, the process of remediation of the toxic mine waters.
2:35-2:40pm Travel to Southeast Commerce (OK) PTS	36°55'35.04"N, 94°52'38.40"W
2:45-3:30pm Bob Nairn Tour of the Southeast Commerce PTS	Dr. Nairn to explain the passive treatment system, the process of remediation of the toxic mine waters.
3:35-3:45 Travel to Mickey Mantle Childhood Home & Tin Shed	36°55'48.33"N, 94°52'30.15"W
3:45-4:15pm Visit Mickey Mantle Childhood Home & Tin Shed (speaker to be determined)	Introduction to Mickey Mantle story and family mining experience.
4:15-4:30pm Travel to and visit Mickey Mantle Memorial Statue	36°55'29.77"N, 94°52'19.87"W
4:45-5:20pm Return to Hampton Inn	

Links to video introductions to Picher:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCoabzqxjpw>

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Quapaw documentary (Picher/Douthet were towns of the Quapaw Nation):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Qu2p_KNCPoY&ra=m

(Northwest Arkansas Community College Student documentary of Quapaw)