Miami, Oklahoma, is located in the northeastern corner of the state along the Neosho River. In the 1890s, Wayland C. Lykins came to the area to raise cattle and sought congressional approval for a town site. The Chief of the Miami Tribe, Thomas F. Richardville, provided assistance in gaining this approval. The Ottawa Tribe sold 588 acres for the town which was named Miami (“My-Am-Uh”) after the Miami Indians. Historic Route 66 runs through the town and is Main Street.

Nine Native American tribes are located in or near Miami: Quapaw, Wyandotte, Modoc, Miami, Seneca-Cayuga, Ottawa, Eastern Shawnee, Peoria, and Shawnee.

The Dobson Museum is operated by the Ottawa County Historical Society and contains more than 5,000 historical items. Indian artifacts, china, glassware, an extensive jug collection, area mining display, early day and foreign woodworking tools, and furniture and toys used by first settlers are exhibited throughout. The museum also displays a native teepee.

Route 66 Vintage Iron Motorcycle Museum features more than 40 vintage motorcycles, including a 1917 Harley Davidson, 1972 Yamaha World Record Jump Bike, 2004 Honda world record jump bike, 1949 Indian Scout, and more. Located within the museum is an Indian Motorcycle Room and the Evel Knievel collection, which includes Evel’s Snake River Canyon Jump Mission Control Super Van.

The boyhood home of baseball legend Mickey Mantle is located in nearby Commerce, Oklahoma. The Coleman Theatre was built originally as a vaudeville theatre and movie palace by George L. Coleman, a multimillionaire magnate. The theatre is home to the Miami Little Theatre community theatre and hosts various musical performances.

**NEIGHBORHOODS**

Downtown Miami is primarily a commercial district without residential options. Housing styles in Miami's Rockdale neighborhood include large Victorians from the early 1900s and many mid-century, single-story homes in various sizes situated on large lots.

The Country Club Addition neighborhood features brick ranch-style homes built during the 1960s and 1970s and are situated on large lots. Homes in the southwest area of the city are primarily brick ranch styles built during the 1960s on large lots.

The Elmwood Addition primarily consists of single-story, brick homes built during the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s.

Large, contemporary-style single- and two-story homes on large lots can be found in the Birnamwood neighborhood. This neighborhood contains some of the newest housing in Miami.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Miami maintains 11 parks, 5 sports complexes, and 4 walking tracks. Facilities include the outdoor Miami Municipal Pool, two wading pools, a BMX track, Sam Wells Soccer Complex, Joe Pollock Sports Complex, Joe Booth Softball Complex, PeeWee and Little League Fields, Francis Morgan Baseball Field, Skateboard Park, and tennis courts.

The 127-acre George Francis Riverview Park has an ADA compliant double boat ramp, fishing area, playground equipment, 18-hole disc golf course, and the Miami Municipal Pool. Anglers crowd the banks of the Neosho River for a chance to snag the prehistoric Paddlefish (also known as the Spoonbill) during their early spring spawning run.

Lion Torbert Park features a wading pool, playground equipment, soccer field, and a basketball court. Rotary Park also has a wading pool, playground equipment, and a walking path.

Rodeo Miami is a two-day event filled with exciting acts, vendors, and concessions. Rodeo events include bronco riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, barrel racing, and bull riding.

**EDUCATION**

Miami Public Schools educate 2,400 students in 5 elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. The district also offers alternative learning environments for at-risk students.

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College is a state-supported, comprehensive college offering associate degrees and/or certificates. The college prepares students who intend to pursue a baccalaureate degree after completing a 2-year program. Occupational programs are also offered at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and provide opportunities for those who plan to enter the workforce upon graduation.

**HEALTH CARE**

Miami is served by the following health care facilities:

INTEGRIS Miami Hospital: 117 licensed beds
Willow Crest Hospital: 50 licensed beds

**CITY STATS**

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